

# FAITH AND VICTORY

THIS IS THE VICTORY THAT OVERCOMETH THE WORLD, EVEN OUR FAITH. — I JOHN 5:4

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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## Wait Awhile

When the hours pass so slowly  
As you wait on the relief,  
And lifes burdens seem so heavy,  
And your heart is filled with grief.

Do not then become discouraged,  
Neither give up in despair,  
Just remember that the Saviour  
Always hears and answers prayer.

Perhaps you have need of patience  
And must wait a little while  
Till the cloud of trouble passes  
And the sun begins to smile.

Christ has said, "I will go with thee"  
When thou pass through fire and flood  
There shall nothing come upon thee  
Only what is for thy good.

Sometimes we're tried as by fire,  
Then again deep waters flow:  
But remember Christ to follow,  
Where he leadeth let us go.

—Ulysses Phillip

## How To Become Strong

We find that our Father often refers to us as his little children; so, "As newborn babes," let us "desire the sincere milk of the Word that ye may grow thereby." 1 Peter 2-2.

Let us consider the newborn babe; nourishment is its first need, so let us desire the sincere milk of the Word. Did you know that sincere means: pure, unmixed; and that milk is a complete food? So God gives us a pure, unmixed, wholesome food in the form

of His precious Word. "It is written, man shall not live by bread alone but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God" Matt. 4-4.

Now to grow is to become larger and stronger, so with the perfect nourishment that our Father provideth, we can easily become larger. To become stronger, let us refer again to the material baby; its strength is the result of exercise. The first exercise is holding its hands and feet up so that it can inspect them; let us not forget this first inspection.

As its strength increases, by a proper combination of food and exercise, it begins to move about. Sometimes over-estimating its strength, but by repeated trials it masters the art of standing for its Creator.

—W. J. Woolery.

## Eternal Gain

Work done for God will always stand;  
A monument for you and Him;  
It must be of His loving hand  
That asks not, is it John or Jim?

Work done for God will always be  
A stepping-stone to victory;  
By faith we conquer ev'ry foe  
And say to God, yes; to sin NO.

—P. R. Anton.

## Led By A Child

My Dear Brother:— Do You know that for many years I had been a follower of strange gods. Although not what the world calls a bad man, I was not self-righteous, and thought I had religion enough of my own that was better than the Bible. I believed that as God had created man, He was bound to save him. Prayer was forgotten, church was neglected, and worldly morality brought forth its own deceptive fruit.

As time rolled on, God blessed us with children.

As my boy grew up, our mutual love for him made us anxious about his welfare and future career.

His mind turned over the little he had learned of God, and his nightly prayers, taught him by us from habit and superstition more than any conscientious feelings; and the sweet and earnest manner in which he inquired of his poor, sinful father to know more about his heavenly Father, proved to me that God had given me a great blessing in him.

A greater distrust of myself and a greater sense of inability to assure my boy of the truth of the faith contained in the simple prayers I had learned from my mother, gradually began to grow over me, and made me oftener think. Still, I had not even a Bible in the house. What was I to teach my boy—Christ and Him crucified or the doctrine I had tried to believe? Blessed be God, He in His sovereign will, chose for me!

One of his little friends died, then another, then his uncle. All these made an impression on the boy. He rebelled against it; wanted to know "why God had done it, It was hard that God should just go and take his friends; he wished He would not do it." I, of course had to explain as best I could.

One evening he was lying on the bed, partly undressed, myself and my wife being seated by the fire. She had been telling me that T. had not been a good boy that day. She had told me what he had been doing, and had reproved him for it. All was quiet; when, suddenly, he broke out in a loud crying and sobbing, which surprised us. I went to him and asked him what was the matter.

"I don't want it there, father; I don't want it there," said the child.

"What, my child, what is it?"

"Why, father, I don't want the angels to write down in God's book all the bad things I have done today. I don't want it there. I wish it could be wiped out."

And his distress increased. What could I do? I did not believe; but yet I had been taught the proper way to console him, so I said:

"Well, you need not cry! you can have it all wiped out in a minute."

"How, father, how?"

"Why, get down on your knees, and ask God, for Christ's sake, to wipe it out, and He will do it."

I did not have to speak twice. He jumped out of bed, saying:

"Father, won't you come and help me?"

Now came the trial. The boy's distress was so great, and he pleaded so earnestly, that the big man,

who had never bowed before God in spirit and in truth, got down on his knees alongside of that dear boy, and asked God to wipe away his sins, too. We then got up, and he lay down on his bed again. In a few moments he said:

"Father, are you sure it is all wiped out?"

Oh! how the acknowledgment grated through my unbelieving heart as the words came through my mouth:

"Why, yes, my son; the Bible says, if you ask God, from your heart, for Christ's sake, to do it, and you are really sorry for what you have done, it shall be all blotted out."

The fountains at last burst forth, and my cold heart was melted within me, and turing away, I said:

"My dear wife, we must first find God if we want to show Him to our children. We cannot show them the way unless we know it ourselves."

After a little, the boy with almost heaven looking out of his eye, came from his bed, and, leaning on my knee, turned up his face to mine, and said:

"Father, are you and mother sinners?"

"Why, yes, my son, we are."

"Well," said he, "have not you a Saviour? Why are you sinners? Why don't you love God?"

I answered as best I could. And in the silent hours of the night I bent in prayer over that dear boy, and prayed. "Lord, I believe; help thou mine unbelief." My wife too, united with me, and we prayed jointly for ourselves and our child. And God heard our prayers, and received us, as He always does those who seek Him with a whole heart; for He has said unto such, "they shall surely find me."

## The True Way Of Salvation

Mankind is lost and undone. No person can save himself. "Can the Ethiopian change his skin, or the leopard his spots? then may ye also do good, that are accustomed to do evil?" Jer. 13:23. "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God." "For God hath concluded them all in unbelief, that He might have mercy upon all." Rom. 3:23; 11:32.

The One True Sheepfold of which Christ is the Shepherd and the Kingdom of God in this world are one and the same thing. "Except a man be born again, he cannot see the Kingdom of God." "Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter the Kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Marvel not that I said unto thee,

Ye must be born again." John 3:3, 5-7.

"The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?" Jer. 17:9. Although "the heart of the wicked is little worth," Prov. 10:20, yet Jehovah speaks from heaven: "My son, give Me thine heart, and let thine eyes observe My ways." Prov. 23:26. Why does the Pure and Holy God so yearn for the polluted heart, for the soul, mind and body so defiled? Is it because He provided the Lamb of God, who shed His blood on the Cross of Calvary, that all who confess and forsake their evil deeds and wicked doings shall obtain full remission of sins and eternal life in the world to come?

"And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up: that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through Him might be saved." John 8:14-17.

"Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that entereth not by the door into the Sheepfold, but climbeth up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber." "I am the door: by Me if any man enter in he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture." "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father but by Me." John 10:1,9; 14:6.

"He that covereth his sins shall not prosper: but whosoever confesseth and forsakes them shall have mercy." Prov. 28:13. "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." 1 John 1:9. All who confess and forsake their transgressions receive the New Birth, and at once find themselves within the True Sheepfold, "which is the Church of the Living God, the Pillar and Ground of the Truth." 1 Tim. 3:15. This the "Church of the Firstborn Heb. 12:22, 23, is free from all human organization. Free from all pride, formality, transgression and free from all departure from "the faith which was once delivered unto the saints." Jude 1:3; 1 Tim. 4:1-3; 2 Tim. 3:1-9, 13; 4:3, 4; 2 Peter 2:1-3; Rev. 2:5, 6, 14, 15, 20-23.

This article outlines the One True Way of Salvation. There are many religions in the world today, but there is only ONE SALVATION, and that is being well and truly converted to God through

Christ, and obeying the New Testament Gospel in its fulness. "The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul." "As for God, His way is perfect: the Word of the Lord is tried; He is a buckler to all those that trust in Him." Psalm 18:7; 18:30.

We praise Jehovah for the perfect plan of SALVATION. "For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon Him. For whosoever shall call upon the Name of the Lord shall be saved." Rom. 10:12, 13. "And the Spirit and the Bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take of the water of life freely." Rev. 22:17.

—W. M. Potter.

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## True Happiness

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Riches do not bring happiness,  
For happiness lies not in gold;  
Nor can it be said that fame or honor  
A feeling of satisfaction hold.

Happiness lies not in worldly goods,  
For that was never intended;  
Only through the salvation of Jesus Christ  
Can one really be contented.

The life of a Christian is a happy life,  
A life full of peace and sweet rest;  
And those who have Christ's Spirit within  
Are the possessors of true happiness.  
—Mrs. John Kester.

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## MEETING REPORT

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I feel led to publish the report of the meetings we have been having in Silver City. We had a two weeks meeting in December. Brother Jackson and Sister Bell held the meeting, and 25 claimed to have obtained salvation.

There was also a meeting held here by Sister Francis Bell of Okmulgee, beginning on the 8th of Feb. which lasted for 6 nights. There were seven who claimed to have gotten salvation, and a few sanctified. We also took the Lord's supper on the 12th of April. There were 25 who took an active part in it, of that number, five were ministers, Sister Bell, Sister Edwards, Brother Jackson of Okmulgee, brother Bray from Tulsa, brother Jonnie Johnson from Salt Creek and other visiting saints.

Your saved brother,

—Enoch Jones.

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"Work on, work on, nor doubt, nor fear.  
From age to age this voice shall cheer:—  
Whate'er may die or be forgot,  
Work done for God, it dieth NOT."

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## EDITORIALS

Bro. Ault of Ind. writes me that he visited the Atheist's grave at North Benton, Ohio last Nov. and he saw one snake come out of his hole and then go back in.

While we were holding meetings at Kent, Ohio last Sept. we visited this Atheist's grave and we found the tomb and statue just as described in the tract, but we did not see any snakes. We decided that the snakes had either been killed off or left. It seems that God had commanded the snakes to continue their abode in that Atheist's grave to testify to all whom it may concern that He is God and rules the universe and can and does command his created animals and they obey Him. It is written in the Bible that He commanded the ravens to feed Elijah, and the ravens obeyed Him. God has lost none of his power; He rules and can and does do those things that are impossible with man.

It is reported that this man or Atheist's said some years before he died that, "If there was a God, let his grave be infested with snakes." According to many testimonies, "He sure got 'em."

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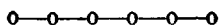
In the Gospel Trumpet of February 29th, 1936, H. M. Riggle has an article or testimony in which he relates of him having a bad spell of sickness by blood poisoning wherein he came near passing over. While in a very low ebb of life he says the Lord made him very conscious of a number of things, First, that there is but one passport to heaven, the blood of Christ. He saw plainly that he could not rest his hope on labors in gospel work. The blood was the pass word that opened heaven's pearly gates.

Second, "that for some time I have seen a trend toward the world in many ways. The plain saintly looking pilgrims dressed and appearing as, 'women professing Godliness' are becoming very few in number. The general appearance of many congregations is the same as found in the old, dead, formal and proud churches and cannot be distinguished from the theater goers; and the astonishing thing is that they have let down the line fence entirely and have joined the hell-bound masses in the picture shows and theaters. There is a multitude caught in this emigration away from God and whirling along so rapidly they are completely blinded and unconscious of it."

He said that he had promised God that he would lift up his voice like a trumpet and cry out against the sins of the church as never before.

(Editor) Over eighteen years ago the Lord plainly showed me that the Trumphet movemnt was being swallowed up with worldliness and warned me to loosen from the thing which by His grace I did. It may seem strange to some why the Lord did not r could not show this thing to H. M. Riggle years ago. The truth of the matter is this. It is hard for one who is much entangled in a thing and has more or less love for it to see the thing as it is and thus they drift on with the tide. The Lord had to get him down to death's door before he could get courage enough to publicly speak a thing he said he had been seeing for some years. Now, he says he had promised God that he would lift up his voice like a triumphet and cry out against these things. His labors against this will be useless unless he first clears himself from the rubbish for he helped start the thing when he donned the tie and later endorsed and fellow-shipped other things of a worldly nature. The only safe thing for this man to do is to obey the scriptures found in Rev. 18th chapter from first to sixth verse, which says, "Come out of her my people."

History proves to us that there has never been a movement which has become adulterated with the world that has ever cleansed itself or been reformed and come back to a standard of purity and become again separate from the world, as Holy people unto God; but on the contrary has become numbered in the "Valley of dead bones" Ezekiel 37, and needs to be prophecied to, and not endorsed. A minister's preaching has no weight of eternal worth when he himself has on some worldly attire, endorses or is entangled in the thing he speaks against. My prayer is that God will awaken those who are asleep or are at ease in Zion.



Jesus said, "When the Son of man cometh, shall He find faith on the earth?" Luke 18:8.

It seems that real heart faith is very scarce on the earth to-day and for this reason we have plenty of lip and word service but very little self-denial and real sacrifice for the spreading of the unadulterated gospel of Christ. Men have so little faith in God that they just hold on to money or property, fearing lest if they turn loose that they would be in want and God would not help them out; others hold their property and means to give to their children fearing that God would never take any note or care of them; others will insure their lives giving their money to Life Insurance companies throlgh life, fearing lest God would fail and they would have no

way to live when they are old or their children would suffer need. I say shame on such lip and word service people.

The world is cursed with false prophets who feign to have faith in the living God and at the same time they wrest the scriptures from their proper meaning and in that way they teach for doctrines the commandments of men and the multitude of people believing them worship God in vain. People who worship God in vain have no eternal reward. All they get is in this world.

When scriptures are wrested from their proper meaning they then become the commandments of men. These false teachers and preachers so interpret the scriptures and so teach them that nearly all professed followers of Christ fix up more or less like the worldly minded and have friend-ship with the world, which is the enemy of God. James 4:4. When we look upon a professed preacher of the gospel standing the pulpit with bobbed hair, short sleeves, short skirts, painted face and lips, wearing gold and having other marks of worldly fashion and style upon them we know that they are a disgrace to the cause of God and a reproach to God-fearing men and women. Not only ministers who do these things are a disgrace and a reproach but all others who profess Christ and do such things. Also, those who fellow-ship and endorse them in these ungodly ways are partakers of their sins.

Jesus said to some professors of his day. "In vain they do worship me, teaching for doctrines, the commandments of men." Matt. 15:9.



My son Lawrence Pruitt, wife and little boy, my wife and sister Miles left by Auto on the 18th of April for California. They took a good supply of tracts and papers along and will make several stops on the way out there. They will likely be gone over a month.

It makes our Office help rather short, but the Lord is supplying with other help so we are confident that the Lord will enable us to keep the literature going forth. He always has a way as we mix faith with going forward.

Wife has been held close here in the Office work for a long time and we are glad that she can make this trip.

She has denied herself for years so the printing work could be kept going and the last year or so she has added more work for her self by taking in some washings each week to help keep up family needs.

Continue to pray for her and the rest of the party and also for us here at the Office. I am asking God to make these dear ones a blessing to whomsoever they meet with.

## NOTICE TO CONGREGATIONS

## —NOTICE—

During the state assembly meeting last Dec. at Guthrie there was a proposition brought before the saints to vote on concerning each congregation taking an offering each Sunday for charity purposes. At the close of each month the secretary was to report to Bro. O. C. Porter, R. 1, Guthrie, Okla., sending this gift to him where it would be kept to be used for any emergency need arising among the saints. There was a vote taken on this proposition which showed that a strong majority was in favor of it. There has been several congregations responded and some from other states, as we were ordered to advertise it in the Faith and Victory paper. We believe this to be a good plan and every congregation should do what they can so that a good sized fund can be kept on hand for needed charity work.

One of the things voted on and strongly approved of in the assembly meeting of Oklahoma last Dec. was that Bro. Audney Davis should take care of the State tent, taking good care of it until called for by local congregations over the state who desired Camp-meetings this summer. The decision of those in the meeting was this: Each congregation in the state who desired a Camp-meeting with a portion of state funds to help carry their Camp-meeting on with should report to O. C. Porter here at Guthrie giving him the dates when they desired their meeting and he in turn with others appointed for this purpose would correspond with applicants arranging for the tent to be at meetings in regular order so it would not have to be hauled back and forth over the state unnecessarily. Each congregation using the tent would be responsible for any damage occurring to it while in their possession.

The assembly meeting also ordered us to insert this notice in the Faith and Victory paper. Every real saint should be heartily agreed with the majority voice in the state meeting and do all they can to bring to success the propositions enacted by the saints of the state in this state meeting.

## CAMPMEETING NOTICE

The Hammond, La. Church of God Camp-meeting will be held this year from June the 26th until July the 5th. They are making preparations for another good meeting at that place.

Particulars will be given in this paper later.

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Minn. Dear Sir:— Please send me some tracts to distribute. It was through a tract that I and 20 others were saved. Yours in Christ, —Isabel Anfontg.

There has been several offerings for the folder and job press since the last issue of the Faith and Victory paper went forth, and we appreciate this very much and believe that God is answering our prayers and touching hearts in regard to this needed machinery for His Print Shop.

There is no doubt but that some of our readers are willing beyond what they are able to do and are sending up prayers to God that this need be supplied so the clear gospel can continue to be sent to all parts of the world. It has been said that a gift which brings blessings with it must be a sacrifice, truly, a denying of ones self needs. From the way that Jesus spoke concerning the widow's giving, it would seem he does not measure our giving by the amount given, but according to what a person has left.

There has been something like eighty dollars sent in altogether for the paper folder and job press. While this is greatly short of the amount needed yet, we are resting calmly in the Lord concerning the matter and are looking to Him with an eye of faith knowing that, "The cattle on a thousand hills" are His, and He has many stewards in different parts of the country whom He can use to supply this need for His print shop.

We are setting aside the third of May as a special day of fasting and prayer that God will supply this need and keep the gospel going out to a multitude of poor and precious souls. While we are fasting and praying for God to supply the folder and job press let us also pray for the afflicted sick ones that God will heal them. Let every one that is interested in the gospel agree with us in prayer on that day. Fasting and prayer is good for the soul. I would to God that the saints would do more of it.

## A DELAYED OBITUARY

Martha Ann Cathey was born December 22, 1866, and died at the age of 68 years, 6 months, and 26 days. She was united in marriage to M. J. Phillips in 1885. To this union was born 16 children. Seven died in early youth and infancy and two after they were grown. Mrs. Annie Elizabeth Brooks and Joe BeBee Phillips lived to womanhood and manhood. They preceeded their mother in death. Sister Phillips was sorely afflicted for 20 years. Two years after she was afflicted she claimed Jesus for her Saviour, keeper and healer. Often some of her friends would offer to pay for a treatment from the doctors, but she would refuse telling them, "I'm trusting the Lord. If He heals me, Amen. If not, I'll trust Him until death." After suffering for 17 years with what we believe to be a cancer, the Lord healed her limb. In a few months we noticed her eyes began to get weak. In about 6 months she had become blind. In this condition she was unable to do her house work. We decided to go to Kansas City to stay with

some of the children, which we did, staying with our oldest son. On account of the overflow waters we moved upstairs. On the evening of the 12th of June she was going up to her bedroom to prepare to go to bed. After getting near the top of the stairs she fell all the way backwards, breaking her thigh near the hip and bruising her body considerably otherwise.

So she passed away to be with her blessed, loving Saviour, leaving to mourn our loss her husband, three sons, four daughters, a number of grandchildren, four great grand-children, other relatives, a host of saints and many friends. Our loss is heaven's gain. This relieves me of a long delayed duty that I felt I owed my dear devoted wife. Hoping it may be an encouragement to some other afflicted saints, I remain ever your Bro. in Christ for the whole truth of the Bible. With much holy love  
—M. J. Phillips, Boley, Okla., Box 146.

## A Peculiar People

By C. Z. Stonecypher

In Deut. 16:17, 18 we find the conditions necessary to bring about this state wherein God "who cannot lie" could say, Ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a *peculiar* people; "odd fellows," not by process of "joining," but by virtue of obedience to Jesus' command, "Ye must be born again," Jno. 3:7; not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible by the Word of God, which liveth and abideth forever. 1 Peter 1:2, 3; Born of God, made "partakers of the divine nature" 2 Peter 1:4; "Translated out of the kingdom of Satan into the kingdom of His dear Son;" that is the kingdom of God. Col. 1:13; Turned "From darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God;" where, "we know we we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren;" 1 John 3:14; "of His own will begat He us with the Word of truth;" Jas. 1:18; surely this is enough to make us a "misfit," a *speckled* bird, a *gazing* stock, Heb. 10:33; As the filth of the world, and are the offscouring of all things, 1 Cor. 4:13; "Fools" for Christ's sake, 1 Cor. 4:10; As deceivers and yet true. 2 Cor. 6:8; Misunderstood, misrepresented, misapprehended, misjudged but never disappointed, while "we look not at the things which are seen, but the things which are not seen; for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal" 2 Cor. 4:18; star gazers, visionary, impractical, nar-

row minded, that is, having the mind of Christ, Phil. 2:5 If these would not disqualify us to serve this present age, would not make us a "misfit," then one ought to get "saved." Called unto fellowship of His Son Jesus Christ our Lord, 1 Cor. 1:9; For which cause He is not ashamed to call them brethren, Heb. 2:11; "Beloved, now are we the sons of God" 1 Jno. 3:2; "Therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not." 1 Jno 3:1; "He came unto His own and His own received Him not but to as many as received him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God." Jno. 1:11, 12; "Led of the Spirit" Rom. 8:14; "Kept by the power of God." 1 Pet. 1:5; "In whom also we have an inheritance." Eph. 1:11; The eyes of our understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the . . . riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints." Eph. 1:18, "Therefore, lay not up for yourselves treasures upon the earth, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, . . . for where you treasure is, there will your heart be also." Matt. 6:19-21. How can you labor for the "meat that perisheth" and for the "meat that endureth unto everlasting life" at the same time? Jno. 6:27; "Ye cannot serve God and mammon, no man 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." Matt. 6:24; Logic impractical, says, Mr. Wiseman, but Jesus taught it and practiced it; the disciples obeyed the teaching, "the disciples was multiplied. . . then the twelve called the multitude. . . unto them, and said, it is not reason that we should leave the Word of God and serve tables. . . but we will give ourselves continually to prayer, and to the ministry of the Word; and the saying pleased the whole multitude" Acts 1:1-5. But Mr. Wiseman says the plan was a failure; "who art thou that repliest against God? Shall the thing formed, say to Him that formed it, why hast thou made me thus?" Rom. 9:19, 20, "known unto God are all the works from the beginning of the world." Acts 15:18; it *did* work, and *still* works, when adopted and practiced by *honest, conscientious* individuals. Here was the plan, as instituted by the Holy Ghost, adopted and practiced by those who were filled with the spirit of submission to His authority, "and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls" Acts 2:41, and again, "Many. . . believed, and the number of the men was about five thousand;" Acts 4:4; "And the multitude. . . were of one heart and of one soul. . . they had all things common. . . neither was there any among them that lacked. . . possessors of houses and lands sold them. . . and dis-

tribution was made to *every* man according as he had need"; Acts 4:32-35; "they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship . . . and pray-ers continuing *daily* with one accord breaking bread from house to house" Acts 2:41-46; enjoying it greatly, praising God and gaining favor with *all* the people and the Lord added to the church daily. Acts 2:47. With great power gave the apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. How little preaching do we hear today concerning the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. Resurrection glory will give us resurrected churches. The gospel theme is the resurrection of Christ. Even David in his day recognized the importance of this one thing believing that God would raise up Jesus Christ to sit on his throne, saying, that his (Jesus') soul was not left in hell, neither did his flesh see corruption, Acts 32:30-32; "The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth and in thy heart, that is, the word of faith, . . . that if thou shalt confess . . . the Lord Jesus and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised Him from the dead, thou shalt be saved"; Rom. 10:8-10; Thus you see, *our salvation depends* on our belief in the resurrection of Jesus Christ. This in itself would constitute an "odd fellow," one, of a "peculiar" people. Can we, the children of God, mix up in political corruption, adorn ourselves with worldly, gaudy apparel, bedecking ourselves with gold or pearls or even costly array? Would not a plain, modest attire be more becoming to a child of God, and would we not gather in more of the worthy poor to whom the gospel must be preached? Luke 4:18. Cannot we forget the pleasures and vanities of this world, knowing that we have in heaven a more enduring substance. Heb. 10:34. Surely a child of God, a citizen of heaven, should have no trouble in refraining from the vanities of the earth when their affections are set on things above. Col. 3:1. "My kingdom is not of this world," said Jesus, Jno. 18:36.

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### Particular

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Some might say—Oh why be so particular? Being particular enough will mean heaven in the end.

The regions of despair will be populated with screaming lost souls who were indifferent—about being particular.

God is a particular being. A jealous God. Jesus has only one bride. He was particular to choose one which had on the wedding garment. The white linen—which is the righteousness of saints. Rev. 19:8.

Christ loves us—His bride, with the same particular love that we as husbands are to love our wives. Eph. 5:33. If we are really saints we are particular members in Christ's body which is God's Church. 1 Cor. 12:27.

When God, with His Son, made this earth, for comfort and his glory—He was particular to give us the law of gravity, the air we breathe, the water we drink, and many other things, knowing that the absence of any one of these would mean death to us.

When Jesus bowed his head and said "It is finished" when he arose and ascended, salvation was full and complete. If we are ever saved we must believe and accept the full plan and if we keep saved we must retain it all.

When we yielded to God's wooing call to repentance, we met the conditions recorded in 2 Cor. 7:11. "What carefulness it wrought in you, yea, what fear, yea, what vehement, desire, yea, what zeal: And in order to keep God's approval upon us, we must be particular about retaining that "carefulness" that "clearing" that "indignation" that "fear" that "vehement desire" and that "zeal". For as ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in Him. Col. 2: 6.

In the day of judgment Jesus will be particular in taking unto himself his "one and only bride".

The best we can live—is none too good.

Therefore we entreat you in the fear of God, and with love in Jesus name—BE PARTICULAR!

—Erle E. Forbes.

The question is asked why Jesus said that, "the least in the Kingdom of God was greater than John the Baptist?". We that are in the kingdom of God are purchased by the blood of Jesus. It was an immense sacrifice, greater than silver and gold. People value things according to the cost. John was not purchased by the blood of Jesus as Jesus was not yet crucified.

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Ind. Dear Christian workers:— I sure appreciate your good literature although I have neglected to order any for some time.

I am doing home missionary work, holding meetings and doing personal work. You may send the amount of tracts you wish as the Lord leads.

I went to visit the athiest's grave the second of last Nov., and saw one snake come forth and go back.

May God bless and prosper you in your good work is my prayer. Yours for the Kingdom, —F. H. Ault



# « Young People's Section »

## Will You?

Will you have a fruitless search?  
 Will you seek the Lord too late,  
 When His offer is withdrawn,  
 Closed for ever mercy's gate?  
 Oh, what sorrows wait for those  
 Who refuse to enter in  
 To the way that leads to life,  
 They will perish in their sin.

Will you strive, alas! in vain,  
 At the barred and bolted gate,  
 Ye who wavered, trifled long,  
 Hesitating till too late?  
 Oft to you the Saviour called;  
 But outside you choose to stay,  
 Till life's brittle thread was snapt,  
 Ended then salvation's day.

Will you die a Christless death,  
 Slighting mercy, unforgiven?  
 Sin's dread guilt on you will rest?  
 Just deserts will then be given.  
 Love will not be offered then,  
 Endless judgment you will bear;  
 Those who will not grace receive,  
 Will eternal sorrow share.

### EDITORIAL NOTES

#### STABILITY OF TRUTH

The truth will bear investigation, and God's Word is the source of all truth. Truth is an element that will stand and vindicate itself. The more it is examined, just that much more it convinces one of its sterling qualities. Likewise, the life of one who has embraced the truth and has God's Word abiding in them will bear investigation. They do not fear to come to the light and let their conduct be known. The life witnesses to the truth and convinces the investigator.

On the other hand, pretension, hypocrisy, sham and false theories fall to the ground when examined by the Truth, thereby proving their actual condition. Jesus said that those whose deeds are evil hate the light and will not come to it lest their wickedness be made known. They love darkness because it covers their evil deeds.

#### ORGANIZATION OR DISORGANIZATION

Leaders in the present day religious world have much to say about church organization. However, in actual practice it appears more like church dis-organization when they divide the so-called Christians into so many different bodies. Yet we find this eternal truth

in the Bible that every description of the Church of God by the inspired writers shows its oneness and unity, and I fail to find scripture that teaches anything to the contrary.

#### ARE YOU LIVING NEAR THE BORDER?

Doubt in the Christian life is due to doing doubtful things. A shadow comes over the experience when one indulges in questionable matters, or lives too near the border line. One becomes uncertain as to which side of the line he is on. This reminds me of a certain portion of the state line between Tennessee and West Virginia which for years was disputed by the two states. Therefore the citizens of that disputed territory did not know for certain in what state they lived. They lived too close to the line. Many people today are living too near the boundary line, spiritually speaking. The only safe place for your soul is to move away from the "disputed territory" clear over into the State of Righteousness. —L. D. P.

#### A Most Sensible Question

All sorts of questions are being asked to-day. People are asking questions regarding health, regarding finances, regarding science, regarding art, regarding music, regarding politics, regarding business and regarding religion. To some persons life seems one gigantic question mark!

There are many "Information Bureaus," many sources of advice. Some questions are correctly answered, others are not. Some are unanswerable.

About the most important and most sensible question that anyone can ask, was asked by a jailer at Philippi, many years ago. It is a question that every person should ask early in life; yet, it is a question which most people postpone asking until they are threatened with loss of health and life. There are some persons who never ask it. The question is: "What must I do to be saved?" Have you asked it?

When this question was first asked, it was answered with authority and simplicity. There was no possibility of misunderstanding the answer. And that answer is the only proper answer to be given to the person who asks that same question to-day. There should be no fear, no hesitancy and no uncertainty in repeating the apostle Paul's inspired words: "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved." (Acts 16:30-31).

If the jailer who originally asked the question and heard the answer, experienced any difficulty in knowing just what to "believe," it was speedily removed; for the very next verse informs us that Paul and Silas "spoke unto him the word of the Lord." They told him and "all that were in his house," the wonderful story regarding the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ.

The jailer was not a careless listener. He heard the

good news, he believed it and was saved. He knew the Saviour as his own.

If you believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, you shall be saved to-day. You may be saying: "Why, I always believed that Jesus Christ was born of the virgin, lived a holy life, spake wonderful words and performed miracles, and was crucified, and yet I cannot say that I am saved." It is splendid that you believe these facts, but that is not the faith that saves.

Now you may be asking: "What then must I believe to be saved?" The very apostle who spake the word of the Lord to the jailer at Philippi, speaks the word of the Lord to you and tells you exactly what to believe to be saved.

In First Corinthians, chapter fifteen, he informs you that it is the gospel by which you are saved; and he then very definitely states the substance of the Gospel, or good news, in these words: "Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures; and that He was buried; and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures." (verses 3 and 4).

Do you believe that the Lord Jesus Christ died for your sins and was buried and rose again? If not, you cannot be saved, for He is the only Saviour, and in order to save us He died for our sins on the Cross of Calvary and was buried in the garden tomb and was raised again for our justification.

If you have not yet believed that Christ died for your sins and that He was buried and that He rose again, won't you do so now and be saved? You have God's record of the facts in the Scriptures and that is sufficient for faith. "Faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God." (Rom. 10:17).

Are you hesitating and do you want to ask: "Where do works appear in this way of salvation?" Notice how quickly the jailer at Philippi worked after he believed the Word of the Lord. The record tells us that he was "baptised" the night he believed. This is the proper place for baptism—after one has believed and not before. The jailer also took the prisoners who answered his question, and washed their stripes, and brought them into his house and set meat before them.

When one believes on the Lord Jesus Christ as this jailer did, there will be evidences of it in good works: for "faith worketh by love." (Gal. 5:6. Salvation is "not of works lest any man should boast." (Eph. 2:9). But this is "a faithful saying and these things I will that thou affirm constantly that they which have believed in God might be careful to maintain good works." (Titus 3:8).

—T. M. O.

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Greenfield, Mo. Dear young people:— I am so glad to write to the "Faith and Victory." This is my first time to write. The first thing I do when the paper arrives at our home is to read the testimonies of the young people. I was saved last summer and baptised last month.

I am 12 years old. I love to serve the Lord, and do what is right, so that others may see that I am trying to do right, and turn to the Lord before it is too late. Not only for that reason, but that I may spend eternity

in Heaven, where there will be no more parting, sorrow, or pain. I am praying that others may see their lost condition, and be saved before it is too late, so that they will not have to spend their eternity in hell.

Pray for me, my parents, brothers and sisters, that we may be found serving the Lord. Your sister in Christ,  
—Lora Lee Hail.

## CORRESPONDENCE

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Haigler, Nebr. Dear Brother and Sister in Jesus:— Praise the Lord for this beautiful day: and for joy and peace in God. It is so wonderful what God's love is and what He does for those that fear Him. Glory to God! Well, I am still pressing on. The Lord has healed my children and helped and strengthened my body, and I praise His Holy name this morning.

I received the tracts and I am thankful. I am giving them to many, and I pray it will turn their hearts to God. There is so many in the wayward path of life. The harvest truly is plenteous. Oh, how my heart longs to spread God's Word. So remember me in your prayers. I remain as one ready to do God's will.  
—Mrs. Ella Tucker.

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Texas. Dear Bro. Pruitt:— I can truly thank God for his goodness to me. I have had the typhoid fever since I last wrote you. I can truly say God healed me for I put my whole life in his hands to deliver. I am thanking and praising Him for his wonderful saving, keeping and healing power. My oldest boy received the Holy Spirit last fall. Oh, it is joy unspeakable and full of glory!

I feel like the saints have remembered my request for prayer, for God has wonderfully answered.

I am sending a request for prayer for my smallest boy. He has kidney trouble. I truly believe God can heal him.

Enclosed please find some money for which send me some tracts. I find a lot of people who like to read them. I ask God to direct me in passing them on.

Please remember my family and myself in prayer. Your Sister in the Lord standing for the whole truth,  
—Mrs. Marshall A. Brown.

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Ark. Dear Sirs:— A friend handed me several of your tracts some time ago. I enjoyed them so much that I passed them on to some of my friends. They told me that they enjoyed them very much. I am calling for more.

I must tell you, that I think it is a splendid work that you are doing. I find those meaty sermons very nourishing to my soul, and I am sure that millions of others are blessed by reading them.

Please send me a sample of fifty different tracts; also the paper, "Faith and Victory."

I am enclosing a small amount which I hope will cover mailing charges.

I thank you very much and may God bless you.

Yours sincerely,

—Pauline Wilkes.

Oregon. Greetings to all the dear saints from Oregon:— I feel like writing our testimony this A. M. The Lord has been so good to us in every way since coming to this place. We feel more determined to press on for the Lord till Jesus calls us up higher. The best thing we can say for Jesus is keepnig us saved. And then He has given us an opening to have S. School and prayer meetings. We begin asking God to help us find honest souls and a place to meet. And an old lady that lost her husband just throwed her house wide open for meetings, and asked us if we would not come and have Sunday School and prayer meeting. How we thanked the Lord for this privilege! Several other homes have asked for prayer meetings. Our number is increasing all the time in attendance. This is an old people's town; many of them retired. How precious to see old people calling for prayer meetings. We are to have prayer meeting wednesday night with the oldest lady in town. She is 98 years old; uses a wheel chair. But they roll her to our meeting, and she invited us to come to her home, Praise God!

Grace Myers, our oldest daughter, joined us in January to make her home here, and she is so much help in the work. We ask an interest in all the saints' prayers that the Lord will lead these dear souls out in the clear light. O, how we want to keep humble so God can use us to be a help to precious souls. Your saved brother and sisters, —Immanuel, O. K. and Grace Myers.

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Tenn. To all the dear saints of God; Greetings in Jesus precious name:— I feel led to write my testimony, how the dear Lord called me out of a sect (Methodist) and is taching me His Holy Way. Praise His Holy name. I was a user of tobacco and coffee, and the blessed Lord helped me to quit it. I also used remedies, but I find the Lord is just the same today. He heals all our sickness.

Dear saints, pray for me that the Lord will always have His way through me, His will, not mine.

I sure have been persecuted. I am not of the world This world has ceased to be a friend to me, but I have a greater friend, my loving Saviour. Praise His name forever! He is able to keep us through all this world of sin. Let us never tire or ever give the battle o'er, for the harvest is great, but the laborers are few. Pray that God will give more laborers to work in His harvest. Pray that I raise my four children for God. My husband is unsaved; pray for him. May God bless and keep you Your sister in Christ. —Mrs. Rosa Cook.

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Okla. Dear Bro. and Sister Pruitt:— I just feel so good after reading my Faith and Victory paper. I received a wonderful blessing from the testimonies. For myself I am rejoicing in my Saviour's love. I obey His sweet Spirit day by day and love to tell of my experience. When I obey His blessed Word, how He loves and blesses my soul. Oh, how I rejoice in His wonderful love. On the 11th day of November last year He saved my husband from his sins, and now he testifies and prays. He talks of Jesus and trusts in His love. Now we walk together in this life. We are walking toward that home

above. Oh, how sweet this life is to me when I know that I can meet my precious Saviour in the clouds of glory and dwell\*with Him forever and rejoice in His precious love for me. From your Sister, —Jemmie Hays.

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Mo. Greetings to you brothers and sisters in Jesus' name, and to you dear friends and co-workers with God.

I am glad, moreover I am rejoicing to say that two of your precious and very valuable tracts of truth floated into fy hands on yesterday. You may rest assured that I surely did appreciate them, indeed. One of them was called, "Not a word," the other one, "Cast thy burdens upon the Lord." I do believe that they came to my hand in answer to prayer which I am praying at this time. If I will obey them I know that my prayer will be answered. So, now, you see, you must keep up this tract work, for it is really worth while. Let me beg you to please kindly send me all different kinds of your tracts and papers, and tell me of your books.

Let me earnestly persuade you to be of good courage, for your reward will be great in heaven.

Now, may love abide and may peace be multiplied unto you. —Almer Harrison.

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Okla. Dear Bro. and Sister Pruitt: Greetings in Jesus precirus name:— We are receiving your paper and enjoying it. God is blessing your work so be encouraged, and press on. We feel God's Spirit in every line, and as I read it through, I pass it on to other friends in spiritual need. Some hungry soul is sure to feed.

My husband and I are saved, sanctified and enjoying the blessings of the Lord. Pray for us.

—Mrs. Walter Cummins.

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### Duties Of A Pastor

- (1) They should be filled with the holy Spirit and love of God, consecrated to suffer for the cause of which, they have been called to labor in.
- (2) They should be diligent and found of him in peace, without spot and blameless. 2 Peter 3:14.
- (3) They should be vigilant, (watchful). This is a true saying, if a Man desire the office of a bishop, he desireth a good work. A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, vigilant, sober, of good behaviour, given to hospitality, apt to teach; 1 Tim. 3:1-2.
- (4) They should look after their flock, as a shepherd would look after his sheep, and example: How think ye? if a man have an hundred sheep and one of them be gone astray, doth he not leave the ninety and nine, and goeth into the mountains, and seeketh that which is gone astray? and if so be that he find it, verily I say unto you, he rejoiceth more of that sheep, than of the ninety and nine which went not astray. Even so it is not the will of your Father

which is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish. Matt. 18:12-14.

We should remember that there is a great Shepherd over us and that we shall give an account of our stewardship.

The elders which are among you I exhort, who am also an elder, and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and also a partaker of the glory that shall be revealed: Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind; neither as being lords over God's heritage, but being ensamples (or examples) to the flock. and when the chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away. 1 Pet. 5:1-4.

We are not only responsible for the flock, of which the holy Ghost hath made us overseers, but for the increase; may God give us great wisdom in caring for the Lambs, and see that they are at their feeding place at each meal time, (at each church service,) Heb. 19:25.

If we were looking after a flock of sheep, for some one, and they should come at feed time, and see how they were getting along, and as he would take an inventory of them; and would say, "Where is that cripple sheep?" Then we would answer, "It has not been up for several weeks." At once he would begin to admonish us, to go and look for it, and would very likely accompany us; then after a long and diligent search, we would find it sunk into some miry place, almost starved to death, or perhaps some wolf had caught it, cut its throat, and taken its very life's blood; if we remained in his service at all, it would be after we were rebuked, and severely chastised. Is not God's children of more value than many sheep?  
—R. M. Porter.

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Okla.—To the Faith and Victory paper; Dear brother and sister: I want to tell you, we enjoy your paper so much. I received the Holy Ghost 5 years ago and have never grown tired of the way yet. Jesus has wonderfully healed my body many times and also my family. God has blessed me with a good husband and seven children. My husband received the Holy Ghost two years ago. Praise the name of the Lord. I am so glad His blood reaches me. Dear saints of God, all, pray that we will raise our children up to be God fearing men and women. We have a good band of saints at our home town but we live 8 miles from there so we have services and Sun. School at the nearest school house. We have had a hard battle

to fight this winter but are praising the Lord for this beautiful weather. We desire the prayers of the saints that our work may continue. May God bless all is my prayer.

Yours for more Faith and Victory,  
—Sis. and Bro. Vangundy.

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**CONCERNING THE BIBLE STUDY**

Owing to the change which is being made in the editors of the Bible Study lessons the first three lessons and a portion of the fourth is gotten up by Sister Orr, and the rest is prepared by your new editor, Bro. Porter.

These Bible Study lessons are very inspiring and helpful and soul building to our readers who are more or less isolated and should be to all saints everywhere. They are real good to use in your Sunday Schools, many are doing this and many more should begin. They can be used in gatherings for Bible readings through the week. They will be food for your soul to use them in Home Study of the Bible.

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This paper contains sixteen pages and is issued each month. It will be splendid to be circulated in your Sunday Schools and Bible Readings.

Send for a roll and use them, keeping the truth of the gospel scattered around among your friends and neighbors.

"Study to shew thyself approved unto God."

**BIBLE**



**STUDY**

"The entrance of thy words giveth light."

It is with humbleness of heart and mind, but with much courage, that we face the undertaking before us. We not only count it a duty but esteem it a privilege to do service for our Lord and Saviour. It is with love to all and a burden for lost souls that we endeavor to labor on in the Lord's vineyard. We have no stones to throw, nor reflections to cast on any one, because we realize that "by grace are we saved through faith and that not of ourselves—it is the gift of God."

We earnestly covet your prayers in our behalf that only those things will be put forth that will edify, and cause us to seek a closer walk with the Lord. We have no confidence in the flesh therefore we seek the leadings of the Spirit continually.

"So little done, so much to do." Therefore we should seek earnestly, and choose carefully that we put first things first.

Since this same lesson is used in the Intermediate, Young people, and Bible classes of some Sunday Schools, with ages ranging from 10 to about 80 years of age, you can readily see that it is difficult to arrange the same lessons for the different classes. If the thought advanced does not seem as fitting or appropriate for that age of pupils as it might, please bear with us and make the necessary adjustment. With our Sunday School space limited we will only offer an outline for a guidance. I think it very nice to see a class of boys and girls studying from their own Bibles, but since all classes are unable to do this we must use other means for study.

If all the classes of the Study uses the same lesson the Superintendent can easily review the classes, beginning with the card class, and advancing from one class to another as the points of discussion becomes more difficulty. Here is an opportunity for the superintendent to impress the practical thoughts and truths of God's Word upon the minds of our young people and children. These good thoughts together with memorizing verses truly are the cream of the lessons.

—O. C. Porter.

Sunday, May 3, 1936.

Home Study For The Week

- April 27—Jesus Teaches Forgiveness. Luke 17:1-4.  
 April 28—Jesus Teaches Humility. Luke 17:5-10.  
 April 29—Jesus Teaches Gratitude. Luke 17:11-19.  
 April 30—Paul Teaches Forgiveness. Col. 3:12-17.  
 May 1—James Teaches Humility. James 4:1-9.  
 May 2—Paul Teaches Gratitude. Phil. 4:4-7.  
 May 3—The Mind of Christ. Phil. 2:1-11.

Subject—Jesus Teaches Forgiveness, Humility and Gratitude.

Lesson Text, Printed Portion—Luke 17:1-19.

Luke 17:1 Then said he unto the disciples. It is impossible but that offences will come but woe unto him, through whom they come!

2 It were better for him that millstone were hanged about his neck, and he cast into the sea, than that he should offend one of these little ones.

3 Take heed to yourselves: If thy brother trespass against thee seven times in a day, and seven times in a day turn again to thee, saying, I repent; thou shalt forgive him.

5 And the apostles said unto the Lord, Increase our faith.

6 And the Lord said, If ye had faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye might say unto this sycamine tree, Be thou plucked up by the root, and be thou planted in the sea; and it should obey you.

7 But which of you, having a servant plowing or feeding cattle, will say unto him by and by, when he is come from the field, Go and sit down to meat?

8 And will not rather say unto him, Make ready wherewith I may sup, and gird thyself, and serve me, till I have eaten and drunken; and afterward thou shalt eat

and drink?

9 Doth he thank that servant because he did the things that were commanded him? I trow not.

10 So likewise ye, when ye shall have done all those things which are commanded you, say, we are unprofitable servants: we have done that which was our duty to do.

11 And it came to pass, as he went to Jerusalem, that he passed through the midst of Samaria and Galilee.

12 And as he entered into a certain village, there met him ten men that were lepers, which stood afar off:

13 And they lifted up their voices, and said, Jesus, Master, have mercy on us.

14 And when he saw them, he said unto them, Go shew yourselves unto the priests. And it came to pass, that, as they went they were cleansed.

15 And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, and with a loud voice glorified God,

16 And fell down on his face at his feet, giving him thanks: and he was a Samaritan.

17 And Jesus answering said, Were there not ten cleansed? but where are the nine?

18 There are not found that returned to give glory to God, save this stranger.

19 And he said unto him, Arise, go thy way: thy faith hath made thee whole.

Memory Verse—Be ye kind one to another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you. Eph. 4:32.

Central Thought—Jesus' Standard of forgiveness, Humility and Gratitude.

Practical Truth—Real forgiveness from the heart shows humility and causes gratitude in the one forgiven.

#### SUGGESTIONS FOR TEACHERS

A man who thanked Jesus. Three marks of Christian strength.

#### EXPLANATORY NOTES

Jesus measures strength by the ability one has to bear the fruit of the Spirit. Love caused the stranger to return with thanksgiving when he received healing of the loathsome disease of leprosy, incurable by man. But thank God, Jesus can heal all manner of diseases, leprosy, a type of sin incurable only by the Great Physician, and sin can only be cleansed by faith in the crucified and risen Lord. These cleansed lepers must show themselves to the priest, and get his approval to be admitted into the company of the clean or those free from leprosy. So those cleansed from sin must have the witness of the Holy Spirit from Jesus our High Priest before they are admitted into fellowship with the saints of those free from sin. Jesus teaching forgiveness caused the disciples to ask for an increase of faith. The living faith pure as mustard seed brings mountain removing, tree-uprooting power. No object can be in the way of "The Faith of God." God bless this lesson to the good of the dear children of God. Help that rebukes be given in humility, and help the offender to receive the rebukes in humility also, and repent so forgiveness can be given. Help all to see by this lesson that after we have done all required of us, we are only unprofitable servants. God is under no obligations to us. He could get along without us. But He

loved us because we needed Him. During his personal ministry and probably in January 30 A. D. He proved himself Teacher, Healer and King, wonderful Saviour, Great Physician for soul and body.

Sunday, May 10, 1936.

Home Study For the Week

- May 4—Learning to Pray. Matt. 6:5-8.
- May 5—The Perfect Prayer. Matt. 6:9-14.
- May 6—Faith and Prayer. John 14:11-20.
- May 7—Humility in Prayer. Luke 18:9-14.
- May 8—Encouragement to Pray. Luke 11:9-13.
- May 9—Earnest Prayer. Psa. 63:1-8.
- May 10—Devotional Reading Psa. 38:1-9.

Subject—Effectual Prayer.

Lesson Text, Printed Portion—Luke 18:1-14.

Luke 18:1 And he spake a parable unto them to this end, that men ought always to pray, and not to faint; 2 Saying, There was in a city a judge, which feared not God, neither regarded man:

3 And there was a widow in that city; and she came unto him, saying, Avenge me of mine adversary.

4 And he would not for a while: but afterward he said within himself, Though I fear not God, nor regard man;

5 Yet because this widow troubleth me, I will avenge her, lest by her continual coming she weary me.

6 And the Lord said, Hear what the unjust judge saith.

7 And shall not God avenge his own elect, which cry day and night unto him, though he bear long with them?

8 I tell you that he will avenge them speedily. Nevertheless when the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth?

9 And he spake this parable unto certain which trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and despised others:

10 Two went up into the temple to pray; the one a Pharisee, and the other a publican.

11 The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, God, I thank thee, that I am not as other men are, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this publican.

12 I fast twice in the week, I give tithes of all that I possess.

13 And the publican, standing afar off, would not lift up so much as his eyes unto heaven, but smote upon his breast, saying, God be merciful to me a sinner.

14 I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other: for every one that exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted.

Memory Verse—God be merciful to me a sinner. Luke 18:13.

Central Thought—Jesus Standard for Prayer.

Practical Truth—Faith in God, with the ability to ask, and many times without asking, the hearts desire is granted.

Suggestions To Teachers

How to pray effectively. When prayer changes things.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

The chapter from which our lesson was taken

has several examples of effectual prayer. 1st, the widow desiring to be avenged of her adversary. 2nd, The publican in the temple; the humble way he prayed in contrast with the self-righteous Pharisee's prayer. The importance of the widow. The patience manifested by her oft coming, and the effect, an answer. Let Gods little ones learn to patiently wait on God. Psa. 25:3; 69:6: Isa. 40:b1. While the unjust judge selfishly for his own sake did what he ought to have done justly and willingly for the widow's sake. But not so with God. His ear is ever open to the cry of his children; someone has written on the fly-leaf of their Bible "Thank God for unanswered prayers." We should always remember He knows best and keep on waiting until He tells why we are denied. 3rd, Peter asking what those who had left all to follow him should have, Luke 18:28-30. 4th, the blind beggar, what an example, this same 18th chapter verse 35-43. Note the answer of this earnest call verse 42, and remember, faith is the important thing in all prayers. Faith in our God who is abundantly able to supply our every need, always in a loving remembrance of the "ought always to pray," with no inclination to "faint." seeings to it that you not only pray, but that you pray effectually.

Sunday, May 17, 1936.

Home Study For The Week

- May 11—Jesus Inspires Honesty. Luke 19:1-10.
- May 12—Micah Teaches Justice. Micah 2:1-5; 6:8.
- May 13—Religion in Business. Deut. 24:10-15, 17, 18.
- May 14 Dishonesty in Business. Amos 8:4-8.
- May 15—Honesty, the Cornerstone of Character. Matt. 7:15-20.
- May 16—The Accusing Conscience. Matt. 26:14-16; 27:3-5.
- May 17—Devotional Reading Psa. 15:15.

SUBJECT—Jesus Inspires Honesty

Lesson Text, Printed Portion—Luke 19:1-10, 45-48.

Luke 19:1 And Jesus entered and passed through Jericho.

2 And behold, there was a man named Zacchaeus, which was the chief among the publicans, and he was rich.

3 And he sought to see Jesus who he was; and could not for the press, because he was little of stature.

4 And he ran before, and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see him: for he was to pass that way.

5 And when Jesus came to the place, he looked up, and saw him and said unto him, Zacchaeus, make haste, and come down; for to day I must abide at thy house.

And he made haste, and came down, and received him joyfully.

7 And when they saw it, they all murmured, saying, That he was gone to be guest with a man that is a sinner.

8 And Zacchaeus stood, and said unto the Lord; Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor, and if I have taken any thing from any man by false accusation, I restore him fourfold.

9 And Jesus said unto him, This day is salvation come to this house, forsomuch as he is also a son of Abraham.

10 For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.

45 And he went into the temple, and began to cast out them that sold therein, and them that bought;

4 Saying unto them. It is written, My house is the house prayer: but ye have made it a den of thieves.

47 And he taught daily in the temple. But the chief priests and the scribes and the chief of the people sought to destroy him,

48 And could not find what they might do: for all the people were very attentive to hear him.

Central Thought—Jesus' standard of honesty.

Memory Verse—Thou shalt not steal. Exodls 20:15.

Practical Truth—While Zacchaeus wanted to see Jesus through curiosity, Jesus kindled the spark of interest a holier flame. Praise his dear name.

Suggestions to teachers

Jesus visit to Zacchaeus' house for his Salvation for his desire to see Jesus.

### EXPLANATORY NOTES

Aa Zacchaeus was seeking to see Jesus it was not strange that Jesus found him and invited himself to dine at his house. Zacchaeus received him "Joyfully" while confessing, consecrating and promising to "restore the pledge." Zacchaeus no doubt had many times taken more than was just from the people in his collecting of taxes: but his heart was enlarged and he told Jesus he would restore "Four fold" Two fold was the most ever required where any one had wrongly taken too much from any one.

There was much fault found with Jesus for going to be a guest with a man who was a sinner. But the 10th verse of our lesson tells the purpose of Jesus coming. "The Son of man came to seek and save that which was lost."

This 19th chapter of Luke tells us of Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem and verses 45 and 48 of our printed portion of this lesson tells us of His second cleansing of the temple. God's house which was to be a house of prayer for all generations they had made it a den of thieves." Think of the sadness of Jesus' loving heart as he said to the city, "If thou had'st known." I think he is still weeping with his consecrated children over this lost world, and saying, "If they only knew in this their day." Oh, precious souls, this is the day of salvation. Hear and heed the call from the Spirit and the Bride as they say come; before it will have to be said. "But now it is hid

Sunday, May 24, 1936.

Home Study For The Week

May 18—Building a Strong Body. Daniel 1:8-16.

May 19—Developing the Mind. 2 Peter 1:1-8.

May 20—Enriching the Soul. Eph. 6:10-20.

May 21—Practicing Self-Control. 1 Cor. 9:19-27.

May 22—Abstaining From Strong Drink. Prov. 23:12-21.

May 23—Laying up Treasures in Heaven. Matt. 6:19-26.

May 24—Devotional Reading. 1 Tim. 6:11-19.

SUBJECT—Building For The Future.

Lesson Text, Printed Portion—Luke 20:45-47; 21:1-9, 34-36.

Luke 20:45 Then in the audience of all the people he said unto his disciples,

46 Beware of the scribes, which desire to walk in long robes, and love greetings in the markets, and the highest seats in the synagogues, and the chief rooms at feasts;

47 Which devour widow's houses, and for a shew make long prayers: the same shall receive greater damnation. 21:1 And he looked up, and saw the rich men casting their gifts into the treasury.

2 And he saw also a certain poor widow casting in thither two mites.

3 And he said, Of a truth I say unto you, that this poor widow hath cast in more than they all:

4 For all these have of their abundance cast in unto the offerings of God: but she of her penury hath cast in all the living that she had.

5 And as some spake of the temple, how it was adorned with goodly stones and gifts, he said,

6 As for these things which ye behold, the days will come, in the which there shall not be left one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down.

7 And they asked him, saying Master, but when shall these things come to pass?

8 And he said, Take heed that ye be not deceived: for many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and the time draweth near: go ye not therefore after them.

9 But when ye shall hear of wars and commotions, be not terrified: for these things must come to pass; but the end is not by and by.

34 And take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and so that day come upon you unawares.

35 For as a snare shall it come on all them that dwell on the face of the whole earth.

36 Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man.

Memory Verse—In your patience possess ye your souls. Luke 21:19.

Central Thought—Building not only for time but for eternity.

Practical Truth—How we build in time will very largely determine the spiritual structure or work done which will count for eternity.

Suggestions To Teachers

What kind of a gift pleased Jesus and what makes a gift great? How to live for spiritual ends.

### EXPLANATORY NOTES

Is it not a fact that each of us are building for the future? In plain words Jesus warns the disciples to beware of the scribes. What materials were they using for their building? The reward for their building was, "greater condemnation." In another instance Jesus likened, "man that heareth my words and doeth them not," to what? The foundation is an important part of any building. Let us dig deep. Repentance—restitution—doers of the Word—Humility—patience etc.

2 Note the contrast between the poor widow and the scribes or even the rich men. Doing the Word from the