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A New Year For God

New hopes are ours, another year
Has dawned upon our way,
The old year now has passed and gone;
We view a brighter day.

We give to God our thanks and praise,
And hearts of gratitude;
For He in mercy and in love,
Has blessed our lives with good.

We can not cease his praise to sing,
When we His love behold,
Which through the year that's passed and gone,
Has been more pure than gold.

The new year now is ours to claim,
And in Jehovah's might,
For Him we'll gather in the grain,
While yet we have the light.

The night shall come when none can work,
And then 'twill be too late,
To do the deed we should have done,
We have not time to wait.

This year is new, but soon oh soon,
It will have fled away,
As other years it will have joined
A past eternity.

So when this year shall cease to be,
May we our task have done,
That to God's army in this land
Some precious soul be won.

—Ulysses Phillips.

A NEW YEAR RESOLUTION

Let my New Year resolution be,
To do more for Jesus who died for me;
He was condemned and crucified,
And for you and I He bled and died.

Then may my life to Him be given,
To help to win lost ones to heaven;
Then may I never shirk to do,
And help those He wants me to.

—Lucy A. Jones.

The Beauty And Loveliness Of Jesus

One night not long ago, I dreamed of a visit to a home I had never seen before. I was given a seat on a sofa, and soon a most attractive lovely young woman came into the room and sat down by my side. She leaned her head over on my breast while preparations were being made for my entertainment among people whom I had never before seen.

When I awoke in the morning a voice seemingly said to me, "Make a note of this dream for it has a symbolic meaning to convey the definite principles of a message to those who love our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ."

Please read carefully the 9th to the 17th verses of the 15th chapter of John, for it reveals to us the wonderful underlying love of Jesus to His disciples, or even to all who will lean upon his breast as did the lovely disciple whom Jesus loved. John 13:23.

Powerfully expressive is the beauty, loveliness and glory of Christ-like living, as exemplified in Christian conduct. How sweet the words, "I am the rose of Sharon, the lily of the valley, the bright and the morning star;" the fairest of ten thousand to my soul. The one altogether lovely, Jesus Christ who suffered, bled and died for me on the cross of Calvary.

Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends (his disciples, or the saved.) Nothing in all the trend of human events can be compared to the wonderful consideration for

the eternal welfare of God's Holy Redeemed people. "In my Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you, I go to prepare a place for you, and if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself, that where I am, there ye may be also." John 14:23.

No mighty conqueror of empires and kingdoms that this world has ever known, or ever will know, who has or ever will return at the head of mighty victorious armies and fleets to be feted, plauded and honored by their grateful people; can ever hope to realize how much greater shall be the eternal glory and honor that will be bestowed upon the redeemed of the Lord, when Jesus comes back to receive his bride (the Church) to be presented faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy. Jude 24.

When Lucy Webb Hayes became the lovely mistress of the white house in Washington, she was glad at heart that she had made the decision and choice that evening so many years ago.

Dear ones in the Lord; and who love Jesus, and who so to speak, once leaned upon his breast with Godly sorrow for our sins, pleading forgiveness, then and forever, we are so glad that we made the decision or choice at that time.

With a greater sense of rejoicing will the redeemed of the Lord shout and praise God with everlasting joy and song, when Jesus returns to glory after his second and last appearance to present his loved ones before the presence of God, and the great host of heaven.

This world will never have witnessed so amazingly, wonderful scene of the mighty gathering of the great host of those who have come home to God as the redeemed of the earth.

To hear our Saviour say, "Father, these are they who have obeyed and kept thy word. I present them to you as most worthy servants, for they are the bride (the Church) of the living God of heaven and earth."

Why should such high honor and consideration be bestowed upon us as the people of God? "What is man that thou shouldst magnify him? and that thou shouldst set thine heart upon him?" Job 7:17. The answer—"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." John 3:16. "Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father." Matt. 13:43.

"Thou shalt also be a crown of glory in the hand

of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of thy God." Isa. 62:3.

"A crown of righteousness which the Lord will give me at that day, and not to me only, but to all who love His appearing." Apostle Paul.

How sad must be the feeling of our Saviour, when some of his loved ones stop to look back and consider the world, and decides to go no farther with him. One is reminded of the sad expression of Julius Caesar, as he looked upon him whom he thought his loyal and faithful friend, but who now raises his hand to strike in death, the great leader of Rome's victorious legions. Truly the wound of a friend is the hardest to heal, and he who falls by the hand of him whom he once loved, goes down to his grave with a sad and broken heart, bleeding and torn with the deepest anguish and sorrow. —John H. Griffith

Glory To God

In the fourteenth verse of the 2nd chapter of St. Luke in God's precious Word, we read these words: "Glory to God in the highest; and on earth peace." Now when the Son of God, the Saviour of the world, the king of glory was born on earth; the angels that notified the shepherds and wise men of his birth sang, "Glory to God" and seemed to fill both heaven and earth with his praise and glory. The word "glory" means praise, beauty, high honor, power and authority. St. Paul tells us that there is one glory of the sun, and another of the moon, and another of the stars: and one star differeth from another star in glory. (1 Cor. 15:41). According to astronomy, all planets, even the earth, revolves around the sun. The sun in his bright unchanging glory, having power to control all natural or temporal existence is a type of God. Hence we read, "The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament showeth his handy work." (Psalms 19:7). The moon seems to be very much limited in its glory, and only shines as the sun shines on her, and is as changeable as the sun is unchangeable. But the little stars seem to be as perfect in their brightness and glory even as the sun. Surely they must be a type of the real saint of God. Hence we read, "Be ye therefore perfect, even as your father in heaven is perfect." (Matt. 5:48). And "be blameless, and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world." Phil. 2:15.

It is nothing more or less than the creature made

in the image of God, His Creator. Truly when Jesus was born and the angels appeared, glory shone around. And it was also true when you and I were given a new birth in Christ Jesus, glory shone around, not only on earth, but in earth. This old earthen vessel was made to leap for joy, and sing the same glad new song, glory to God, and peace not only on earth but in earth.

Some people yet worship the stars, the moon, and even the sun; because they seem to render such great service to the inhabitants of the earth.

But we as the saints of the Most High, worship, praise, adore and give glory to whom all glory and honor is due. Let us see to it, that we glorify God in all we do or say.

Who is it that can know more about the meaning of Christmas than the real saint of God? May Heaven and earth and saints and angels meet, and spend Christmas time singing and giving God glory.

Singing Glory shouting glory,

Singing glory hallelujah to the Lamb,

Can my heart refuse to sing praises to my heavenly King,

When triumphant in His service now I am.

his service now I am. —George W. McMillan.

Trust In God

If we trust in, confide in, rely on, and place confidence in God the results are comfort, consolation, and rest of mind. To trust in God means a perfect yielding to Him of soul, mind and body, for we are not our own, "for ye are bought with a price," (1 Cor. 6:20). And in the language of Job, "Though He slay me, yet will I trust in Him," Job 13:15). "What time I am afraid I will trust in thee," Psa. 56:3. "Trust in Him at all times; ye people," Psa. 62:8. "It is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in man," Psa. 118:8. "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not to thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy path. Honor the Lord with thy substance. So shall thy barns be filled with plenty," Prov. 3:5-10. "Leave thy fatherless children, I will preserve them alive: and let thy widows trust in Me," Jer. 49:11. When should we commit such sacred trust in the hands of an all powerful God? Just in the time of war? Job trusted God throughout all his life—wife, children, property, friends and all; in sickness and health, in poverty and in wealth. Did it pay him? Was it not the best business investment

he could make? If you don't believe it, just read the book of Job, especially the last chapter, and see how he was blest with sons and daughters, wealth, long life, salvation and acceptance with God. Now look at the other side of the picture. "Thus saith the Lord; cursed is the man that trusteth in man, and maketh flesh his arm and whose heart departeth from the Lord," Jer. 17:5. When we trust God He will deliver us in time of trouble. But if not trusting Him, "When thou criest, let thy companies deliver thee" (but they can't). "But the wind shall carry them away; but he that putteth his trust in Me shall possess the land." Isa. 57:13. "But seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these things shall be added unto you." Matt. 6:33. If you want salvation, "Behold God is my salvation: I will trust and not be afraid," If you want protection, "salvation will God appoint for walls and bulwarks." If you want joy, go to drawing water out of the wells of salvation. If you want victory, "cry out and shout." Are you hungry? "Trust in the Lord and do good; so shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed," Psa. 37:3. Would you be made fat? "He that putteth his trust in the Lord shall be made fat," Prov. 28:25. If you want peace; "therefore, being justified by faith, we have peace with God," Rom. 5:1. If you would have great peace, just pray God to help you to love His law more: "great peace have they which love thy law, and nothing shall offend them," Psa. 119:165. If you are troubled about what you shall eat, drink or wear, read Matt. 6:25. to finish. "Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat or what ye shall drink, nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on." God feeds the birds, are ye not much better than they? "If God clothes the lillies, the grass, shall He not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith." Are you sick? Call for the elders of the Church, let them pray over you...the prayer of faith shall save the sick. Have you faults? Confess them one to another, James 5:14-16. Are you sad and care-worn? "Cast all your care upon Him: for He careth for you," 1 Peter 5:7. Do you worry and fret? Then read the 37th Psalm.

At last when dying, He will comfort you. "Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear not evil: for thou art with me. Thy rod and thy staff they comfort me." Psa. 24:4,5. "Trust and obey, for there is no other way to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey." "My God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ." What more do we want? —Sel.

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From age to age this voice shall cheer:—

Whate'er may die or be forgot,

Work done for God, it dieth NOT."

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EDITORIALS

As this January Issue of Faith and Victory paper goes out to our many readers the New Year of 1937 is approaching and new plans and hopes are being stirred in the bosom of numberless individuals, much of which is for the furtherance of selfish interests among the worldly minded for financial gain or fame and honor.

Jesus intimates in his teachings that the children of this world are wiser in using their talents for worldly honor, fame and gain than the children of light are in laying up treasures in heaven. The worldly minded business man will watch for opportunities to put out his money so it will return him much profit in this world's goods. He does not want his money to lay idle as he is anxious for more earthly treasures and so by shrewd dealing and watchful activity he adds to, and piles up perishable wealth.

Just recently a brother who is a farmer told me that a man in our town said he had two thousand dollars laying in the bank idle and he wanted this brother to take it and buy up a bunch of young mules. This man thinks he sees an opportunity of doubling his money in two years on those young mules, and he is willing to let his money out for earthly gain.

It seems to me if men of this world are so anxious to let their means out to gain perishable things, how much more should the child of God seek for opportunities to let out talent and means to have treasures layed up in heaven where moth cannot eat it or rust it or thieves break through and steal, and the Bank of heaven will never fail or break. If you have treasure in heaven your heart will be there also and your homeward travel will be much more pleasant and enjoyable and death will become sweet.

Ten years ago a brother gave very freely of his means for the installing of a cylinder printing press here in the "Lord's Print Shop." Recently we had a long letter from him and in mentioning different things concerning the Lord's work his heart was melted and overcome with God's love and blessings and he was so happy in the service of God. I think of what David said, "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on the Lord, because he trusteth in Him." It truly is a great favor and blessing from heaven to be kept in perfect peace. Let the children of God continually seek and watch for opportunities during this coming New Year to lay up treasures in heaven and then when the year is over you can take great delight and rejoice in knowing that you have added lasting treasures in heaven.

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In this January issue of Faith and Victory paper you will find an article pertaining to Christmas as this paper will be printed and over a thousand of them will be circulated around here in Guthrie just before Christmas; However most of our readers will not receive the paper until after Christmas. We ask blessings from heaven to rest upon each of our readers during Christmas and throughout the coming New Year of 1937.

There are a number of Bible truths that one must know and believe in order to get saved.

The first thing that an unsaved man needs to know is that he is a great sinner in the sight of God. He should never judge himself by what he thinks or by what somebody else may think but judge himself by the excellent purity and righteousness of God. That man or woman who willingly rejects Christ is a very wicked person in the sight of God. To spurn, reject and refuse the friend-ship of Jesus who gave His life's blood for you, makes you a very wicked man or woman in the sight of God for God cannot look upon sin with any degree of pleasure whatsoever.

When an unsaved person once realizes his awful sinfulness and the great unending punishment that awaits one in his state he should be stirred to look for a way of escape. Jesus says, "Repent ye and believe the Gospel." Godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation. 2 Cor. 7:10. Since he has godly sorrow and really repents he should believe two essential truths to receive in fullness the salvation of God. First he must believe that Jesus Christ was God manifested in the flesh and gave his life on the cross, poured out his innocent, blameless and spotless blood by which he atones for all of your sins. Second he should believe that Christ was buried and on the third day was resurrected by the power of God, and believe from the heart that Jesus ascended up to heaven and is alive forever more and that he sheds forth the "Comforter" which is the Holy Ghost into the hearts of believers. One believing these truths from the heart certainly would be justified, infilled with the Comforter, sanctified wholly.

In many places the Apostle Paul speaks of the blood of Christ saving us, redeeming us, as in Rom. 5:9 he says, "Being now justified by his blood." In Eph. 1:7, he says, "In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins." In Colossians 1:14 he says, "In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins." In Hebrews 9:22 he says, "And without shedding of blood is no remission." Peter says we are not redeemed by corruptible things such as silver and gold, "But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a Lamb without blemish and without spot." 1 Pet. 1:20. John says, "The blood of Jesus Christ, his son cleaneth us from all sin." 1 John 1:7. In Rev. 1:5, he says, "Unto Him that loved us and washed us from our sins in his own blood." In Rev. 5:9, he says, "And hast redeemed us to God by thy blood, out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation."

In Acts 20:28 we learn that the whole family of God has been purchased with his own blood. In Rom. 10:9 Paul says, "If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved." If you do not believe that He is alive His life could never become a reality in your soul.

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We have recently heard from the Company through which we are getting the paper folder to fold the Faith and Victory paper with, and they say that they will soon have it ready for shipment and we may get it installed in time to fold this January paper. If we should get

it in time to fold this paper, it will have no wire staples in it as the folder will paste the sheets together. This will be a great help, to us here in the Office work and we are very thankful to God for it as hand folding is long and tiresome work. We only lacked fifty dollars of having sufficient funds to pay for the folder and we believe that God will supply that in due time.

In talking to Willie Murphey, our linotype operator, this morning about installing the folder we found that he was much pleased about it, and we were planning for the proper place and setting of the machine for the best conveniences and also to be economical with space. While in this conversation and planning, mention was made of the need of a saw and trimmer which would add greatly to the equipment and efficiency of the "Lord's Print Shop." This slug, rule and furniture saw would cost something over a hundred dollars and we know that this is all possible with God. By the help and grace of God we mean to do all we can to get the truth to lost humanity by the printed page. The tracts, papers and booklets are reaching many souls and the Spirit of God is working on souls with telling effect. Praise God! Paul says, "We are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works." Eph. 2:10.

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By the help of the Lord and the co-operation of our readers we have sent out several thousand extra copies beginning with the December issue to new readers of the Faith and Victory paper, and we are hearing from some of these new readers and they are thanking God that some one sent their name in. The reading matter in the paper has been such a blessing to them. One sister writes us in part, "This is the first time I ever got your paper; someone must have sent my name in. Thank God." This sister got busy right away and took advantage of the extended time for the three months offer and sent in forty one names on the three months offer and wanted some blanks so she could send in some more before the time expired. It rejoices our hearts to see people who are zealous in the cause of God. I am sure that God has no idlers in His vineyard. The holy Scriptures declare it is, "Woe unto those that are at ease in Zion." It is impossible for men who really know God to be satisfied in doing nothing to advance the cause of God in the earth as God's love in their hearts will cause them to love his created beings and when they see souls on every hand that are lost in sin they will be stirred to do something to get the truth to them ere they go down to eternal destruction.

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Some one sent in a dollar to pay for 25 Faith and Victory papers to be sent to her for the three months and in some way her letter got lost or misplaced before we got her name on the list for the papers. Any one failing to get their paper or papers should notify us at once, giving full name and address including R. or St. and house number.

Some in sending in the names for the three months failed to give R., St., or House number and

it is doubtful if those parties will get the paper, especially if they live in a town of any size.

PRAYER AND SUPPLICATIONS

In the December Faith and Victory paper we told our readers that we were going to set apart December the 13th as a day of fasting and prayer for the work, and for sick and needy people, and those wanting salvation or otherwise burdened, and asked all who wanted prayer to send in their requests and we would agree in prayer for them on that day.

There were between forty and fifty requests sent in for prayer; some wanted healing, some to get saved and others were in different troubles, and our soul became burdened for them before the day of fasting and prayer arrived and we were praying for them. We spoke to the saints here in the congregation about it, and they became burdened, and on Sunday morning we announced that we would have a special gathering of the saints at the Chapel in the afternoon and all who were burdened for these needy ones were to meet with us in supplications and prayer. There were twenty-two saints out of the congregation here that met with us on the afternoon of December 13th and wife would read three or four requests and then all would go on their knees in prayer to God to heal these dear needy ones. Then she would read several more requests and we would again have prayer until all were in a special and in a personal way prayed for. It was a blessed afternoon and we believe that bodies were healed and many burdened hearts relieved. May His rich grace abide upon all of you dear ones.

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EDITOR'S NOTE

Bro. J. B. Thorne is sick in a hospital in Milwaukee, Wisc. and seems to think that his time is nearly up, therefore he sends this message to the readers of Faith and Victory paper:

"We know that even since Nicodemus' time this question has been asked, "How can these things be?" The Bible says that the way is so plain that the way-faring man, though a fool shall not error there in. Read also 1 John 5:1.

"Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God." Most anyone will claim to believe that; but how do you believe it? Is it by hearing some one say so? Listen to what Phillip told the eunuch when they came to water and he wanted to know what would hinder him from being baptized.

Phillip said, "If you believe with all thine heart, thou mayest."

"I want to say to every one who is at all interested in their soul's salvation to run the references on the word "believe". Do that, dear ones, and as you read the Bible every day and pray to God and grow in grace."

—J. B. T.

PRAYER REQUEST

Eldorado Springs, Mo. Dear Bro. Pruitt: I wish you would put a prayer request in your Faith and Victory paper, asking the saints to pray for the healing of my side. I have been bothered with the appendicitis for quite a while, and almost every month it gives me a bad sick spell. I have not been able to work for about three years. I have gotten help before from the Lord for my side, but not permanent healing. The Lord touched me last summer, and the sick spells stopped for about 3 months, but then they came back on me in the same way.

Your Bro. in Christ,

—Chester Hart.

OBITUARY

Brother William Benjamin Reece, was born in Kentucky, February 23, 1869, and came to Missouri when a small boy. He departed this life December 8, 1936 at Neosho, Missouri. Age 67 years, 9 months and 15 days.

He had two wives which preceded him in death, Emma Reece departed this life May 30, 1893 at Wade Missouri, age 20 years and 1 month and 15 days. To this union was born one son Freddie Levi Reece who departed this life March 16, 1933.

He was married to Cellia Anna Flowers, and she departed this life November 14, 1907. To this union were born seven children, three girls and four boys, of which one boy died in infancy. The living survivors are Charley A. Reece, of Burdett, Kansas; Mrs. Alfa Daniels of Orland, California; Vernon J. Reece of Los Angeles, California; Mrs. Bessie Barclay of Orland, California; Earl Reece, of Orland California and Mrs. May Jones of Columbus, Kansas.

On November 5, 1928 he was united in marriage to Mrs. Eliza McPhail, of Webb City, Missouri who also survives him.

He has four sisters and two brothers, Charley and Ed Reece of Picher, Oklahoma, Mrs. Florence Francisco of Neosho, Missouri, Mrs. Jennie Fulkerson, of Stella, Missouri, Mrs. Lee Hastington of Huntington Beach, California, Mrs. Rose Phillips of Wyandotte, Oklahoma, 22 grandchildren and a host of friends to mourn his passing.

He was converted when a young man to the Faith of the Church of God, and lived true to the faith until death, always trusting the Lord until the end came.

Scripture Reading: 23rd Division of Psalms. Text: 1st Thessalonians 4:13-14. Funeral service was conducted at the Church of God, Neosho, Missouri, by Brother Sam Barton, of Tulsa, Oklahoma in the absence of Brother John Strech.

OBITUARY

Sister Sallie Hill was born in Edgecomb County, North Carolina in the year of 1864, December 18. She moved to Louisiana in 1882, and in 1894 she moved to Mississippi.

Later she came to Arkansas. While there, she joined the Baptist Church under the leadership of pastor Thomas. She came to the State of Oklahoma; there she met the Saints. She cast her lot with them, and was faithful to her "Heavenly Calling" till death. She departed this life on November 11, 1936. She was singing as she passed away. Age 72 years.

She leaves to mourn their loss; two children, one son, Mr. Allen Hill, one daughter, Mrs. Betty Gahagn, a step-daughter, Mary Arvey, three grandchildren, six great grandchildren, and a host of friends.

Good bye, Sister Hill, till we meet you with the Lord in the air and ever be with Him.

Funeral services were conducted by Sister Dilahunty and Sister Edwards. Text Rev. 14th chapter and 12 verse, "Here is the patience of the saints—here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the Faith of Jesus." Also read the 13th verse "I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord." She stressed the "rest," and the work that follow them. Also of Victory—First Cor. 15th chapter, 57 and 58 verse. Also Rev. 7:13, 14. Also of the Oath. Luke 1:73-75. Read them. —Wm. Reed.

OBITUARY

Charles W. Perkins was born in Hemsted County, Arkansas, Sept. 1, 1852, and departed this life December 5, 1936 at the age of 84 years, 3 months and 4 days. He was married to Miss Matilda Bohanan on March 12, 1876, and to this union were born six children, four daughters and two sons. Two daughters and one son preceded him in death. He became a member of the Church of God several years ago and was faithful to the end.

He leaves to mourn his demise, a wife, two daughters, one son, nine grandchildren, eleven great grandchildren, five nieces and a host of friends.

Funeral service was conducted by Fred Pruitt. Text, James 4:14, "For what is your life?"

Bro. Perkins has lived in and around Guthrie for many years. He was a good man, kind to everyone and had a host of friends who filled the Saints' chapel to overflowing at his funeral service. (Editor).

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Going Through For God

“Go through, go through the gates; prepare ye the way of the people; cast up the highway: gather out the stones: lift up a standard for the people.” Isa. 62:10. It means much to go through the Bible way. If we go through on the Word of God then we shall go through the right way. In Psalms 118:19 David said, “Open to me the gates of the righteousness: I will go into them, and I will praise the Lord.”

We read in Matt. 7:13:14. “Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be which find it.”

We read in Isa. 26:2, “Open ye the gates, that the righteous nation which keepeth the truth may enter in.”

When people get saved and live in obedience to the commandments of God they become children of God, and a part of the righteous nation which keepeth the truth, and they have a right to enter into the fulness of the glorious blessings of salvation from sin through faith in the all atoning blood of Jesus Christ. Those going through for God travel the highway of holiness. “And an highway shall be there, and a way, and it shall be called The way of holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it; but it shall be for those; the wayfaring men, though fools, shall not err therein. No lion shall be there, nor any ravenous beast shall go up thereon, it shall not be found there; but the redeemed shall walk there. And the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with songs and everlasting joy upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.” Isa. 35:8-10.

Let us notice the last sentence of our beginning text, “Lift up a standard for the people.” Christ is the standard for the Christian to lift up for the people. Jesus said in John 12:32, “And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me.” By living the true Christian before men, by walking in the light of God’s eternal truth. 1 John 1:7: and by following in the footsteps of Jesus, 1 Pet. 2:21-22, you lift up Jesus to a lost and perishing world. Living like Jesus is your every day life. Keeping yourself in humble submission to the will

of God in all things, and being hid with Christ in God, you show forth the beauties of the Christian life and make it attractive to all who come in contact with you, Thus you lift up Christ from the world, and the Christ life people see you living draws men to Jesus, and makes Him real, and desirable as a personal Saviour. Oh, the joy of being filled with the love of God in our hearts. What peace we have with Jesus in us and we in Him. Let us lift up Jesus in our every day life so that He may “Draw all men unto Him” through the influence of our godly life in this sinful world, and so fulfill His purpose in us. —L. D. Foster.

THE JOY OF SALVATION

Dear Bro. and Sister Pruitt and all the Saints and sinners interested in their “spiritual and physical health.” I enjoy this wonderful salvation the world knows nothing about. It is sad to see people professing and sinning every day, and think they are all right and ready for heaven. God is so good. Turn to Him with all your heart; don’t leave any for the old wicked world. Professing won’t get you to heaven; get peace from God. We must have our sins pardoned. You must come God’s way; repent and be baptized every one of you. “Except ye repent ye shall all likewise perish, go to torment where the worm dieth not and the fire is not quenched.” May God open poor, careless, blind eyes before it’s too late. He exhorteth the Church of Sardis to repent. He says: “I know thy works, that thou hast a name that thou livest, and art dead.” And because the Laodiceans were neither hot nor cold he said, “I will spue thee out of my mouth.” They had earthly riches and lived well. He says, knowest not that thou are wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked: I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich.” Repent dear ones. The greatest riches man can have is peace with God, and live to glorify His sweet name. When He knocks at your heart’s door, please, won’t you open to Him and live to glorify His Holy name, and what little you have He will make it go farther. Experience teaches. Read Rev. 2 & 3. It is food to my hungry soul this morning. As I take His Word on my knees to study ‘tis joy and peace to my soul. How is it with you, sinner? “Whosoever committeth sin is the servant of sin.” “Righteousness exalteth a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people.” Can’t you quit sinning? Yes you can. Call upon God from the heart, not the head. He surely will hear you. It is not His will that one should perish, or are you going to cry for the rocks and mountains to hide you from His face and wrath. For Jesus’ sake dear ones, call upon Him from the depth of your soul, and meet me in heaven. Yours in holy love,
—Tillie Rogers, Folsom, La.

« Young People's Section »

The Glad New Year

The year of nineteen thirty six,
Is numbered with the past;
The glad new year of thirty seven-
Has come to us at last.

The glad new year we greet with cheer,
And such a joy proclaim,
We thank the One who here has kept us;
We praise His Holy Name.

May we in the new year gain,
A name for God on high,
May we help some troubled soul,
To now prepare to die.

And since a glad new year has come,
With hopes so bright and new;
Let us here our life improve,
Until on earth we're through.
—Olive A. Phillips.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Christmas time comes once again, and we reverently pause to view with our mind's eye the scene that starlit night on the Judean hills and to consider sincerely the meaning to us of the words of the angel to the shepherds nearly 2,000 years ago—"Behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord."

The birth of Christ, the Messiah, was a fulfillment of God's promise to mankind. When our foreparents first sinned and were driven out of the garden of Eden, and on down through the annals of time God has whispered by His prophets of the coming Saviour and King. In accordance with the promise, He came preaching the gospel of salvation from sin and opened the door into the kingdom of God. His life's blood was freely given for the atonement of our sins and the healing of our bodies.

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Holy wisdom is one of the important attributes which the people of God need in this present age.

Young people should have heavenly wisdom, in order to conduct themselves in such a manner that would bring the approval of God upon them. Let us look into God's Word in regard to wisdom. In James 1:5 the apostle says, "If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of

God, that giveth to all men liberally and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him." We notice that God is the source of wisdom and we are commanded to ask of Him. The wise man Solomon informs us that "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom." He also tells us the value of wisdom. "For wisdom is better than rubies; and all the things that may be desired are not to be compared to it." Wisdom brings happiness. "Happy is the man that findeth wisdom and the man that getteth understanding." Solomon further explains that "her ways are ways of pleasantness, and all her paths are peace. She is a tree of life to them that lay hold upon her: and happy is every one that retaineth her." Dear reader, seek and lay hold upon heavenly wisdom, for "the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be intreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy." Jas. 3:17.

A King Who Chose Wisdom.

Value of wisdom acknowledged. About 1014 B. C. Solomon was king over Israel. He loved the Lord and walked in the statutes of David his father. For this reason the Lord appeared unto him and said, "Ask what I shall give thee." And king Solomon said, "O Lord my God, thou hast made thy servant king instead of David my father: and I am but a little child: I know not how to go out or come in. And thy servant is in the midst of thy people which thou hast chosen, a great people, that cannot be numbered nor counted for multitude. Give therefore thy servant an understanding heart to judge thy people, that I may discern between good and bad: for who is able to judge this thy so great a people? And the speech pleased the Lord, that Solomon had asked this thing. And God said unto him, Because thou hast asked this thing, and hast not asked for thyself long life; neither hast asked the life of thine enemies, but hast asked for thyself understanding to discern judgment: Behold, I have done according to thy words; lo, I have given thee a wise and an understanding heart; so that there was none like thee before thee, neither after thee shall any arise like unto thee." I Kings 3:3-12. —L. D. P.

GRACE

For the Lord God is a sun and shield. The Lord will give grace and glory. "No good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly." Psalms 84:11. Then if we seek to know God's will and follow where he leads us, "Grace is poured into thy lips: therefore God hath blessed thee forever." Ps. 45:2. He giveth grace to the lowly so let us be meek and lowly. Through God's grace it is possible for us to be like him. This perfect obedience we can render only through Christ. "Wherefore laying aside all malice, and all guile, and hypocrisies, and envies, and all evil speakings, As new born babes

desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby: If so be ye have tasted that the Lord is gracious." 1 Pet. 2:2. Then by His grace walk ye in Him. For for this cause was the gospel preached that we may receive the gift and as good stewards minister the manifold grace of God. Yea all of you be subject one to another in humility and love. God resisteth the proud and giveth grace to the humble. Then may grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord. In whom we have redemption through His blood the forgiveness of sins according to the riches of His grace. Then let us study His Word and receive His grace. "The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth." St. John 1:14. "Let your speech be always with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man." Col. 4:6. Being justified freely by his grace. "Let love be without dissimulation. Abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good. Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another." Rom. 12:9-10.

May God's grace sufficient be,
To lead us to eternity:
And may we help each other here,
To always trust and never fear.

We know God's grace is always pure,
And He makes our way secure:
And some day when our work is o'er,
We'll dwell with Him forever more.

—Lucy A. Jones.

CHRISTMAS IN SOUTH AMERICA



Colombia, S. A. —Dear Prayer Partners: We wish you a very happy Christmas from the Forgotten Republic of Colombia, with the added wish that the real Spirit of Christmas may come into your lives, as the sweetest Christmas Gift you have ever received, as the Gift of the Holy Ghost. Sweet Spirit of Christmas! What is it? Love, sacrificial Love! This is the Spirit that made the first Christmas. God so loved me that He gave His only begotten Son. The Son so loved to honor the Father that He came at His bidding to be born in a stable. The Son so loved me, that He grew to manhood and gave his life a ransom for mine on the cross. The Holy Ghost so loves to honor the Father and the Son, that He has come to live in this temple of clay and glorify the Son in me, so that the Christ may live every day in the year that sacrificial love life to such an extent that others may come to know the real meaning of Christmas also.

Would you care to know how that matchless name of Jesus is daily blasphemed in Colombia, during the week before Christmas? Every night accompanied by the idols of Mary and Joseph, a weird procession lit up by the flicker of tallow candles in bright colored Japanese lanterns, wend their weary way around the cobblestone streets of the cities hunting a lodging for the

Virgin. But all doors are closed in her face, and so she hunts a rude straw covered shed in the plaza (specially constructed for the occasion). In that same rude shed on the eighth night is placed an idol of the baby Jesus, and all the deluded Colombians fall down and worship it, pay to kiss its feet, and pray to it. What! pray to a baby doll representing Jesus? Most certainly, and that idol answers those prayers. What does God say, "Idolaters shall have their place in the lake of fire." He makes no distinctions—idolaters are idolaters in his sight, but oh the hideousness of it all, and the blasphemy of it, in Roman lands! The insult of the veracity of God's Truth! Is there no one who will stir himself up for the glory of His Holy Name? Is there no one who loves His Glory more than they love life? His glory is at stake. His Honor is at Stake! His good name daily blasphemed! Colombia, in the 20th century, worshipping an idol of the baby Jeseus. Is it nothing to you? The Spirit of sacrificial love caused the Son to leave the glory land, because He was anxious to see His Father's Great Name honored and glorified. He was concerned for the Father's good name. He fought the libel! He went to the cross by the way of the Garden, was laid in the tomb, having given up his life in the battle. But He won. Hallelujah! He won the case. The Father's name was honored and His cause vindicated. Now the Spirit of Christmas in this last day ought to be nothing less than that which made the first glad Christmas day,—the Spirit to see that precious name honored, cleared of all reproach, and the cause it represents, vindicated. The Spirit that offers its life—not foolish foibles—in the Cause of Christ. That make Christmas of the 20 century the same as it made Christmas of the first century. That Spirit that gives, goes, and prays that He might see of the travail of His soul and be satisfied. That Spirit that seeks not its own, but Christ's. May this be the portion of those who love Him and look forward to His appearing.

Sincerely yours for a very happy Christmas,

—Clara Berchtold (Foreign Missionary).

A CHRISTMAS PRAYER FOR COLOMBIA

O Star that shone in Bethlehem
In the ages long ago,
To Guide the Wise Men on their way
To the Saviour here below:

Send forth anew your faithful rays
In a land that's dark as night,
And guide again to Christ the King,
Souls, lost without your light.

CORRESPONDENCE

Bristow, Okla. —Dear Sister Pruitt: I have felt impressed for some time to write a testimony. I am truly glad for the grace of God that has appeared unto all men teaching us to deny ungodliness that we might live soberly, righteously and godly in this present world all the days of our life. I do thank the Lord for the precious promises we find in the Word of God. I find the Lord is always true to his promises. He said before you call I will answer. I have just needed things, and the Lord supplied the need before I prayed for them. We

have had sickness among our large family of 13 children and the Lord always comes to our rescue and heals them. Dear ones, sometimes I get much work on my hands, such as patching, sewing and quilting. As my 5 older children are boys the Lord has lifted the burden many times by sending me some help. I can truly say he is a friend when I am in trouble who always holds my hand. I can say like one of old, "Oh, give thanks unto the Lord for He is good and his mercies endure forever."

I feel impressed to tell of the good meeting the Lord gave us in South Mansfield, La. in Sept. 1936. Sister Rosa Dillahunt, Bro. Manly Spears, Bro. Reed and others were present. The Lord wonderfully blessed in that meeting especially the last night. Some were saved from sin and others received help on different lines. I believe the Lord has some precious saints in that part of the vineyard. I have received letters from some of them asking us to hurry and come back to La. The truth went forth in its purity by the preaching of the Word, and by testimonies.

May the God of all grace keep us ever true to him. Amen! As ever your Sister in Christ,

—Gertwall Francisco.

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Myrtle, Mo. —Dear Bro. Pruitt and other workers there at the office: I received the tracts you sent me. Thank you for them. I will hand them to others to read.

I want to say this morning that I am saved and trusting in the good Lord for all things. I am glad that I have ever learned to trust him.

Bro. and Sister Strech were here a few weeks ago and visited with us two days and nights. We were certainly glad to have them with us. We enjoyed their visit as we talked about the Lord and how good He was to us all. We were much encouraged in the Lord.

They left here to go to Fremont, Mo., to hold a Meeting. I pray the Lord to bless Bro. and Sister Strech, for I believe their hearts are in the work of the Lord to see lost souls saved.

I ask for the prayers of the saints of God that I will ever be all the Lord would have me to be. Your Bro. in Christ,

A. J. Sorrell.

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Okeene, Okla., —Dear Bro. and Sister Pruitt: May the dear Lord bless and keep you encouraged to go on in the straight and narrow way. We are so thankful this morning again for this wonderful Bible salvation which has made us so happy and determined to stand up for the truth stronger than ever before. We sure enjoy the paper and get such a blessing and more light from God's Word out of it at all times, and what it really means to profess to be a follower of Christ. We want to live closer to Him each day and become more like Him in love, humility and all that it includes. We are enclosing a little offering to use in the Lord's work where ever needed. And we also want you to remember us on the 13th of this month, for the Lord to heal us and keep us in our souls, as we have quite a battle at times. There aren't very many with us. We are for the whole truth. Praise God! Yours in the one body,

—Mr. and Mrs. Haas.

Bend, Oregon, —Dear Bro. Pruitt and family, and all the saints laboring at Faith Publishing House: Greeting in Jesus Sweet Name: according to the promise of life, which is in Christ Jesus. Glory to God! for enabling me to write in this manner. I pray that you have all grace, mercy, and peace, which is the result of living and having our being in Christ Jesus.

Do you have a tract treating the subject matter contained in John 3:3, especially the phrase, "Except a man be born again He Cannot See The Kingdom of God?" If you have such a tract, you may send me several of them to help open blind eyes. These are Jesus' words to Nicodemus, who was a master of Israel! yet he was void of spiritual understanding pertaining to the kingdom of God. He could not see it nor enter, nor receive, nor remark about it until he should become regenerated with the life and understanding of God, by the power of the Holy Spirit.

I am persuaded that many people make the new birth consist of profession and claiming holiness which they have not. It is a great blessing that God has shown us how to keep ourselves from "Idols."

Your loving Brother,

—Ed Callan.

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Bigelow, Mo. Dear Bro. and Sister Pruitt: We will write you this evening in Jesus dear name. We are thanking the Lord for His goodness to us. We are encouraged to press on in this sweet way the Lord has prepared for His children to walk in. It has been a long time since we have written to you, but we think of you all often and pray God to bless you in your good work.

We are sending our testimony of God's mercy and love to us. About the 16th of November our little boy nearly four years old was trying to catch the truck his father was driving and fell under the back wheel and was run over. It ran over his hips. There were 43 bushels of wheat in the Ford truck. My brother saw it run over him; he thought he was crushed until he could not live. Floyd knew he had hit him because there was nothing in the road. He said it felt like he had run over a stick of wood. Vomit was running out of his mouth and nose; he looked like he couldn't live; he could hardly get his breath. I thought once he must be going. We had him anointed and prayed for, then laid him on the bed. It was just a few minutes until he was resting good. The next day he could stand on his feet. The third day he could walk. He is fine now. We give God all the glory; we know the Lord was our helper in time of need. Pray for us. We want to be all the Lord would have us to be.

Yours in Christ,

—Bro. and Sis. Floyd Knapp.

OBITUARY

Andrew J. Baker was born Feb. 15, 1881 at McKinney, Texas. He passed away on Sunday, Dec. 13th, 1936 at the age of nearly 56 years.

He was married to Edna Jones on July 20th 1916. To this union one child was born which preceded him in death.

He was born into the Church of God in Dec. 1917, and never from that time until death was he discouraged in the true way. He was a kind and

loving husband and a real companion to his Christian wife.

Funeral service was conducted at the saints' Chapel at Guthrie, Okla., his former home, by Bro. O. B. Wilson of Shawnee, Okla. Text—1 Cor. 15: 19, "If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable."

Okmulgee, Okla. —To the Saints Scattered abroad, Greeting in the precious name of Jesus: This leaves me saved and living for God to all I understand. The good Lord burdened my heart for a trip to Louisiana which was strange to my own thoughts, because I had intended to go to Mansfield where Sister Dillahuntz and I went last year. This was a new field, and the Lord wonderfully blessed there. Many saw the light and accepted it. Praise the Lord. The Lord saw fit this year to lead me out into another new field, where no saint preacher has ever been to preach and shine out this wonderful light of the Gospel. I went to Shreveport, La. my old home. But the sectarian preacher barred me from the pulpit, but the Lord blessed me in testifying for the one church and some saw the light but were afraid of their leader. Some in Shreveport received healing for their bodies.

I went from there to Blanchard, La., about 16 miles away. I was there 4 days and nights, and left 3 standing firm for the truth, trusting in God for both soul and body. Some received healing for their bodies, praise the Lord. I left there for Natchitoches, La, where I had never gone before and knew no one there, and no one knew me, but I saw a name in the Faith and Victory paper, and I wrote to that person that I was coming. The Lord was leading me. When I arrived there they received me with a welcome in their homes and for the gospel in their souls, white and colored. They did not know how to prepare a place for meeting but we went to the different homes and preached Christ. Several took a stand for the real Bible truth. They said they were asking the Lord to send them some true minister and the Lord was telling me to go, and I obeyed for which the Lord blessed them and me. They want me to come back. I will return when the Lord says so and provides. I am using nearly all of my little means to go and work for the Lord. I gave out papers and tracts.

Then I came by Mansfield. By some way they failed to meet me there; so I took the bus for Shreveport, La. and from there home. Dear ones, pray much for me as my heart is burdened for lost souls. I thank the Lord for opening the hearts of different ones to help me make that trip of about 450 miles or more. Jesus said, there is more joy in heaven over one sinner that repenteth than over ninety and nine just persons who need no repentance.

Your servant in the work, —Frances Bell.

"Study to shew thyself approved unto God."

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Sunday, January 3, 1937.

**THE SON OF GOD BECOMES MAN
DAILY READINGS AND MEDITATIONS**

From Dec. 28 to Jan. 2.

- M. The Light of men. John 1:1-9.
- T. The Incarnation. John 1:10-18.
- W. The Purpose of the Incarnation. Heb. 2:9-18.
- T. The Servant Lord. Phil. 2:1-11.
- F. The Gospel of Life. 2 Tim. 1:13-14.
- S. Oneness With the Father. John 14:7-11.

Printed Portion **John 1:1-18.**

John 1:1. In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

- 2 The same was in the beginning with God.
- 3 All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.
- 4 In him was life; and the life was the light of men.
- 5 And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not.
- 6 There was a man sent from God, whose name was John.
- 7 The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all men through him might believe.
- 8 He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light.
- 9 That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world.
- 10 He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not.
- 11 He came unto his own, and his own received him not.
- 12 But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:

13 Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

14 And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

15 John bare witness of him, and cried, saying, This was he of whom I spake, He that cometh after me is preferred before me: for he was before me.

16 And of his fulness have all we received, and grace for grace.

17 For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ.

18 No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him.

Memory Verse: No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him. John 1:18.

Practical Truth: Christ became man that he might redeem a lost race.

POINTS FOR EMPHASIS

- 1 The Preexistent Word (Christ).
 - A. Not Created —Without Beginning —Never Ending.
 - B. The Same Yesterday, Today and Forever.
 - C. The Word was God (Of Divine Origin).
- 2 That Light
 - A. Literal and Spiritual Darkness.
 - B. To Reject the Word—Utter Darkness.
 - C. Entrance Of The Word Gives Light.
- 3 The Glory that Accompanies the Cross.
 - A. Special Occurrences Accompanied by Divine Glory.
 - B. A pure and Holy Life in a Dark and Sinful World.
 - C. As He Walked so Ought We to Walk.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATIONS

The Word became flesh and dwelt among us yet it did not cease to be divine. In becoming flesh Christ took upon Him humanity to the full extent. "He was tempted in all points like as we are yet without sin." By going through these experiences and exemplifying a victorious life in the midst of a sinful and formal people He is able to be touched by the feeling of our infirmities and is able to succor us in any trying circumstance.

The light shining in darkness. Truly it was a penetrating light that could shine forth in such gross darkness without a glimmer or shadow. As the divine light would uncover evil deeds and make manifest all kinds of sin in those days so also it will today. The penetrating rays of that light can still shine into the deepest recesses of the human heart. By the light from these rays a sin darkened, despondent soul may look unto Jesus, take hope and courage, and by steadfastly looking unto Him cast off the works of darkness and walk in the pathway of the just which shines brighter and brighter each day.

It is only as we walk in this light that we remain uncondemned, enjoy the blessings of salvation and remain ready for the appearing of the Lord. How we appreciate this divine light and are endeavoring day by day to walk in the light as it shines upon our pathway.

While Christ was here he said, "I am the light of the world" but when he was ready to go away he said, "Ye are the light of the world." And again, "Let your light so shine." What carefulness and godly fear we, as the redeemed of the Lord, should have as we are only so-jourmers in this country. We should be very careful that we receive none other than the oil of gladness in our vessels, that we have our lamps trimmed and burning ready to go out and meet the bridegroom.

All preparations have been made; every thing is now ready; the Lord is doing all he can to save sinners, even though they are members of some church. "Be ye also ready for in such an hour as ye think not the son of man cometh."

Sunday, January 10, 1937.

NEW LIFE IN CHRIST

DAILY READINGS AND MEDITATIONS

From January 4, to January 9.

- M. The Necessity of the New Life. John 3:1-8.
- T. Attaining the new life. John 3.
- W. The gospel of salvation. Rom. 1:8-17.
- T. The victory of love. 1 John 5:1-5.
- F. A new creature. 2 Cor. 5:14-21.
- S. Living in Christ. 2 Cor. 3:1-11.

Printed Portion John 3:1-17.

John 3:1 There was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews:

2 The same came to Jesus by night, and said unto him, Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God: for no man can do these miracles that thou doest, except God be with him.

3 Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.

4 Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born?

5 Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.

6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

7 Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again.

8 The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit.

9 Nicodemus answered and said unto him, How can these things be?

10 Jesus answered and said unto him, Art thou a master of Israel, and knowest not these things?

11 Verily, verily, I say unto thee, We speak that we do know, and testify that we have seen; and ye receive not our witness.

12 If I have told you earthly things, and ye believe not, how shall ye believe, if I tell you of heavenly things?

13 And no man hath ascended up to heaven, but he that came down from heaven, even the Son of man which is in heaven.

14 And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up:

15 That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life.

16 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.

17 For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved. **Memory Verse:** 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, John 3:16. **Practical Truth—** New Life is provided through Christ to all who will repent and believe.

POINTS FOR EMPHASIS

- 1 Why is a new birth necessary?
 - A The mystery of it.
 - B The cause of it.
- 2 The nature of a new birth.

A The reality of the new birth.

B How is the new birth obtained?

3 Results of a new birth

A The kingdom of God—Literal or Spiritual.

B A Transformed Life—Soul and deeds.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATIONS

In today's lesson we have part of a conversation between Nicodemus and Jesus. We have no record of many words but those words that were spoken were vital, striking sin at the very root, a fulfillment of the scripture, "The axe is laid unto the root of the tree." Jesus did not tell him to turn over a new leaf and try to do better, nor to sign a card and shake hands with the preacher, but "ye must be born again."

It appears that in this age people try to do anything to try to appease the wrath of God except the one essential thing which is to experience a new birth. It is good for one to try to improve their conduct by education and refinement but let us remember that no amount of good works that we may do or any reformation that we can make can atone for one sin that we have committed. It is only as we cover under the all atoning blood of Jesus that condemnation vanishes and that peace and joy enters the soul.

How complicated and mysterious it seems to those who try to reason it out. It is so simple that even a little child by faith may enter right in and receive the heavenly benefits, receive complete forgiveness of sins and have a portion of heaven in their souls.

New wine dare not be risked in old wineskins neither can the polluted whited sepulchers contain the new life from above. The very nature of man, which is exceedingly sinful, cries out for a cleansing or transformation to be free from the binding forces of sinful habits.

How well we remember in our own experience how the forces of evil would come against us. Time after time we would enter into a covenant with ourselves that we would not yield to sin again. Before we could hardly realize it we had yielded again even though we would punish ourselves for breaking the contract. For lack of instruction we would continually be overcome and thus the binding forces of sin fastened upon us. As we continued to live in sin our conscience became hardened and the strivings of the Spirit became fainter and fainter until finally the greatest sin failed to affect us. How sad and how dangerous for one to allow themselves to get into this condition. A soul lost in sin and the spirit ceased striving. If these few words should reach any in this condition we say, "Be encouraged."

This morning we are made to weep for joy because we realize it was by the prayers of the saints and the mercies of God that we are enjoying the sweet communion of Jesus and fellowship with His people. The lion of the tribe of Judah has prevailed, and shackles of sin have been loosed, and we are saved by His blood.

In the beginning our heart was tender and a few words of instruction that Jesus was crucified for me, might have saved us much sorrow of heart, but now we are able to sympathize with, and be burdened for those that are not saved.

Mothers, pray right on, do not take "No" for an answer. Though that wayward boy or girl is deep in sin, prayer will change things. The blood of Jesus can make the vilest sinner clean.

Sunday, January 17, 1936.

JESUS, THE WATER OF LIFE

DAILY READINGS AND MEDITATIONS

From January 11 to January 16.

- M. The water of Life. Jno. 4:7-15.
- T. Wells of Salvation. Isaiah 12:1-6.
- W. The Gracious Invitation. Isa. 55:1-7.
- T. Come and Drink. Jno. 7:37-44.
- F. The Nourishing Christ. Jno. 6:52-59.
- S. Whosoever Will. Rev. 22:16-21.

Printed Portion John 4:7-26.

John 4:7 There cometh a woman of Samaria to draw water. Jesus saith unto her, Give me to drink.

8 (For his disciples were gone away unto the city to buy meat.)

9 Then saith the woman of Samaria unto him, How is it that thou, being a Jew, askest drink of me, which am a woman of Samaria? for the Jews have no dealings with the Samaritans.

10 Jesus answered and said unto her, If thou knewest the gift of God, and who it is that saith to thee, Give me to drink; thou wouldest have asked of him, and he would have given thee living water.

11 The woman saith unto him, Sir, thou hast nothing to draw with, and the well is deep: from whence then hast thou that living water?

12 Art thou greater than our father Jacob, which gave us the well, and drank thereof himself, and his children, and his cattle?

13 Jesus answered and said unto her, Whosoever drinketh of this water shall thirst again:

14 But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life.

15 The woman saith unto him, Sir, give me this water, that I thirst not, neither come hither to draw.

20 Jesus saith unto her, Go, call thy husband, and come hither.

17 The woman answered and said, I have no husband. Jesus said unto her, Thou hast well said, I have no husband:

18 For thou hast had five husbands; and he whom thou now hast is not thy husband: in that saidst thou truly.

19 The woman saith unto him, Sir, I perceive that thou art a prophet.

20 Our fathers worshipped in this mountain; and ye say, that in Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship.

21 Jesus saith unto her, Woman, believe me, the hour cometh, when ye shall neither in this mountain, nor yet at Jerusalem, worship the Father.

22 Ye worship ye know not what: we know what we worship: for salvation is of the Jews.

23 But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him.

24 God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.

25 The woman saith unto him, I know that Messias cometh which is called Christ: when he is come, he will tell us all things.

26 Jesus saith unto her, I that speak unto thee am he. **Memory Verse: If thou knewest the gift of God, and who it is that saith to thee, Give me to drink; thou wouldest have asked of him, and he would have given thee living water.**

Practical Truth—Jesus can satisfy every need of the soul.

POINTS FOR EMPHASIS

- 1 Prophecy or foreseeing of Scripture.
 - A Prophecy a proof that the Bible is divine.
- 2 Jesus relates the past to a woman.
 - A Sees Nathaniel sitting under a tree.
 - B He knows the condition of every heart.
- 3 Jesus as a personal worker.
 - A Trust the future in His hand.
 - B He attends to human needs.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATIONS

Isaiah prophesied that the day would come when we could with joy draw water out of the wells of salvation. Again we read in Psalms that, "All my springs are in thee." Zechariah said, "In that day there shall be a fountain opened." We thank the Lord for that fountain of living water that never runs dry. We have experienced how refreshing and satisfying good cool water is to one in the heat of the day and that no other drink can quench the thirst as water can. So it is with the nature of man, although man may revel and indulge in the wildest amusements of the world, yet God has placed something in the soul of man that can find that desired satisfaction only as they partake of the living water that proceeds from the throne of God.

Jesus told the woman at the well that if she drank of this living water she would never thirst, so it is as we continue to drink of this water we have no desire to look to the world for amusements and entertainments. We are willing to lay aside those unnecessary things. Fretting, murmuring and complaining are forsaken.

Jesus in His sermon on the mount said, "Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness for they shall be filled." Not with the lustful things that man desires, but with righteousness. Would to God that men would have a greater desire for godliness, to understand God's will, concerning them more completely.

Jesus teaches us how he takes care of the birds and arrays the flowers and that we are of more value than many of them. yet men, and even some who profess to be saints, lean to the arm of flesh and cater to the world because they love the applause of man and have not faith to trust God.

Again we hear him say to seek first the kingdom of God and all these things (the temporal things) shall be added. The Lord truly verifies all of His promises to those who dare to trust Him.

Sunday, January 24, 1937.

TWO MIRACLES OF MERCY DAILY READINGS AND MEDITATIONS From January 18 to January 23

- M. Christ Heals the Sick. John 5:2-9.
 T. Christ Feeds the Hungry. John 6:8-15.
 W. One with the Father. John 5:19-29.
 T. The Compassion of Jesus. Matt. 9:32-29.
 F. Heavenly Manna. John 6:22-33.
 S. The Spirit of Helpfulness. Matt. 25:31-40.

Printed PortionJohn 5:2-9; 6:8-15. ..

John 5:2 Now there is at Jerusalem by the sheep market a pool, which is called in the Hebrew tongue Bethesda, having five porches.

3 In these lay a great multitude of impotent folk, of blind, halt, withered, waiting for the moving of the water.

4 For an angel went down at a certain season into the pool, and troubled the water: whosoever then first after the troubling of the water stepped in was made whole of whatsoever disease he had.

5 And a certain man was there, which had an infirmity thirty and eight years.

6 When Jesus saw him lie, and knew that he had been now a long time in that case, he saith unto him, Wilt thou be made whole?

7 The impotent man answered him, Sir, I have no man, when the water is troubled, to put me into the pool: but while I am coming, another steppeth down before me.

8 Jesus saith unto him, Rise, take up thy bed, and walk.

9 And immediately the man was made whole, and took up his bed, and walked: and on the same day was the sabbath.

John 6:8 One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, saith unto him,

9 There is a lad here, which hath five barley loaves, and two small fishes: but what are they among so many?

10 And Jesus said, Make the men sit down. Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, in number about five thousand.

11 And Jesus took the loaves; and when he had given thanks, he distributed to the disciples, and the disciples to them that were set down, and likewise of the fishes as much as they would.

12 When they were filled, he said unto his disciples, Gather up the fragments that remain, that nothing be lost.

13 Therefore they gathered them together, and filled twelve baskets with the fragments of the five barley loaves, which remained over and above unto them that had eaten.

14 Then those men, when they had seen the miracle that Jesus did, said, This is of a truth that prophet that should come into the world.

15 When Jesus therefore perceived that they would come and take him by force, to make him a king, he departed again into a mountain himself alone. **Memory Verse: This is of a truth that prophet that should come into the world.**

Practical Truth—Christ Cares Concerning our physical needs and will relieve them.

POINTS FOR EMPHASIS

- 1 The Motive of Christ in performing Miracles.
 - A The need then—and now
 - B Compassion moves to action
- 2 Following Because of the Signs.
 - A The New Life a Reality.
 - B Good Results Draw Followers To Him.
- 3 Jesus and worldly honor.
 - A The Example Before Us.
 - B Receiving Honor one of another.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATIONS

Some declare that the days of miracles are past, but nevertheless we witness great healings and deliverances. "God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in times past unto the Fathers by the prophets hath in these last days spoken unto us by His Son." By His Son God extends an invitation to whosoever will. We not only find forgiveness of sins in Him but also by His stripes we are healed. Truly it is a miracle to see one who was steeped in sin delivered and enjoying a peaceful, quiet life in Him. Salvation does not only mean deliverance from sin and healing of the body but we may enjoy a continual comforting and guiding, by His Spirit which He has given unto us. Salvation means much more than these for we also look for the redemption of our bodies. Our mortal shall put on immortality. We shall receive a glorified body that will know no aches nor pains and time shall not be able to cause it to decay and crumble.

How great and how precious is that word Salvation. If we could fathom the beauties and realize our privileges in full and free salvation truly we would lose interest in temporal things and our affections would be on those treasures above. I would that those who are lost in sin could behold these wonders and beauties. Surely they would cease from evil and flee for their lives.

Sunday, January 31, 1937.

TEMPERANCE LESSON

DAILY READINGS AND MEDITATIONS

From January 25 To January 30.

- M. The Unprofitable Servant. Matt. 24:45-51.
 T. The Price of Intoxication. Heb. 2:12-17.
 W. Belshazzar Sells His Kingdom. Dan. 5:17-28.
 T. Defeat Through Drink. 1 Kings 20:1, 16-21.
 F. Alcohol and Race Degeneracy. Isa. 5:22-24.
 S. Woe unto Excess. Isa 5:11-17.
 Printed Portion Prov. 21:17; 23:20, 21; Matt. 24:45-51;
 John 6:26, 27, 35.

Prov. 21:17 He that loveth pleasure shall be a poor man: he that loveth wine and oil shall not be rich.

23:20 Be not among winebibbers. among riotous eaters of flesh:

21 For the drunkard and the glutton shall come to poverty: and drowsiness shall clothe a man with rags.

Matt. 24:45 Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his lord hath made ruler over his household, to

give them meat in due season?

46 Blessed is that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing.

47 Verily I say unto you, That he shall make him ruler over all his goods.

48 But and if that evil servant shall say in his heart, My lord delayeth his coming;

49 And shall begin to smite his fellow servants, and to eat and drink with the drunken;

50 The lord of that servant shall come in a day when he looketh not for him, and in an hour that he is not aware of,

51 And shall cut him asunder, and appoint him his portion with the hypocrites: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

John 6:26 Jesus answered them and said, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Ye seek me, not because ye saw the miracles, but because ye did eat of the loaves, and were filled.

27 Labour not for the meat which perisheth, but for that meat which endureth unto everlasting life, which the Son of man shall give unto you: for him hath God the Father sealed.

35 And Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst.

Memory Verse: For the drunkard and the glutton shall come to poverty: and drowsiness shall clothe a man with rags. Proverbs 23:21.

Practical Truth—Money spent for alcoholic drinks is worse than wasted.

POINTS FOR EMPHASIS

- 1 Costly Living
 - A Injurious to Physical Body.
 - B Financial, Social and Spiritual Effects.
- 2 Results—
 - A The Power of Habits. (Good or Bad).
 - B Reward For the Faithful.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATIONS

Our lesson for today may be passed over lightly or it may be a means of imparting much truth to those in the class. The lesson is very practical and may be adapted to any age child. The fastening power of habits on the child must not be overlooked. Much caution and many danger signals must be brought before the young people in regard to pleasures. Many sacrifice the temporal possession for the pleasure of eating, drinking and revelling and also many who have experienced the new life forfeit their birthright by doing a few questionable things and allowing their minds to become filled with earthly cares and troubles.

The liquor problem that confronts us today is serious. Also the rumors of war together with strikes and depressions show that sin and vice is rampant in the land. The smoke habit is a very bad one in that it is one of the first formed by our youth and leads on to evil companions and associates. Truly the times are perplexing as the Word tells us.

Our Bible Study For February 7th. is "Jesus the Light of the World." John 7:1 to 9; 41.