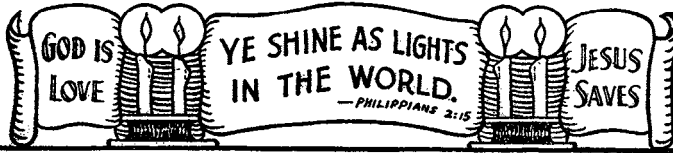


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I Know He Is There

As I look up, by faith I see
The Lord still standing by my side;
I know, by Him, I'll not be left
Alone in life's swift, raging tide.

I know He'll lead my steps a-right
Though all the path I can not see;
If I, by faith, keep Him in sight
I need not fear nor troubled be.

Amid the blinding storms of life
I'll surely then, His promise take—
His faithful reassuring word:
"I'll never leave thee nor forsake."

With quiet trust I shall press on
Though weak and faltering I have been;
I know He'll make me strong and brave,
Through Him, I shall the victory win.

Apart from Him I could not live
No living water could I taste
But wander in a desert land
Where there is only sin and waste.

Yes, still by faith, I'll cling to Him
Though clouds of doubt His face would hide
In Him alone, my soul can rest
In Him alone, I'm satisfied.

—Geneva Bailey.

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Prayer And Supplications



"But when ye pray, use not vain repetitions as the heathen do: for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking, Be not ye therefore like unto them: for your Father knoweth what things ye have need of before ye ask him." Matt. 6:7-8.

It is good to remember when we bow before the Almighty, that we are not bowing to a god of wood, or stone, or of gold or silver, neither are we bowing unto a god that cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities, but we are bowing to an all-wise God, one that knows the deepest secret of every heart. He knows all our needs, He sees every tear and understands every heartache, and He teaches us in His Holy Word that, "Like as a father pitieth his children, so the Lord pitieth them that fear him." Again He says, "He knoweth our frame." God knows more about us than we know about ourselves; He understands our thoughts afar off.

In Hebrews 4:12-16 we read, "For the word of God is quick and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart, neither is there any creature that is not manifest in his sight: but all things are naked and opened unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do. Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession, For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need"

We see by these and other scriptures something of the great wisdom and knowledge of God; when we come unto Him we need not be in a strain trying to make Him see or understand our need, our burdens, and our cares, for He knoweth them altogether and is willing and ready to help us out, when we seek His face in earnestness, and in tears. He has said "the effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much." He calls our attention to Elias who was a man subject to like passions as we are, and he prayed earnestly that it might not rain, and it rained not on the earth by the space of three years and

six months, and he prayed again and the heaven gave rain, and the earth brought forth her fruit.

We have been reminded also of the prophets of Baal, four hundred and fifty men, who prayed from morning until noon, and from noon unto the time of the offering of the evening sacrifice, crying loud and long, and cutting themselves until the blood gushed out upon them. Thought they offered many words and cried aloud, they received no result to their prayers only disappointment and defeat. Elijah repaired the altar of the Lord, put the wood in order, and the sacrifice upon the wood, dug a trench around the altar, had it filled with water, also had water poured on the wood and sacrifice. Elijah drew near and began to talk to God. Soon the fire fell and consumed the sacrifice, wood, stones, dust, and burned up the water out of the trenches.

“When ye pray, use not vain repetitions as the heathen do, for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking.” “Be careful for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.” Phil 4:6.

—Ulysses Phillips.

Consecration



We read in 1 Chron. 29:5, “Who then is willing this day to consecrate his service unto the Lord?”

We see here that God wants consecrated services, and we must be deeply consecrated in this age to be of service to God. To be wholly consecrated means to be dedicated, given over to God, to yield to Him. When we dedicate our body to Him in consecration we yield over to Him all we have; His service becomes our pleasure. When we are fully dedicated to Him we are His and He becomes our Master, and we His servants; it is our delight to do His will.

But while this is true there is another side as well to look at. Some services which we must render to God require self denial and sacrifice to do it. Often the warm fire-side looks better when the sick are to be visited, someone needs our help, when we are already tired or worn with the toils of the day. When the comforts of a pleasant home look inviting then we must remember our consecration. We are to do His will if it takes us away from the comforts and pleasures of home and loved ones. We are working for Jesus and an eternal reward.

Jesus while here pleased not Himself, but often when tired and worn He labored for others. He had no nice home, electric light, nice downy bed, good rocking chair, a good fire-side, a car to ride in to

go pray for the sick or to go to meeting in, but He had nowhere to lay His head. He didn't even have a mule to ride only when borrowed. His life was one of self-denial and service.

I was just reading today of the life of dear Bro. Warner where He would some times ride horse-back 40 miles in a day to preach at night. It seems that the more modern improvements we have the less consecration some have. Some seem to seek a life of ease. I really know some today that if they can't ride a car two blocks to meeting, they will not go. They need to be consecrated more to God. I also know some who are really consecrated to God in the hills of east Tenn. and southern Mo. who will walk 5 miles at night by lantern light to a Prayer Meeting.

Brethren, let us be more careful that we do not seek a life of ease and fail to do our duty for poor lost souls and the cause of God; let us deepen our consecration. We are not our own; we are bought with a price; we belong to God to work for Him. Jesus said, “Let him deny himself, take up his cross and follow me.” A Holy Ghost man is a busy man.

We wonder sometimes at some; do they really know what a consecrated life is, when we see them make no denial for others, but their life seems to be one of ease. Others withhold their means because they are not consecrated to God. Some will not go places with the Gospel—there is no means in sight, because they are not consecrated. Brethren, it means much to be consecrated to God. It means we are *all* on the *altar*, willing to go, or stay, labor night or day, anywhere, any way for God's cause, willing to be misunderstood, misrepresented, falsely accused, consecrated to be talked about for Jesus' sake, willing to deny self of any pleasure or comfort for others and the cause of God.

Dear Saints, let us examine our consecration. Have we got it like Paul had it? It means more to be consecrated than to say it. We must prove it to God and the world.

—Cleo Murry.

The Bride Of Christ

“And there came unto me one of the seven angels which had the seven vials full of the seven last plagues, and talked with me saying, Come hither, I will shew thee the bride, the Lamb's wife. And he carried me away in the spirit to a great and high mountain, and shewed me that great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God.” Rev. 21:9-10.

This great city John saw coming down out of heaven,

was the Church, the City of God, the bride of Christ, the holy Jerusalem, the new covenant. She, the Church, is arrayed in fine linen, the very finest of dress which is pure holiness. She is so far above all this world's confusion, sin, strife and division that it can't enter the Church or City. This pure gold is the purity of the saints.

Again we read in Rev. 21:2-3, "And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God." So the saints are the people of God. He dwells and talks with his people. We are the bride of Christ, the pure and holy.

We are married to Christ. "Wherefore, my brethren, ye also are become dead to the law by the body of Christ: that ye should be married to another, even to him who is raised from the dead, that we should bring forth fruit unto God. Rom. 7:4

There are many who believe that the great city is a real city and it will be of literal gold, but according to those scriptures Christ is the bridegroom and the Church is the bride or city of God, the tabernacle or the new covenant. We become dead to the old law and are married to Christ. So we are the Lamb's wife. Some say we are going to be married and we are to make ourselves ready for the marriage day, but the marriage proclamation has already taken place. If not, we are all bastards and not sons.

Rom. 7:4 says, "be married to Christ that we may bring forth fruit unto God."

Now in 2 Cor. 2:2 we read, "For I am jealous over you with godly jealousy: for I have espoused you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ." If we want to be a chaste virgin we must keep ourselves free from false religions, false ideas and false Gods. We know God has only one bride (or Church) and He knows no other, so we can't please Him and flirt with other creeds or religious organization. We must make ourselves ready. Let us read Isa. 54:5, "For thy Maker is thine husband; the Lord of hosts is his name; and thy Redeemer the Holy One of Israel; The God of the whole earth shall he be called." Praise God for our husband. Eph. 5:25-27, "Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the Church, and gave himself for it. That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, That He might present it to himself a glorious Church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish." This is the pure gold, no spots of sin, no wrinkles of strife, division or confusion but she is pure and holy, free from all these sinful things. Let us turn to Rev. 19:7, "Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready." The way we make ourselves ready is present our bodies to the Lord as a living sacrifice, always obeying the truth and live free from sin. Read 1 John 3:3-10.

Now we will read Mal. 2:6, "The law of truth was in his mouth, and iniquity was not found in his lips: he

walked with me in peace and equity, and did turn many away from iniquity." The saints of God or the bride of Christ love the law of truth and they love to obey their husband, keep his commandments, live free from sin and walk in peace with all people. We cannot have any idol worshipper either and serve him the right way.

Again we read in Mal. 2:15, "And did not he make one: yet had he the residue of the spirit. And wherefore one? That he might seek a godly seed. Therefore take heed to your spirit, and let none deal treacherously against the wife of his youth." As the Lord wants a man to live with his wife and not deal treacherously with her, so he expects us to dwell with him alone. We must be very careful not to go here, there and take in with everything that is called Christianity, yet denying the truth. Those who claim to be the bride of Christ, and say they can't live free from sin are not of His body. Read 1 John 3:3-9. As so many are putting their companions away and marrying again, yet try to be the bride of Christ but it is wrong and they sin every day. Read Rom. 7:1-4; Matt. 5:32; 1 Cor. 7:10-11; 1 Cor. 7:39 and Matt. 19:9. —W. I. Miles.

OBITUARY

Brother Hardy Jackson was born in the state of Ala. about the year 1855. The exact date is not known. He departed this life Feb. 25, 1937 at 6:15 A. M. He was married to Ella Coarse in the year of 1885, and to this union one child was born, a daughter Susie.

Bro. Jackson accepted a hope in Christ at an early age, and joined the Baptist Church and there lived until he came to Oklahoma and found more light and united with the Church of God. He lived a saved life and kept the faith until the end came. His wife asked him was he ready to go home to heaven to live with Christ. He said yes to live throughout eternity.

The funeral service was conducted by Bro. W. W. Crawly of Boley. Text: Follow God. Eph. 5:1.

He leaves to mourn his departure, a loving wife, one daughter, eleven grand-children, 8 great grand-children and a host of friends. He is not dead but asleep in Christ Jesus. —Ora Allen.

Mary Ellen Clark of Glen Campbell, Pa. departed this life on Feb. 5th, 1937 to be with her Lord at the age of twenty-three years and twenty-three days.

She left a wonderful testimony of being ready to go. She had been a long time afflicted with Epilepsy fits. She never once complained because the Lord did not heal her as she always said, "Thy will be done." She was a constant reader of the Faith and Victory paper and never destroyed a copy but passed them on to others. It was through her hat I first read a copy of the paper and I too am saved and sanctified.

Mary has gone to her reward, but her works do follow her. —Sent in by Mrs. Ellis Schrock.

Indianapolis, Ind. —The Faith Pub. House. I am sending a request for prayer for my son and his wife, because of domestic trouble. I have three small children. Also pray for the conversion of my three sons, and families. And also myself, and friend.

Yours, respectfully,

—Mrs Maud Steele.

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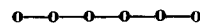
"Work on, work on, nor doubt, nor fear.
From age to age this voice shall cheer:—
Whate'er may die or be forgot,
Work done for God, it dieth NOT."

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EDITORIALS

By the help and grace of God we are sending forth another Faith and Victory paper with messages of love and truth to precious eternity bound souls. We feel deeply our indebtedness to all men as we know we owe them a helping hand: some one brought us the gospel, some one prayed earnestly for us when we were lost in sin and now, since God has so blessed and saved us and has shown light from heaven into our hearts and given us knowledge of the awful darkness that envelopes our fellowmen and the certain destruction that will follow and overtake a soul that rejects Jesus Christ, it makes us know that we owe them the gospel now, that they may have an opportunity to believe in Christ and escape the awful doom awaiting the unbeliever.



The world at large is going a rapid rate and becoming more wicked all the time. The Prisons, Insane asylums and Reformatories are crowded to the limit. The State Prison in Calif. has five thousand inmates in it alone. Truly, a great army to be in such a place. In our own State of Oklahoma the prisons are so crowded that it has become necessary to pardon a great many and also, the other civil institutions are crowded to the full capacity.

Brethren, sin is the cause of all this. Who, oh, who could have such deceit as to claim to love God and yet hold up for pride, selfishness, worldly conformity and sect religion and at the same time profess to be a Christian?

The scriptures are being fulfilled found in Tim. 3:13, which says, "But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived." It seems to me that things are fast shaping themselves in which the true children of God will be greatly persecuted and the sufferings will be beyond what we, at this time could think possible. The righteous need not be alarmed for we know that Jesus Christ is our King and He rules above and beyond all that men think they are doing and He will let until He sees it is enough and then His power will be manifested over the power of Satan, the Prince of this world. Satan is not the Prince over the true children of God, whom Jesus says, "are not of this world," but over wicked men, unbelievers and nearly all religious professors, and the Prince of the power of the air, the god of this world is fooling the people and makes them believe when Jesus comes and sets up His Kingdom then we will have peace and righteousness, and being darkened in heart they seem not to know that Jesus is King now, and that all the truly saved are in His

Kingdom and have peace and righteousness and all else which is good. The true children of God are in the Kingdom of God now and will continue to be in it after this old world is burned up by fire. Read the third chapter of second Peter.

John the Baptist came preaching and saying, "Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." Matt. 3:2. After John was put in prison, Jesus began to preach of the Kingdom of God and said, "The time is fulfilled, and the Kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel." Mark 1:15.

Those who are truly delivered from sin are not of the world (the kingdom of Satan) but are in the Kingdom of God. In the ninth chapter of Luke we read where He sent the twelve forth and told them to preach the Kingdom of God and to heal the sick. When Jesus sent forth the seventy He commissioned them also to heal the sick and to say the Kingdom of God had come nigh unto them. Luke 10:9.

The disciples had the same thought that many have today, that Jesus was going to set up a literal Kingdom here because He spoke about the Kingdom of God. (However they knew better after they had risen, after the day of Pentecost when the Kingdom of God came with power). When Jesus was risen, before Pentecost He talked to the disciples of the things concerning the Kingdom of God. Acts 1:3. Philip preached the things concerning the Kingdom of God. Acts 8:12. Paul expounded and testified the Kingdom of God. Acts 28:23.

Paul in writing to the Colossian brethren said that God had delivered us from the power of darkness, (Satan's kingdom) and hath translated us into the Kingdom of his dear son. Col. 1:13.

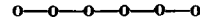
Before Jesus ascended He told the disciples, that "All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth." Matt. 28:18. How much more power would you expect a King to have than ALL POWER?

Yes, dear reader, Jesus is King now and He is ruling, and men are wicked and growing worse because they want it that way, and Jesus lets us have according as to what men wills in their hearts. They do not understand, but the wise or righteous who are reigning in this life with Christ Jesus (Rom. 5:17) understand. Read Daniel 12:10.

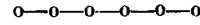


We have in our possession over 1200 addresses of state prisons and civil institutions, and we desire to reach these darkened places with the gospel that God might glean out a few souls from among those who are in such dismal and desperate circumstances. We are looking to God with faith asking Him for

funds to pay for paper and transportation charges in sending packages of tracts to these places. We ask our readers to be in an agreement of prayer with us for these souls who are doomed unless rescued by those whose hearts are filled with God's love.



I have received a letter from Bro. Phillips of Dover, Okla., and we find there has not been enough funds sent in as yet to purchase him a car. There may be other souls that God is talking to about this matter. If so, fulfill the will of God and help your brother.



There are a few names expiring on our mailing list for Faith and Victory paper with this issue. We are inserting a subscription blank so it will make it convenient for you to renew. Please do this at once so your name will continue on the list and you will not miss a copy. As you send in your name, subscribe for some others and do a little missionary work. God will bless all of your efforts. We are anxious to reach as many souls as possible with the gospel by the printed page. Please co-operate with us in this great work for God and for souls. If for any reason you fail to get the paper you should drop us a card,



MEETING REPORT

Our meeting which began on the 8th of February and ended on the 14th was a blessed meeting. One was saved and one sanctified, and quite a number healed. The flu was raging, but the good Lord healed every one of us.

The ministers present were: Sister Bell, Sister Edwards from Okmulgee, Brother Douglas, Sister Douglas, Brother Bray of Tulsa and Brother Jonny Johnson of Silver City.

Pray much for the work at this place. Your saved, sanctified and satisfied brother in the Lord,

—Enoch Jones.

Jennings, Okla.

CAMP MEETING NOTICE

There will be a Camp Meeting of the Church of God held at Ithica, Ohio, August the 6th to the 16th inclusive.

This is rather a new field here and we invite all to come and make this a good meeting. But please do not come here with any troubles or difficulties to settle. Time is too short and souls are precious and such as that will not be allowed at this meeting.

Fanatics and compromisers are invited only to listen and get help to their souls and not to preach or teach in the meetings. We ask the brethren to come in the Spirit of the Lord to labor for souls.

Bring bedding and towels and other things that you need and we will do our best to care for all who comes.

The meeting will be run on the free-will offering plan. All donations of any kind and also offerings can be sent to the writer as we will try to have tents and rooms.

Able ministers will be here from the east and from the west as all are welcome.

Ithica is located 28 miles from Richmond, Ind. toward Dayton, Ohio and is 25 miles from Dayton. Dayton can be reached on State High-way No. 503. Saints from east or West can take High-way No. 40 and turn north on State Highway at Lewisburg, Ohio and go eight miles north.

This meeting will close four days before the New Castle, Ind., Camp Meeting begins so come and attend both meetings.

—Cleo Murry, Ithica, Ohio.

General Southern Camp Meeting will be held June 25th to July 4th at Hammond, La. Details later.

NOTICE TO OUR READERS

We have a large list of addresses of prisons, reformatories and Civil Federal Institutions throughout the United States, and we would like to send gospel tracts to the inmates of these places.

A sister in Tenn. has just recently sent one dollar for this purpose and while writing the addresses for sending tract to the different prisons, God so blessed our souls that we are very anxious to send to all of them if God will through His consecrated children send in funds for this purpose.

Please have mercy upon your unfortunate follow-men even as God has had mercy on you. Send them a helping hand. God has supplied us with equipment for printing gospel tracts and we shall be glad to write addresses on labels and send packages of tracts to these darkened souls who are in prison both literally and spiritually if you will co-work with us and send means for this purpose. I am sure it will be laying up treasures in heaven for you. Ask Jesus what He would do if He were in your places.

P. S. —Since writing the above notice we have received a letter from the directors of the "California State Prison" acknowledging the receipt of the tracts sent, also requesting five hundred tracts each of the following two tracts, "Prepare For Court" and "Sinfulness of Profanity." We have just printed five thousand of the latter named tract but have not many of the first one named in stock. The funds for tract paper is exhausted and the last paper bought for this purpose was purchased with faith that God would supply for payment of same.

Below, I am inserting the letter received from the "California State Prison" at San Quentin regarding prisoners and the need of these tracts. We will likely receive letters from other prisons of a similiar nature as we have sent packages of tracts to a dozen or more different ones.

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From California State Prison at San Quentin —Gentlemen: Your house sent to the prison here a small bunch of tracts, among these tracts I noticed two that might be of special help to us in the religious work of the prison.

The two tracts I referred to are the following: "Prepare For Court" and "The Sinfulness of Profanity." This prison has no funds with which to buy tracts or religious literature of any kind. If your house is in the position to do so and sees fit to send us copies of the above two tracts, I will assure you that we will make the best use

of them in our religious work. I regret that we have no funds with which to pay for tracts that are sent to us. We can use as many as 500 of each of the above two tracts. We have over 5,000 inmates in the prison.

Cordially,

—Alfred C. Schmitt, Director.

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Girard, Pa. —Faith Pub. House, Please send a few each of the tracts I have named. I would like to send some money, but I haven't any. I have four children, and it is hard to get along.

Please pray for my unsaved husband. Please send the tracts named and I will thank you and may God bless your work.

—Mrs. Willie Wheeler.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Pray for Sister Mafey Campbell of Springdale, Ark., who is afflicted with blindness and gall stone and she also fell and broke six ribs and is in suffering and pain.

Pray earnestly for Cleo Murry who is in much suffering. Three years ago he was taken with some kind of itching and suffered greatly with it for more than two years and then it run into that lothsome disease called pellagra and it gets worse at times. He earnestly desires the saints to pray for his healing on the 4th of April as his flesh seems as though it was on fire. Let all the saints remember him on that day for complete healing.

The Love Of Money

What man, woman, boy or girl of a sane mind, that does not love money? All minds agree, that we should, or we should not; if not, why not?

We read in the holy written Word of God, these sacred words, "For the love of money is the root of all evil." 1 Tim. 6:10.

It seems to be a question of today, as to how much estimation a real saint should place on money. Now let us look to the Word of God, and to the Spirit of God, for a correct answer to this question. For the Word and Spirit agree. 1 John 5:7-8.

According to the Bible, Abraham spent money for a burial place for himself, and family. Gen. 2:3-16. This was the first money accounted for, spent by the chosen of God.

Since it is really true, that we are not our own, but are bought with a price, then not only are we his, but our money also is his; consecrated and dedicated to be spent to his glory. Thus, we read: "Wherefore do ye spend money for that which is not bread? Hearken diligently unto me, hear and your souls shall live." Isa. 55:2-3.

From the foregoing scriptures, we readily conclude that the use of money to care for the body through life. Also to care for others who are poor and less fortunate than we which is about the limit of the mighty dollar. He is, while in your possession, a great blessing, yet if he possess you, a great curse. It is to be used as a servant or a tool, and not as a master or an idol.

Thus, we read: "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. Ye cannot serve God and mammon." Matt. 6:24. Love for money, without divine inspiration, is but lust of the flesh at its best; which always serves to crowd the love of God out of our hearts.

Hence Christ revealed to his beloved disciple John the money of today, and its destructive evils. Rev. 13: 8-16. "Thus we read, "All that dwell upon the face of the earth, shall worship him whose names are not written in the book of life, ...and that no man buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast; or the number of his name, in the forehead, or in the right hand." The forehead means having the mind stayed on the almighty dollar, rather than on the true God. The hand means more ready to serve money powers than the God of Heaven.

Well might our beloved Bro. Paul warn the saints, in his letter to Timothy of this destructive evil, thus, we read: "We brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. And having food and raiment, let us be therewith content. But they that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition. For the love of money is the root of all evil, which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows."

Here Saint Paul wants us to know that there is no evil, but what the love of money keeps it alive by supporting and strengthening its roots.

The price of Royal Holy blood was paid for the Potter's field, a new cemetery for the money loving Jews.

Ananias and Sapphira, man and wife, so called saints, told a lie, which was the last thing they did while on earth, for the love of money. St. Peter told Simon the sorcerer that he was a fit subject to perish and his money with him, because he thought that the power of God could be bought with money.

Christ himself overthrew the tables of the money-changers in the temple, because they had converted the house of God into a den of thieves. Saints, beware lest the love of money in its modern deception lure you from the truth. Do we really love the Lord? Are we serving this busy age for love of money? Let us examine ourselves. You remember when Christ told of his betrayal, they all began to say, Lord, is it I? (Self examination).

The money god is ruling in sectism, but does the real love of God constrain us to do all we do and say? Paul in his last talk, said, "Alexander the coppersmith, did me much evil." He also mentioned others that had forsaken him, having loved this present world 2 Tim. 4: 10-14.

Yea! it is true, money is controlling every other existing institution in this present world; but it cannot rule the Church of the Living God. So let us watch.

We owe, by nature and by birth,

A recompense to mother earth.

A note that's due just any day:

A debt that money cannot pay.

We are living in a house that must

Decay, and crumble down to dust;

We then must go to occupy

A home that money cannot buy.

—G. W. McMillan.

The Strait Gate

In the seventh chapter of Matthew's Gospel and the 13th verse, Jesus says, "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 that find it.

There are two ways, the one is life and the other is death. The way of life is strait and narrow and it has a strait gate. Not many are traveling upon this strait way. Jesus says, "But few find it." It is not because it cannot be found. God's Word, the Bible tells all about these two ways.

The narrow way is a heavenly way, a way of life, of joy, peace and gladness; it is a way of light, no darkness is upon this way as Jesus is the way and in Him is no darkness at all. Jesus says, "I am the light of the world." John 9:5. All they that are upon this strait and narrow way are there because it is a way of lift and light.

The broad way is a way of darkness and all those that are upon this way love darkness rather than light because their deeds are evil. John 3:19. That is why the majority of the human family are traveling upon the way of sin and death because their deeds are evil and their life of sin has so blinded their eyes that they are not able to see their dead and lost condition. Oh, the awful wretchedness of sins that the sinner is bound with. It is no wonder that Jesus called it the way of sin and death, it has the right name.

Destruction is the certain doom of all those who are upon this broad way of sin and death. The sinner is to blame for it, as he has made sin his choice. The sinner has a will and is able to use it either way as he can be saved if he wills it that way. Salvation is free; it has been provided for all the human family. All those that are on the broad way of sin and death may have salvation if they will give up their sinful life and pass through the strait gate which means to have a spiritual birth and walk in the way of life. To pass through this gate will remove all the crooks and knots from them so they will be strait. It is far better to be strait even if it only leaves you as small as a two by four as it is much better to be that way and get home to glory than to stay in the broad way of sin and death and be lost forever.

To enter in at the strait gate means to take the Bible way from earth to heaven as the Bible is God's way and it is a way of love. Love is the power that binds all the saved together and makes them one in Christ Jesus. This strait way is a way of truth. There is no real truth upon the broad way and no peace. God said, There is no peace for the wicked as they are like the troubled sea, continually casting up mire and dirt. Look at the world today and in the past, wars and murders which all belongs to the broad way. Oh, that the human

family would take the strait and narrow way.

When the sinner enters in at the strait gate he is passing from death unto life. He leaves the broad way of sin and death and passes to the narrow way of life. One life, one way and one gate; that way is Jesus as He said, "I am the door." John 10:7. This strait gate and narrow way is a bright shining way and there is no division upon this way. All that are upon this way of life have the same Spirit and this Spirit will never cause any division but all will be brought together, they strive together, and all have the same mind, the mind of Christ. This is the only way that is life eternal. It is everlasting life. It is the Bible way. The full history of this way is given in the Bible. If a man will take the Bible route he will be like the man that Jesus tells about who built his house upon a Rock, a foundation that is sure to stand. The important part about building a house is a good solid foundation and it will stand, it will remain unshaken. The storms and floods will not have any effect upon it. The foundation is Jesus, He is the Rock of our salvation. He is the chief corner stone.

I pray God to Keep every one that is upon this Rock to stand firm for all the words of Jesus, do them and live them out in their every day life as this is the strait narrow way of life. —F. W. Spour.

CORRESPONDENCE

Glonconda, Ill. —Dear Bro. and Sister Pruitt: I have a sister with her leg broken and a tumor has formed. I am asking your prayers for her and my own family. Also for an aged father, that isn't very strong after a seige of flu. —Mrs. Willie E. Lands.

Foss, Okla. —Faith and Victory, Dear Saints in God, you will find enclosed 25 cents for the little paper, and I want to tell you how wonderfully I was healed through the prayers of God's dear children. I requested prayer of your Faith House and was healed, thank the good Lord for my healing! I was afflicted 5 months but praise the Lord I am healed. I have been healed a number of times in the last 20 years, thank the Lord.

Well please send me some little tracts; that is the only way I have to help draw people to the Lord. I sure enjoy giving the tracts and papers to others.

I have a large family and also have 4 orphan children besides my own to take care of, but I am trusting the Lord to help me.

Your Sister in Christ, —Mrs. A. M. Huey.

Ithaca, Ohio —Dear Bro. Pruitt and loved ones at Faith Publishing House, Greeting in the all conquering name of Jesus. I feel impressed to write you of the kindness of our dear Heavenly Father in healing our little son James of a severe loin rupture. I had written you a time or two to pray for him, and the dear Saints here had prayed. So last Feb. 3rd on Wednesday morning God touched and healed him which I appreciate and thank Him for with all my heart.

The Lord has been so dear to me. Dear old brother Key has been rather poorly lately.

Brother, here is a dollar of the Lord's money as I

note in the paper your tract stock is low, but use it where you need it. I was made to weep and thank God as I read some of the good testimonies of God's blessed dealings with His people in the paper. Glory be to His name forever and ever. May God's love, mercy and peace ever keep, sustain and comfort you is our prayer.

Your Bro. and Sister in Christ,

—W. A. McCoy and wife.

Hennessey, Okla. —To the dear Saints scattered abroad: Greeting in the precious name of Jesus. Today finds me still saved, and living for the dear Lord, and I mean to continue to press the battle on until the crown is won. The Lord is good to me. When I am sick He heals my body. Some time ago I was very bad sick and I called on Him and He answered. Praise His dear name. He is a wonderful God. I am asking Him to draw me closer to Him every day of my life. Dear ones, pray that I be faithful until the end. Your Sister in the one body, —Annie Wiley.

Okmulgee, Okla. —To the Saints of God: Greeting. I thank the good Lord that I am keeping saved. I am trusting the Lord for soul and body. I have been very feeble this winter, but the God whom I serve daily has healed me without me taking a dose of medicine. I have not taken any medicine since the summer of 1900. I do not get out very much, but I am not idle. You may count on me staying with the truth, because I expect to go through at any cost. Last November I assisted Bro. D. S. Richardson in a meeting at Reform, Ala. About seven precious souls found the way to the cross. The sick was healed also. They are still rejoicing in the God of their salvation. They are planning on building a meeting house this year. I expect to go back there in June, the Lord willing.

I solicit your earnest prayers that I cling closely to the old rugged cross and exchange it some day for a crown. —L. L. Jackson.

E. Akron, Ohio. To the Saints, greeting. Today finds me saved and encouraged to follow the dear Lord all the way. The Lord is blessing us as a congregation, giving good services with encouragement and inspiration. We are made to say many times that the God of Jacob is with us. We are striving daily to make full use of the talents that God has given us and be faithful unto death. I desire the prayers of all the people of God. Your Sister, all on the altar —Cordelia R. Jones.

Greenfield, Mo. —Dear Saints of God: Greetings in Jesus precious name. I am so glad I can still say, I'm still saved, sanctified and rejoicing in my Saviour's love. It has been some time since I have written, but I want you all to know I haven't backslidden. My desire is to go on and make heaven my home by all means. I am praying that the dear Lord will talk to the unsaved so that they can't have rest or sleep until they find Jesus sweet to their soul. I want to do all I can for this lost and dying world. I ask the prayers of the saints that I may stay true to God. Yours for true holiness,

—Thelma Hail.

◆ « Young People's Section » ◆

Time Is Swiftly Passing By



Time is swiftly passing,
Oh let us watch and pray,
Consecrate more time in fasting,
To be ready at the judgment day.

Time is precious, do not waste it,
To the glory of God spend each day,
Be led by the Holy Spirit,
In every thing we do and say.

Let us be up and doing,
For we have no time to loose,
Heaven or hell we are choosing,
What are we going to do?

The time that knows us now,
Will soon know us no more,
We are working for a crown,
Over on the other shore.

Now is the accepted time,
Now is the day of salvation,
Will you be loving and kind,
Come and accept the invitation.

Time rolls on to a perfect day,
Oh may we do our very best,
While living here in every way,
To reach that land of perfect rest.

Josephine Taylor.

EDITORIALS

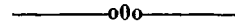
At this season of the year we commemorate the crucifixion and resurrection of our Savior, Jesus Christ. In silent meditation we ponder upon that divine expression of God's redeeming love. It was a supreme sacrifice, and it was the only sacrifice that could atone and take away man's transgression. This way of redemption was provided voluntarily on the part of Christ, which proves that man was the object of God's love. Such love—dying love—should win the heart of every person who comes to a knowledge of what it cost to effect their eternal salvation on Calvary's cross.

Christ's disciples accepted Him as the long-promised Messiah who should bring salvation and redemption to the world. They followed Him and believed in Him. Then toward the end of His earthly ministry

He told them He must go away. This statement troubled them. Soon after, He was arrested and brought before the rulers. Fear and disappointment came to the disciples, and they were scattered as sheep without a shepherd. Christ was condemned to suffer on the cross as the worse criminal between two thieves. The first bright hopes of His disciples had now become very dim. The crucifixion took place, and He was laid in the tomb. To the disciples this was the greatest disappointment in their life—their King was in the tomb! Hopes for the future were seemingly completely gone. But God had a wonderful appointment in their disappointment. They did not know that death was the way of victory, nor did they understand that Divine Justice demanded that death be the penalty for a broken law.

Death and the grave did not have the victory, but it was merely an entrance to victory, triumphant over sin, hell and the grave. On the third day there was a great earthquake. The angel of the Lord descended from Heaven, rolled back the stone and sat upon it. Jesus Christ came forth an ever-living Savior. Early on the third day, certain women came to see the sepulchre. The tomb was empty, and the angel told them the good news, "He is not here, for He is risen." This is the great truth for us today—to realize that Christ came forth from the tomb a "King of kings and Lord of lords." He said of Himself, "All power is given unto me, both in heaven and in earth." We are glad to witness that we are serving an ever-living Savior who has all power both in heaven and in earth.

—L. D. P.



Dear young people: It has been a long time since I have written in this column, but God has kept me saved and taught me many lessons. One of the lessons He taught me is to lean upon Him. God is a jealous God and wants us to look to Him and not look to man.

I didn't realize how much I had leaned upon my parents for spiritual help until I got away from them. And many trials have come and I would want to look to them, but they were so far away, and finally I became in despair. I was so burdened and bothered about so many things around me, and I didn't have anyone that I felt like I could go to for help and encouragement. And that night before we retired I

cried and prayed unto God to help me. I just threw myself on Him, as there was no one else that could help my husband and me.

That was just where the Lord wanted me. He wanted me to look to Him and Him alone. And God will never fail us when we do that. He doesn't always work in the same way. But my help came through a dream.

I dreamed I was in a lot of confusion and I asked this one to help me and that one, but no one could do anything. Then the scene seemed to change and I was in church and my father was preaching. All of a sudden I began to hear some beautiful singing. I wondered where it was coming from. Then above the others I seemed to hear Bro. Robinson's voice, and it came to me "the saints in heaven are singing. It was so beautiful, not because they held the whole notes or stopped at all the rests, but it was so full of the Spirit of God. Then it seemed others began to hear it and every one began to shout and praise the Lord. It seemed the glory of God swept over us. It seemed our hearts swelled up with love for everyone. It seemed no one was timid or held back, but all praised the Lord.

I woke up then, and I just lay there crying and praising the Lord for the encouragement He had given me. I felt stronger from then on. It seemed God had made me know I didn't need anyone else to help me, but I could serve Him anywhere and I could look to Him for encouragement.

I do praise Him for all He is to me. So remember my husband and me in prayer. With Christian love.

—Mrs. Marie (Pruitt) Miles.

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PEACE

"When a man's ways please the Lord he maketh even his enemies to be at peace with him." Pro. 16:7. We must seek the plan of peace which is already made; no other foundation can be laid. Then let us build thereon with faith and His grace will never fail.

"Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid." John 14:27. O how sad it is to see trouble on every hand, wars, strikes and all but peace and love. "Blessed are the peacemakers for they shall be called the children of God." Matt. 5:9. Oh that men would take God's way for peace, "and the peace of God which passeth all understanding shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus." There never was a time that united prayer was more needed than now, in such troublesome times, and we should say God's

will be done, not mine. "And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful." Col. 3:15. "God hath called us to peace." 1 Cor. 7:15. "If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men." Rom. 12:18. "For kings and for all that are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty." "Oh that thou hadst hearkened to my commandments! then had thy peace been as a river, and thy righteousness as the waves of the sea." Isa. 48:18. "There is no peace, saith the Lord, unto the wicked." Isa. 48:22.

Then let us humble ourselves in the sight of the Lord and trust in His strength for He hath all power in heaven and in earth, and He is the only one that can bring us out of this present situation. "But the meek shall inherit the earth; and shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace." Psalms 37:11. "As for such as turn aside unto their crooked ways, the Lord shall lead them forth with the workers of iniquity: but peace shall be upon Israel." Psalms 125:5.

—Lucy A. Jones.

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Madisonville, Tenn. —To all the dear saints I send greetings of holy love in Jesus' precious name. Today finds me saved and sanctified and enjoying this wonderful salvation. I truly thank and praise the dear Lord for calling me out of an ungodly man-made church.

Dear unsaved reader, if you are seeking Christ, and hungering and thirsting after righteousness, read God's Word for yourself asking Him to give you wisdom and understanding, for He said in the 5th chapter of Matthew, "Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness, for they shall be filled." Give God's Word a square deal. God's true preachers will teach you his holy Word, as they did me. Praise His Holy Name.

No man-made church, but God's alone,
Is built on Jesus, the corner stone:
Though wicked men this church assail,
The gates of hell cannot prevail;
With Jesus alone, with Jesus alone,
The only foundation, the chief corner stone,
Through faith in God, through Jesus blood,
We're members of the Church of God.

Dear saints, pray for me, for I stand alone in my home for God. There are only a few saints here. Pray for us that we may always be led only by the Spirit of God. Yours for the whole truth,

—Mrs. Rosa Cook.

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Ponchatoula, La. —Faith Publishing House: Just a few lines to say I enjoy reading Faith and Victory so much that I don't want to miss a copy. I wish it was a weekly paper instead of monthly.

I believe my subscription will soon be out so I am sending 25 cents to renew it for another year. Please extend it when it is out. I want you all to pray for me. Yours truly,
—Mrs. Eleinor Robertson.

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The Virgin Birth Of Our Lord Jesus Christ

The virgin birth of the Lord Jesus Christ is one of the fundamentals of the faith most strongly and severely attacked by unsaved men in the pulpit and out of it. During the last two or three months I have received letters from men who want to argue on the subject of the virgin birth of Jesus

I find some young people, contemplating going to Bible School, are asking if church history is essential. By all means it is. In looking over the pages of church history I find that the Ebionites were the first company of people that denied the virgin birth of Jesus. I found that Cerinthus, who lived in the days of John the apostle, took a positive stand against the virgin birth of Jesus; and we find that his position was endorsed by Paine, Voltaire and others. There are some very wise men connected with Chicago University that disbelieve in the virgin birth of Christ. They say they cannot understand it. They may not, but Matthew, Mark and Luke understood. We believe it because God's Word says so.

In the first place, the Word of God says that Jesus Christ was born of a virgin, “Therefore the Lord Himself shall give you a sign: Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.” Now, according to the Word of God, Jesus Christ had to be the son of a virgin. Anselm says there are four ways that God can make a man. First, by natural conception; second, God made a man without the help of man or woman, as He did Adam; third, God made the woman without the help of man, as He did Eve; fourth, He made another Man without the help of man, as He did Jesus Christ. Jesus Christ had to be the son of a virgin in order to be the seed of woman alone. Had Joseph been His literal father, Jesus Christ would not have been the seed of woman alone but the seed of man. We find that the Messiah was to be the Son of God, not only the son of a virgin, but also the Son of God. “And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God.” (Luke 1:35). This is a plain statement of fact.

As I study the Word of God I find that Jesus Christ has a fourfold relation to us as revealed in the four gospels. I turn to Isaiah 11:1 and I read, “And there shall come forth a rod out of the STEM

OF JESSE, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots." This is the aspect given by Matthew in his gospel, who shows us that Christ is the kingly Son from the house of David.

In Zech. 3:8 we read, "Behold, I will bring forth My SERVANT the Branch." This is the aspect that we have of our Lord Jesus in Mark's gospel.

In Zech. 6:12 we read, "Behold the MAN whose name is the Branch." This is the aspect of Christ that Luke gives us.

In Isa. 4:2 He is referred to as the Branch of Jehovah, and the prophet speaks of Him, saying, "In that day shall THE BRANCH OF THE LORD be beautiful and glorious." This is the aspect that John gives us of Jesus Christ.

God so arranged it that Jesus Christ was a Branch, and as a Branch He was grafted into the human family. Following the natural course of nature, the branch that is grafted in bears its own fruit and not the fruit of the root. I was in California and saw men grafting orange stock on to lemon trees, and the trees bore the oranges and not the lemons. Jesus Christ became a Branch in order to be grafted into the human tree, and He bore His own fruit and not the fruit of the human family.

I find in Him the seed of the woman: I find the Second Adam. How did Jesus become the seed of the woman? His conception was supernatural and He as a Branch was grafted into the human family. We need to teach the world and the church that Jesus Christ was "the seed of the woman" and all the rest of us are the seed of man. This is the reason that Jesus Christ as the Second Adam was enabled to undertake what He did. The Messiah had to be the legal heir of Joseph. We find that Joseph and Mary were of unbroken descent from David and were the legal heirs of David; Joseph from Solomon, and Mary through Nathan. I have carefully gone over the whole range of the genealogy from David down, and I find it is clearly stated. In the 3rd chapter of Luke Joseph is called the son of Eli. He became the son of Eli because he was engaged to Mary and that brought him into that family. A Jewish rabbi told me that according to Jewish law (Deut. 22:23-24). 'Betrothal under the law involved the legal status of wedlock.' When Joseph found out the condition of Mary he was going to cast her aside, but Gabriel had the law on his side when he said, "Fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost." Now we find that Jesus Christ was a des-

endant of the house of David through Mary and Joseph.

According to the genealogy we find that in Joseph He was a Son of David: in Mary He was a Son of man; and in the Holy Spirit He was the Son of God. In Joseph He is the heir of Israel, in Mary the heir of the world, and in the Holy Spirit the heir of all things. I met four men in Chicago and gave them this simple outline and three of them said, "I understand, I will never again doubt the virgin birth of the Lord Jesus Christ."

Why did Jesus Christ become the seed of the woman? God had said the seed of the woman would bruise the serpent's head. Jesus Christ as the seed of the woman had to pay the debt that the first Adam contracted. He satisfied the divine law as the seed of the woman. He had to do what the first Adam could not accomplish because he fell. In Jesus Christ, the seed of the woman, we have the Second Adam. The question comes, "What is the supreme reason for the virgin birth?" The body of Jesus Christ was offered to God the Father as a whole burnt offering. It was a God-ward offering. He offered Himself as the Lamb of God. In order to be able to do this He had to take upon Himself a human body.

Why was Bethlehem a necessity? Because Calvary demanded it. The reason He came to Bethlehem was that He might go to Calvary.

I had a vision of the whole world embraced within four walls, and Mercy, with a company of angels, was walking along the walls. They looked over the walls and saw the world in terrible agony. Some of the angels said to Mercy, "Why don't you step in and bring relief?" Mercy replied, "I cannot, the gate of brass is locked." There came from the opposite direction an individual, a type of divine Justice. He looked over the scene with a stern countenance. Then an individual asked the question, "What are your conditions for opening the gate?" and the answer came back, "Life for death." Someone stepped from the company and said, "I accept the condition." A contract was drawn. On the morning of the Crucifixion Divine Justice met Mercy and said, "Where is He that is going to fulfill His contract?" Mercy pointed to the cross of Calvary and said, "Yonder He is." The contract was presented to the One who had made it and Jesus Christ said, "I will fulfill that contract at three o'clock this afternoon." The holy fire came and consumed the sacrifice. Jesus Christ, the seed of the woman, fulfilled the contract and the brazen door was opened, and Mercy came in and people received Mercy.

I am glad that I can preach to the lost world that we have a Second Adam, the seed of the woman, and that we have access to God and can approach the Father through Him. Let us EMPHASIZE THAT. God the Father could not die, God the Holy Spirit could not die. Let us praise God for the Second Adam, the last Adam. First, He is the Son of a virgin according to prophecy; and He had to be that, for if Joseph had been His literal father He would have been the seed of man. His miraculous conception makes Him the seed of the woman. He bore His own fruits and not the fruits of the sinful race. He was descended from the house of David. This holy thing born of Mary was the Son of God, and through Him, "the seed of the woman," we have access to the Father and become members of the family of God. —Selected.

How He Runs

How goes the man of wisdom's choice?
The man that runs the way of life,
Whose eyes are on the promised prize,
That man will conquer in the strife.

He turns not to the right nor left,
But lets his eyes look on before;
He keeps control of his own self,
As victors in the days of yore.

Wisdom is his guide and rule:
He runs according to its laws,
Therefore he never weary grows,
And has no need to stop or pause.

The girdle of his loins is truth,
His shield and buckler is the same,
And starting in the days of youth,
He runs by faith in Jesus' name.

Thus he is sure to win the prize,
He can not miss; he can not fail:
But to the goal in Paradise,
Will be the ending of his trail.
—Ulysses Phillips.

CIGARETTES SPOIL BOYS FOR HIS BUSINESS

George W. Alden is head of the big mercantile establishment in Brockton, Mass., that bears his name. Here are his views on the efficiency and desirability of the cigarette-smoking boy:

"So far as I know none of my employees smoke cigarettes. We don't hire that kind of boys or men. My

observation has taught me that cigarette-smoking boys are woefully lacking in both ambition and decision. They soon become dull, smoke-befuddled boys. I let them know that cigarettes spoil boys for my business."

EVANGELINE BOOTH

"Drink has shed more blood, hung more crepe, sold more homes, plunged more people into bankruptcy, armed more villains, slain more children, snapped more wedding rings, defied more innocence, blinded more eyes, dethroned more reason, wrecked more manhood, dishonored more womanhood, broken more hearts, blasted more lives, driven more to suicide and dug more graves than any other scourge that has cursed the world."

—Evangeline Booth

The Bible says: "For it became him, for whom are all things, and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons unto glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings." Hebrews 2:10.

"Study to shew thyself approved unto God."

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"The entrance of thy words giveth light."

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Sunday, April 4, 1937.

GOD THE CREATOR DAILY READINGS AND MEDITATION

March 29,—April 3.

- M. Creation of Matter. Gen. 1:1-5.
- T. Creation of Man. Gen. 1:26-31.
- W. Christ in Creation. John 1:1-5.
- T. Preeminence of the Creator. Isa. 40:12-17.
- F. Creation of man. Isa. 45:8-13.
- S. Creation and worship. Acts 17:24-29.

Printed Portion.....Gen. 1:1-5, 26-31.

Gen. 1:1 In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.

2 And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.

3 And God said, Let there be light: and there was light.

4 And God saw the light, that it was good: and God divided the light from the darkness.

5 And God called the light Day, and the darkness

he called Night. And the evening and the morning were the first day.

26 And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.

27 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him: male and female created he them.

28 And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.

29 And God said, Behold, I have given you every herb bearing seed which is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree, in the which is the fruit of a tree yielding seed; to you it shall be for meat.

30 And to every beast of the earth, and to every fowl of the air, and to every thing that creepeth upon the earth, wherein there is life, I have given every green herb for meat: and it was so.

31 And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, it was very good. And the evening and the morning were the sixth day.

Devotional Reading, Psalm, 8.

Memory Verse: So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him: male and female created he them.

Practical Truth: Because God is our Creator we are responsible to Him and under obligation to obey Him.

POINTS FOR EMPHASIS

- 1 God The Maker of All
 - A Without Beginning, without ending.
 - B Inhabits Eternity.
- 2 Our Obligation.
 - A The Capacities that man possesses.
 - B Right to Choose, conscience, will worship.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

It is not necessary to prove that there is a God, because the heavens, earth and all creation declare that an all-wise and all-powerful force is ruling above any possible powers of man. By the inspiration of God, the mind of a child readily accepts God as a supreme being. The savage and the heathen are conscious of a Supreme power, thus Satan takes advantage of their unlearned condition and by the teaching of false prophets many are deceived. All human beings are in possession of a God-given principle that can be satisfied only by coming in contact with God the Maker.

Because man is the highest creation and is endowed with these faculties, such as reasoning power, a will to decide and choose, an emotion and affection to comfort and satisfy, man becomes obligated and responsible for the manner he uses these God-given faculties.

Man was made in the likeness of God, Holy pure and undefiled. By Adam's sin man fell from this holy state and the sin principle is transmitted from parent to child even unto this present generation. This inherited sin

must be purged out by the Holy Spirit. We need not to be pardoned from this sin because we, individually are not responsible for Adam's transgression. In as much as the curtain which closed the Holy of Holies was rent from top to bottom at Christ's crucifixion we now have access by Christ unto that Holy state in which man was at the beginning. This is a definite and distinct work of grace obtainable only by those whose actual transgression have been blotted from God's book and are desirous of knowing the entire will concerning them. We need not live so that we must ask God two or three times a day to forgive us our many transgressions, but Christ entered once for all, and we are now able to live triumphant over sin.

Sunday, April 11, 1937.

THE SIN OF ADAM AND EVE DAILY READINGS AND MEDITATION

April 5 to April 10

M. The beginning of sin. Gen. 3:1-6.

T. What sin brought. Gen. 3:7-15.

W. Sin is universal. Rom. 3:9-18.

T. Sins of Flesh. Eph. 5:3-12.

F. Sin Revealed by the law. Rom. 7:7-13.

S. Individual accountability. Ezek. 18: 1-4.

Printed PortionGenesis 3:1-15.

Gen. 3:1 Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the Lord God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?

2 And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of th fruit of the trees of the garden:

3 But the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die.

4 And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die:

5 For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.

6 And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat.

7 And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons.

8 And they heard the voice of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God amongst the trees of the garden.

9 And the Lord God called unto Adam, and said unto him, Where art thou?

10 And he said, I heard thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself.

11 And he said, Who told thee that thou wast naked? Hast thou eaten of the tree, whereof I commanded thee that thou shouldest not eat?

12 And the man said, The woman whom thou gavest

to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat.

13 And the Lord God said unto the woman, What is this that thou hast done? And the woman said, The serpent beguiled me, and I did eat.

14 And the Lord God said unto the serpent, Because thou hast done this, thou art cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field; upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life:

15 And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.

Memory Verse: And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.

Practical Truth: Sin causes a sense of guilt and fear of God.

Place—Near the Tigris and Euphrates Rivers.

POINTS FOR EMPHASIS

1 The Garden of Eden.

A God has supplied all needs.

B Command Given.

2 The Test

A Considering temptation, Yielding.

B First Adam fell—2nd Adam stood true.

3 Result.

A Man Driven From God's presence.

B The effect upon Adam and Even—upon us—upon the entire world.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

To what conclusion shall we come in regard to these mysteries. Adam and Eve placed in a beautiful garden, every need supplied, comradeship with God and yet man chose to take an opposite course and suffer the consequences. Sin is an intruder yet man chooses it as his guest. Not only does man intenerate sin, but he toils to maintain it. He denies himself that he might embrace it more fully. He yields to it although he is conscious of its self destruction. Man may be instructed and warned of these diastorous results yet man goes on indulging in sin. Is not this a mystery. A way of escape made yet man chose to continue in sin.

Why do they do it? There is only one answer. Man takes sin to his bosom because he loves it. In John's gospel we find, "He that believeth.....is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned alreadyand this is condemnation thatmen love darkness rather than light." Man will do these things embracing sin and yet charge God with damning their souls—men dam themselves and do so with eyes open because the love for sin lures them on.

Would to God that men would awake to righteousness and sin not, because the wages of sin is death, eternal death. Separated forever from God and every thing that is good.

Sunday, April 18, 1937.

THE EFFECTS OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES DAILY READINGS AND MEDITATION

April 12, to April 17.

M. A punishment for vice. Gen. 19:23-29.

T. Intemperance in the nation. Deut. 43:28-33.

W. Effects of intemperance. Prov. 23:29-32.

T. Wine and wickedness. Hosea 4:6-10.

F. The drunkard's doom. Deut. 29:19-24.

S. The great destroyer. Isaiah 5:11-14.

Printed PortionGenesis 13:13; Gen. 19:23-25; Deut: 32:31-33. Proverbs 23:29-32.

Gen. 13:13 But the men of Sodom were wicked and sinners before the Lord exceedingly.

Gen. 19:23 The sun was risen upon the earth when Lot entered into Zoar.

24 Then the Lord rained upon Sodom and Gomorrah brimstone and fire from the Lord out of heaven;

25 And he overthrew those cities, and all the plain, and all the inhabitants of the cities, and that which grew upon the ground.

Deut. 32:31 For their rock is not as our Rock, even our enemies themselves being judges.

32 For their vine is of the vine of Sodom, and of the fields of Gomorrah: their grapes are grapes of gall, their clusters are bitter:

33 Their wine is the poison of dragons, and the cruel venom of asps.

Proverbs 23:29 Who hath woe? who hath sorrow? who hath contentions? who hath babbling? who hath wounds without cause? who hath redness of eyes?

30 They that tarry long at the wine; they that go to seek mixed wine.

31 Look not thou upon the wine when it is red, when it giveth his colour in the cup, when it moveth itself aright.

32 At the last it biteth like a serpent, and stingeth like an adder.

Memory Verse: Look not thou upon the wine when it is red, when it giveth his colour in the cup, when it moveth itself aright.

Practical Truth—The evil effects of alcohol upon the body should cause every prudent person to abstain from its use entirely.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

For many years the physical effect of alcohol upon the body has been evident, but of late years science has proven the effects on the different organs of the body. A poison is defined as "anything that, absorbed into the blood, which harms or interferes with the proper operation of any of the organs of the body." The word intoxicate means literally, to poison.

Chloroform, ether, morphine and alcohol are a group of narcotics. Alcohol is the only one that man can drink, and since it is so easily made it becomes a great enemy to the human race.

It would be good to refer to a physiology and study the effects of alcohol upon the physical body. Alcohol effects the nervous system by dulling it and hindering it from functioning properly. Alcohol enters directly into the blood and begins at once to act upon the corpuscles, lowering the vital resistance of the body thus making the body an easy prey to disease germs. The effect of alcohol upon the heart, liver, mind and many other parts of the body is well known and if these effects are pictur-

ed in the minds of our young people it will no doubt help them to steer clear of the monstrous evil of drink.

If the physical harm did to the body was all the harvest reaped from alcohol it would be more tolerable but when we think of the suffering brought to innocent children, the lack of food and clothing, the abuse, the lack of the influence of an example to guide and instruct and greatest of all its deadly effect upon the soul, we are ready to sound aloud the warning against this sinful vice. Strong drink will bring dark blotches over a soul faster than any evil we know of.

Today, in speaking with a police sergeant concerning the crime of our youth, he told us that the reform schools were filled to overflowing. That room could only be spared for the worst ones. He also said that in the insane asylum some had to sleep on the floor and that it was next to impossible to gain admission for an inmate. The penal institutions and hospitals of our so called Christian nation are also filled to capacity because of that dreadful disease sin.

Sunday, April 25, 1937.

THE OBEDIENCE OF NOAH DAILY READINGS AND MEDITATION

April 19, to April 24.

- M. God's promise to Noah. Gen. 8:22.
T. The covenant of the rainbow. Gen. 9:8-17.
W. The righteous protected. Psalm 91:1-6.
T. Obedience and prosperity. Deut. 30:6-10.
F. Love the motive of obedience. John 14:21-28.
S. Spiritual blessings promised. Psalm 24:1-5.

Printed Portion Gen. 8:20-22. Gen. 9:8-17.

Gen. 8:20 And Noah builded an altar unto the Lord; and took of every clean beast, and of every clean fowl, and offered burnt offerings on the altar.

21 And the Lord smelled a sweet savor; and the Lord said in his heart, I will not again curse the ground any more for man's sake; for the imagination of man's heart is evil from his youth; neither will I again smite any more every thing living, as I have done.

22 While the earth remaineth, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease.

Gen. 9:8 And God spake unto Noah, and to his sons with him, saying,

9 And I, behold, I establish my covenant with you, and with your seed after you;

10 And with every living creature that is with you, of the fowl, of the cattle, and of every beast of the earth with you; from all that go out of the ark, to every beast of the earth.

11 And I will establish my covenant with you; neither shall all flesh be cut off any more by the waters of a flood; neither shall there any more be a flood to destroy the earth.

12 And God said, This is the token of the covenant which I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for perpetual generations:

13 I do set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be for a token of a covenant between me and the earth.

14 And it shall come to pass, when I bring a cloud

over the earth, that the bow shall be seen in the cloud:

15 And I will remember my covenant, which is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall no more become a flood to destroy all flesh.

16 And the bow shall be in the cloud; and I will look upon it, that I may remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is upon the earth.

17 And God said unto Noah, This is the token of the covenant which I have established between me and all flesh that is upon the earth.

Memory Verse: While the earth remaineth, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease.

Practical Truth—Our safety in this world and the next lies in obedience to God.

Places—The Mesopotamian valley. "The mountain of Ararat" where the ark rested.

POINTS FOR EMPHASIS

- 1 Cause of the flood.
 - A Faithfulness.
 - B How does faith aid in obedience?
- 2 The Ark—
 - A Only safe refuge then.
 - B Christ our refuge now.
- 3 Our building (On the Rock, or on the sand).
 - A All must meet the storm.
 - B Result depends upon our preparation.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

Straight forwardness and decision means a lot to us in time of trial. Had Noah not had his eyes on something other than the surrounding conditions, no doubt he would have become discouraged and gave heed to the scoffers and non-believers that came against him. Not only did his own security depend upon his faithfulness, but the security of others. Let us remember that if we faint by the way, many others are affected. One time a wicked young man said on his death bed, "Bury my influence with me." He realized that his wasted life of reveling had encouraged many others to go wrong. How sad it is for people to neglect the salvation of their soul, then awaken to realize when too late, that they have not only damned their own soul but that the blood of others is required at their hands.

What a contrast this is to the one who yields and becomes obedient to the still small voice, that when the summons comes they may hear, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joys of the Lord." Surely we will reap that which we have sown. It will be well with us if we can look back over a life spent in the service of God and have been the means of others finding refuge in the ark of safety, which is Christ. There are many things concerning Noah and the ark that are interesting, but if we fail to apply the saving grace to our own souls we have still missed out.

Our study for next month begins with "Abraham a man of faith." Gen. 11:27 to 20:18.

Let each of us put all we have into the service of God.