

# FAITH AND VICTORY

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HAVE FAITH  
IN GOD



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FOR ALL  
CHRISTIANS

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## A Looking Glass

I'd like to tell this busy world  
Of men and women, boys and girls,  
What I discovered with surprise,  
By looking in my brother's eyes.

Close to my brother, he to me;  
Looking to see what we could see,  
To tell this I should all recline,  
Had he not found the same in mine.

I saw myself, he saw himself,  
And then we parted, right and left;  
I sought a mirror then to study  
More about self instead of buddy.

I quickly learned the reason why,  
My Savior told me to deny  
That giant; though pretended elf,  
Known as my own deceitful self.

Then precious souls who would be wise,  
Seek for the harm in your own eyes:  
Nothing for service can surpass  
The Bible as a Looking Glass.

—G. W. McMillan.

## Christian Living

In order to live a Christian life one must first become a Christian. "Wherewith shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before the high God?"

The prophet asks a question, which should come first in the mind and heart of every one who wants to live right. In the 8th verse he says, "He hath shewed thee, O man, what is good." And, how has he showed us? We read in Heb. 1:1, 2, "God who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son." Therefore, what Jesus says about it is the way you and I will have to come before God in order to be accepted of Him. "Repent ye and believe the gospel" (Mark 1:

15). This is the way Jesus tells us to come, and the Word of God explains what is meant by repenting.

First of all one must realize they are sinners and are lost forever without forgiveness. (Rom. 3:23; 6:23.) Then we must be really sorry that we have sinned against the God who has created us for His pleasure (Rev. 4:11), and loved us so much that he gave His only begotten Son for our redemption. (John 3:16.) Also, we read in Prov. 28:13, "He that covereth his sins shall not prosper, but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy." Again, we read, "If we confess our sins He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:9). When we do this and believe in the forgiveness and atonement of Jesus, we are converted or changed, or born again of the Spirit of God. There is something from above that comes into our lives; it is the Spirit of love, which makes us love everybody. (John 3:1-8.) This is the Spirit of Christ which all must have or we are none of his. (Rom. 8:9.) We are then Christians and ready to begin living a Christian life. Let us now consider some more thoughts found in Micah 6:8: "He hath shewed thee, O man, what is good, and what doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy and to walk humbly with thy God?"

Here we see the first principle of the Christian life is honesty. You must be honest with God and your own soul to become a Christian, and you must continue to be honest with God and your own soul, also your fellow man, if you continue to be one, for we have renounced the hidden things of dishonesty and put away lying, to speak every one the truth with his neighbor. (2 Cor. 4:2; Eph. 4:25.) We see by these scriptures, also Matt. 7:1-12, that the Christian will be honest in business, in conversation, and in all things he will do to others as he would have them do to him.

The second principal of the Christian life is to love mercy, because it is the wonderful mercy of the heavenly Father that brought the Saviour into this world to deliver us from the bondage of sin. And if God was merciful enough to forgive us all the wickedness and disobedience of our past lives, we surely will be willing also to forgive our fellow men. The Spirit of Christ in us will cause us to follow Him in judgment. What was the judgment of Christ? And how did it work? The Word teaches us that He judged that the world was lost in sin and had great need of a Saviour. He was willing to leave His home in glory and come here and live a self-sacrificing life, and finally die the cruel death on the cross to save them. And He did not condemn the people, even those who rejected Him, but left the Word of God as a witness against them, which shall judge them at the last day. John (3:16; 12:47-50.) The hypocrites are the only class of people against whom Jesus hurled judgment without mercy. See Matt. 23:13-33. We will love righteousness and hate iniquity, as He did, (Heb. 1:8, 9; 1 Pet. 2:21, 22.), thus following in His steps.

The third principal of the Christian life is to "walk humbly with thy God," which is a most important part of the Christian life, "For God resisteth the proud but giveth grace to the humble" (1 Pet. 5:5.) "And whosoever shall exalt himself shall be abased and he that shall humble himself shall be exalted." (Matt. 23:12.) God dwells with the humble, (Isa. 57:15,) and He dwells only with His servants. "No man can serve two masters" (Matt. 6:24.) So, if we are humble we can walk with God and be safe, but if we be lifted up with pride we are in danger, for pride goeth before destruction and a haughty spirit before a fall" (Prov. 16:18.) Pride is a terrible thing. It had its beginning at the first, when our mother Eve listened to the serpent in the garden of Eden. While she and her husband were humble, God talked with them and told them the one thing they should not do, even as she told the serpent, but when she listened to the serpent's temptation, she gave place in her heart to this evil principal, which lifted her up in her own estimation so much that she was willing to believe the serpent rather than God who had created her. This evil thing has been in the hearts of mankind ever since, defiling and corrupting them, making them unfit for God's service and pleasure. (Mark 7:21-23.) But Jesus came to deliver us from all of these evils and to give us a new heart. (Ezek. 11:19.) So, if these things are in our lives we need

salvation and can still obtain it, for it is to whosoever will. Pride has several different ways of showing itself. It is the seed. The fruits are the deeds which it causes. And if it is in the heart it will manifest itself in one way or another, for Jesus says, "There is nothing covered that shall not be revealed and hid that shall not be known" (Matt. 10:26.) With some, it is seen in a haughty air, others show it by their conversation, others in their dealings, and others in their self-adornment. Therefore, we as Christians, need to examine our motives very carefully to see that there is no pride behind anything we do. We have much for which to be thankful but nothing of which to be proud. Humble folks will be glad when others are honored, and will rejoice with them that do rejoice and weep with them that weep. (Rom. 12:15.) —Ray Key.

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### The Savior's Love

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If you reject the Savior's love  
Full of pardon from above,  
If you wait until too late,  
Then you'll be sad some day.

The transgressor's way is hard,  
Without that holy love to guard;  
When in despair without God's care,  
Then you'll be sad some day.

Unheeding now that pleading voice,  
That heaven's angels would rejoice:  
Your hardened heart, from truth depart,  
Then you'll be sad some day.

Receive the Savior's pardoning love,  
Full of mercy from above:  
A gift that's free, to you and me,  
Then you'll be glad some day.

Mrs. Anna Taylor.

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### "BEHOLD HE PRAYETH"

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In Acts 9:10 concerning Paul's conversion, when the Lord spake to Ananias He said, "Arise go into the street which is called Straight and enquire in the house of Judas for one called Saul, of Tarsus, for **behold he prayeth**."

All down through the ages those who have succeeded in God's service, behold they prayed. More things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of.

David said, "I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills from whence cometh my help. My help cometh from the Lord which made heaven and earth." Psa'm 121:1-2. Our help comes through prayer and faith in God. Life has been spared, dead raised to life again, the sick healed, rain sent down upon the earth, and many more wonderful works done because somebody prayed.

It seemed it would cost Daniel so much yet he prayed. He knew the king had signed the decree that all who prayed would be cast into the den of lions, but "Behold he prayeth." God heard him, closed the lions' mouth, so he came forth unharmed, because he prayed.

Hannah wept sore because she had no child, was in bitterness of soul, but she prayed unto the Lord, vowed a vow that if the Lord would give her a man child she would give him unto the Lord all the days of his life. God granted her request, so she rejoiced in His salvation.

There is power in prayer. "The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much." Elijah was a man subject to like passions as we are. God heard and answered, because he prayed in faith believing.

Think, sinner friend, what it has meant to the world by Jesus going to Gethsemane. "Behold, He there prayeth." Gained the victory over the flesh consecrating Himself to the will of God, to suffer in our stead. Behold Him there as He prayed, in agony of heart. Oh, that cruel death awaiting Him. Yet He must endure it, so says, "Nevertheless, not my will, but thine be done." An angel came from heaven to strengthen Him. He prayed more earnestly. His sweat was as it were great drops of blood; falling to the ground. His consecration, death, and resurrection meant life everlasting to all who will come. "Behold the Lamb of God which taketh away the sin of the world." John 1:29.

God sent help to Saul who had been zealous in the persecution of the followers of Christ, when he prayed. His eyes were opened. God had chosen him as a vessel to bear His name unto the Gentiles, the kings and children of Israel. So he went forth, the apostle Paul, preaching the faith he had once tried to destroy.

We, too, must watch and pray. Seek oft in tears the Saviour's lovely face.

God hears and answers prayer. —Ruth Murphey.

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**GOD'S HOLY WORD**

The Word is God; the Word is Jesus Christ. They change not. Thank God we can rest in His own unchangeable word. In all God's creation He tells us it was good, very good. At the baptism of Jesus God tells us He is well pleased with His beloved Son, our only Saviour. On the mountain God speaks again and tells us to hear Jesus. Again God tells us in these last days that He speaks unto us by His Son.

St. John tells us the Word was made flesh. Jesus tells us that He gives His flesh for the life of the world. He tells us, "Except ye eat my flesh and drink my blood, ye have no life in you. There is no eternal or spiritual life in any other who can impart it to us. The blood of animals under the law was forbidden to the Jew. But here is blood every child of God drinks—and must drink in order to get into his soul the life of Jesus. The life is in the blood. Man does not want animal life. But he must have the life of Jesus or perish forever. Jesus says, "he that eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood dwelleth in me, and I in him. From that time many of His disciples went back and walked no more with Him. Many go back today.

Life is sweet to the natural man, but this eternal life is a thousand times sweeter to the spiritual man. Jesus knew the apostasy was right on the heels of the great Pentecost—when thousands of saints were filled with the Holy Ghost and fire of the Word. So he tells them not to fear him who kills the body and after that has no more that he can do—history tells us fifty three million were put to death by the Roman power.

Through Jesus' words we see how far the spiritual exceeds the natural life. May God inspire our hearts more to the study of the Word, and prayer in these perilous times. This world's cup of iniquity is fast filling up. When it is full we will all hear Gabriel's trumpet.  
—Mrs. J. Edw. Wetzel.

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**HOW I WAS BORN INTO THE CHURCH OF GOD**

In Titus 2:11-14 are some precious and convincing scriptures which arrested my attention and is still a living reality in my soul today. "For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men. Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world," etc. Since the Lord so graciously permit these scriptures to be explained and lived out before me in my early life, and the Holy Spirit, the Great Teacher, reasoned so sensibly with it, I was found void of a Bible experience. (Though my name was on a church book). Desiring to live for the Lord, yea from my childhood, I embraced the whole Truth. I received this great grace that gave me this blessed experience of salvation which blotted out all my committed sins and by the Holy Spirit burned out and cleansed my heart of the inbred sin. Thank the Lord for these wonderful graces that adopted me into the Church of God.

Truly when one partakes of God's grace they will become, godly, righteously etc., and will be an heir of God's house or Kingdom. Today I am happy that I am well sheltered; Heaven and earth are His; why should I roam for destructible shelter?

One other reason for being in this Church, I get good for my soul, and healing for my body. Oh this redeeming grace will make us peculiar people if we keep pace with the orders of this church. At one time in my experience I felt embarrassed to be called peculiar for living this godly life. By leaning a little to the world I found out in time I was loosing. But thank the Lord the world and "isms" are behind. I am in the Church which has its origin in Heaven. I know I must be loyal to it by precept and example if I expect to live in the triumphant church in earth and heaven.—Ella V. Phillips.

**BREAK TO THE NEEDY**

"Go break the sweet Charity Bread;

For giving is living," the Angel said.

"And must I be giving again and again?"

My Peevishness answered me then.

"Oh! no," said the Angel, piercing me through,

"Just give, 'til the Master stops giving to you."

—W. J. Baldwin.

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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

The great apostle Paul in the first chapter of second Timothy wrote some truth about Jesus that ought to be sufficient to cause every man and woman to seek after God until the same becomes a reality in their own soul. He said that, "Jesus Christ...hath abolished death, and hath brought life and immortality to light through the Gospel."

Let us look at the word, "death" and see what the scriptures what he meant by death. He did not have meant physical death for men are dying that kind of death even to this present day. Physical death is an appointment given of God, for He says in Hebrews 9:27, that it is, "Appointed unto men once to die, but after this the Judgment."

In Romans the 6th chapter and last verse we read these words, "For the wages of sin is death; (eternal death) but the gift of God is eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord." We see by this scripture that he is talking about the inner man and not about the physical or outer man. He has abolished spiritual death so definitely and completely that those who really believe in Him do know that they have eternal or everlasting life. Jesus knew this was so by the statement he made to Martha in the 11th chapter of St. John, "And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die." So there are two things that Jesus through his death purchased for us, or rather did for us. First he abolished soul death by giving us spiritual life, and then an immortal body with eternal life. We are not able to fully comprehend the depth, length, height and breadth of His great love for us. Our short life of praise and service to Him cannot begin to express the honor due His name.

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What is the difference between Satan and God?

We find in the word that God is a Spirit (John 4:24) and Satan also is a spirit, (John 13:27); they both have power; but God has by far the greater power. One has said that, "Satan is mighty, but God is almighty." Satan is subject to the power of God (Job 2:6; Luke 10:19) and can only live in and reign over men because they will it so. God is good and is seeking our eternal welfare. Satan is evil and is seeking our everlasting destruction. There are only two powers working in the world today, one is the power of Satan and the other is the power of God. Every man and woman is under the power or influence of one or the other of these two powers.

We read in Jeremiah the 17th chapter that the,

"Heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?" This, indeed is a dark picture and has reference to an unregenerated heart, a heart that Satan has power over and influences to do his evil work.

In the third chapter of Romans we read, "As is written, there is none righteous, no not one." It seems to be a hard saying and it comes from the writings of St. Paul. Let us turn and find out what is written and then we will know who he is talking about. The reference directs us to the 14th chapter of Psalms. In Psalms 14:1, it reads, "The fool has said in his heart, there is no God." In the third verse it says, "They are all gone aside, they are altogether become filthy; there is none that doeth good, no not one." He is talking about those fools.

You cannot see the evil spirit coming into man or living in man with the natural eye, neither can you see the Spirit of God any more than you can see the wind, but you can know what spirit is influencing them by their actions and deeds. When a man or woman says ugly words and gets mad you know that Satan has power over him. When you see him delighting himself in picture shows, in revelry, in joking and telling smutty yarns, in using tobacco or whiskey, you know that Satan has power over him. It is not what we profess, but it is what we are that counts before God.

Many very nice, clever men are under the power and influence of Satan. Professing religion of some kind does not make a man right with God because Satan has more religious subjects than any other kind. He delights for men to take up or profess religion. God really delivers from all sin and Satan and his subjects hates true holiness. When God really saves a soul they begin to reign with Christ right here in this world. Some teachers tell their subjects that Satan is going to be bound after while and then we can reign and all will be righteous. God's true subjects are reigning over Satan now in this present world while Satan is loose. What honor or glory would God get out of your life if Satan was bound and couldn't tempt you. Thank God for the power of the Lamb that gives us power to reign over Satan in this life where he is loose all around about us doing evil and causing nearly all people to bow to his control, yet the child of God is sweetly reigning with Christ. (Rom. 5:17). Satan is the prince of this world (John 16:11) and has nearly all men under his power and influence (2 Cor. 4:4) and has an abundance of religions, has

great revivals and great meetings all for the purpose of keeping his subjects deceived and away from the true Christ and His saving and keeping gospel. (1 John 5:19). Pauls says that Satan is transformed into an angel of light (2 Cor. 11:14) and his ministers are ministers of righteousness (2 Cor. 11:15.) His preachers preach many right things and with their fair words and clever wresting of the scriptures deceive their hearers. Dear fellow-man, if you are not saved from sin and have power from God in your soul to reign over all evil in this life, then you are on the broad way that leads to destruction. (2 Thes. 1:8-9). The soul that sinneth, it shall die (Ezekiel 18:20.) Awake to righteousness and sin not is the command of God. (1 Cor. 15:34). In the seventh chapter of Romans, Paul tells us of what a wretched man he was when in sin. After he thanked God for deliverance through the Lord Jesus Christ he said, "There is, therefore, now (present tense) no condemnation to them that are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit." "I pray God your whole Spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless." How much of you would there be left to committ sin if you would believe in God to the perserving of your soul, body and spirit?

My dear fellow-men, God has great and good things for you if you will only believe in Him for them. You furnish the willingness and God will furnish the grace and power.

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It will only be a short time now until the ministers will be gathering here at Guthrie for the ministers' meeting which had its birth during the Assembly meeting here last holidays when God's Spirit was so wonderfully working, blessing and feeding us on the good things that heaven only can afford.

Every minister coming should come in the meekness and humility of Christ that God may be glorified in all their words and deeds. If all present will have heaven in their souls we will certainly have a heavenly meeting and all will go from the meeting refreshed and strengthened in the grace and power of God insomuch that God can do exploits in and through us for his own glory.

Five of the brethren are now working on the dining hall, repairing it and taking out partitions, making doors and fixing two good sized rooms for dining tables. They will also build 14 feet more on the chapel so there will be room to hold many more people than heretofore.

This ministers' meeting should be a good stimu-

lant for the many Camp meetings that will follow it this summer. We are expecting a harvest of souls during the summer Camp meetings. You will find them advertised in this issue of Faith and Victory paper. The outlook for a unifying, settling down in God and in the truth of His Word is good, and we are expecting the true Church of the Living God to shine more and more unto His coming. Those who cannot attend the ministers' meeting should be in earnest prayer that God will get glory to His name throughout the meeting. The ministers' meeting will begin the 18th of June, 1937. If Satan interferes in any way we believe that God will show him up with bruised head. God has said "It", the seed of the woman shall bruise thy head. Christ is the seed of the woman and we can depend on Him bruising Satan's head. We should have no fear of the devil, but if we fear God, He will take care of the devil. Gen. 3:15.

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On the 16th of May the congregation of saints here at Guthrie held services all day at the chapel and the Lord blessed very much in the services. In the afternoon the ordinances of the Bible were observed and thirty-seven happy saints took part in the services. The Lord has a real congregation of saints here at Guthrie who are a "habitation of God thru the Spirit." Bro. Ulysses Phillips and family of Dover, Okla. were here with us.

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It has been a great pleasure to us to be able to send tracts and papers to the various Prisons over the land. Just today we sent fifty-three packages of tracts to different Prisons. Since launching this Prison work on a larger scale than usual we have printed special folders—lists of tracts we print and keep in stock. We also printed a special message to the officials of Prisons, telling them that the "*Faith Publishing House*" had a "donated fund" for the purpose of sending tracts to the inmates of the Prisons; and for them to mark the number of tracts they could use and send in to us and we would post the tracts to them free of charge. All we wanted to know was that they would use them for the inmates of the Prisons. We are sending out a lot of these folders and we expect to receive many calls for tracts from the various Prisons.

There has been some sending donations or free-will offerings for this purpose and we rejoice to know that so many have taken an interest in getting the gospel to these crushed and bruised souls. Satan has been lying to them and they need to hear of Jesus

who heals the broken heart and sets captives free.

Owing to the expected large ordering of tracts there will be a need of an increase in the "Prison Fund." We are praying that God will touch hearts more and more for this Prison work. We shall continue to send gospel tracts and papers into the Prisons just as long as God supplies and makes us able. The workers are setting up and printing tracts now to restock with. As I write this editorial I can hear the sound of the 12 by 18, New Searies C. & P. Job Press clicking off tracts to be used in this Prison work.

I ask the prayers of all the saints every where to pray that God will help us to do all we possibly can for souls that are traveling to the judgement bar of God and that He will supply Prison funds enough to fill every call from that source and other sources.

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### A Word Of Thanks

Dover, Okla. —Dear Saints and friends: Greeting to you in Jesus' name. We wish to express our thanks to our kind heavenly Father, for putting it into the hearts of some of His Saints to purchase an automobile for us, which we now have in our possession. We are thankful for the prayers that went up in our behalf in this matter and for every penny that was contributed for this purpose.

We feel so unworthy of the many blessings that God sends to us through His servants. We truly need your prayers that we may ever walk in the humble path and be faithful in the service of our blessed Redeemer. May God bless each of you, and richly reward you for your thoughtfulness of, and kindness to us is our prayer. Yours saved through Jesus' blood,

—Ulysses and Ella Phillips.

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The Camp meeting of the Church of God, at New-castle, Ind., will be held August 19-29 inclusive. All those coming, please come prepared to care for yourselves as much as possible; those having tents and straw ticks should bring them. Straw will be furnished. Nevertheless, let no one stay away, because of not being able to care for themselves, as provision will be made for all.

The meeting will be run on the free-will offering plan, and we are sure God will supply every need. Able ministers will be here to preach the Word of God, clear and plain, free from all compromise and fanaticism. Only such ministers will preach, who are in harmony with the Church.

—T. Z. Lawson (Pastor).

### BRUSH ARBOR MEETING

The saints will have a revival meeting at Reform, Ala. The meeting will begin on July 23rd and continue until August 1st, inclusive. Bro. L. L. Jackson of Okmulgee, Okla. has been invited as a minister to be present and other ministers are also invited who are out clear in the Gospel of Christ. Come praying and singing and

in every way you can help out in the meeting.

The meeting will be held three miles east of Reform, Ala. on the Columbus, Miss. and Tuscoloosa, Ala. road; a good road. For further information, write Alex Mullens, R. 2, Reform, Ala.

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**CAMP MEETING BILLS PRINTED**

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If you want bills or circulars printed for your Campmeetings, we will agree to print you 500 bills and post them to you for \$3.00. You should have a supply of these bills to circulate around and to send out in letters as it will be good to advertise the meeting and to encourage folks to come and hear the truth.

Our 30th annual Camp Meeting of the Church of God will be held on the General Southern Camp Ground at Hammond, La., June 25th to July 4th, 1937. The camp ground is located one mile southwest of the Illinois Central depot. The I. C. railroad goes through here, also highways 51 and 190. This meeting will be run on the free-will offering plan as heretofore, and all who come will be cared for, but if you want to be more comfortably situated while here bring your pillows and sheets along.

We invite all who possess the Spirit of humility who feel led by the Lord to come, to come and help us, also dear honest sinners (for we are looking to the Lord to make this meeting a help to such) but division-makers stay away. We are depending on the Lord to send such ministers as He can use here in proclaiming the full gospel. For further information write to:—

C. H. Bailey, Box 668, or R. J. Forbes, Box 543, Hammond, La.

The Church of God camp meeting at Tulsa, Okla. will begin on the 25th of June and continue until the fourth of July. The Tabernacle will be located at Norfolk and Pine Place. All are welcome to attend this meeting.

Those coming should bring ticks, quilts and pillows. The meeting will be run on the free-will offering plan and those wanting to send offerings for the meeting or any further information should write to Sam Barton, whose address is R. 8, Box 680, Tulsa, Okla. His Phone No. is 2-9495. Able ministers will be at this meeting to preach the Word. Come and bring your family.

The Camp Meeting of the Church of God at Shawnee, Oklahoma will be held July 23 to Aug 1, inclusive. We are looking for the best Camp Meeting we have ever had. Particulars later. —O. B. Wilson,

726 N. Union, Shawnee, Okla.

The Boley Campmeeting will begin the 6th day of August, and will continue 10 days. Those desiring to come take highway 66. For further information write Lizzie Jones and Arthur Wallace both of Boley, Okla. —Manly Spears.

The saints at Hennessey, Okla. and vicinity will have their Campmeeting in August beginning on

the 20th and lasting over the 29th. All are invited to come. The Campmeeting will be held seven miles west of the north side of Hennessey on Highway No. 51.

All who come please bring empty bed ticks and quilts. Come prepared to help in every way you can in the meeting.

For particulars write to Wilbie J. Williams of Hennessey, Okla.

The Neosho, Mo. Church of God Camp Meeting will be held near the saints' chapel beginning on July the 9th and lasting until July the 19th.

Bring straw ticks, towels, bedding etc., as the meeting is largely attended and thereby many burdens accompany it which we gladly bear as much as we can. Tents will be furnished at \$2.00 for the ten days. If you want a tent, please notify us before you come.

Do not stay away from this meeting because you have nothing to give. Come and enjoy the good things of God.

Those sending means to help prepare for the meeting should send it to John Strech, R. 5, Neosho, Mo. and also write him for any information you need.

The Church of God Camp Meeting at Sandusky, Ohio, will be held from July 1, until July 11. The Sandusky Saints extend a hearty welcome to all who come.

Brother John Strong of Payne, Ohio; Sister Cordelia R. Jones of Akron, Ohio; Sister Emma Gerig of Grabill, Indiana, and other able ministers are expected to be there.

This is a new field very much in need of help. Those sending means to help prepare for the meeting should send it to:

Lena Suggs, 121 Cherry Way, Braddock, Pa.  
(The tent will be at the Solgers home.)

Richwood, W. Va. — Bro. John H. Strong of Chillicothe, Ohio, and co-laborers will conduct a tent meeting at Craigsville, W. Va., beginning June the 6th to continue as long as the Lord wills. Truth lovers and Truth seekers are cordially invited to come; true ministers and workers will find a welcome and brotherly fellowship. Trouble makers are not wanted and as Bro. Murry says compromisers and fanatics are only invited to listen.

Come prepared to take care of yourselves as much as possible. The Lord will provide for those not able who trust and obey. Craigsville is on State Highway No. 15.

Those who don't come and those who do, pray for the success of the meeting. For particulars write: Bro. L. Spour at Craigsville, W. Va. —George Peek.

### CAMP MEETING NOTICE

The Church of God Campmeeting at Tullahassee, Oklahoma will begin on the 3rd of Sept. and last ten days. All are invited to attend this meeting. Particulars later.

### PRAYER REQUESTS

*(Before praying for the sick; read these scriptures)*

Scriptures sent in by a dear brother: Matt. 21:22; Prov. 8:15, 16 and 17. Daniel 2:21; Psalm 9:10 and John 14:21.

Bro. F. M. Spour an aged saint desires healing of rheumatism.

Bro. Cleo Murry desires healing of a growth over the eyesight and also for body afflictions.

Dellie Richardson wants to be healed of dropsy and an inflamed leg.

Rosa Cook wants the saints to pray for her sister who is losing her mind.

Pray for Naomi Davis who is afflicted with tumor.

Pray for Daisy Foster and her little girl nine years old, who is in poor health.

Pray earnestly for Bro. Thomas Decker of Richmond, Ind. I know him personally, and he is a dear saint of God and is in very poor health.

Pray for sister Mamey Campbell who is nearly blind. She very much desires your prayers.

Sister Coral Myres—Johnson of La Junta, Colo., wrote us that on Nov. the 28th her husband passed to his reward. He left a testimony that he was ready to go.

At present she is suffering from ear trouble, having had the flu and it settled in both ears. She has other afflictions. Pray for her. (Ed.)

### EDITOR'S NOTE

In the May issue of Faith and Victory paper we made mention of a "Prayer Band" and asked for ten volunteers that would be intercessors for those that requested prayer for soul, body or other affliction and troubles.

We have been much encouraged by the number that is burdened to pray for the sick and more than ten responded. This ought to be very encouraging to afflicted ones to know that so many of our readers have the burden upon their hearts to pray for them. However, several brethren have written us that it did not seem best to them to insert ten names for that purpose and formulate a "Prayer Band" as they stated it would be trying to organize what God has already done in placing every member in the body as it pleases Him. Of course we could not give space to the names and addresses of every one that God lays it upon to intercede for the afflicted ones and so many have to be left out. Consequently, we have decided not to insert the names of those who are ready to pray for the sick, but will have the names of each one who wants the saints everywhere to pray for them; and all seeing the names and the need

can voluntarily as God burdens, pray and continue to pray for the needy ones. Paul says in Eph. 4:3, "Endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace."

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Calif. —Dear Brother and Sister Pruitt: Greeting in the precious name of Jesus who saves and keeps us from all sin and heals our bodies in sickness. I have been very sick, but praise God He has touched my body, raised me up and given me enough strength to do my little house work. I am still very weak and need the prayers of the Saints.

I am so thankful that I can report victory in my soul and praise His dear name under all circumstances, knowing this is His will concerning me. I have been praying and wondering what I could do for Jesus with this weak body. When I saw the piece in the Faith and Victory asking for intercessors for the sick and needy I decided right away this is what the Lord wants me to do. I am wholly given up to the Lord, body and soul. I have nothing to keep me from seeking God with all my heart for others as well as my own needs; my will is completely submitted to the will of God to live or die He is so precious to me. My desire is to spend the balance of my life whether it be a few months, days or years in His precious service to help others in whatever I can do.

The sincere prayer of my heart is that God will abundantly bless your endeavor to save lost souls. Your Sister in Christ,  
—Phoebe Schleifer.

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Michigan —Dear Brother in Christ: Greeting in Jesus dear name. I feel led to send in my testimony again that I am saved and sanctified and walking in the light of the whole gospel truth. I believe in the one way, the Bible way, the truth and nothing but the truth. Praise God! I have great reasons to praise God for what He has done for me. I can't tell on this small piece of paper; it would not hold a start. I will say He saved me and keeps me saved every day walking in the light of His Word. Praise His Holy Name. He heals my body when sick. Just of late He healed me of the flu. He so wonderfully heals others when the prayer of faith is prayed as His Word demands.

I notice in the little paper, Faith and Victory a request for intercessors for sick folks. I am deeply in favor of it and greatly interested that you consider my name as one who is burdened to pray for the sick. God has so wonderfully impressed it on my heart I promised God I would obey every call as far as I can understand and have done so to the best of my understanding and God has given wonderful results. Praise His dear name, not for my goodness, but for that great love He has for mankind.

I praise God for the Faith and Victory paper. God surely blessed my soul when I read. I can read and weep and praise God for the truth and appreciate the faith workers at the office. Pray for me,

—William L. Vanzant.



# « Young People's Section »

## THE SECRET PLACE (Psalm 91:1).

Deep within the secret chamber,  
Where unhallowed feet ne'er trod,  
There is life's most blissful moment,  
Closeted alone with God.

In the secret place with Jesus,  
Nestling 'neath His sheltering wings,  
In the rapture of my spirit  
I behold eternal things.

With earth fading from my vision,  
There comes bursting on my sight,  
Far away bright golden glories  
In a silv'ry sea of light.

Tree of life in fullest fruitage  
By the pure and crystal sea,  
'Neath its wide and spreading branches  
Is a home prepared for me.

In the evening's silent glowing,  
Closeted with God in prayer,  
To my inmost soul comes flowing  
Heavenly music on the air.

Hark! O soul of mine, and listen,  
Hear the anthems sweetly roll,  
Angels singing songs of praises  
To the Lover of my soul.

You may have the halls of pleasure,  
Works of art, and music rare,  
Let me hear the voice of Jesus,  
In the secret place of prayer.

—C. E. Orr

## EDITORIALS

In 1 Peter 2:11, we read, "Dearly beloved, I beseech you as strangers and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts which war against the soul." Here the apostle addresses the saints as strangers and pilgrims, and truly every saint today is a stranger and a pilgrim in this world. He is a stranger because he is unacquainted with the vanities of a modern world and appears strangely different from the worldlings. A pilgrim is "one who is traveling to a holy place," (Webster) and so the Christian is traveling to that holy place called heaven. When he starts out he has a fixed destination, for he is not a wandering nomad, but he is on a pilgrimage to that Celestial City. A pilgrim traveler keeps moving toward the journey's end.

That noted book, "Pilgrim's Progress," vividly portrays the path of the pilgrim and the many temptations

and difficulties along the way, but the pilgrim goes through victoriously. The question for us to consider is whether or not we are looked upon as "strangers and pilgrims" in the world. Are we that "peculiar people, zealous of good works," as the Bible says? Are we too well acquainted with the world and its activities? Are we traveling, or are we making ourselves feel at home in this world? A song says, "This world is not my home, I'm just a passing through." Dear reader, is that your experience? Oh, there are so many attractions today, especially for young pilgrims to get them to slow down and stop at one of the devil's brilliantly-lighted Vanity Fairs. It often becomes necessary for the traveler to shut his eyes and put his fingers in his ears and run onward in order to keep on the strait and narrow way.

The text exhorts us to "abstain from fleshly lusts which war against the soul." The flesh wants the pilgrim to stop and take it easy, but such a yielding to self will overcome the soul and stop our spiritual progress. Let us in deed and in truth be "strangers and pilgrims" in this world, for we are seeking "a city whose builder and maker is God."

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"God, the Eternal God, is love. Covet therefore, that everlasting gift, that one thing which is certainly going to stand, that one coinage which will be current in the Universe when all the other coinages of all the nations of the world shall be useless and unhonored. You will find as you look back upon your life that the moments that stand out, the moments when you have really lived, are the moments when you have done things in a Spirit of love. Everything else in all our lives is transitory. Every other good is visionary. But the acts of love which no man knows about, or can ever know about—they never fail."

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Dear young saints, we would like to receive from you more testimonies, experiences, articles or poems for this section. Be doing something to encourage and help some one else and then your soul will prosper and receive a capacity for greater service. We are certain there are a number of young saints who have never added their testimonies to this section. Let our readers know how the Lord is blessing and caring for you.

—L. D. P.

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Tulsa, Okla. —Greeting to the young Saints here and elsewhere. Tonight finds me encouraged to follow the Lord all the way and do what little He may have for me to do for Him.

I'm glad to testify for my Savior who does so much for me. I count it a real privilege to serve Jesus for He has suffered so much for us and we can only do so

little to repay Him for His sufferings on the cross.

Sometimes when I look around and see all the confusion and strife that is in the world today I think maybe it is no use and then on the other hand I look and see those all around me living in sin and going here and there seeking rest and finding none and I know that I could never find real lasting happiness in the world any more.

Dear young Saints, we must press on for soon the older ones will leave this old dark world of sin and suffering and we must be ready to fill their places.

We can grow stronger and stronger in the Lord if we just go off in secret prayer and ask God to show us what to do and then obey Him when He speaks. If we do not obey when Jesus speaks we will lose the blessing He has in store for us so let us always be obedient to His still small voice.

Pray for me that I will be true and do all that God tells me to do. —Dorothy Barton, R. 8, Box 680.

#### NOTICE

G. A. Johnson, 928 Freeman Ave., Kansas City, Kans., desires to buy two books. One is the "Bible Readings" first edited by the Trumpet Co., and the other is, "What the Bible Teaches" first one published.

Anyone having these books for sale, write to him.

### CORRESPONDENCE

Merrill, Mich. —Dear Brother Pruitt and all the dear saints: My heart is made to rejoice to know that we have such good brethren and sisters. It seems that they are dearer to me than ever before. Your letter and card were so encouraging and uplifting to us. May God's continued blessings rest upon you. I am glad that my faith is in the rock of our Salvation. Praise God! We can not praise Him enough.

I sure was in a critical condition, but God through the prayers of the dear saints and love wherewith He loved us, raised me up so that I could praise Him on this side of eternity. While driving my car across an intersection I was struck broadside by a car running at the rate of 60 miles an hour. I was taken up unconscious, did not know any thing. Our neighbor rushed us to the doctor's office, and I came to my mind, but did not know what had happened, and asked them what had happened. They dressed our wounds, and sent the young man who was riding with me to the hospital, but me they sent home, not thinking that I would get well, but thank God I am here to praise my God. I feel weak yet, but can be up and around and help do chores. Continue to pray for us, that wife's body may be strengthened. Your brother and sister, —W. T. S. Maurer.

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Jennings, Oklahoma, —Dear Bros. and Sisters in Christ Jesus: Greeting in His dear name. I thank and praise the Lord for still being saved and sanctified and on my way to Heaven the Bible way.

As I was reading the Faith and Victory paper in regard to the "Intercessors for sick ones" I am impressed by God's Spirit to be agreed with others. I feel I am

qualified in God, a consecrated worker in His service alone.

To ones who send their request to Faith and Victory paper, be of good cheer for God still hears and answers prayer. He is the same today, yesterday and forever.

Dear ones, in Matt. 17:21, we find the kind of faith we need comes by fasting and praying. Burdened ones, Saints and sinners, I have you at heart and I truly know God will help you if you will only let Him. Yours in the one body, —Marie Williams.

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Madisonville, Tenn. —To all the dear saints of God I send greeting in His precious name.

Today finds me saved and more encouraged to live for God than ever before. When I look out over this sin-cursed world and see so much confusion and people going this way and that trying to find the right way, but having been led by those that twist God's word from much truth and also tell them that they cannot live above sin in this life; it is time for all that have accepted the truth to be busy as we have no time to be idle as we should be all on the altar for God.

Dear ones, I have a sister that has been reading those Russelite books for about six years. She was hungry for the truth and thought they were the thing, had begun to sell them but God is stopping her as she is now ready for the asylum. I want to ask all the saints everywhere to agree with me in prayer for my sister for I know that God can and will give her right mind so she can see this truth, the only way, the Church that Jesus built, the Church of the Living God, which is the pillar and ground of the truth.

Pray also for my unsaved husband as he loves this truth but is bound by Satan; pray also for my dear old mother and father who have been in Methodism so long, but yet use tobacco. Prayer changes things, so let us keep praying. Your sister in Christ, —Rosa Cook.

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Oklahoma, —Dear Saints scattered abroad and dear office workers: I am still rejoicing in the God of my salvation, happy in Jesus alone. I am so glad Jesus picked me up out of a sinful state and planted my feet on higher ground, placed my feet in the pathway of the just and I've been walking in the straight and narrow way ever since. I learned that man liveth not by bread alone, but my every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God. It keeps me striving all the time, no time to look to the right or the left but ever pressing on toward the mark and high calling of God in Jesus Christ, for He is so precious to me; He is a willing and able helper and always near us and all we need to do is to meet the condition of His Word. That is our chiefest delight here in the town of Hoffman.

The Lord gave us a wonderful meeting on last Sunday, the 25th. Bro. Jackson so wonderfully through the Holy Ghost made the Church so plain, it was shown in its splendor and beauty. Oh, let us as Saints in the Church of God shine on lifting up Jesus, for He says, "And I, if I be lifted up will draw all men unto me."

We had Ordinance service in which twelve took part.

I mean to go right on until the crown is won. I mean to fight the fight of faith till life on earth is done. For I know I am a child of God. Why? Because I've been born again. I am anxious to become one among those that pray for the sick. I am only an earthen vessel that Jesus may use as He will.

I've been a widow now for over twelve years and my hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness, so God can use me as "ready for service I stand". Yours in the one way, one faith, one body, and one Lord. Please pray for me and my unsaved children.

—Mrs. Hattie Hines.

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Stariland, Mo. —Dear brother and sister Pruitt and all the dear Saints of God scattered abroad: I greet you in the precious name of Jesus. Today finds me saved and trusting the Lord for both soul and body. I am thanking the dear Lord for all His precious promises in His Word to encourage us. He promised to never leave or forsake those who put their trust in Him. I don't know what we would do without Him to comfort us in our lonely hours, and in our troubles. His Holy Spirit comforts us and answers prayer. Praise His dear name! I mean to follow on until the crown is won and I reach my crown and mansion by and by. I want to do something to win someone to Christ. I ask all of the saints to pray for the healing of my eyes as I can't see how to read long at a time. They begin hurting.

Also pray for my son and daughter who are backslidden to come to Jesus and get saved and serve Him, the One who has been so merciful and spared their lives.

I love to read your paper. I am sending 25 cents to pay for it another year. Your saved sister,

Nulid Brown.

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Jennings, Okla. —Dear Saints scattered abroad: Greeting to you in much holy love. I am saved in the one holy body of the Lord, and much encouraged in the Lord. I am reporting to you our meeting. The dear Lord wonderfully blessed in this meeting. Three were saved, five sanctified and saints went to the altar for strength. Many were healed; three were baptized. Bro. Johnnie Johnson, a faithful young minister, did the baptizing. 24 took active part in the Ordinance service.

The ministers present were: Brother L. L. Jackson, Sister Bell, Sister Edwards from Okmulgee, Okla., also Brother Johnnie Johnson and Sister Marie Williams of Silver City.

All ministers burdened for the Lord are welcomed to the meetings held here. Pray much for us. Your brother in the Lord.

—Enoch Jones.

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Robert, La. —To the dear Saints and readers of the little Faith and Victory paper I wish to greet you in the name of Jesus.

I have felt for some time that it might be to the glory of God and of encouragement to some one else for me to write a few words concerning my spiritual life.

The Lord has wonderfully blessed me in answer to the prayers of the dear Saints. I was in a backslidden condition lost without God.

At Camp Meeting on Friday July third last summer I went to the altar, sought God and found Him precious to save my soul. I prayed earnestly and confessed my wrongs, about two weeks later He wrought another wonderful work in my soul. He sent the Comforter to be with me which He told His disciples He would send when He left this earth. I have trusted the Lord for all things both soul and body. He has been my healer and keeper. I have many trials and sorrows, but my dear Savior has been present to comfort and help me through them all. To Him I give the praise.

Dear ones, please pray that I hold out faithful to the end and also pray for my unsaved husband, and children that they may find the Savior before it is too late.

Let us be encouraged to continue on in the service of the Lord and do all we can to help bring lost souls to repentance. Yours for His service,

—Mrs. S. D. Ochsner.

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Mt. Vernon, Ark. —To God's people and readers of the Faith and Victory paper. I never hear any preaching of any kind as I am a cripple. There are no Church of God services close, and no saints at all. This locality needs the truth preached. I would sure like for some of God's called preachers to hold a meeting here, but I couldn't promise any help only by prayer, but am praying that God may open up the way for some one. I am praying for a world-wide revival as there are many others that are praying for the same. We are poor in this world's goods, but I am hoping for a better world than this.

Pray for me that I may be faithful; also for the salvation of my unsaved companion. —Mrs Anna Taylor.

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Osyka, Miss. —Dear Bro. Pruitt and family and all the readers of the Faith and Victory: Greeting in Jesus' dear name. It is with praise and gratitude I add my testimony today. I thank God for His goodness to me, for saving my soul and sanctifying and keeping power. I am so glad the good Lord ever gave me a willing heart to give up to God's will and be willing for God to have His way with me. I thank Him today for real sweet peace flowing like a river. It's such a wonderful thing to have peace of mind and peace of heart. We have such a wonderful Saviour, one who is willing and ready to forgive all our sins and heal all our diseases.

While I write this I am in bed with the hand of affliction and disease weighing heavily upon my body, but I am trusting the Great Physician to heal me. If it is His will to heal me I will be thankful, but if He wants to take me, I am willing and ready for Him just to have His way with me. I shall be like one of old, I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith, henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness which the Lord the righteous Judge shall give me at that day, and not to me only,

but unto all them also that love His appearing. 2 Tim. 4:7-8. The farther down life's journey I travel the closer I want to get to my Saviour. I just want to live so close to Him that my life will count for Him who has done so much for me.

I ask all who read this to please pray earnestly for my healing that the heavenly Father will work such faith in my heart that I can touch the hem of His garment and be healed. Your saved Sister in the body of Christ,  
—Mrs. F. N. Lea.

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Hennessey, Okla. —To the dear saints scattered abroad: greeting. I am saved today, living for the dear Lord with a deep desire to live close to Him. The Lord has been good to me all through life, and protected me from danger seen and unseen. Truly the Lord is teaching me many wonderful lessons that I may be able to stand against the devil. I am thanking the Lord for His saving power and the grace which enables us to live free from sin. He is my healer when I am sick so praise His name for His goodness to me. He is a wonderful Saviour, saves and keeps in this present world.

I want to be more faithful in all of my service for Him. It is my time now to live for the dear Lord, after while it will be too late. The Lord wants me to work while it is day for the night cometh when no man can work.

The Lord has blessed me with good health all my life so I am praising His dear name. I have never had a doctor's treatment in my life, so praise His name for His goodness to me. My prayer is that the Lord may draw me closer to Him each day. Pray for me. Saved to sin no more,  
—Thomas Davis.

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Okemah, Okla. —Dear Bro. Pruitt: Greeting. This leaves me well in my body and all is well in my soul. I have much to praise the Lord for. I have no appetite for the devil and none of his tricks. I am truly against him on every line. I just don't like him so that gives me time to talk about the one I like.

He is a present help in the time of need. I have found it so. I love the Lord with all of my heart and when you love that way we will have love for all of the saints and some left over for all of the sinners.

We had a good meeting Sunday. Bro. Forbes and wife was with us and some of the saints from Okmulgee, Bro. and Sister Reed, Sister Dillahunt and Sister Robinson. Our April meeting begins Friday, April 16. Wish you could attend some if not all.

May the Lord bless you is my prayer. Give my love to the family and the rest of the saints. I mean heaven at any cost; pray for me that I do all the Lord requires of me. Your saved Bro. Saved to sin no more,  
—W. W. Crawley.

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San Bernardino, Calif. —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. Also pray for my four brothers back in the old country. May God touch their hearts and heal their souls and also their bodies. One of them is afflicted in his body and he asks for prayers of the saints. Glory to His name!

Your blood washed Brother in one body,

—A. G. Bardis.

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Jennings, Okla. —Dear Saints scattered abroad: Greeting in the precious name of Jesus. Today finds me saved and encouraged to go all the way with the dear Lord. I feel that it is the Lord's will that I testify of His wonderful healing in our family. We had two very very sick boys; one of the boys was suddenly taken sick on the 31st day of March, and was out of his head from Thursday the first of April until Wednesday, April the seventh. The Saints here stood with us in prayer. The Lord revealed to wife and I to go to Okmulgee for the ministers which we did on the 7th day of April, and the Lord wonderfully healed the boys that very day. He brought the one that was out of His head back to his right mind and now they are both up and out, and we give the dear Lord all the praise and honor and glory for it. The ministers were Brother L. L. Jackson and Frances Bell.

They held a meeting from April 7th to April 11th. Several got saved, several healed and the Saints were much encouraged. We also observed the Lord's Supper in which 16 took part and 15 took part in the feet washing. Pray for us. We are standing for the old time truth. Your brother in the Lord, saved, sanctified and all on the altar for the Lord.  
—Enoch Jones.

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## One Thing Needful

Surely something is lacking when the mists and shadows gather until the vision becomes human rather than spiritual, temporal rather than eternal, earthly rather than heavenly; when the voices of the doleful creation of earth substitutes and even imitates the voice of the Spirit. "Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, (or spiritual) or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, (ye are the temple of God. I Cor. 3:16,) shewing himself that he is God" 2 Thess. 2:4. Is not this a sad state of affairs; would it not make angels weep? But *who* is this "who" or *what* is this personage revealed here? This mystery of iniquity, this wicked one? 2 Thess. 2:7, 8: Some say a man—the pope, Mussilini, Hitler some great ruler, possibly Franklin D. Roosevelt. But let us think a little; Paul was writing of things pertaining

to the kingdom of God, and Jesus said to Pilate, "My kingdom is not of this world" hence Paul must not have been dealing with material matters, but rather with heavenly. Since there are no human heads to the spiritual body, (whether good or evil) and knowing that "Christ is the head of the Church" Eph. 5:23; (The good spiritual body) then of necessity, Satan is the head of the evil or wicked spiritual body. But when was this time or "day" to come? At any specified time or day? Notice, "that day (or time) shall *not* come, *except* there come a falling away *first* and that man of sin (unbelief) be revealed the son (offspring) of perdition. 2 Thess. 2:3. Surely "he" is clearly revealed today in the light of the modern condition even within the sacred precincts of the churches when many of the professors openly or at least silently reject spiritual things. "The natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them because they are spiritually discerned." 1 Cor. 2:14. Therefore the necessity of the injunction of Jesus, "ye *must* be born again." John 3:3 "That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the spirit is spirit. John 3:6; How? you say, "Except a man be born of *water* and of the spirit, he *cannot enter* the kingdom of God." John 3:5. "Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, (faith) by the word of God." 1 Pet. 1:23: "Faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God. Rom. 10:17. Surely this element is woefully lacking today, considering the "dimness" of vision and consequently confusion and anguish result therefrom. Hungry, darkened souls everywhere are standing proof of a lack of "bread", the "word" that became flesh, returned to the spirit as head of the church today inspiring men to "believe" do deeds of daring acts of faith. Hath He not said, "my people shall do exploits." Contrast that with "shall he find faith on the earth?" Surely we ought to "preach the Word." 2 Tim. 4:2

C. Z. Stonecypher.

Sunday, June 6, 1937.

## JOSEPH'S READINESS FOR SERVICE.

Daily Readings and Meditation

May 31—June 5.

- M. Joseph sees a need. Gen. 41:33-36.
- T. Joseph supplies a need. Gen. 41:37-44.
- W. Principles of promotion. Matt. 25:19-23.
- T. A good conscience. 1st Peter 3:12-17.
- F. False Readiness. Luke 23:31-33.
- S. The measure of Greatness. Matt. 20:25-28.

Printed Portion .....Gen. 41:33-44.

Genesis 41:33 Now therefore let Pharaoh look out a man discreet and wise, and set him over the land of Egypt.

34 Let Pharaoh do this, and let him appoint officers over the land, and take up the fifth part of the land of Egypt in the seven plenteous years.

35 And let them gather all the food of those good years that come, and lay up corn under the hand of Pharaoh, and let them keep food in the cities.

36 And that food shall be for store to the land against the seven years of famine, which shall be in the land of Egypt; that the land perish not through the famine.

37 And the thing was good in the eyes of Pharaoh, and in the eyes of all his servants.

38 And Pharaoh said unto his servants, Can we find such a one as this is, a man in whom the Spirit of God is?

39 And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, Forasmuch as God hath shewed thee all this, there is none so discreet and wise as thou art:

40 Thou shalt be over my house, and according unto thy word shall all my people be ruled: only in the throne will I be greater than thou.

41 And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, See, I have set thee over all the land of Egypt.

42 And Pharaoh took off his ring from his hand, and put it upon Joseph's hand, and array him in vestures of fine linen, and put a gold chain about his neck;

43 And he made him to ride in the second chariot which he had; and they cried before him, Bow the knee: and he made him ruler over all the land of Egypt.

44 And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, I am Pharaoh, and without thee shall no man lift up his hand or foot in all the land of Egypt.

Devotional Reading—Luke 19:11-23.

Memory Verse: Seest thou a man diligent in his business? he shall stand before kings; he shall not stand before mean men. Proverbs 22:29.

Practical Truth—God can protect his children and overrule seeming misfortunes for good.

### POINTS FOR EMPHASIS

- 1 Joseph's Surroundings.
  - A Honesty—Integrity.
  - B Overcoming Obstacles.
- 2 A Faithful Worker.
  - A An humble counselor.
  - B Vision plus work equals success.

"Study to shew thyself approved unto God."

**BIBLE**  **STUDY**

"The entrance of thy words giveth light."

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**3 Result.**

- A Contrast life of Joseph with that of Nebucanezzar and the prodigal son.
- B Serving God in adversity as well as in prosperity.
- C A saviour to his people.

**COMMENTS AND APPLICATION**

In today's lesson we are introduced to an outstanding character of interest to both young and old. Joseph first appears on the scene at the age of seventeen when he brings report to his father of the evil deeds of his brothers. Their jealousy was increased as Joseph related his dreams to them. The partiality with which Joseph's father favored him provoked his brothers until they planned to get rid of the dreamer. While his brothers hoped to put Joseph out of the way, God intervened and hard trials proved to be stepping stones to success.

Joseph received not the honor of interpreting the king's dreams but gave the honor to God. In adversity his faith wavered not. In prosperity he continued to be humble. When the Lord permits us to be tested He has a better place for us if we stand the test.

The practical application of today's lesson is that we come to a complete realization that God can overcome all obstacles and that He is willing to work all things out for our good. Isn't it a fact that many have intended to give God first place in their hearts for years but now they are old, unable to do much, and still putting off God? Is it any easier now than it would have been years ago? The prodigal said, *I will arise.* Let us renew our covenant with God, quit sinning for Satan. Repent and forsake sin. Allow God to give you a new, clean and pure heart. Condemnation and guilt will vanish. You will feel light and free and as you continue to abide in Him you can live a happy, victorious life, holy and free from sin as God desires us to.

Sunday, June 13, 1937.

**THE BROTHERLY LOVE OF JUDAH****Daily Readings and Meditation**

June 7—June 12.

- M. Judah's plea to Joseph. Gen. 44:18-24.
- T. Judah's pledge to Joseph. Gen. 44:25-34.
- W. Brotherly Love. 1 John 2:7-11.
- T. A Christian Community. Acts 2:41-47.
- S. Helping the weak. Gal. 6:1-6.

Printed Portion .....Genesis 44:18-34.

Genesis 44:18. Then Judah came near unto him, and said, Oh my lord, let thy servant, I pray thee, speak a word in my lord's ears, and let not thine anger burn against thy servant: for thou art even as Pharaoh.

19 My lord asked his servants, saying, Have ye a father, or a brother?

20 And we said unto my lord, We have a father, an old man, and a child of his old age, a little one; and his brother is dead, and he alone is left of his mother, and his father loveth him.

21 And thou saidst unto thy servants, Bring him down

unto me, that I may set mine eyes upon him.

22 And we said unto my lord, The lad cannot leave his father: for if he should leave his father, his father would die.

23 And thou saidst unto thy servants, Except your youngest brother come down with you, ye shall see my face no more.

24 And it came to pass when we came up unto thy servant my father, we told him the words of my lord.

25 And our father said, Go again, and buy us a little food.

26 And we said, We cannot go down: if our youngest brother be with us, then will we go down; for we may not see the man's face, except our youngest brother be with us.

27 And thy servant my father said unto us, Ye know that my wife bare me two sons.

28 And the one went out from me, and I said, Surely he is torn in pieces; and I saw him not since:

29 And if ye take this also from me, and mischief befall him, ye shall bring down my gray hairs with sorrow to the grave.

30 Now therefore when I come to thy servant my father, and the lad be not with us; seeing that his life is bound up in the lad's life;

31 It shall come to pass, when he seeth that the lad is not with us, that he will die: and thy servants shall bring down the gray hairs of thy servant our father with sorrow to the grave.

32 For thy servant became surety for the lad unto my father, saying, If I bring him not unto thee, then I shall bear the blame to my father for ever.

33 Now therefore, I pray thee, let thy servant abide instead of the lad a bondman to my lord; and let the lad go up with his brethren.

34 For how shall I go up to my father, and the lad be not with me? lest peradventure I see the evil that shall come on my father.

Memory Verse: Let brotherly love continue. Heb. 13:1.  
Practical Truth—True love will show itself in sacrifices for others.

**POINTS FOR EMPHASIS**

- 1 Connection of this lesson with our last lesson.
    - A Famine.
    - B Judah's first appearance.
  - 2 Judah's plea.
    - A Sowing and reaping. (Testing).
    - B Love in action.
    - C Character revealed in time of sorrow.
  - 3 Family ties.
    - A Family influence in Church
    - B Relationship (Let me take my brother's place)
    - C Sacrificing for each other; in home; in church.
    - D Note how every thing turned out.
- Climax (Obedience to God)

**COMMENTS AND APPLICATION**

About nine years have passed since Joseph was promoted until the plea of Judah, and twenty two years since Joseph was sold as a slave. Joseph's dealings

with his brothers proved to him that they had changed since they had had dealings together. Joseph was glad to hear from his father and only full brother.

Note the place that the family has taken down through the ages in preserving Christian ideals. The family has been the channel through and by which God has poured His blessings from generation to generation. How beautiful to look upon a family in which Christ is the head where the spirit of love rules supreme. How fragrant the atmosphere that surrounds the family that ascends from the family altar around which each member bows in reverence to the most holy God. Note how contiguous and noticeable is the spirit that issues from the family gathering—whether it be good or bad. The marriage that God approves make the sacred tie.

If more attention were given to the home in instructing and raising the children, the church, the school, and the government would be in a much better condition. May the Lord help each of us to realize the responsibilities resting upon us. If we have neglected family worship let us begin at once. Those little ones will soon be out for themselves and then you will be sorry that you neglected your family duties.

Sunday, June 19, 1937.

### JOSEPH'S KINDNESS TO HIS KINDRED

#### Daily Readings and Meditation

June 14—June 19.

- M. Joseph and his father. Gen. 46:1-7.  
 T. Joseph and his brothers. Gen. 50:15-26.  
 W. Remembering loved ones. Col. 2:1-5.  
 T. Honoring parents. Prov. 1:7-9.  
 F. Forgiving one another. Col. 3:12-17.  
 S. Standing by one another. Neh. 4:19-23.

Printed Portion ..... Gen. 46:1-7, 28-30; 50:24-26.

Genesis 46:1 And Israel took his journey with all that he had, and came to Beer-sheba, and offered sacrifices unto the God of his father Isaac.

2 And God spake unto Israel in the visions of the night, and said, Jacob, Jacob. And he said, Here am I.

3 And he said, I am God, the God of thy father: fear not to go down into Egypt: for I will there make of thee a great nation:

4 I will go down with thee into Egypt; and I will also surely bring thee up again; and Joseph shall put his hand upon thine eyes.

5 And Jacob rose up from Beer-sheba: and the sons of Israel carried Jacob their father, and their little ones, and their wives, in the wagons which Pharaoh had sent to carry him.

6 And they took their cattle, and their goods, which they had gotten in the land of Canaan, and came into Egypt, Jacob, and all his seed with him:

7 His sons, and his sons' sons with him, his daughters, and his sons' daughters, and all his seed brought he with him into Egypt.

28 And he sent Judah before him unto Joseph, to direct his face unto Goshen; and they came into the land of Goshen.

29 And Joseph made ready his chariot, and went up

to meet Israel his father, to Goshen, and presented himself unto him; and he fell on his neck, and wept on his neck a good while.

30 And Israel said unto Joseph, Now let me die, since I have seen thy face, because thou art yet alive.

50:24 And Joseph said unto his brethren, I die: and God will surely visit you, and bring you out of this land unto the land which he sware to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

25 And Joseph took an oath of the children of Israel, saying, God will surely visit you, and ye shall carry up my bones from hence.

26 So Joseph died, being an hundred and ten years old: and they embalmed him, and he was put in a coffin in Egypt.

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

Practical Truth—Kindness toward one's kindred is a Christian duty.

#### POINTS FOR EMPHASIS

- 1 Jacob and Joseph.
  - A Treachery of 22 years revealed.
  - B Revelation to Jacob.
- 2 The caravan—Men, women, children and herds.
  - A Characteristics of Joseph.
  - B Keeping humble in prosperity.
  - C Joseph's dreams came to pass.

#### COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

In today's lesson we find less than a hundred men and women enroute to Egypt. Although Egypt was not the promised land, yet Jacob didn't question God's dealing with him. God is able to work things out in a way that we cannot imagine.

We note that Joseph returned good for evil. His brothers purposed to harm him yet Joseph freely forgave them and made intercession with the king in their behalf. Is not this exemplifying the life of Christ on earth?

Would it not be good for us to consider the way that Joseph cared for his father?

We notice that Jacob obeyed the biddings of the Lord in regard to his journey and how that God gave them the good land for their grazing. We also remember how Joseph underwent hard trial for years, but God was working and his brethren bowed down to him as he had dreamed. Can we apply the lessons in our lives and be content with Jesus as our guide and counselor?

Sunday, June 27, 1937.

#### MESSAGES FROM GENESIS

##### Daily Readings and Meditation

June 21—June 26.

- M. Faith before Abraham. Heb. 11:3-7.  
 T. Abraham's call to faith. Heb. 11:8-10.  
 W. Abraham's faith proved. Heb. 11:17-22.  
 T. Faith and the right to receive. Matt. 9:27-31.  
 F. Faith and power to perform. Acts 3:12-18.

S. The prayer of faith. James 5:14-20.

**Printed Portion** .....Hebrews 11:3-10, 17-22.

Hebrews 11:3 Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear.

4 By faith Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, by which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts: and by it he being dead yet speaketh.

5 By faith Enoch was translated that he should not see death; and was not found, because God had translated him: for before his translation he had this testimony, that he pleased God.

6 But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

7 By faith Noah, being warned of God of things not seen as yet, moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house; by the which he condemned the world, and became heir of the righteousness which is by faith.

8 By faith Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, obeyed; and he went out, not knowing whither he went.

9 By faith he sojourned in the land of promise, as in a strange country, dwelling in tabernacles with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise:

10 For he looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God.

17 By faith Abraham, when he was tried, offered up Isaac: and he that had received the promises offered up his only begotten son,

18 Of whom it was said, That in Isaac shall thy seed be called:

19 Accounting that God was able to raise him up, even from the dead; from whence also he received him in a figure.

20 By faith Isaac blessed Jacob and Esau concerning things to come.

21 By faith Jacob, when he was a dying, blessed both the sons of Joseph; and worshipped, leaning upon the top of his staff.

22 By faith Joseph, when he died, made mention of the departing of the children of Israel; and gave commandment concerning his bones.

**Memory Verse:** These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of them, and embraced them, and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth. Hebrews 11:13.

#### POINTS FOR EMPHASIS

- 1 Outstanding characters in the book of Genesis.
  - A The point in which they were noted.
  - B Information contained in the book of Genesis.
- 2 Result and conclusion.
  - A Benefit to themselves—others also.
  - B The effect upon the living standards.
  - C Our challenge to follow.

#### COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

This eleventh chapter of Hebrews is rightly called the faith chapter of the Bible. Many characters are discussed from the standpoint of their faith. Without faith it is impossible to please God and by it they were able to obtain a good report. The accounts of these acts recorded in the book of Genesis are inspiring examples to us when we remember that many of those men had no examples as we have yet by faith in God they dared to take Him at His Word. The faith of Noah and Abraham stood the test. So it is today when God gives the divine touch to faith we can stand free from worry and frettings and watch the Lord bring things to pass that count for our good.

By having faith it is easy to obey and also we are not afraid to trust Him for everything.

When men are in possession of currency they value it according to the faith they have in the government represented by the stamp. Should we not have more faith in God than in Uncle Sam? When we receive a gift regardless of its value we appreciate it because of the friend that gave it. I have a religious picture hanging in the room that I esteem very much, not because of its value, for it didn't cost as much as a dollar, but I esteem it because a school child made a sacrifice of self denial that she might give it to me. Good government, peace and safety and all other good things come not from Uncle Sam as many suppose, but from God. Should we not cease to honor the thing given and render unto God honor and praise from whom all blessings flow. While we enjoy and appreciate the blessings of the Lord, yet our hearts go out in love and service to the great God of heaven and earth for the gift of His Son to be a sacrifice, who was crucified on the cruel cross that we might be redeemed from sin. We love the Lord with all our hearts and are doing all we can that others may see Him as He is, a Savior, a healer, a keeper, a companion and friend.

Another three months have passed by, so when you read this issue, it will be time for you to send orders for your Sunday School supplies. A number of new Sunday Schools has been started and we are asking the Lord to bless every effort to make them a success and a blessing to all. May the Lord help each of us to be at our best for Him at all times. We love to do service for Him.

#### NEXT QUARTER

Our lessons for next quarter deal with the deliverance of the Israelites, a people in bondage. There is no history or narrative more interesting nor is there anything more inspiring than God's gracious dealings with this people. We do not insist that you have a formal way of studying S. S. Lessons, but we do know that without system or order we shall not get far doing anything. Whether it be a card class or a Bible class, study of these lessons together will be very helpful and edifying.

The lesson for July 4th will be found in Exodus 1:6-14; 2:23-25.