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IN GOD



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The Gospel According To Us

We read the gospel according
To Matthew, Mark, Luke and John,
And as I read it, I study,
Yes, I put my thinking cap on.
For as I read it I wonder,
And may God help me to see,
Just what the world is thinking,
Of the gospel according to me.

In the world there are many* skeptics,
It is enough one's soul to appall—
For there are so many people
Who do not believe the Bible at all.
But while they believe not the Bible,
Which we have proven so true,
I wonder what they are thinking,
Of the gospel according to you.

Some things that cause unbelief,
Are division, sectism, and sin,
Do you know Satan causes division?
What a plight for God's saints to be in;
But while we're in this world of confusion,
Division, sectism and fuss,
I wonder what folks are thinking
Of the gospel according to us.

Now the world does not read the Bible,
God's blessed "Book" so divine,
But I'll tell you what they do read
They are reading your life and mine.
Oh, let us be more and more careful,
And more and more prayerful, you see
Let's not disappoint them in the gospel,
According to you and me.

Then we read the prayer of Jesus,
In the seventeenth chapter of John.
How he prayed to the Father
That his followers might be one;
That the world might know God sent him
The Saviour of men you see,
Oh, I wonder what folks are thinking
Of the gospel according to me.

So let us pray to the Father,
As we never have prayed before
That souls may be led by our lives
To Jesus who is the door.
For by Him if any man enter
He shall be saved you see,
Oh, may the lost find Jesus
By the gospel according to me.

And so friends, as we travel,
Home to that beautiful land,
Let us have a love for each other
That will cause us to go hand in hand.
For if Christians love each other
It will help folks clearly to see.
Then they'll understand the gospel
According to you and me.

—Mrs. Lula Bose,

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To The Backslider

It is plainly taught in the Bible that there is hope of salvation for the backslider (Ezek. 18:27) and none of such need to be discouraged by Satan or give up hope because the enemy accuses them of committing an unforgiveable sin in blaspheming against the Holy Ghost or doing despite unto the Spirit of grace. Heb. 10:29.

There is not so many that really commit sin that God will not forgive but it is a trick of Satan to nearly always accuse one that he has cunningly caused to backslide to believe that God will not forgive sin in order to get him to give up all hopes and look upon God as cruel and unjust. This sort of accusation is just a big lie that Satan uses to keep one from believing God to the saving of their soul.

This message is not written to those that are backsliden in heart and go on professing, for Satan has got plenty to do that; but it is written to those that were once saved and enjoyed the blessings of God and through the cunning of Satan have lost their experiences and are honest enough to admit it. Satan, either wants one that is backsliden in heart to profess on any way or else he wants them to get under his accusing, galling yoke until he can finally land them in torment; separated from God forever.

Dear backsliden man or woman, there is hope in God for you, take courage and look to the Living fountain that was opened to the House of David, and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, for sin and for uncleanness. Zach. 13:1.

If you know that you ought to yield to get saved and live to please God and the Spirit is convicting you, then yield to Him, confessing your sin of backsliding, go to work and make all your wrongs right, accept the blood of Christ as an atonement for your sins and begin to call upon God daily to help you and be your guide through life. Do not expect a lot of feelings, feelings is not salvation, although God often blesses the saved, believing child, We get saved by faith and grace of Christ. In Eph. 2:8, we read, "For by grace are ye saved through faith: and that not of yourselves: it is the Gift of God." Not by any of your works but by the work that Christ has already completed for you when He gave His blood on Calvary's cross for your redemption or for the sin that you had committed. By his blood we are made nigh unto God (Eph. 2:13). When God saw Jesus hanging on the cross who was innocent of any crime, he became satisfied with this atonement for the sins that we had committed and if we will repent in faith toward God and believe or accept the blood of Christ as atoning for sins, then as God has already accepted it (Isaiah 53:11). Our accepting the blood will bring us and God together in peace and the scripture will become a reality to us where it states that, "We have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ." (Rom. 3:1).

There are too many that are waiting for feelings before they testify that God saves them. There is no place in the Bible where it says that we are saved by feelings. The knowledge of his spirit witnessing to our spirits that we are a child of God and feelings belong to a soul that is already believing as there is all joy and peace in believing. (Rom. 15:13).

In Hebrews the 11th chapter and the sixth verse we read. "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." You believe that God is, you believe that Jesus was the son of God, that he did no wrong, was an innocent man, that he suffered great shame and cruel mockings, on the cross gave His innocent blood which paid the penalty of sufferings and eternal death which you earned by committing sin and evil. If you believe this, then believe that He rewards you with salvation and begin to act like you belong to Him. If you begin to serve Him, to honor Him as your Saviour and act like it by keeping his commandments then you will soon have joy and peace because you are believing. Mere head belief will get you no where, but heart belief will cause action of humble worship and reverence to God and a bringing forth of the fruits of the Spirit. (Gal. 5:22). In Rom. 10th chapter and 9th verse we read, "That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus and shalt believe in thine heart that God has raised Him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation!"

Dear backsliden Fellowman God loves you still, his arm is out stretched for your home coming. When the Prodigal arose and started to God, the Father met him a long ways down the road and planted a kiss on his brow.

He rejoiced and all the servants (saved children) rejoiced. He said, this my son was lost and is found, he was dead and is alive again. In other words he was saying, my son had separated himself from me by committing sin and now he has confessed and repented and come back to me and I have given him eternal life. He is alive again although he was dead in trespasses and sins. (Luke 15:20).

Dear soul, God has done all that he can for you and he is now waiting for you to come. He gave his only begotten Son. His Son was faithful to declare the truth and to manifest God among men. He received the cruel slander and shameful abuse of sinners. He went into the garden, his soul was heavy, nigh unto death, he prayed in great agony of soul, the blood bursted through his body and sweat became as drops of blood falling to the ground. Cruel sinners took him as though he was a criminal of the deepest dye, they hung him on the cross with two real criminals, they hissed at him, wagged their heads and mocked him there, they thrust a spear into his side, his blood ran out freely from hands, feet and side, it was innocent blood. Sinner friend, cover your soul with this blood and become innocent before God who has already accepted this sacrifice.

—Fred Pruitt.

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THE GOODNESS OF GOD

"Behold therefore the goodness and severity of God: on them which fell, severity: but toward thee, goodness, if thou continue in his goodness: otherwise thou also shall be cut off." Rom. 11:22. We find here the apostle speaking of the falling of the Jews and the coming in of the Gentiles, which was a wonderful day for the Gentiles. Nevertheless, they were not to boast against the Jews, v. 18. We read in John 1:11, "He came unto his own and his own received him not." Truly the Lord has been good to his people, and has always fought their battles, so long as they were obedient to his command.

In looking at the church, in its past ages, one can see how the Lord blessed them so long as they continued in his goodness, or commands, but when they went after the garments and gold wedges of Babylon he at once recognized sin to be in the camp. Josh. 7:11; v. 21. Dear saints, I am sure our God still takes note when there is the wrong garment or wedge in the camp. Jesus said of Jerusalem, "How often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not." Matt. 23:37. Dear ones, God does not compel or force any to follow him, or to obey his teachings, but when people refuse to obey, he will let them do those things which are not convenient, who do not like to retain God in their hearts. Rom. 1:28. So we see the Jews refusing Christ, because He did not come as they thought he should, therefore, they were cut off, not because God willed it to be so, but because they rejected the truth. In like manner, many of today are being cut off simply because they want everything to come just the way they have planned that it should be, and because their way is not God's way; they are being cut off, and I, for one am glad to see the day when God's true children can come to Mt. Zion where they can hear from heaven, through the Holy Ghost speaking

through God's humble ministers, who have a Christ, who did live, but died, was buried, and then resurrected and is alive forever more, glory to God, and at this time is at the right hand of the Father, making intercession for his saints. Oh, the goodness of God, if we continue in his "word."

We hear the apostle saying, "For if the casting away of them be the reconciling of the world, what shall the receiving of them be, but life from the dead?" Rom. 11:15. As we see the goodness and mercy of God, we also see his severity. Surely God will cast us away, if we disobey him, not only in the world to come, at the judgment day, but he will not walk with people who have a proud heart, who refuse to forgive others, who exalt themselves, stirring up contention and refusing to be longsuffering, who preach more of what they think, than they do of the Word of God, and many other things we could mention, which if people do, God will not honor them as his sheep or Saints. While those things are true, I am thanking our God that he has always had a people. We hear the prophet saying, "And he shall set up an ensign for the nations, and shall assemble the outcast of Israel." Isa. 11:12. Well, I am truly thankful for the gathering which is taking place now, all over the land. The ensign, which the prophet said would be for the nations, is truly gathering the outcast, and, as they are coming, great power and glory is seen upon them. "For I will restore health unto thee, and I will heal thee of thy wounds, saith the Lord; because they called thee an outcast, saying this is Zion, whom no man seeketh after." Jer. 30:17. Dear ones, truly the healing power of God is being manifested with his true people today. When I say true people, I mean just that; for God still has a called out people, free from compromise or fanaticism. I have seen both extremes, and I have failed to find God's power with either of them. How sad, yet how true, a people who, at one time, knew the blessedness of having the Lord with them, feeling and seeing his power, but today are in a backslidden condition, some gone with the world, others gone beyond reason, holding judgment without mercy; yet I am glad, thank the Lord, if they will humble themselves and repent, the dear Lord will graft them in again.

We hear the prophet saying, "The voice of joy, and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bride groom and the voice of the bride, the voice of them that shall say, Praise the Lord of Hosts, for the Lord is good." Jer. 33:11. Surely it is a shame to be where you cannot hear the voice of gladness. There is a cause, and the cause is the simple reason the voice isn't there any more. It might have been in times past, but, today, it is not. Today they are only in a way that seemeth right, but the end are the ways of death.

Well, dear saints, in the midst of all, God's true children are gathering together. Surely the dear Lord is preparing his Bride for his return. I hear the Psalmist saying, "Praise ye the Lord, for it is good to sing praises unto our God. The Lord doth build up Jerusalem, he gathereth together the outcast of Israel." Ps. 147:1-2. "And they shall call them the holy people, the redeemed

of the Lord; and thou shalt be called, sought out, a city not forsaken." Isa. 62:12.

May our God bless and encourage his dear children is my prayer. Your Brother in defense of the gospel of Christ. —T. Z. Lawson.

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"Ye Slaves Of The Weed"

There are fathers and mothers all over the land
A chewing and smoking as hard as they can.
While the children are scolded and pushed off to bed,
All dirty, and ragged, and crying for bread.

Many thousand young men in our land day by day
Are puffing cigarettes, and dying away;
The filthy old snuff fair ladies will dip,
And spoil their great beauty by filling their lip.

A very small babe sitting on mother's knee,
Chewing tobacco, a sad sight to see;
The boys and the girls just now in their prime
Are learning to use it; they'll be sorry sometime.

A father once said with his eyes full of tears,
"I cannot quit chewing, I've tried it for years."
While the dying young man says he sadly regrets
That he ever did learn to smoke cigarettes.

A snuff using mother, oh, what a shame!
Shall we call her mother, she's not worthy the name.
For her babe is now lying in the cold grave at rest,
From the poison of snuff that it nursed from her breast.

O snuffers and puffers, ye slaves of the weed,
Is your path clear to heaven, is your hope sure indeed?
Are you snuffing and puffing to the glory of God?
Are you traveling the pathway our Saviour once trod?

You'll confess that you're angry, and cross, and all wrong,
When you're craving a chew and your plug is all gone.
Oh, where does your patience and religion then lie,
On a plug of tobacco, or a home in the sky?

Ye slaves of the weed, heed the words that I say,
Lay down your tobacco, no longer delay:
For Jesus is calling to you and to me,
"I'll save you and cleanse you, and let you go free."

Now you'll surely confess that the story is true,
Then how can you continue to smoke, dip, or chew?
Quit snuffing and puffing, be wise evermore,
And seek for a home on Canaan's bright shore.

—Sel.

The quick rising of pride and self love in the heart caused by flattery is as carnal as the quick rising of anger and hate caused by criticism or insult. The infilling of Holy Ghost fire will purge all such out of the heart.

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Its Motto: Have faith in God. Its Object: The glory of God and the salvation of men; the promulgation and restoration of the whole truth to the people in this "evening time" as it was in the morning Church of the first century; the unification of all true believers in one body by the love of God. Its Standard: Separation from the world and entire devotion to the service and will of God. Its Characteristics: No discipline but the bible; no bond of union but the love of God; no test of fellowship but the indwelling Spirit of Christ; and separation from all human organizations that are not authorized in the Word of God.

Through the Free Literature Fund, thousands of gospel tracts are published and sent out free of charge as the Lord supplies. Co-operation of our readers is solicited, and will be appreciated in any way the Bible and the Holy Spirit teaches you to do or stirs your heart. "Freely ye have received, Freely give." Read Exodus 25:2; 1 Chron. 29:9; 2 Cor. 9:7, and Luke 6:38.

Free-will offerings sent in to the work will be thankfully received as from the Lord and used in the furtherance of the gospel work as God directs unless otherwise specified. All personal checks and Post Office Money Orders should be made payable to Fred Pruitt or to FAITH PUBLISHING HOUSE.

"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 Lord continues to bless in the Prison work of getting gospel literature into these dark places. We are hearing from some of the Prisoners and they are asking for more tracts. Last week we sent out sixty packages of tracts and will be sending more out soon. Some have been sending in offerings for the "Prison Fund" and we are thankful to God for these consecrated ones. More funds is needed to keep the good work up. A few souls saved that way or snatched from the burning are good deeds done that will go on record in God's book. When you send offerings make mention that it is for the "Prison Fund" and we will list it that way so it will be used in sending the tracts. It is a great work and very much neglected. Every soul is precious in God's sight.

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For a number of years we have not printed and sent out a Faith and Victory paper in August as this month is generally a very, very warm month and the Camp meetings are in progress and the workers need a time of refreshing in camp-meetings and a little relax from the continued indoor work. There will be no Faith and Victory paper printed for August this year; but we will print the Sunday school lessons and send to all that have subscribed for rolls. If those who have not subscribed for Sunday school rolls wants the lessons, just write and let us know and we shall be glad to send them to you for August.

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In this issue of Faith and Victory we have an article on "Divine Healing" and also some good testimonies of how God heals his trusting and believing children today. We believe, practice and preach, "Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, today, and forever." Hebrews 2:8. Some teachers say, "that the days of miracles are past." Such is only true with unbelievers for the scriptures say, "All things are possible to him that believeth." Mark 9:23.

The Lord has been doing a great deal of healing during the past year, not only of those that have had requests for healing in the paper, and to those to whom anointed handkerchiefs have been sent but also much healing has been done in our own congregation here at Guthrie. We are very thankful and grateful to God for his kindness and mercy shown to his trusting, believing children.

I received an article one time from another state and he wrote at length on Divine healing and telling what the Lord used to do and said that the ministry had lost their power and that there were no miracles and but very little healing done any more. We could not put such an article in the paper because God was healing among us and some times doing miracles. I wrote and told him that it might be so with him among those he knew but it was not true here in Oklahoma for God was still the same to those that really believed and was walking in the truth of his word, that God was, at this present time healing and performing miracles. Satan would like to discourage souls with such teaching as that. It is all right for one to testify that way themselves but I object in them testifying that way for those who are getting healing from God and are possessors of real living faith in a risen Christ that has all power, both in heaven and earth. Matt. 28:18.

God has always healed his believing children even from the earliest record of time. He told the Hebrew children that, "I am the Lord that healeth thee." Exod. 15:26 When God brought the children of Jacob out of Egypt, there was not a feeble person in their tribes. Psalms 105:37. He healed Hezekiah who was sick unto death and added fifteen years to his life. Isaiah 38:1. He healed Naaman the Leper when he obeyed the voice of God speaking through Elisha. II Kings 5:14. He would have healed King Asa if he would have believed and trusted Him but the scripture says, "He sought not the Lord, but to the Physicians and Asa died." II Chron. 16:12. In Psalms 103, we hear the inspired word of God saying, "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits: who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases."

All of the gospels tell about the mighty healings that Jesus did and he commissioned the disciples to go and heal and to cast out devils. After his resurrection and ascension the disciples went right on with preaching the gospel and healing the sick and doing miracles inasmuch that the dead were raised. Dear brethren and sisters, Jesus Christ is the same today. Let us be not faithless but believing children.

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Some have been writing to us wanting to get subscribers for the Faith and Victory paper as they feel that it should be in every home and we are allowing them a commission of 25 percent on the dollar. We are going to make this proposition to all of our readers as we are anxious to get the gospel by the printed page into every home possible for we know that it often means the salvation of souls. Every reader ought to get some subscribers for this paper. We will give you 25 cents on the dollar. If you get four subscribers for one dollar you keep 25 cents and send us 75 cents for the four subscribers and we will list the names and send them the paper

We will be looking to hear from you with a good bunch of subscribers for the paper. If you want blanks and sample copies of the paper to use in getting subscribers, just let us know and we will gladly send you a supply. Let each of us do all we can for souls while the LORD keeps life in this mortal body. Remember, God keeps a record of all our deeds whether they be good or bad. Jesus went about doing good. Some folks just merely go about. Our time belongs to the Lord, are we letting Him have it? Getting subscribers for the paper and talking to souls on salvation is surely a good deed wherein one will be blessed of God. If you want some tracts to use in your work we will send them to you. The Lord will soon come and no man can work. Let us hear from you soon.

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The Ministers meeting will soon be in session here at Guthrie and we are looking for many ministers and workers to gather. As I am expecting to leave here shortly after the ministers meeting to be in Ministerial work in other states we are putting this paper out a little earlier than usual. As we put no paper out in August it will give me a chance to be in several Camp-meetings. I expect to be in La., Ohio and Ind. if the Lord keeps leading the way.

I may not get back to the office for two months. Wife and the other workers will keep the printing going and the tracts and papers going while I am away.

Those of the readers who want to write to me personally during July can address me at Hammond, La. Box 370 as I expect to be in La. during July and then go to Ithaca, Ohio to the camp-meeting there. Please do not forget wife and the workers at the office as they will need encouragement from heaven and through your writing and by your prayers. The work is the Lords and is mostly kept going by offerings from consecrated servants of the Lord.

Remember us to your Father and my Father when you pray. The relationship of saints are closer and more dear than fleshly kin.

ALL DAY MEETING

The saints at Anthony, Kans. will have an all day meeting on the 4th of July with dinner on the grounds. All saints are invited to come and be with us on that day.

—Ostus Wilson,.....Pastor.

MEETING NOTICE

There will be a camp-meeting of the Church of God held at Ithaca, Ohio from Aug. the 6th until Aug. 15th inclusive. We send special invitation to all saints in Mich., Pa., Ind., and Ohio. If you have any provisions or means for this meeting, please send it to the writer. There will be able ministers at this meeting to preach the word. Fanatic and compromising preachers are invited to listen.

We are expecting Bro. Strech of Neosho, Mo., Sister Katherine Watson-Key of Hammond, La. and Fred Pruitt of Guthrie, Okla. to be present in this meeting, also other ministers to preach the word. Ithaca is located about 25 miles N. east of Richmond, Ind. and 25 miles N.W. of Dayton, Ohio. Those driving from east or west take U. S. High-way No. 40 to Louisburg, Ohio, then turn north on High-way 503, seven miles and you will find camp ground in school yard. Those coming by train, come to Arcanum, Ohio which is on the Big Four and New York Central lines. Ithaca is four miles south of Arcanum.

Please bring bedding as the meeting will be run on Free-will offering plan. For further information write to Cleo Murray, R. 3, Arcanum, Ohio.

The annual camp meeting of the Church of God at Shawnee, Okla. will be held at 207 S. McKinley street from July 23 to August 1st. Shawnee is located on the Rock Island and Santa Fe railroads also highways 270 and 18 and bus lines from all directions.

The church here will do all they can to make you welcome and comfortable. It will be well for you to bring your pillows and straw ticks and tent if you have it.

This meeting will be run on the free will offering plan as heretofore. Come praying for a good meeting. We will gladly answer your letters of inquiry.

O. B. Wilson 726 N. Union, Shawnee Okla.

Phone 2408-W.

or A. A. Mc Glassen 210 S. McKinley, Shawnee, Okla.

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 Tuscolooosa, Ala. road; a good road. For further information, write Alex Mullens, R. 2, Reform, Ala.

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 or 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 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.

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Your supposed brother or sister in Christ, may, by picking, finding fault and insinuating, influence other brothers and sisters against you but remember they can not influence Christ against you. Jesus said, "How can you believe, which receive honor one of another, and seek not the honor that cometh from God only." John 5:44.

PRAYER REQUEST

Pray for Sister Ella Gattie's boy who is sick and has a call to go out and minister the gospel.

THE JOY OF INTERCESSION

"Helping together by prayer." II Cor. 1:11.

I like to feel that though on earth
We seldom meet,
Yet we may hold heart fellow-ship
At God's feet.

I like to feel in all the work
Thou hast to do,
That I, by lifting hands of prayer,
May help thee to.

I like to think that in the path
His love prepares,
Thy steps may sometimes stronger
prove.
Through secret prayers.

I like to think that when on high
Results we see,
Perchance thou wilt rejoice that I
Thus prayed for thee.

—Selected by Sister Mabel White.

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PRAYER REQUESTS

Sister Mamie Miller has requested that the saints fast and pray on July 4th for her healing. She lives in La.

Pray for Sister Tillie Rogers who has severe afflictions in feet and limbs. She is a strong believer in God healing all of our afflictions.

Pray for Sis. Roberta Thompson that she may not fall God in any way but hold steady in Him through trials ahead.

Bro. L. D. Foster of Kansas has been troubled with ear trouble and deafness all his life and he is bothered with stomach trouble and he earnestly requests the prayer of the saints. He asks for complete healing of his body

Let every praying soul pray for sister Chas. E. Lloyd of Pa. who is suffering with a bad affliction. She trusts God solely for her healing, she is working for souls and needs a healthy body.

Pray for Alpha Daniels of Calif. who is afflicted in body and asks all the saints to pray earnestly for her healing. No saints near her.

Mrs Melvin Jones of Ariz. earnestly desires the saints to pray for her sister who has been sick for a long time and has now lost her mind, Her husband also drinks and will not stay at home. Pray for God to get hold of that man.

Pray for Sister Sallie McCarty who is hard of hearing. She is loving God and believes in the healing of our bodies by the Lord.

A Sister asks prayer for her brother who has back-sliden and is living a very wicked life.

Bro. John H. Griffith of Md. is severely troubled with throat stoppage and much coughing. Pray for this dear man that he may be healed.

Pray for Mrs. Tempa Zirgir of Topeka, Kans. who has Tuberculosis and from a human view point is not expected to live. God has power to heal her.

Divine Healing

A few words of encouragement to the sick and afflicted. It is your privilege to be healed. "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, today and forever." Heb. 13:8, But some will say the saints have not the faith they used to have; it is true some have lost faith in every generation; but He is the same today and His word is settled in Heaven. He carried our sickness on the cross; "Himself took our infirmities and bore our sicknesses." Matt. 8:17, healing is for all that believe. "These signs shall follow them that believe." Mark, 16:17, "If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth." Mark, 9:23; "By whose stripes we were (are) healed." I Peter 2:24, but how may I come to him for healing? First "he that cometh to God must believe that he is; and that he is a rewarder of them that believe."

"Ask and it shall be given unto you, seek and ye shall find, knock, and it shall be opened unto you." Matt. 7:7. "If any be afflicted let him pray." James 5:13. If you can not get help by yourself, call for the elders of the church to pray and anoint you. And the prayer of faith shall save the sick and the Lord shall raise him up, James, 5:14,15. Jesus heals through those he sends.

What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, Mark 11:24. To be healed you must have confidence in God and his word. And this is the confidence we have in him if we ask anything according to his will he heareth us and if we know he heareth us, we know we have the petition we desire of him. I John 5,14,15. So regardless of our feelings we may know we are healed by faith in God and his word. And again John said, "Beloved I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth." John 3:2.

Dear afflicted saints of God be encouraged. God's words holds out healing for you and invites you to accept it by faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and his word which is settled in Heaven; hence all Heaven stands back of God's word. But some will say, "I have tried so hard to have faith for my healing and failed." That is like a man trying in his own strength to save himself. The more he tries the deeper in the quagmire of sin he sinks. Let me suggest a better way; the Bible way. Trust and obey for there is no other way. When you pray for your healing or send for some one to pray for you, or anoint you, don't try to believe. Just believe, then act like you believe. If you are sick and in bed when the word is obeyed, and the prayer of faith is prayed get out of bed in the name and strength of Jesus and expect healing: for that is what faith is anyway: hope and expectation. Mother if you was to tell your child that you would give it a nice present if it will obey you. You would not expect the child to cry and moan and say mother I'm trying to believe you. Would you? Well that is the way some treat Jesus. The way to have faith in God is to live so that he will have faith in us. But some will say if God would always heal, Then we would never die; "It is appointed unto man once to die." but no where in the Bible can we find where man has to be sick to die; many are the afflictions of righteous, but the Lord delivereth

him out of the them all. God bless this little message to the help of afflicted ones everywhere.

Yours in him,

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Guthrie, Okla.—Dear saints in the one body:—Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus. I thank God for his saving and keeping power. I praise Him for his blessings upon me from day to day. I truly love the Lord as He has been all in all to me since he saved me from all sin. I am born again and by his grace will sin no more.

The dear Lord is my Physician in time of sickness. I thank Him for he has healed me many times when I needed help, Praise His dear name. About two years ago I was so sick and was on my way to eternity. My son thought I had passed on, but God heard and answered prayer. Sister Harmon and Sister Pruitt came and prayed over me and the Lord made me well at once. There isn't anything impossible with our God. I love to follow in this narrow way for it is a holy and a clean way to travel. I am encouraged this morning to go all the way.

I ask your prayer.

—Sister Mary Roethler.

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Guthrie, Okla.—Dear saints of God:—We have felt for some time that we should write in and tell of God's wonderful way of saving us and of his many times of healing us, especially our children, for which we truly praise and thank Him. Sammie, our little boy when eleven days old had bronchial pneumonia and it seemed to leave his throat weak. Any sudden change in the weather irritates his throat and causes him to cough and sometimes causes a high fever and a terrible breathing to set in. During the last one of these spells he was very sick. We didn't know whether he would live or not, but we put our trust in God and having been taught and believing God's word in James we called for Brother and Sister Pruitt, who are true and faithful and very much like our own mother and father to us. I truly thank God for such real true saints. So we prayed over him anointing with oil in Jesus precious name.

God healed him and he has been better ever since. He just has a different look and we can't say enough about God's goodness unto us. We have written this for Gods glory alone and if you have a disease that is stubborn, trust God. We have found as we keep on trusting God He never fails or forsakes us.

Your brother and sister in Jesus,

—Sam and Evelyn Taylor.

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Guthrie, Okla.—Dear saints, greeting you all in the name of the dear Lord. I can still say I am saved, sanctified and kept by the power of God. I am still trusting the Lord for all my needs when sickness overtakes me the Lord is always ready to heal my body and drive away all afflictions, he is my all in all praise his name forever. I can truthfully say that the Lord has healed me many times. I remember when the Lord healed me of shortness of breath, long before I was in this pure light and gospel. Then in Okla. City four years ago He healed me of an affliction instantly of four years standing and also just a

few months ago he wonderfully healed me of an affliction in which I give him all the praise; bless his holy name for ever. In obedience to his word I obey John 5:13-14. So dear reader the Lord will do for others just as he did for me. He tells us obedience is better than sacrifice. I desire the saints prayer that the Lord will restore my voice so I can sing and enjoy salvation this way. I know he is able to do all things, all power both in heaven and earth is in his hand. Praise his name forever. What he has done for me he will do for you and every one that will put their trust in our blessed Lord.

Your saved sister in the Lord,

—Matilda Perkins.

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Guthrie, Okla.—Dear saints and readers of Faith and Victory. I feel that it will be to the glory of God and maybe an encouragement to the saints for me to write my testimony through the little paper and tell how God has been blessing us. We just recently moved into a large apartment house among unsaved people and disbelievers. We have been telling them about the power of Jesus and how He is able to save us and heal our bodies when we are sick.

We also told them we had implicit faith in the Lord and were not afraid to trust him with our bodies when sick. Shortly afterwards I took sick and suffered great pain and agony. They asked me if they should call the Dr., but I refused and told them to call the saints. I was trusting in God for my healing. When the saints arrived I was still suffering great pain but after they anointed me and prayer was being offered, I felt the pain leave my body and the Lord instantly healed me before all who were present and caused some to believe in the power of Jesus. I feel stronger in body now than I have for two years and I truly give God all the praise for it.

So why should we doubt God when he has proved himself true to his word many times and his power we are sure is not limited. What God has done for me he will do for you. Have faith in God.

Your sister in Christ,

—Mrs. Paul Wyatt.

Guthrie, Okla.—Greeting in Jesus name to all those that have been redeemed by the all atoning blood. We are thankful that we have a privilege to witness for our Lord and saviour. Those who are serving Satan are very bold to witness for their master both in word and in deed. Neither are we ashamed to witness for our Lord of manifold blessings. We are much impressed to make mention of the Lord's gracious dealings in regard to healing our baby boy Carrol. Winter before last he had scarlet fever. It was during an intense cold winter storm; He became very ill. Satan was present to persecute and try to discourage but our faith wavered not and by an agreement of prayer he was made well. A few days later as he was learning to crawl, wife stepped out in the yard a few moments. While she was gone he somehow rolled over against the stove. It put him in a position that his hand was braced tight against the stove. When Bonnie returned to the house the palm of his hand was one large blister. When I returned from town a few moments later Bonnie was walking the

floor crying and the baby was screaming. We knelt and prayed that the great God of Heaven would come to our rescue again. Immediately the child was relieved from suffering and was bothered but very little afterward. Today his hand is normal with only a very small scar. How compassionate and powerful is the God whom we serve.

A few months ago he taken sick again. We knew not what the disease was. He had high fever and could not keep a thing in his stomach for over a week. Without food with the high fever his surplus strength was soon gone. He was very sick and helpless. We did not send for a doctor as many suggested but trusted in the Lord.

One Sunday evening he was very bad. Although the saints had been very faithful in agreement with us yet he grew worse. We called Bro. Pruitt that he might come and anoint him as the Bible teaches us. He didn't improve much the remainder of the day but the next day Bro. Pruitt called me that he had dreamed of the baby and told us to be encouraged for he saw him as a fat healthy baby and he improved rapidly from that hour.

While we thank the Lord most of all for salvation yet truly we do appreciate these temporal blessings. The good Lord has healed our bodies many times as we put our trust in him. He has also supplied our temporal needs in many ways past our expectations. We find him a present help in every time of need whether it be for the body, soul, or temporal need.

—Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Porter.

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Moss, Miss.—Dear Bro. and Sister Pruitt: I received the anointed handkerchief which you sent. Sister McCarty and Bro. Gregory applied it in the name of the dear Lord and prayed the prayer of faith for me. Praise the Lord He has heard that prayer and I am on the road to recovery. My troubles are disappearing and thank God I am looking away from the cross to the glittering crown.

Your saved sister on the altar. —Hattie Legg.

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MUTUAL INTEREST CORRESPONDENCE

- 1 Deliver thyself, O zion, that dwelleth—
- 2 And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God—
- 3 Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible—
- 4 The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom: A good understanding—

Search out the balance of the scripture, set it down on paper and write an explanation of the scriptures as you understand them. Send your explanation to Ed. Callan, Bend, Oregon, for correction, or confirmation. In this way we can search the scriptures and grow in grace and knowledge and glorify God. Enclose postage, for return of your corrected or confirmed paper.

Ask any questions you wish concerning the spiritual life. Come, let us reason together, write plain, and may God bless you and me, in our sincere effort to help all who will inquire.

« Young People's Section »

A PURE HEART

O for a heart to praise my God,
A heart from sin set free!
A heart that always feels thy blood,
So freely split for me.

A heart resigned, submissive, meek,
My great redeemer's throne:
Where only Christ is heard to speak
Where Jesus reigns alone.

O for a lowly, contrite heart,
Believing, true, and clean
Which neither life nor death can part
From him that dwells within!

A heart in every thought renewed,
And full of love divine;
Perfect, and right and pure and good,
A copy Lord of thine.

Thy nature, gracious Lord impare;
Come quickly from above;
Write thy new name upon my heart,
Thy new, best name of love.

—Charles Wesley

EDITORIALS

Faith is a gift of God, for He is the "author and finisher of our faith." Heb. 12:2. He inspires living faith and then completes it by sending the answer. Real faith cannot be worked up by human effort—it is a divine gift imparted to us through certain channels and on certain conditions. Rom. 10:17 says, "Faith cometh by hearing" the word of God, which also implies the practising of the word. In order for God to inspire and implant faith in the heart, the individual must be sincere and stable with a mind singled to please God. A double minded man is unstable in all of his ways and he can never receive anything of the Lord. No matter how much one might say they have faith or how much they might pray, God cannot inspire living faith until the person is on believing grounds.

Then how can we arrive at the point where faith will operate? Jesus says, "If ye abide in me and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you." If we abide in Him and walk in all the light of His word, this inspires confidence. Faith will not become active until we are doing all the known will of God. The Apostle James says, "Faith without works is dead, being alone." Faith, in order to be living, must be accompanied by works. What is the "works"? It is not doing what we think we ought to do to help ourselves, but do-

ing what God says, whether by his written word or by His revealed will concerning us. For instance, when one seeks, the individual proves his faith to some extent by doing what Apostle James says, "If any sick among you, let him call for the elders of the church and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil, and the prayer of faith shall save the sick and the Lord shall raise him up."

There are several hinderances to reaching believing grounds. Walking back of light, unconfessed faults, selfishness, pride and lukewarmness are some of them. Living faith touches God. "A woman came to Jesus and tremblingly reached out her feeble hand and touched the hem of His garment. He asked, 'who touched me?' It was not the finger-touch that he felt, but the faith-touch. Today we can touch Him by faith and by no other way. Though many angels may be thronging Him, yet the feeblest touch of faith will reach Him.

"You may be unnoticed and unknown. A little cabin on the mountain-side may be your home, but your feeblest cry of faith will reach the throne of God, and He will send angels to encamp round about you and deliver you. Have faith in God. When all is dark around you, believe in Him. Trust Him when you cannot trace, and believe when you cannot see."

—L. D. P.

RESPONSIBILITY OF LIFE

We have only one life to live, only one. Think of this for a moment. Here we are in this world of time making the journey of life. Each day we are farther from the cradle and nearer the grave. Solemn thought. See the mighty concourse of human lives; hear their heavy tread in their onward march. Some are just beginning life's journey; some are midway up the hill, some have reached the top, and some are midway down the western slope. But where are we all going? Listen, and you will hear but one answer—"Eternity." Beyond the fading, dying gleams of the sunset of life lies a boundless, endless ocean called Eternity. Thitherward you and I are daily traveling.

Time is like a great wheel going its round. On and on it goes. Some are stepping on and some are stepping off. But where are these latter stepping? Into eternity. See that old man with bent form, snow-white locks, and tottering steps. His has been a long, but he has made it at last. See the middle-aged. His round has not been so long, but he must step off. See the youth. He has been on only a little while, but he is brought to the stepping-off place. He thought his round would be much longer. He supposed he was fairly getting started when that icy hand was laid upon him and the usher said, "Come, you have made your round, and you must go." The infant that gave its first faint cry this morning may utter its last feeble wail tonight. And thus they go. But where? Eternity.

If you were to start today and ask each person you met the question, "Where are you going?" and, if possible, you were to travel the world over and ask each one of earth's inhabitants, there could be but one answer—"Eternity."

Only one life to live! Only one life, and then we must face vast, endless eternity. We shall pass along the pathway of life but once. Every step we take is a step that can never be taken again. With this fact in mind, who does not feel like calling upon the All-wise to direct his every step. If when we make a misstep we could go back and step it over, then there would not be such great necessity to step carefully. But we can never go back. We are leaving footprints. Just as our steps are, so will the footprints be which will tell the story of our life. If we had a score of lives to live, how to live this one would not be of such great moment. We should then have nineteen lives in which to correct the errors and sins in this one; but alas! we have but one. What, then, should we seek more earnestly than to know how to live?

We doubt not but there is in the heart of the reader a strong desire to live life as it should be lived. Thank God, you can. You desire your life to be like the fertile oasis, where the weary traveler refreshes himself. You have seen the rays of light lingering upon the hillside and treetop and gilding the fleecy cloud after the sun had gone down. You desire the beautiful rays of light from your life to linger long after your sun has gone down. You can have it that way. The deeds you do will live after you are gone. They are the footprints. Some one has said that we each day are here building the house we are going to occupy in eternity. If this be true, nothing should concern us so much as how to live. Some men are devoting their time and the power of their intellects to invention; some are studying statesmanship; some are studying the arts, others the sciences; but we have come to learn a little more about how to live. Many are thinking about how much they wish to die, but let us learn how to live. If we live well, we shall die well.

Since we have but one life to live and with it we must face eternity, I am sure there are many who want to make the most of life. There are many who want to be their best in life. This is not a play-ground, or a place to trifle with time. It is a place of work and effort, a place of purpose and earnestness, a place to do something. Life is not given us to squander away, but was given us to accomplish a purpose in the mind of the Creator. If we will set ourselves to live as we should, God will help us and no man can hinder us. We are purchasing treasures for eternity by making a proper use of time. To trifle away time is indeed to be the greatest of spendthrifts. If you squander a dollar, you may regain it; but a moment wasted can never be regained.

There is a great responsibility in life. It means much to live. The time was when you and I were not, now we are. We are, and there can never come a time when we shall not be. You and I shall always exist somehow, somewhere. One sweet thought to me is that I have time enough to do all that God intends for me to do, and do it well. Then comes another thought—a thought that awes: the good

that I do, the sum of my usefulness, will be less than it should be if I spend a moment of the time uselessly. God will give us all the time we need to accomplish all he purposes us to accomplish, but he does not give us one moment to trifle away.

—C. E. Orr.

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MAN IN OPPOSITION TO GOD

Man may oppose man and get along fine, but when he steps up against God it isn't long until he will see that he is over matched. Let us take Herod for example. Because he saw that he had pleased man by killing James he went still farther, so far as to put Peter in prison to bring him before the people. It seems like God allowed him to succeed in the first undertaking. But for man to be successful and prove out over God never happens. I say no. Peter being in prison was delivered by the hand of God which displeased Herod. Acts 12:19-24. When Herod sought Peter he didn't find him, not being successful as at the first.

The king also made an oration. Now to show how man come out we read the 23rd verse, "And immediately the angel of the Lord smote him, because he gave not God the glory: and he was eaten of worms, and gave up the ghost." But listen on the other hand (Acts 12:24) "But the word of God grew and multiplied." Thank God!

Now I am going to try us on this just a little. Now the gifts and calling, beloved, are from God. He places us in the body as it pleases Himself. If we work against any that have the gift and calling, it makes no difference who we are, we work against God. And let us take warning that we be not smitten of the mighty hand of God. I want to say that we have no power to limit the liberty of God's servants, for to his own master he standeth or falleth. There is one thing God has given us power to do; that is to make men see what is the fellowship of the mystery.

"Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." I am happy to know that each one of us must give account of himself to God. I am opposed to saints fighting. The Lord is opposed to the same thing, for God is not the author of confusion, but of peace as in all churches of the saints. "Great peace have they that love thy law, and nothing shall offend them." We as the servants of God by the plan of God through Jesus Christ, must be able to have patience enough to handle contention, without being contentious our selves. By that we can be Godly all the way in and under all conditions. Brother, when a matter comes up and I kick out of harness and you do the same, where is the likeness of God? Some one at all times must be an example, so men can see the fellowship of the mystery.

Matt. 25:40, "And the king shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me." (Christ) Let us watch and keep saved and not fight against the dear Lord.

Your saved brother

L. E. Gaines

Dear Brother Pruitt: We just received the tracts that you so generously gave and are still thanking GOD and rejoicing for the truths they contain. May GOD bless you much for your generosity and love for saints and sinners. How we do love the truth and people who will proclaim it. This is exactly what my soul hungers for, and I love to see men who are really doers of the word as well as preachers of the word. I was saved, or born into the Church of God under The Gospel Trumpets management and I thought I had found the zealous and peculiar people spoken of in the word, but alas, I find so many are leaning toward the world and compromise, such as Youth Camps, preacher factories and other worldly man made institutions that are not of God's plan at all, that I had become discouraged. But thank God for people like you and your associates who have come to the rescue of down hearted souls who yearn for the whole truth.

There are men who claim to know God that are hiring out as pastors and preach more "self" than they do Jesus Christ. And some of that same type preach more on finance than they do on salvation. May God give us preachers who won't preach anything but the gospel from the pulpit. In revivals, I notice so many preachers are very anxious to pass the collection plate like street fakirs, medicine shows and sectism do. Brother, this seems like charging the poor sinner for the hearing of the word, and it sounds rather odd too, after they preached on faith in God.

People who read much of the word expect preachers to be leaders and practice what they preach or in other words to be doers of the word in precept and example. There surely is need for a reformation to get back on the old standard of the church that Jesus built. For there are ministers in the reformation who do these things mentioned above. But thank the LORD there are a few yet that will not bow down to Baal or even an image of it, but will hold up God's standard with their whole heart, soul, mind and strength. Praise God for those who have a determination to carry on to the grave.

Pray for me and mine,

A brother in Christ, —Noel Castleberry.

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WHAT GOD HATH CHOSEN

Matt. 22-14. For many are called but few are chosen. We read in God's word that he is not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance. Seeing then that God is not willing that any should perish, many people may wonder just why he is so particular about that which he chooses. What purpose does he have in choosing us, just why and for what purpose does he want us? Jesus said; Matt. 16:18, "Upon this rock I will build my church," and he says farther that "the gates of hell shall not prevail against it."

It is for this wonderful structure that he is choosing material. And since this building is to be a holy temple so the material that goes into it must be holy. Eph. 2—19 22. "Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints, and of the house

hold of God; and are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone. In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto a holy temple in the Lord. In whom ye also (whom God hath chosen) are builded together an habitation of God thru the Spirit.

Yes, dear saints, God is very particular about this material which he is choosing for this holy temple (The church of God) for He is building for eternity. I Cor. 12:18 tells us that God himself sets the members every one of them in the body (or church) as it pleases him. I Peter 2-5; "Ye also as lively stones are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God by Jesus Christ." And the ninth verse; "But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous light."

In the 21st chapter of Revelation the writer speaks of this building as the bride; the Lamb's wife, also as that great city, the holy Jerusalem. He also says that the street of the city was pure gold and the gates were of pearls and the walls were of jasper and garnished with all manner of precious stones. And God says of those whom he hath chosen, "And they shall be mine, saith the Lord of hosts in that day, when I make up my jewels." These jewels will no doubt be used to adorn the city of God. Heaven itself and God's holy people are inseparable. Now we can begin to see why God is so careful and cautious about the material he chooses for this beautiful holy city. The Trinity is holy, the angels are holy and Heaven is holy. And there is no question about it, we must be holy if we are to be a part of it. Many are called but few are willing to pay the price of going thru God's refining process that burns out all the dross (worldliness) and makes us pure gold and precious stones. If God chooses us we must be willing to go into his crucible to be refined. God says, "I have chosen you in a furnace of affliction, Malachi 3:2 He (Jesus and his shed blood) is like a refiner's fire and like fuller's soap. Heb. 13:12-14, "Wherefore Jesus also that he might sanctify the people with his own blood, suffered without the gate. Let us go forth therefore, unto him with out the camp bearing his reproach. For here we have no continuing city, but we seek one to come."

Only those whom God hath chosen will dare to go all the way with Jesus. Oh, how few are really willing to forsake all and take up their cross and follow the lowly Nazarene thru the garden, thru the judgement and on to Calvary. Paul said, "They that are Christ's (or his chosen ones) have crucified the flesh, with the affections and lusts."

In Eph. the 5th chapter we are taught that His church is a sanctified church with out spot or wrinkle or any such thing and that she is holy and without blemish.

Dear saints, let us assuredly know that God is carefully choosing the material for this beautiful structure which he is building for eternity. Before he laid the foundation for this old earth God purposed that we (his chosen ones) should be "holy and without blame before him in

love." Eph. 1:3,4. And I am fully persuaded that he has never changed his mind about it one particle up to this present time, and he never will.

In Deut. 7:6,7 God says, "For thou art a holy people unto the Lord thy God: the Lord thy God hath chosen thee to be a special people unto himself." And he said he did not choose them because they were more in number, "for ye were the fewest of all people."

Isa. 3,5. "And an highway shall be there and a way and it shall be called; The way of holiness and the unclean shall not pass over it." Isa. 52:1. "Awake, awake: put on thy strength, O Zion; put on thy beautiful garments, O Jerusalem, the holy city; for hence forth there shall no more come into thee the uncircumsized and the unclean."

If we plan to go to heaven we had just as well make up our minds to be holy (for God only chooses those who will be made holy) for "without holiness no man shall see the Lord," so says God's holy word in Heb. 12:14. Jesus said, "I have chosen you and ordained you;" and he also said, "I have chosen you out of the world." And John says, "Therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not." But it seems to me there are many profess to be Christians who are too well acquainted with the world. God is looking the whole universe over for material for his building of which Jesus said he gates of hell shall not prevail against it. Dear reader, if you have not all ready yielded yourself to God to be one of his chosen ones, won't you right now yield your self to him to take you thru the fire that you may be made pure gold or a bright jewel for the celestial city? Will you give up forever, count all things but loss, To gain this great Treasure and die at the cross?

Your humble servant in the body of Christ,

—George W. Stephenson.

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TALENTS

"For the kingdom of heaven is as a man traveling into a far country, who called his servants, and delivered unto them his goods, and unto one he gave five talents, to another two, and unto another one; to every man according to his several ability, and straightway took his journey. Then he that had received the five talents went and traded with the same, and made them other five talents, and likewise he that had received two, he also gained another two, but he that had received one went and digged in the earth and hid his lord's money." Matt. 25:14-18.

There is a certain amount of responsibility resting upon each of the servants of God. None are excused from exercising themselves in one capacity or another for the advancement of the kingdom of God.

The above parable was given to show that the Lord does not want us to be idlers, but to be up and doing. The Lord Himself knows in what sphere each one can render the most beneficial service, and He has given to each one a talent, or talents according as their ability may be to work in the place He has for them, for God has placed the members in the body as it hath pleased Him, and each one is to render service, not as unto man,

but as unto God. For He it is that shall reward "every man" in the reckoning day. Therefore, we should be the more faithful for He is faithful that promised.

It is natural for one to feel embarrassed at times when in company with those who are more talented than themselves, and at such times, may be tempted to do nothing, or in other words, to bury their talent in the earth. At such times one should be careful not to yield to the enemy, but to be attentive to the voice of God, and do as He bids them. For the Word of the Lord by the mouth of the prophet has said, "Woe unto them that are at ease in Zion." Now this does not mean one should be fluttering around and doing something just to busy themselves, or to be fighting the air so to speak. But whatever it be all should be done to the glory of God. "Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, whether prophecy let us prophesy according to the proportion of faith; or ministry, let us wait on our ministering, or he that teacheth, on teaching, or he that exhorteth on exhortation: he that giveth let him do it with simplicity; he that ruleth with diligence; he that sheweth mercy with cheerfulness. Let love be without dissimulation; abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good." Rom. 12:6-9.

It is obvious that all who will proceed along these lines, when the Lord shall come again, will hear the blessed "well done, thou good and faithful servant, thou hast been faithful in a few things. I will make thee ruler over many. Enter thou into the joys of thy Lord." But what about the fearful, negligent, and slouthful? It will not be so well with them but the sad denunciation will fall upon their ears, "Depart from me, I know you not."

Now there is one sense wherein we are all blessed with the same talent, and that is with the power to live the Christ-like life, and to be a witness for Him. The living of the saved life includes everything for us in this life concerning the work that God would have us to do, and it comes to each one just one day at a time. May the Lord encourage every one; and especially those who are inclined to be timid or negligent, to stir up the gift that is in them, so that at the close of life's day they can say, "I have finished the work thou gavest me to do."

—Ulysses Phillips.

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Fallis Okla.—To the true saints and readers of Faith and Victory: For sometime I have had the leading of the Lord to write a field report from this part of the vineyard, also to give my testimony that the dear saints may know how we are getting along. We are yet saved and are more encouraged this year than ever to stay with the Lord regardless of the cost. We are working very hard to get the people together. We feel the strength of your prayers. They are coming together and are willing to take their stand for the whole truth.

The Lord is blessing us with the healing of our body and soul. I was stung by a centipede and was healed in five hours. The pain was gone in two minutes and in five hours the swelling was about all gone. My son Isaac has two little girls; one will be three years old in October;

the other is about eight months old. A boy was throwing a ball and struck the baby on the head. The baby which had been asleep, screamed. Before I could get to the baby the girl that had the baby said the boy struck the ball with a bat and it struck the baby on top of the head. I was very much worried until the little girl two years old, the sister to the baby, said, "Grandma will pray." She said, "Let's sing a song and praise God." Then I put the baby on the bed and began to pray. The two year old child said, "Yes, Lord, Amen,—Lord: And the Lord healed the child at once. We were called to pray for two sick sisters, and they were healed.

Just keep praying, the Lord is working wonderfully out here. Souls are getting saved. Isaac baptized his first convert the fourth Sunday in May. I have more to tell, but I will close now saying pray much for us and come when you can.

Your sister, still saved and sanctified,

—Ellen Chandler.

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Russellville Ala.—Dear saints of God greetings in Jesus precious name. I am so glad I can say that God has saved and sanctified and filled me with the holy spirit over seven years ago and I have never gotten tired of the way yet, I just want to live closer that my life might be an example to this lost and dying world. My greatest desire is to be guided by his spirit and bring my little girl up to be a great worker for my Lord.

I just want to say a few words to the ones that are living for God and are having trouble in their home. If you will only hold to God's hand he will carry you through. Our cross may be heavy but he will help us bear it, bless his same. My home has been broken up six years but I am still holding to God. I mean to go through for some day our troubles will be over. I am sending 25 cents to renew my subscription. I dearly love this little paper. I have read my Bible daily since last October. Pray for me that God will give me understanding of his word, that I might stay humble at the foot of the cross and do and say just what he would have me to. May God bless and save every lost soul is my prayer.

A sister in Christ Jesus, —Emma Logan.

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Orienta, Okla.— To the dear saints everywhere: may Jesus bless you. Jesus loves me and I love him. Tho in a time of trouble, we live in. But Daniel 12:1 says, "And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time: and that time thy people shall be found written in the book."

So it is the desire of my heart to be faithful and pleasing to him that is able to deliver us out of the hands of our enemies and serve him without fear in holiness and righteousness all the days of my life.

Beloved, I want to see Jesus face to face, he has and is doing so much for me. I desire the saints prayer for my body, it is in a weak condition, yet I know Jesus is able

Your sister in Christ, —Mrs. Eva Penner.

WILL A MAN ROB GOD?

This question was asked to backsliden Israel, then it was told them that the whole nation had robbed God in tithes and offerings. What a charge against mankind of robbing the very God who made them and gave them all things to enjoy life, food, raiment, water, sun shine, rain and a nice world to live in; then that he would rob God of what he owed him.

As Israel robbed God then so many are robbing God today of tithes, offerings, time, talent, of praise and thanksgiving and a life of usefulness. We owe God our life, talent, time and all, we are his own but we are not our own. When we fail to give God of our means or our time we rob Him. God must have first place in our heart and life, he will not be last. So many wait till their needs are all supplied first then if there is any left God gets the fragments. Shame on people who will do that. Give God his share then we will always have enough for our needs.

Some will give God the pennies and the little potatoes, usually specked, also the rotten specked apples, the nubbins of corn, the crippled chicken, the blind calf, and the runt. When they give to the preacher or the widow, they are thinking that is right, but Jesus said, "Inasmuch as ye do it to one of these little ones ye do it unto me." When we give such to others we give it to Jesus and rob God of the best. Such offerings will not be accepted of God, read Lev. 22:20, Deut. 17:1 and 15:21.


God must have the best. Oh, it is so easy to rob God in this manner. We serve God as we serve each other, when we rob each other by giving the refuse; we rob God. God does not need any money, potatoes, apples, hogs or food but many of his children do. Let us not rob God by the holding of our means. Don't look in the meal barrel or larder or worn clothes and empty coal bin, if you do you might rob God.

—Cleo Murray.

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Sunday, July 4, 1937.

GOD HEARS A PEOPLE'S CRY.

Daily Readings And Meditation

June 28, to July 3.

- M. A people oppressed. Exod. 1:6-14.
 T. A cry of distress. Psalms 94:1-14.
 W. A prayer in affliction. Psalms 142:1-7.
 T. God hears a people's cry. Exod. 2:23-25.
 F. The bondage of sin. Rom. 6:15-23.
 S. A prayer of trust. Psalms 3:1-8.

Printed Portion.....Exodus 1:6-14; 2:23-25.

Exodus 1:6 And Joseph died and all his brethren, and all that generaton.

7 And the children of Israel were fruitful, and increased abundantly, and multiplied, and waxed exceeding mighty and the land was filled with them.

8 Now there arose up a new king over Egypt, which knew not Joseph.

9 And he said unto his people, Behold, the people of the children of Israel are more and mightier than we:

multiply, and it come to pass, that, when there falleth out

10 Come on, let us deal wisely with them; lest they any war, they join also unto our enemies, and fight against us, and so get them up out of the land.

11 Therefore they did set over them taskmasters to afflict them with their burdens. And they built for Pharaoh treasure cities, Pithom and Raamses.

12 But the more they afflicted them, the more they multiplied and grew. And they were grieved because of the children of Israel.

13 And the Egyptians made the children of Israel to serve with rigour:

14 And they made their lives bitter with hard bondage, in mortar, and in brick, and in all manner of service in the field: all their service, wherein they made them serve was with rigour.

Exodus 2:23 And it came to pass in process of time, that the king of Egypt died: and the children of Israel sighed by reason of the bondage, and they cried, and their cry came up unto God by reason of the bondage.

24 And God heard their groaning, and God remembered his covenant with Abraham, Isaac, and with Jacob.

25 And God looked upon the children of Israel, and God had respect unto them.

Memory Verse: And it shall come to pass, that before they call, I will answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear.

Practical Truth—God is not indifferent to the sufferings of men.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

In our lesson this week we are no longer studying about the "Seventy souls" that came down into Egypt but these families of Jacob have become a multitude. God promised Abraham that his descendants would be many and that a blessing was to come to mankind. The former part of this promise was being fulfilled but the latter part was to

be fulfilled later. While the Egyptian taskmasters did all they could to hinder the progress of the children of Israel yet they increased in number from about 70 to about 600,000. When God works who can hinder or when God is for us who can be against us? By the Lord's help we shall continue to accept Him as our keeper and guide.

The cry of the distressed. Why shouldn't people in a far country, under the bondage of taskmasters cry for deliverance. Slavery and Bondage are words with far reaching meaning. If we were laboring under the lash of hard hearted taskmasters in a hot climate with no hope of pay we would be able to realize what these words mean.

While these conditions are not fastened upon the physical part of man in this country yet words cannot picture the terrible spiritual condition of multitudes in our country today. Pharaoh is typical of Satan and Egypt in a type of sin. How good it is when we hear those that are in sin cry out to God for deliverance. Souls that are bound under sinful habit may turn unto God, ask for deliverance and find that the blood of Jesus can make the vilest sinner clean. As we take a survey of our past life in sin and remember how we were serving Satan, how we were helplessly doing his biddings; our hearts are made to rejoice at the thought that we have been set free. Salvation is a complete work. It means complete deliverance from sin.

Most all will agree that whosoever the son make free is free indeed, yet they continue to bow unto Satan acknowledging that they sin in word, thought and deed testifying to the world that Jesus cannot deliver them. Our conception of Jesus is that He is all powerful; not only forgiving our sins but cleansing our hearts of that Adamic nature and helping us to live a life free from sin and condemnation. One who farms is a farmer. One who sins is a sinner. Do you think sinners will be in heaven?

Sunday, July 11, 1937.

GOD PROVIDES A LEADER

Daily Readings And Meditation

July 5, to July 10.

- M. God saves a life. Exod. 2:1—10.
 T. God provides a leader. Exod. 3:1—12.
 W. Accepting a task. Heb. 11:23—27.
 T. God calls Joshua. Joshua. 1:1—9.
 F. God calls Gideon. Judges 6:11—18.
 S. God calls Paul. Acts 9:10—19

Printed Portion.....Exodus 3:1—12.

Exodus 3:1 Now Moses kept the flock of Jethro his father in law, the priest of Midian: and he led the flock to the backside of the desert, and came to the mountain of God, even to Horeb.

2 And the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush: and he looked, and behold, the bush burned with fire, and the bush was not consumed.

3 And Moses said, I will now turn aside, and see this great sight, why the bush is not burnt.

4 And when the Lord saw that he turned aside to see, God called unto him out of the midst of the brush, and

said, Moses, Moses. And he said, Here am I.

5 And he said, Draw not nigh hither: put off thy shoes from off thy feet, for the place whereon thou standest is holy ground.

6 Moreover he said, I am the God of thy father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. And Moses hid his face; for he was afraid to look upon God.

7 And the Lord said, I have surely seen the affliction of my people which are in Egypt, and have heard their cry by reason of their taskmasters; for I know their sorrows;

8 And I am come down to deliver them out of the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land unto a good land and a large, unto a land flowing with milk and honey; unto the place of the Canaanites, and the Hittites, and the Amorites, and the Perizzites, and the Hivites, and the Jebusites.

9 Now therefore, behold, the cry of the children of Israel is come unto me: and I have also seen the oppression wherewith the Egyptians oppress them.

10 Come now therefore, and I will send thee unto Pharaoh, that thou mayest bring forth my people the children of Israel out of Egypt.

11 And Moses said unto God, Who am I, that I should go unto Pharaoh, and that I should bring forth the children of Israel out of Egypt?

12 And he said, Certainly I will be with thee; and this shall be a token unto thee, that I have sent thee: When thou hast brought forth the people out of Egypt, ye shall serve God upon this mountain.

Memory Verse: And the angel of the LORD appeared unto him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush: and he looked, and, behold, the bush burned with fire, and the bush was not consumed.

Practical Truth—A call of God carries with it both responsibility and opportunity.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

Recount the chief facts concerning the infancy and early training of Moses. God can prepare men for the task he wishes them to perform. Moses was instructed in all the wisdom of the Egyptians yet he failed to accomplish anything in delivering his people, but after the Lord gave instruction he was able to lead his people from captivity. definite and plain. We need not be called in the same way but our calling should be definite and we can be certain of our calling.

Many speak of our old age as our declining years but young or old our declining years come when we fail to fill the humble place God has for us.

Many fail to feel the seriousness of our life's calling. Our success and usefulness depends very much upon this one thing. Some think that the preacher is the one to be sure of his calling but every one in the body has their place and should be assured of their calling even as the minister.

Note the attitude of Moses in regard to the people. He was not a Lord over God's heritage but only one of the number. Is not this an example for our leaders to day? Does the dollar or honor from man have anything to do

We notice that when God called Moses the call was

with mans calling today? Application: know our place in the body—be at our best at all times.

How much reading matter would it be if we should write out on paper our calling and the specific things that we have done today or even the last week.

Sunday, July 18, 1937

GOD ENCOURAGES A LEADER

Daily Readings And Meditation

July 12—17.

- M. The call of Moses. Exod 3:13-17.
- T. Moses encouraged. Exod 4:1-9.
- W. God's promise of help. Exod. 4:10-17.
- T. God's presence promised. Acts 18:5-11.
- F. God's promise in Victory. John 16:25-33.
- S. Fearless trust in God. Psalms 27:7-14.

Printed Portion.....Exodus 3:13-16,4:10-16,5:1.

Exodus 3:13 And Moses said unto God, Behold, when I come unto the children of Israel, and shall say unto them, The God of your fathers hath sent me unto you; and they shall say to me, What is his name? what shall I say unto them?

14 And God said unto Moses, I AM THAT I AM: and he said, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, I AM hath sent me unto you.

15 And God said moreover unto Moses, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, The Lord God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, hath sent me unto you: this is my name forever, and this is my memorial unto all generations.

16 Go, and gather the elders of Israel together, and say unto them, The Lord God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, of Isaac, and of Jacob, appeared unto me, saying I have surely visited you, and seen that which is done to you in Egypt:

Exodus 4:10 And Moses said unto the LORD, O my LORD, I am not eloquent, neither heretofore, nor since thou hast spoken unto thy servant: but I am slow of speech, and of a slow tongue.

11 And the LORD said unto him, Who hath made man's mouth? or who maketh the dumb, or deaf, or the seeing, or the blind? have not I the LORD?

12 Now therefore go, and I will be with thy mouth, and teach thee what thou shalt say.

13 And he said, O my LORD, send, I pray thee, by the hand of him whom thou wilt send.

14 And the anger of the LORD was kindled against Moses, and he said, Is not Aaron the Levite thy brother? I know that he can speak well. And also, behold, he cometh forth to meet thee: and when he seeth thee, he will be glad in his heart.

15 And thou shalt speak unto him, and put words in his mouth: and I will be with thy mouth and with his mouth, and will teach you what ye shall do.

16 And he shall be thy spokesman unto the people: and he shall be, even he shall to thee instead of a mouth, and thou shalt be to him instead of God.

Exodus 5:1 And afterward Moses and Aaron went in, and told Pharaoh, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, Let thy people go, that they may hold a feast unto me in

the wilderness.

Memory Verse: The LORD will give strength unto his people.

Practical Truth—When God calls man he will enable them to succeed if they do their part.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

We continue today to study the life of Moses. In a previous lesson we found that Moses was forward to attempt to relieve the children of Israel from their oppressor. But in today's lesson God had to encourage Moses for the undertaking. Moses hesitated because of his slowness of speech so Aaron became his spokesman. Many of God's people are deprived of blessings because of this one thing not taking God at his word and counting him able. The common every day duties of life become great only as they are ordered and directed by God. The burning bush was only an ordinary bush but it became the means of calling to the greatest task ever undertaken by man.

As a rich man's name on a check makes it worth more so also God's call to a task makes that task a great one. An electric wire may not be strong enough in itself to lift one hundred pounds but it will carry a current that will lift hundreds of tons. The work it does is not in proportion to its strength but in proportion to the power house with which it is connected. So it is with the children of God in regard to accomplishing things. When man realizes that it isn't his own strength that counts but that he is only a channel through which God by his spirit may work. In this way we find that mortals can be a blessing to one another and those around about us. Our usefulness in this world depends upon the amount that we know that God is able and that we are only a vessel in his hands. Some men in their own strength may stand before audiences and satisfy and feed man's mind but real soul food comes only as man depends upon God whether the speaker is a learned eloquent man or a man slow of speech.

First we must allow God to give us a vision of the need then humbly submit that we may be used of him.

Sunday, July 25, 1937.

GOD PREPARES A PEOPLE

Daily Readings And Meditation

July 19—24.

- M. God prepares a people. Exod. 12:21-28.
- T. Preparation through repentance. Matt. 3:1-6.
- W. A notable passover. 2 Chron. 30:13-20.
- T. Preparation for service. 2 Chron. 35:1-6.
- F. Preparation for worship. Ezra 6:16-22.
- S. Preparation for victory. Joshua 5:10-15.

Printed Portion.....Exod. 12:21-28

Exod. 12:21 Then Moses called for all the elders of Israel, and said unto them, Draw out and take you a lamb according to your families, and kill the passover.

22 And ye shall take a bunch of hyssop, and dip it in the blood that is in the bason, and strike the lintel and the two side posts with the blood that is in the bason; and none of you shall go out at the door of his house until the morning.

23 For the LORD will pass through to smite the

Egyptians; and when he seeth the blood upon the lintel, and on the two side posts, the LORD will pass over the door, and will not suffer the destroyer to come in unto your houses to smite you.

24 And ye shall observe this thing for an ordinance to thee and to thy sons for ever.

25 And it shall come to pass, when ye be come to the land which the LORD will give you, according as he hath promised, that ye shall keep this service.

26 And it shall come to pass, when your children shall say unto you, What mean ye by this service?

27 That ye shall say, It is the sacrifice of the LORD'S passover, who passed over the houses of the children of Israel in Egypt, when he smote the Egyptians, and delivered our houses. And the people bowed the head and worshipped.

28 And the children of Israel went away, and did as the LORD had commanded Moses and Aaron, so did they. **Memory Verse:** The LORD thy God hath chosen thee to be a special people unto himself. Deut. 7:6.

Practical Truth—Our deliverance and safety lies in the blood of Jesus.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

When Moses and Aaron entreated Pharaoh to let the Israelites go he only increased their oppressions. They were forced to gather their own straw and yet put out as many bricks as before. As their burdens increased they complained to Moses that he had only made their lives more bitter instead of delivering them. Then followed the plagues—blood, frogs, lice, flies, murrain, boils, hail, locusts, darkness, and the death of the first born.

The eating of the passover lamb and the blood on the door posts in obedience to God's command made apparent the difference between those who served God and those who served Him not. As the lambs blood applied to the door posts as a sacrifice satisfied God and lifted the penalty of death from them so also as Christ who is our passover was sacrificed on the cross God saw the travail of his soul and was satisfied. In other words the wrath of God that came upon us by sin is appeased and we who were once "far off" are made nigh by the blood of Jesus. We are now enjoying this experience yet we feel sad to see many engrossed in darkness concerning the deliverance through the blood.

The Jews are endeavoring literally to keep the passover supper. The bitter herbs to remind them of their bitter suffering in Egypt. Grated apple to remind them of the clay bricks, salt water a reminder of the tears shed, an egg to remind them of the grave and because of the life therein of the resurrection. At one end of the table a silver cup of wine and an arm chair. This chair has been empty for hundreds of years waiting for God to send Christ, the anointed one, who in reality has come and is abiding in our hearts day by day. How sad to think of them in their condition. "Behold the goodness and severity of God."

May the LORD help us that as we study this lesson that we know that the blood is applied to our hearts and that we are innocent before Him.

Our Sunday school lesson for Aug. 1st. is— "A Nation Following God's Leadership."

Exod. 13:17-32; 14:10-15.