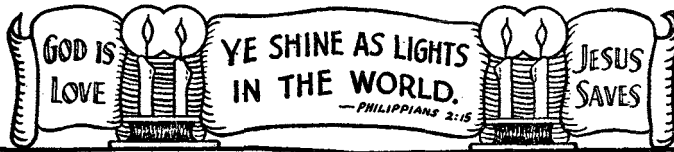


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THIS IS THE VICTORY THAT OVERCOMETH THE WORLD, EVEN OUR FAITH. — I JOHN 5:4

HAVE FAITH
IN GOD



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FOR ALL
CHRISTIANS

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Hurried Summons

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Suppose you got the summons
That today was your last day,
And the Lord sent you the warning
That you'd soon be called away.

What would you naturally think of
As you face the problem square
I am sure would come the question
"Am I fit for over there?"

If you're not, you'll try to find Him
But remember this is true
Christ has stated in the Bible,
"I'll not always strive with you."

It's really serious to let this go,
Till by and by, for it might be
There'll be no other chance to come
Before you are called to eternity.

If Christ is speaking to you now,
Don't turn Him from you for—
You might pass up your final chance
To be with Jesus for ever more.

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Is God Speaking?

For some days I have been impressed with the words given above, "Is God speaking?" I wish we might look back through the past four years and see the many different things which has come to our nation. I have been made to ask, "Why all this destruction? Why the loss of billions? Why the great army of human souls ushered into eternity with almost no warning? Why have men planted fields, vineyards and orchards and reaped little? Why such drouths as we have scarcely ever known? Why has God sent His armies (army worms and grasshoppers)

to devour what the drouth had not taken in such large areas? Is God speaking?

I believe if we turn to the Scriptures they will answer the questions. "If I shut up heaven that there be no rain, or if I command the locust to devour the land, or if I send pestilence among my people; if my people which are called by my name shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land" (2 Chron. 7:13-14).

It would be fine if our congress would stop all business for a day and carefully study the 28th chapter of Deuteronomy and note the blessings pronounced on those who will fear God and keep His commandments; and the curse on those who will not fear God. We try to figure out the cause of the awful dust storms that have been raging for a number of years, and cannot. Stop! Listen! "The Lord shall send upon thee cursing, vexation, and rebuke, in all that thou settest thine hand for to do, until thou be destroyed, and until thou perish quickly; because of the wickedness of thy doings, whereby thou hast forsaken me" (Deut. 28:20). "And thy heaven that is over thy head, shall be brass, and the earth that is under thee shall be iron. The Lord shall make the rain of thy land powder and dust: from heaven it shall come down upon thee, until thou be destroyed" (Deut. 28:23, 24). Are we not seeing the fulfillment of this, when at noonday it is as dark as night because of the rain of dust, causing the inhabitants of the land to be destroyed by diseases caused by dust? The Chief Executives of our nation who are not wanting to regard God, and His dealings with men, are in their wisdom (foolishness) spending millions of dollars to plant forest trees in our western plains states, where the climate is not adapted to raising trees, and expect that these trees will break the wind and cause the dust storms to cease. Is not the wisdom of this world foolishness

with God? "He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh: the Lord shall hold them in derision." (Psa. 2:4).

We have just experienced one of the greatest floods in the history of the United States, in which horses and cattle by the thousands were drowned until they say the stench of dead animals in the flooded zone is terrible. Let us see what the Prophet Amos has to say; "I have sent among you the pestilence after the manner of Egypt: your young men have I slain with the sword, and have taken your horses; I made the stink of your camps to come up into your nostrils: yet have ye not returned unto me, saith the Lord" (Amos 4:10.)

We have had one of the severest winters on the western coast states in many years, and the destruction of fruit will run into many millions. But what was back of this? In past years citrus fruit in great quantities was hauled to the sea coast and dumped into the ocean, to hold the price up. In our middle west because of drouth and shortage of crops, cattle and hogs have been killed and buried when there were hungry families, widows and orphans that were undernourished. Is it any wonder that God has withheld the rain? Cities have run short of water and vast sums of money are being expended annually in efforts to remedy the water shortage. Let us listen to the Prophet again, and see if God is speaking.

"And I also have given you cleanness of teeth in all your cities, and want of bread in all your places: yet have ye not returned unto me, saith the Lord. And also I have withholden the rain from you, when there was yet three months to the harvest: and I caused it to rain upon one city, and caused it not to rain upon another city: one piece was rained upon, and the piece whereupon it rained not withered. So two or three cities wandered unto one city, to drink water; but they were not satisfied: yet have ye not returned unto me, saith the Lord" (Amos 4:4-8).

Our way to prosperity was to repeal the 18th Amendment: as much as to say; "Let us drink ourselves rich." What has it brought us? A great army of our boys and girls in our high schools have been made drunkards. Is that all? Moral collapse always comes with drink, and we have the worst moral break-down in the history of our nation. Young men and young women come from the dance floors and places of revelry so drunk that they do not know what they are doing. Have we not sold our-

selves for drink and to do evil? "Be not deceived: God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man (nation) soweth, that shall he also reap." (Gal. 6:8).

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The Greater Works

Verily, verily, I say unto you, he that believeth on me, the works that I do, shall he do also, and greater works than these shall he do, because I go unto my Father. John 14:12. In meditation, the Holy Spirit impressed this subject upon my heart and gave me inspiration and interpretation of this important message.

Our Lord Jesus was speaking to his disciples at this time just after the last supper. He had just returned to Jerusalem. Among many things he had told them about his betrayal, and that he would soon leave them and go away to prepare an eternal home for them, that where he was, there they could be also. No doubt his disciples could not understand how they would ever be able to do greater works than their Lord and master had been doing, for they had seen some wonderful works as a manifestation of the power of God.

Not since the days of Elijah the prophet had mortal man seen the results of supernatural power. The promised coming of the Holy Ghost or Spirit on the day of Pentecost, was to give power and fully prepare the disciples or apostles to do greater works than our Lord had opportunity to do, due to the fact that Jesus was on earth only about three years and had traveled a radius of only about 125 miles from Jerusalem.

Those that had been baptized with the Holy Spirit called and sent forth to preach the gospel to every creature were to go to far and greater distances to far away lands, and to spend a much longer time than our Saviour ever did. They were to go where the gospel was unheard of, to lands whose people did not know the true and living God.

The apostle Paul's journey took him almost a thousand miles from his native home. The apostle John spent close to 75 years in the work of the Lord, being the last of the apostles to pass away, probably over a hundred years old.

Many of the old time ministers of Wesley's followers spent 50 years and over in the ministry, and one Henry Smith spent 70 years in the pulpit, or rather the work of the Lord.

What a contrast to the few short years our Lord spent in ushering in the gospel dispensation, and

what a wonderful opportunity to do greater works than Jesus had time and opportunity to do. What a great opportunity has a Holy Spirit called and sent minister of the full gospel, giving full proof of his ministry with 40, 50 and 70 years in the Lord's vineyard, to win souls for the kingdom of heaven.

We do know that the Lord Jesus did some mighty and wonderful works in the course of the brief time he spent on earth; namely, the raising of the dead to life and opening the eyes of the blind, but here is an opportunity now to do greater works for the Master. The call is for sanctified workers dedicated to a full service determined to be highly efficient or used of God to preach full salvation to a dead or dying world who know not God.

All about us and everywhere are the dead in sins and trespasses who need someone sent of God to instruct and show them how to find peace to their souls, to be born again or to pass from death unto life through the power of the gospel and inspired Word of God.

Not only dead to Godly principles and righteous living, but dead to all the blessings and glory of Christian living and eternal hope and reward. Multitudes are walking about us blind and unable to see the beauties of Godly living; who need the true shining light of the Gospel to enable them to sense and see the marvelous works of the Lord.

The great transformation in the life of Peter after Pentecost shows the great need of a definite second work of grace by the baptism of the Holy Spirit for it filled Peter with great boldness and determination and power regardless of worldly popularity and even the threat of death to now witness for Jesus. The conversion of 3,000 souls on this occasion is a most convincing proof or testimony of what Jesus had declared to the disciples while he was yet with them. The works of the Holy Spirit was not just limited to the apostles' age, for its duration was not limited to those qualified to receive it, for our Lord declared this great power must go to the uttermost parts of the earth, and that it would not cease to function so long as Holy men and women preached a full gospel or held up the high standard of gospel truth and living.

The harvest is great and the need, too, for Holy Spirit-called-and-sent men and women everywhere to be equipped for the greater works of the Lord. If your call is definite, it is not absolutely necessary for you to go to a training school or the theological seminary to prepare for God's great work in saving

souls. The Spirit of the Lord will give you a training with intellectual abilities and power to declare the message of God. It will be with such expressions of the power of God that sinners will be convicted, weep and repent of their sinful ways.

I am convinced that many of the modern professors of theology or instructors in the training of a minister do not even possess experimental salvation. They are highly efficient in social work, in planning entertainments, oyster, turkey and chicken suppers, carnivals and the like, to assure them of their salary. They possess no power to convince people of sin and win them to Christ or show them the joy and happiness of experimental salvation.

This is a great work; "He that winneth souls is wise." Prov. 22:1. "They that turn many to righteousness shall shine as the brightness of the stars forever and ever." Dan. 12:3. Along about 1777 the Holy Spirit called a poor black man, a slave living in North Carolina who could not read or write to be a preacher of the Gospel of our Lord. His Methodist master set him free and when Francis Asbury came down that way preaching, he induced this colored man, Harry Hoosier to come north with him.

He was pronounced by noted Methodist leaders as the greatest preacher and orator in America at that time. The white people declared he could and did outpreach such noted men as Whatcoat, Coke, Freeborn, Garretson and Asbury himself. He preached by immediate inspiration of the Holy Spirit.

He came with Asbury to Barretts Chappel, Delaware in 1784, and went as far north as Boston with Garretson, where he was regarded as a wonder among men, for he possessed such amazing, convincing power of the Spirit of the Lord combined with such effective delivery that sinners were convicted and cried to God for mercy and pardon.

Lord, give thy people who are called by the Holy Spirit, power to convince sinners they are lost and cause them to cry out, "What must I do to be saved?" It is not merely a scene of the world on fire nor one depicting the awful reality of man's doom with hope forever passed which causes man to seek God. It must be Holy people of God possessing the real gift or power of the Holy Spirit whose consuming fire shall melt down the sinful heart of man and give him a new heart and life, thus responding to a sense of God's great love and supreme sacrifice of Jesus on the cross to redeem him.

—John H. Griffith.

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From age to age this voice shall cheer:—
Whate'er may die or be forgot,
Work done for God, it dieth NOT."

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EDITORIALS

"Notwithstanding she shall be saved in child-bearing, if they continue in faith and charity and holiness with sobriety." 1 Tim. 2:15. This verse of scripture seems to be a difficult verse for many to understand and for this reason we give the following explanation which I think will make it clear to every spiritually minded reader.

The word saved in this verse refers to the woman in the foregoing verse, which is certainly Eve. But the apostle did not mean to say that she alone was to be saved through child-bearing, but that all her posterity, whether male or female, are to be saved through the child-bearing of a woman; as it is evident, from his adding, "If they live in faith, and love, and holiness, with sobriety." For safety in child-bearing does not depend on that condition at all, since many pious women die in child-bearing; while others of a contrary character are preserved. The salvation of the human race, through child-bearing, was intimated in the sentence passed on the serpent. Gen. 3:15, "I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head." Accordingly, the Savior was conceived in the womb of his mother by the power of the Holy Ghost; He is truly the seed of the woman who was to bruise the head of the serpent, and a woman, by bringing him forth, has been the occasion of our salvation. This is the most consistent sense; for, in the way in which it is commonly understood, it does not apply. There are innumerable instances of women dying in child-bearing who have lived in faith and charity and holiness with sobriety; and equally numerous instances of worthless women, slaves to different kinds of vices, who have not only been saved in child-bearing, but have passed through their travail with comparatively little pain, hence that is not in the sense in which we should understand the apostle. Yet, it must be a matter of great consolation and support to all pious women, laboring of child, to consider that, by the holy virgin's child-bearing, salvation is provided for them, and the whole human race; and that, whether they die or live, though their own child-bearing can contribute nothing to their salvation: yet, He who was born of a woman has purchased them, and the whole human race by His blood.

Without faith it is impossible to please God, or to be saved; and without love, it will be impossible to obey. Faith and love are essentially necessary to holiness and sobriety; unless both men and women live in these they cannot, scripturally, expect to dwell with God forever. Some foolish women have supposed from this verse that the very act of bringing forth children shall entitle them to salvation; and that all who die in child-bearing ultimately go to glory. Nothing can be more unfounded than this: faith, love, holiness and sobriety are as absolutely requisite for the salvation of every daughter of Eve, as they are for every son of Adam. Pain and suffering neither purify nor make atonement. On the mercy of God, in Christ, dispersing remission of sins

and holiness, both men and women may confidently rely for salvation; but on nothing else.

Though the above explanation of this scripture is true, yet, it certainly is a great comfort to the Godly child-bearing woman who is in touch with God during this trying ordeal. She can receive strength, relief and help from our compassionate Saviour who loves us with an everlasting love.

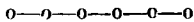


The three days' ministers meeting held at Guthrie in June was much favored of God insomuch that some misunderstandings among brethren were cleared up and ministers in general were drawn closer together.

There were over forty ministers present besides a number of gospel workers. Although there were some things sprinkled through the meeting, God's power and Spirit overruled, and no lasting injury was done. On the whole I believe that it can truthfully be said that the meeting was owned and blessed of God.

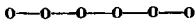
Bro. Isaac Chandler, a young minister, was ordained or his ordination of God was recognized by the ministers in the laying on of hands and prayer.

Personally, we were very much pleased with the ministers meeting as we found most of those in attendance were humble, God-fearing men and women. There was some fanaticism exhibited either because of a lack of a clear and proper interpretation of the scriptures, or else pressed by the clever working of Satanic forces. However, the power, Spirit and presence of God was so steady and established in the hearts of so many in the meeting that it pressed right on over the defects and crushed and smothered all of Satan's plans. We thank God for such a large majority of humble, yet strong settled ministers in God.



We had the pleasure of attending the Hammond, La. Camp Meeting this summer and our souls were blessed in this meeting. The truth of Christ was preached with much power of the Spirit. Some were saved, some sanctified and the Lord healed a number that were sick.

I had the pleasure of meeting many saints and also some kindred in Christ that I had never met. Some of the saints testified on the last night of the meeting that they had gotten more good to their souls out of this meeting than any previous meeting. It was good to be there.



"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.

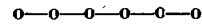
Sin exists in the soul after two modes or forms. In the first form it exists in our own transgressions which brings condemnation and guilt upon the soul. In the second form it exists in pollution or defilement in which Satan has defiled and dirtied the soul. You cannot get pardon for this but it must be cleansed out by faith in the blood of Christ. Jesus was the fountain that was "opened to the House of David, and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, for sin and for uncleanness." Zechariah 13:1.

"Guilt to be forgiven must be confessed; and pollu-

tion, to be cleansed, must be also confessed. In order to find mercy a man must know and feel himself to be a sinner, that he may apply to God for pardon. In order to get a clean heart, a man must know and feel its depravity, acknowledging and deplore it before God, in order to be fully sanctified.

"Few are pardoned, because they do not feel and confess their sins; and few are sanctified or cleansed from all sin, because they do not feel and confess their own sore need, and the plague of their hearts. As the blood of Jesus Christ, the merit of his passion and death, applied by faith, purges the conscience from all dead works; so the same cleanses the heart from all unrighteousness.

"As all unrighteousness is sin; so he that is cleansed from all unrighteousness is cleansed from all sin. To attempt to evade this, and plead for the continuance of sin in the heart, through life is ungrateful, wicked and even blasphemous: for, as he who says he has not sinned, makes God a liar, who has declared the contrary through every part of his revelation; so he that says the blood of Christ either cannot or will not cleanse us from all sin in this life, gives also the lie to His Maker, who has declared the contrary; and thus shows the word, the doctrine of God, is not in him. Dear reader, it is the birthright of every child of God to be cleansed from all sin, to keep himself unspotted from the world, and to live to never more offend his Maker. All things are possible to him that believeth; because all things are possible to the infinitely meritorious blood, and energetic Spirit of the Lord Jesus."



In first Peter, third chapter he gives saints some instruction of how to dress in a godly manner and refers them to holy women of old time.

The women who trust not in God are fond of dress and finery; those who trust in God follow nature and common sense.

He also teaches that women be in subjection to their own husbands.

It will rarely be found that women that are fond of dress, and extravagant in it, have any subjection to their husbands but what comes from mere necessity. Indeed, their dress, which they want to be attractive to eyes of others, is a sufficient proof that they have neither love nor respect for their own husbands. They dress to please the world, the vulgar, and not God or the true saints, for God's true people care not for the fads and fashions of evil minded.

Many wash their bodies clean and put on clean clothes and walk out thinking themselves clean, but God looketh on the heart and He sees that dirty heart out of which issues pride, hatred and evil pretensions.



OBITUARY

Brother Charles Rogers Johnson, the son of George and Janie Johnson was born December 16, 1858 in Craven County, N. C.; died June 25, 1937 at 6:30 A. M. age 78 years, 6 months and 9 days.

Bro. Johnson was converted in his early life and united with the Free-Will Baptist Church in the year of 1875. He was united in marriage to Miss Haggard Cobb near Newbern, N. C., and to that union were born fourteen children, 10 girls, and 4 boys.

In the year 1915 Bro. Johnson heard the truth preached in its fulness which he accepted and was saved under the preaching of S. T. Walker and afterward lived a conscientious and consistent Christian life—he was a kind husband, and loving father scattering sunshine where he went.

Bro. Johnson was patient in his affliction and trusted fully in the Lord, and would often say, "Though He slay me, yet will I trust in Him." He now sleeps in Jesus and leaves to mourn their loss a wife, 7 children—5 daughters and 2 sons. Mrs. J. L. Pierce, Mrs. Nina Pierce and Mr. C. D. Johnson of Phoenix, Arizona, and Mrs. Ella Sulcer and Mrs. Elizabeth Bryant, of Tulsa, Okla.; Mrs. Maggie Moore of Terlton and Mr. Johnnie Johnson of Silver City, Okla. 16 grand children; 6 great grand children, and a host of relatives and friends. May God comfort the bereaved ones is our prayer.

Funeral by Bro. Ulysses Phillips; Text Josh. 23:14, 1 Cor. 15:51-58. Words by Bros. Barton, Douglas, Bray and Father Winn. Interment in Salt Creek Cemetery.

—Ulysses Phillips.

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MEETING NOTICE

The assembly meeting of the Church of God at Okmulgee, Okla. will be held Sept. 17-20. The Okmulgee saints extend a hearty welcome to all. The chapel is located on McLegon and Chickasaw.

The writer—Sister Salissa Griffin, R. 2. Box 94 Okmulgee, Okla.

PRAYER REQUEST

Dear Saints: I am a sinner and backslider. I really need prayer. I have two sons and I need help to raise them; Pray for me.

—Mrs. Phyllis Walters.

CORRESPONDENCE

Dear friends in Christ: I feel led to give my testimony to this paper. To-night finds me saved and anchored in Christ. I am happy just pleasing him. A soul finds rest in Christ alone. When I think of how long eternity will be I am more determined than ever to go all the way with my Savior. I have been saved for nearly seven years and I can truly say they have been the happiest years of my life. No one can be truly happy until they find Christ, for there is an emptiness that only Christ can fill. At the time I was converted Christ healed my body. Many times since, I have been sick and when I looked to God in prayer, in faith believing, He has come, as His promises are sure. Just last week He wonderfully healed my body, for which I give Him all the glory.

Each day He walks by my side and leads me in the path of righteousness. I want to keep trusting and

it is my desire to be a shining light for him.

Yours In Christ,

— Mrs. Harvey Sorenson.

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Cortez, Colo.—Dear saints in the one body: Greeting, in the name of our Lord. I thank God for His saving and keeping power, I praise Him for His blessings on 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 and I am still trusting the Lord for all my needs and I know when sickness overtakes me the Lord is always ready to heal my body and drive away all afflictions. Praise His name forever. I can truthfully say that the Lord has healed me many times 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. I want to see Jesus face to face for He has and is doing so much for me and I desire the saints' prayers for my body; it is in a weak condition, yet I know Jesus is able to heal me for in all this trouble that we have had since our house burned down, the dear Lord has made a way for us. I know He will be with me now. 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 just what He would have me to do.

May God bless and save every lost soul is my prayer.

Your Sister in Christ,

—Mrs. Jeff Belveal.

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Fresno, California—Dear Saints of God: Greeting in the name of Jesus. I have been planning to write in my testimony for some time. I am still praising the good Lord and trusting Him for both soul and body. The Lord has done so much for me. I would not know what to do without Him. He has been my healer, my Saviour and Sanctifier for 26 years and I am just as determined to live for Him as I was when He sanctified my soul 26 years ago under the preaching of Sister Emily Turner. How I do praise the dear Lord for opening my understanding and saving me from all sin. I hate sin in every form, and love the whole truth and all of God's true children. I mean to live for Him as long as He lends me breath; pray for me that my life may be a help to others.

I am sorry I have been so careless as not to tell you the help little Bobby Hodnett and Margaret Dugat received when I telegraphed you to pray for them. Some time ago, Bobby was relieved at once of the spell of asthma. She came up to my house in a short time after we prayed. She has only had 2 spells since and Mrs. Dugat got well gradually. She was taken to the hospital the next day for an X-ray and the doctor said he couldn't find anything wrong with her and told her to go home and begin eating—something she had been unable to do without pain for some time. I do praise the dear Lord for His goodness to the children of men. Pray much for me and mine.

Your saved sister in the one body,

—Mrs. L. P. Hamilton.

Fairview, Okla.—Dear Saints: This morning I feel that it would be to the glory of God to testify for Him who has done so much for me. God through Jesus Christ gave His life and shed his blood for all people. Praise his name. He has saved and washed me in his precious blood, and it is my desire to stay true and live for Him who has done so much for me, for I don't find anything better in life than to live for the Lord. Although we have many trials and temptations I know that when we come to the Lord on our knees and ask Him for help He is so kind and true and helps us every time, for He says: "And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name that will I do." John 14:13. I thank God I have found it that way many times, not only in trials and temptations but also in sickness and many other things. Praise His Holy name.

Please pray for me, for I need the prayers of the Saints, and grace to stand all trials. Pray for my husband; he is not saved and my two children which are young that they all may be saved, which is my prayer. Have special prayer for my afflictions.

Your Sister in Christ, —Mrs. E. Ewald.

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Hoopeston, Ill.—Dear Bro. Pruitt: Will seat myself this beautiful morning to write you a few lines to let you know how I am. I am well in body and Spirit. I am glad to tell you I am still trusting my blessed Savior for everything and I hope you are the same Bro. Pruitt. I am happy in the way of God.

Please pray for me and also my brothers and sisters that are out in the world and lost, also for my children; they are not saved. Brother Pruitt, you and all the dear Saints down there pray that one of God's servants will be sent to Kramer, Indiana. They are in need of one of God's servants there. I am praying for one to be sent there and I believe God answers my prayer.

Will close for this time, praying that God's blessings may rest upon you. Your Brother in Christ,

—Andrew Fink.

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Stonewall, Okla.—Dear Saints and readers of Faith and Victory paper. I greet you in Jesus blessed name. Today finds me saved and determined to press on in the battle for my blessed Lord. I thank and praise his dear name for what He has done for me, and it is my heart's desire to see other souls saved.

Please pray for me to grow stronger in the Lord and also pray for the healing of my body as I am bothered with my right side. Your brother in the Lord,

—F. E. Wilson.

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MUTUAL INTEREST CORRESPONDENCE

1 And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought—

2 And he said unto them, I beheld Satan as lighting—

3 In that hour Jesus rejoiced in spirit, and said—

4 By mercy and truth iniquity is purged: and by—

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.

—NOTICE—

I am reminded that if I let the dear readers of Faith and Victory know what my new address is, and testify to God's goodness to me, I must send it in.

I am comfortably situated at 2008-35th St., Everett, Washington. A quiet place where I feel that God is my refuge and strength, a present help in all times of need. Truly my all in all.

If any has written and have had no answer in a reasonable time, write again, now that you have my last address. I feel perhaps some mail forwarded from my other address has never reached me.

Yours and Christs with a heart filled with much thanksgiving and praise to the God of all grace, who is my Father that answers intercessory prayer. Pray on. Pray much. Dear aged and shut in ones. God has given you a great ministry.

—Mrs. Sadie E. Orr,

2008-35th St., Everett, Wash.

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The Seed Of The Woman

When Adam and Eve transgressed the law of God and He pronounced a curse on the serpent that deceived them, he also said, "And I will put enmity between thee and the woman: and between thy seed and her seed; it (the seed of the woman which is Christ) shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel." Gen. 3:15.

The seed of the woman mentioned here refers directly to Christ as He was the seed of the woman that was to bruise the serpent's head or in plainer words; Satan's head, and He will keep bruising his head until finally He will cast him and all of his subjects into the Lake of fire which is prepared for the devil and his angels. Matt. 25:41. Christ is the seed of the woman because man had nothing to do with His coming into the world. The virgin Mary was overshadowed by the Holy Ghost and the Holy child Jesus that was born by her was given to her by the Holy Ghost. Matt. 1:20. Man had no part in it and it is truly so that Christ is the seed of the woman that is bruising the serpent's head (Matt. 1:18-25).

You will notice in the text that the seed of the serpent or Satan was to bruise His heel. A bruise on the heel is a very painful thing as it is continually hurting

and troubling you as you walk. Satan surely did bruise the heel of the seed of the woman in the person of Christ when wicked ones who possessed the seed of Satan mistreated Christ. They ridiculed Him, scoffed at Him, slandered Him, lied on Him, set traps for Him, called Him an imposter, condemned Him as a criminal, beat Him, bowed the knee in mockery with thorns pressed on his tender brow, hung Him on the cross as though He was a cursed one, drove spikes through his hands and feet, pierced Him and killed the body in which He lived. Isaiah 53:5 says, "But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon Him; and with His stripes we are healed." Truly, in this the seed of Satan bruised the heel of the seed of the woman which is Christ, but Christ, the seed of the woman has bruised and is bruising the head of Satan.

When Jesus healed the sick and suffering whom Satan had afflicted He was bruising Satan's head for He said of one woman which He loosed, "whom Satan hath bound, lo these eighteen years," and when He cast devils out of the hearts of men Satan was dethroned from reigning in God's heavenly place which is in the heart or soul of His creatures. 1 Cor. 3:16 Satan was dwelling there and had it defiled. Again, when He sent the seventy forth He commanded them to heal the sick and to tell them that the Kingdom of God had come nigh unto them. They returned again to Jesus with joy, saying, Lord, even the devils are subject unto us through thy name." Jesus said unto them, "I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven." So the seed of the woman working in and through the disciples was casting the seed of Satan out of His heavenly abode in the hearts of men.

When Jesus said He saw Satan as lightning fall from heaven He not only saw the work the seventy were doing, but with prophetic eye He saw the great work which the apostles did on the day of Pentecost when the Kingdom of God came with mighty power and the "seed of the woman" living in and working through the apostles was doing miracles, casting Satan down, bruising his head and thousands were delivered out of Satan's power and many of the priests became obedient to the faith, those who before Satan had used to crucify the Lord. Truly Satan's head was being bruised and he was falling as lightning from his heavenly abode in men's hearts.

Jesus also told the disciples that He gave them power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you. Luke 10:19: Serpents and scorpions would denote obnoxious, stinging, sly spirits living in men. The seed of the woman working in and through God's true children today is bruising Satan's head and God will keep giving them power to bruise his head until finally He will rise up in his mighty power and cast Satan and all of his subjects into the lake of fire and brimstone (Rev. 20:10) taking his true children to heaven and burn-

ing up this old world (2 Pet. 3:10).

Satan starts many stories to going about God to confuse men's minds and to lessen the power and mightiness of God in the eyes of truth seeking souls. One of the cleverest ones is the theory that the devil was one time an angel in heaven where God dwells. Such a story as that is preposterous and absurd to a child of God who is filled with the pure, clean love and power of the true God. It is really sinful to gossip about heaven in that manner as if God did not have power to keep evil from originating in the pure splendor of heaven where God dwells. It mounts to almost blasphemy against God. If evil could originate there once it could do it again and it certainly would not be a safe place for us to go. Such gossip is inconsistent with truth and the almighty power of God. When the scriptures speaks about heaven it does not always mean where God dwells but oftimes means where he ought to dwell or should dwell or some other place besides His throne. Paul declares this truth when he said, "he was caught up to third heaven." The heaven where he was is below the heaven where God's throne is.

The 14th chapter of Isaiah is not speaking of the ambition and fall of Satan, but of the pride, arrogance and fall of king Nebuchadnezzar who was influenced by Satan. Any candid and unbiased reader who will read and accept the whole chapter will find it so. He had become inflated and was exalting himself even above the stars of heaven (God's prophets). God's children or prophets were in heavenly places even as the apostle Paul speaks of believers in the second chapter of Eph. saying, "And hath raised us up together and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus."

You can read of king Nebuchadnezzar's exaltation and downfall in Daniel 4:30-31. God cast him down from his high and heavenly exalted place. After he fell from his heavenly estate and was humbled by the mighty hand of God he praised and honored the Most High who liveth forever and was able to truthfully declare that his dominion was an everlasting dominion. Not only does the Lucifer falling from heaven mean the King of Babylon but also exalted men and powers that Satan has puffed up until they are defying the power and rule of the almighty. The rulers of Jesus' time was in about the same condition and defied God, putting his only begotten son to death in shame and contempt. God brought them down through the power and resurrection of his son and put them to an open shame. Their fall was so evident that Jesus exclaims to the seventy, "I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven."

Satan, through his seed has a multitude of ways of teaching and wresting the scriptures to slyly undermine faith in the Almighty God. I want you to beware of deceivers and false prophets in the world today no matter how clever they seem to be for the agents of Satan are often very clever folks and often appear as angels of light. They would deceive the very elect if possible.

—Fred Pruitt.

« Young People's Section »

LIFE'S JOURNEY

While traveling through this world below
As on through life we go,
Why not be kind and loving
Like the Savior long ago?

While pressing on to higher ground,
As we travel homeward bound
Why not share our joys and pleasures
To the lone and wayward man?

It would fill his heart with gladness
And erase all trace of sadness,
Just to know he has a friend
Like Jesus' love and Blessedness.

So why not pass the word around
'Till not a weary one be found?
Then shall you rest in sweet content
When you hear the trumpet sound.

Then when your traveling days are o'er
And you work on earth no more
Then you'll go for rest and pleasure
Over on that golden shore.

—Ruth Taylor.

Seneca, S. C.—Faith and Victory: Dear Christian Friends, just a few months ago I read in your paper under the "Young People's Section" an article where you asked for poems or testimonies. I began thinking of writing you then as I had already begun to try writing poetry. I love to try to write it. I love to work for Jesus, and anything I do for Him, I want to share it with others so maybe it will encourage them to serve Him daily. I am sending you one of my poems which I wrote late one afternoon. You might be able to use it, but if not it will be all right because I know I'm young and don't know much about it. But should you use it I am praying that it will help not only one but many.

—Ruth Taylor, Age 17.

EDITORIALS

Reports from the various camp-meetings this summer have been very encouraging. The spirit accompanied the Word and many honest souls were gleaned out of sin and confusion. In some instances whole families—father, mother and children—were saved and baptized during the meetings. Young people counted the cost and paid the price for Bible salvation. The ordinances of the New Testament were observed. There was a marked degree of unity

among the ministers and the truth was preached with power and holy anointing.

We had the privilege of attending the Neosho, Mo. camp-meeting a few days, and one Sunday at the camp-meeting at Shawnee, Okla. Some of the ministers present at the Neosho camp-meeting were Bros. G. E. Harmon, of Calif; T. Z. Lawson and Cleo Murry of Indiana. Souls were saved, a number baptized and more than a hundred saints observed the New Testament ordinances. The other camp-meetings were also blessed of the Lord, and the signs followed the believers.

We found quite a number of young saints still standing firm for the Lord, and some are launching out in the work for God. Those whom God has called for special work need earnest prayer in their behalf because there are many perils facing the Church and the work of God in general. At a certain camp-meeting our attention was called to a small boy who was a real worker for God. He was an example in sincerity and faithfulness. In the general services he would lead in prayer, and was very active in the meetings for young people and children. At all times on the ground he would be busy talking to some one about God's Word and knew just where to find certain scriptures. "A little child shall lead them."

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The harvest time is here, but, Oh, how soon will come the night! Workers are needed is the call on every hand. Consecration and sacrifice is the need of today. The Word teaches us to give as, "God hath prospered us" and with improved business conditions the cause of God should be benefited accordingly. The standard of the Church of the first century with its spiritual power and beauty is the standard and aim of the Church today. The Church then "had all things common." That was genuine equality. Spiritual food was supplied by the preached Word, and temporal benefits likewise were in common for all, so that there was no lack. How is it today? A congregation is no better than the members which constitute it.

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Unity is the distinct characteristic of the Church that Jesus built. It was founded in the holy unity of the Trinity. To the world this is the most outstand-

ing identification mark—"that the world may know that ye are my disciples." The world knows that man-made unity (union) has failed. Only divine love is the tie that binds hearts and kindred spirits together. Love is that grace that never fails.



Bros. G. E. Harmon and W. I. Miles have gone to be in the camp-meeting in Ohio and Indiana. The editor, in company with Bro. and Sister Key of Hammond, La., are at present (Aug. 12) attending the camp-meeting at Ithaca, Ohio.

The work here at the office has kept moving along during the summer. Orders for tracts and papers have been constantly mailed out. The presses have been turning out tracts. —L. D. P.



Neosho, Mo.—Dear readers of Faith and Victory: Today I am so glad that I can praise my Savior, who has done so much for me. We can not thank Him enough for what He does for us. When the sun shines bright or all around us seems dark the Lord is with us unchangeably. Our friends may forsake us and speak evil of us but Jesus remains the same forever and is ready to help us if only we trust in Him.

I am sending a piece which has been a real encouragement to me. I often read it and it seems to help me to feel better each time I read it; I hope that it may help others as they read it.

FOR HEARTS DISCOURAGED

There was a road I had to go—
A lane of life with no detour,
My load oppressed; my heart grew faint:
But faith urged, "On—Endure—Endure!"
Then, afterwhile, the rough way turned
To pleasantness. "How can this be,"
I asked, "that now I feel so strong?
I have no burden but a song!"
One whispered: "Lo, I walked with thee,
My child, I gave thee grace."

There were dull tasks I had to do.
I labored wearily. I thought:
"I toil alone. I drudge unseen.
There's none to heed the things I've wrought."
And then, one night, within my breast
I breathed a deepening consciousness
Of work well done. Oh, happiness
To feel: "Rest, workman unashamed, now rest!
My child, God sees!"

I asked for bread. Stones. . . only stones!
They cut and bruised through long, bleak years.
"Of what avail my prayers?" I wept,
And could not see God's face for tears.
Then one glad day bread filled each hand!
The stones? Ah, each a stepping stone,
Had bridged a precipice unknown:

Oh, hearts discouraged, understand:
God knows! God hears!

Mrs. Delmer Severs.

SANCTIFICATION

What is it?

The act of making holy; the act of God's grace by which the affections of men are purified or cleansed from sin and the world, and exalted to a supreme love of God; To cleanse from moral corruption; To make Holy is to make pure; Consecrated; Sacred; Pious. Consecrated means devoted, dedicated. This can not be fully accomplished in repentance; which means the turning of a heart and practice from what is forbidden to what is commanded. The sinner has all to give up: forsake, but nothing to give. God could not use his old life, therefore nothing to consecrate; but God sees his tears, hears his cries, forgives him, and through the merits of Jesus gives him a new life. Now he has something to give, to "present," consecrate. So in sanctification he sets apart: gives it right back to God to be kept; used and dedicated to His service.

Dedication: The act of setting apart or consecrating to a Divine Being, or to a sacred use. To set apart is the first definition of sanctification. Christ is our example in consecration. "The Son who is consecrated for evermore." Heb. 7:28. "By a new and living way which he hath consecrated for us." Heb. 10:20. "Who then is willing to consecrate his service this day unto the Lord?" 1 Chron. 29:5. He does not accept the services of sinners. Mary consecrated her life and her body to the Holy Ghost, from whence came our Saviour. The angel did not go to a woman all bowed down in sin for the conception or the reception of the Heavenly Seed, but to a virgin who was in a condition to make the consecration. Likewise we consecrate our lives and bodies to receive the Holy Ghost.

In justification God receives us as though worthy. In sanctification He seals us as His very own for service or sacrifice. 'Tis then and only then may we have on the whole armor of God. Eph. 6:11. Aaron and his sons were consecrated; made priests. Ex. 29:9. And as Aaron and sons were made high priests through and by this consecration, we also may be made kings and priests unto our God. We are not fully saved until sanctified. "God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth." 2nd Thess. 2:13. Sanctify them through thy truth: thy Word is truth. Made free from moral corruption. Then we can say with Jesus "The prince of this world cometh and hath nothing in me."

—G. E. Harmon.

Heart Cleansing

"But if we walk in the light as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his son cleanseth us from all sin."

We wish to set forth the difference between the pardoning grace of God, and the cleansing grace of God. The pardoning of one's actual transgressions is a wonderful work of divine grace. Here is where the guilt of the sinner is removed, and all sinful habits are broken. True Bible heart humility fills the heart that was once filled with pride.

The pardoning grace of God deals with the sin question, therefore all truly born again souls, have stopped committing sins. All the fashions of the world are put off and the born again soul dresses in a plain and neat apparel. Now let us see what deeper work of grace such a soul would need. Sin is two-fold—first, actual sins, for which we are responsible, because we have committed them; these sins must be pardoned. The second is inward sin. We are not responsible for the existence of this sin, therefore it cannot be repented of, but must be cleansed out through a **SECOND WORK OF GRACE**. In pardon we receive the fruit of the spirit, such as love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance.—Gal. 5:22, 23. In cleansing, the inward sin, which hinders that fruit from growing, is destroyed. Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away: and every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit.—St. John 15:2. In pardon we receive the mind of Christ, in cleansing the carnal mind is destroyed.

Every soul that has received the pardoning of their sins and is rejoicing in the work of regeneration, will sooner or later feel the need of the cleansing grace of God. The conviction for holiness is often times stronger than the conviction that the sinner receives for the pardoning grace of God. Just as the sinner must confess out his sins to receive pardon, so the believer must see and confess his need to receive the experience of **BIBLE HOLINESS**. Let us see what the Prophet Isaiah has to say on this important subject: Then said I, woe is me! for I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips: for mine eyes have seen the king, the Lord of hosts.—Isaiah 6:5.

Dear reader of this article, if you ever expect to receive the experience of **BIBLE HOLINESS**, it is going to be because you were honest enough to admit the need of your carnal heart. After Isaiah had confessed his need of cleansing, the angel came with a live coal from the altar, and touched his lips and said, thine iniquity is taken away and thy sin purged. Souls that will meet divine requirements will always get divine and lasting results. David cries in words like these, Create in me a clean heart, O my God; and renew a right spirit within me.—Psalms 51:10.

Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.—Matt. 5:6. The next step that we wish to take is that of entire

consecration. This is man's part in receiving the work of entire sanctification, while the cleansing grace is God's part. Often times souls that are seeking the experience of holiness are asked to take the blessing by faith, before consecrating. This is one of the reasons for a lot of shallow holiness professors. Consecration must precede faith. However, when the consecration is full and complete, a living faith in the blood of Jesus Christ will make the blood sanctifying in its effects.

Dear reader! What is your attitude toward holiness? Do you despise the plain dressed holiness people? If you do my friend, please remember that you are not despising man, but you are despising God and his precious word. He therefore that despiseth not man, but God, who hath also given unto us his holy spirit.—1 Thess. 4:8. This article was written for the glory and honor of God and for the spreading of Bible holiness in this pleasure loving age which is filled with modernism. May God bless every reader of this article, and may it be a means of bringing some soul into the fulness of the blessing of the Gospel of Christ.

—Roland F. Detweiler.

The Handwriting On The Wall

(Dan. 5:5, 6).

"King Belshazzar's countenance was changed, and his knees smote one against the other, when he saw the man's handwriting on the wall."

Today men's hearts are failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth. This is the fulfillment of the prophesy Jesus made, Luke 21:26. Jesus told us that this would come before the end, "Upon earth distress of nations with perplexity." Verse 25.

The end is near, how near? Listen to the words of our Lord, Luke 21:29-32, "Behold the fig tree, and all the trees, when they now shoot forth, ye see and know of your own selves that summer is now nigh at hand. So likewise ye, when ye see these things come to pass know ye that the Kingdom of God is nigh at hand. Verily I say unto you, this generation shall not pass away, till all be fulfilled." The generation that sees the buds of spring shoot forth, sees them in full bloom during the summer; sees the leaves fully developed in the summer's heat. Just so, the generation of today: we, that are seeing these scriptures being fulfilled, shall not pass until we see son of man coming in the clouds with power and great glory.

"For the powers of heaven shall be shaken." Luke 21:26. "I shake not the earth only, but also heaven," Heb 12:26. Earth, here has reference to earthly kingdoms, powers of a secular nature; Heaven to ecclesiastical powers, (powers that are transacting or have transacted business for the Heavenly King). We see both these powers being shaken today. God has a purpose for

bringing this great unrest upon the earth.

God's anointed can read the writing of the hand as it again writes on the wall, Yes, the wall of time. "God has revealed them unto us by his spirit; for the spirit searcheth all things yea, the deep things of God," 1 Cor. 2:10. When speaking of the Spirit's coming, Jesus, said, "and he will show you things to come."

All this distress of nations and confusion of ecclesiastical powers, are for our good. God permits it for our benefit. Satan can do only those things that God permits. "Everything works together for good to those that love the Lord."

Nearly all of God's saints are scattered today in many man made organizations. The Father tells us in many places in His Word that He is going to bring them together. Jesus prayed for the oneness of His followers. The distressing times of today are for the purpose of gathering the saints into the one fold. Jesus said, "Them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold and one shepherd."

God's care for His people or Church and their delivery from the "desert land, and waste howling wilderness" (Babylonian bondage) and how He is to lead them together, is pictured in Deut. 32:9-14, 11, 12, "As an eagle stirreth up her nest, fluttereth over her young, spreadeth abroad her wings, taketh them, beareth them on her wings; so the Lord did lead him."

An eagle builds her nest of coarse, rough sticks and lines it with the soft wool of animals. The young eaglets become fat and lazy, and are not disposed to leave their soft resting place, when the mother decides it is time to move out and fly. Then the mother stirreth the nest, removes all the soft things, and leaves the little ones to rest upon the coarse sticks and thorns. When they become restless, the mother "Fluttereth over her young," the sound of wings to attract, "Spreadeth abroad her wings," to show them something better than the hard nest, "taketh them, beareth them on her wings." She takes the little ones far above the clouds, then, when it is resting easy, she gives a sudden lurch, and down the little one goes toward the rocks below; but mother is watching, when about half way to earth she sweeps under, catching it and bearing it on high again, to repeat the act until the little eaglet learns to fly.

"He made him ride on the high places of the earth, that he might eat the increase of the fields; and he made him to suck honey out of the rock, and oil out of the flinty rock;" verse 13. God wants His people to enjoy the full blessings of the Church, (His body). He wants them to dwell together in unity, in their "own land." This is why He is using the shaking, stirring method in these last days. He has always used this method when He wanted His people to move on to better things. He used it in Egypt to stir the people to action, to shake them from the things they thought good enough. If God hadn't permitted the bondage and hard labor with the stripes, doubtless the children of Israel would have been satisfied to remain in Egypt. But God wanted them to move on to Canaan land, and enjoy its beauties and benefits. The same method was used at Jerusalem in the early church,

to get them to move out and spread the gospel.

This method has always brought results; therefore we praise our God as we see it being used again today.

We find another prophesy of the gathering together of God's people, in Ezek. 34 and this has reference to the last days, as the 12th verse plainly states that he will deliver them out of all places where they have been scattered in the cloudy and dark day, "dark day" the day of Roman Catholicism known in secular history as "the dark ages," "Cloudy day," the day of Protestantism that followed the Roman age. This cloudy day is spoken of in Zech. 14:6,7, as a day when it was not day, nor night, not clear nor dark, a prophesy of the coming of more light, when the light would begin to shine forth on Bible doctrines that had been hid for ages. This was the work of Luther, Wesley, and others. They brought much light, but not all. But praise His name, verse 7 ends with these words, "but it shall come to pass that at evening time it shall be light." a prophesy that the full light on all Bible truths just as they were taught by the Apostles would come in the evening of the Gospel Day, which we are enjoying today. More light will come as we walk in the light.

Speaking against false shepherds, in Ezek. 34:10, The Lord said that, "He would require the flock at their hand—and deliver from their mouth," and verse 12, "will deliver them out of all places where they were scattered." Verse 13, "and bring again that which was driven away." Jesus prayed, (John 17:21), that we (His people) might be one, that the world might believe that the Father had sent Him. Yes, praise His name, all the shaking, stirring times and distress of nations and confusion and unsatisfied conditions of ecclesiastical power are for the purpose of bringing His people together. God is permitting His people of today to be troubled in the places where they are in bondage that they may become dissatisfied with their conditions and look for help, and a better place to rest. Many are seeing their hopes shattered; hopes they had in pastors, teachers and denominational bodies, kingdoms and nations.

All unscriptural, sectarian, denominational divisions will become more and more corrupt as the day of His coming approaches. Read 2 Tim. 4:3, 4. And God's little ones in these places will become more and more dissatisfied, until they can stand it no longer, then they shall come home to Zion.

Persecutions of God's saints may become as severe as they were in the early church. This will only drive the little eagles together. God wants to attract our attention to Him. Listen to our Shepherds call, as he fluttereth over us, "My sheep hear my voice, and I know them and they follow me, (John 10:27). and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold, and one shepherd." Read 2 Cor. 6:14-17. Come out of all the places where you are unequally yoked with unbelievers.

In the Revelation that was given the beloved apostle, God pictured the corrupt ecclesiastical bodies that were to come (which we have today) as fallen and become the "habitation of devils and the hold of every foul spirit." Then the call from heaven, "Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive

not of her plagues." Yes, the Kingdom is ready, there is great riches for all. "Behold all things are now ready." Oh! what a stirring, what a shaking of all nests, then listen to His sweet voice as He calls, "Come out of her, my people." He is spreading abroad His wings over you, He wants you to see His glory, power, love and mercy and the things that are yours in the kingdom, if you will step out and claim them.

Honest soul, listen to the voice of wisdom. Where are the majority of God's people? You know that they are scattered in denominational bodies, where much false doctrine is being taught. Ezekiel 34:13, "And I will bring them out from the people, and gather them from other countries, and will bring them to their own land, and feed them upon the mountains of Israel by the rivers." Denominational bodies have separated God's people, its not "your own land." God has true pastors to feed the people, in their own land (the spiritual body of Christ). You are a member because of a spiritual birth. "Feed them upon the mountains of Israel." He can't feed you on a man-made hill, where truth is kept from you. "By the rivers"—the river of life flows freely in His kingdom, (His body the church). Listen to verse 12, "and will deliver them out of all places." He will do it He will deliver them from ALL places, not just a few places. Verse 16, "and bring again that which was driven away."

Praise the Lord, for this day. We will see God's people coming to the one fold in the coming years as never before. It will be done, for God has always kept His Word. He will do a quick work upon the earth. It didn't take Him long to get the children of Israel out of Egypt.

God must have true shepherds to do this work through. If you are one of God's ministers, will you be a true one? If this is your decision, you must have a burden for this work. May God give you such a burden that it will drown ever other desire that you might have, and make you to be the humble, sincere servant that God wants. Oh, ministers may all lightness be rebuked and forsaken. If you are light or have been light, may you see the need of forgiveness and ask Him for it, and may He so fill you with His spirit that there will be no room for anything light. God will not work through ministers unless they are filled with the Holy Ghost. Holy Ghost ministers are not light.

Yours in His name,

—H. P. Huskey.

God's Eagles

God stirs the nest and makes you fly,
Then you begin to weep and cry;
His hand has failed and down you go,
With naught in sight but rocks below.

A dreadful sight and fast the fears
Take place as all hope disappears.
Oh, how you miss the downy nest.
But God has stirred it for the best.

He knows your lack of faith and trust,
He knows how for vain things you'd lust,
He knows you'd lean on men and creeds,
And would not to His Word take heed.

So from your nest He picked the down.
Left naught but thorns and briars around;
Then gladly you step on His wing,
And to this thought you'd always cling.

But still on this you could not grow
The way of God to fully know;
'Tis time to exercise YOUR wings,
And get the faith that laughing brings.

So quick He lurches, down you go,
And help you cannot see nor know;
Then to your wings you swiftly take,
While fears increase your heart to break.

Far down, down, down, you swiftly go
Until you're near the rocks below;
Then quick beneath your trembling frame
He darts: you're safe from care and pain.

This lesson repeats quite oft,
Until you learn to soar aloft.
Above all troubles, trials and waves,
Until you learn Christ ALWAYS saves.

—Sel.

"Study to shew thyself approved unto God."

BIBLE  **STUDY**

"The entrance of thy words giveth light."

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Sunday, September 5, 1937.

GOD REQUIRES SOCIAL JUSTICE

Daily Readings And Meditation

August 30—September 4

- M. Respect for parents. Lev. 19:9-18, 32-37.
- T. Social obligations. Lev. 19:9-18.
- W. Love to enemies. Luke 6:27-38.
- T. The rich man and Lazarus. Luke 16:19-26.
- F. A plea of justice. Philemon 8-20.
- S. Judgment upon the unjust. Amos 8:4-8.

Printed Portion.....Leviticus 19:9-18, 32-37.

Leviticus 19:9 And when ye reap the harvest of your land, thou shalt not wholly reap the corners of thy field, neither shalt thou gather the gleanings of thy harvest.

10 And thou shalt not glean thy vineyard; neither shalt thou gather every grape of thy vineyard; thou shalt leave them for the poor and stranger: I am the Lord your God.

11 Ye shall not steal, neither deal falsely, neither lie one to another.

12 And ye shall not swear by my name falsely, neither shalt thou profane the name of thy God: I am the Lord.

13 Thou shalt not defraud thy neighbour, neither rob him: the wages of him that is hired shall not abide with thee all night until the morning.

14 Thou shalt not curse the deaf, nor put a stumbling-block before the blind, but shall fear thy God: I am the Lord.

15 Ye shall do no unrighteousness in judgment: thou shalt not respect the person of the poor, nor honour the person of the mighty: but in righteousness shalt thou judge thy neighbor.

16 Thou shalt not go up and down as a talebearer among thy people: neither shalt thou stand against the blood of thy neighbour: I am the Lord.

17 Thou shalt not hate thy brother in thine heart: thou shalt in any wise rebuke thy neighbour, and not suffer sin upon him.

18 Thou shalt not avenge, nor bear any grudge against the children of thy people, but thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself: I am the LORD.

Lev. 19:32 Thou shalt rise up before the hoary head, and honour the face of the old man, and fear thy God: I am the LORD.

33 And if a stranger sojourn with thee in your land, ye shall not vex him.

34 But the stranger that dwelleth with you shall be unto you as one born among you, and thou shalt love him as thyself; for ye were strangers in the land of Egypt: I am the LORD your God.

35 Ye shall do no unrighteousness in judgment, in meteyard, in weight, or in measure.

36 Just balances, just weights, a just ephah, and a just hin, shall ye have: I am the LORD your God, which brought you out of the land of Egypt.

37 Therefore shall ye observe all my statutes, and all my judgments, and do them: I am the LORD.

Memory Verse: As ye would that men should do to you, do ye also to them likewise. Luke 6:31.

Practical Truth—Treating others with justice and due respect is part of true religion.

POINTS FOR EMPHASIS

- 1 God provides for the poor.
- 2 A just wage for the laborer. (strike).
- 3 Honor and respect for the old.
- 4 Love all men. (strangers).

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

What does the Lord require of man but to do justly, love mercy, and walk uprightly with their God?

The preceding lessons have been dealing with building and furnishing the tabernacle. Today's lesson has to do with their conduct individually and collectively.

Due to the effect of sin, man endeavors to take advantage of each other so it was necessary that they should have a rule or law as a standard of justice. In the Old Testament these laws were written on the tables of stone and read to the people. But now those principles are engraved upon the tables of our hearts and whether one can read or write or if he has never heard the written word yet man is impressed by his conscience of every evil or good deed. If he does a good deed he will feel good about it but if his deeds are evil his countenance falls and he knows it better than anyone. We should not take the attitude that the Bible is a code of rules to be obeyed but it is a life to be lived. Many people even Christians will ask for chapter and verse that will condemn some thing that they are doing while the very fact is the very thing that makes him doubtful is evidence enough that is not the best.

Notice the provision made in our lesson for the care of the poor. What was Christ's attitude toward the poor? Did He avoid them or was He ashamed of them? We should pay just wages for labor. The honor for the old aged and regard for sojourner should not be overlooked.

Can we fully understand the statement, "Love thy neighbour as thyself?"

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Sunday, September 12, 1937.

A NATION NEEDS RELIGIOUS HOMES

Daily Readings And Meditation

Sept. 6—11

- M. Teaching in the home. Deut. 6:1-9.
- T. Obeying God's laws. Deut. 11:18-25.
- W. Gentleness in the home. Prov. 15:1-9.
- T. Contentment in the home. Prov. 17:1-8.
- F. Spiritual co-operation. Eph. 6:1-9.
- S. The church family. Luke 2:41-51.

Printed Portion Deut. 6:4-5; 11:18-25.

Deut. 6:4 Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God is one LORD:

5 And thou shalt love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might.

Deut. 11:18 Therefore shall ye lay up these my words in your heart and in your soul, and bind them for a sign upon your hand, that they may be as frontlets between your eyes.

19 And ye shall teach them your children, speaking of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, when thou liest down, and when thou risest up.

20 And thou shalt write them upon the door posts of thine house, and upon thy gates:

21 That your days may be multiplied, and the days of your children, in the land which the LORD sware unto your fathers to give them, as the days of heaven upon the earth.

22 For if ye shall diligently keep all these commandments which I command you, to do them, to love the LORD your God, to walk in all his ways, and to cleave unto him;

23 Then will the LORD drive out all these nations from before you, and ye shall possess greater nations and mightier than yourselves.

24 Every place whereon the soles of your feet shall tread shall be your's: from the wilderness and Lebanon, from the river, the river Euphrates, even unto the uttermost sea shall your coast be.

25 There shall no man be able to stand before you: for the LORD your God shall lay the fear of you and the dread of you upon all the land that ye shall tread upon, as he hath said unto you.

Memory Verse: Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old, he will not depart from it. Prov. 22:6.

Practical Truth—Christian homes are a nation's greatest asset.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

There is a true saying, "The hand that rocks the cradle rules the world." This saying harmonizes with the memory verse for today. We cannot over estimate the value of childhood training. Since the training a child receives is a vital factor in determining the future life. We must consider the source of the teaching. There is no one that can take the place of a mother in the home especially a godly mother.

Both parents must work in agreement before success can be expected.

Can we expect a child, generally speaking, to rise above the level of its teachings and examples in the home? If we want our children to be strong soldiers of the cross, we must "bring them up in the nature and admonition of the Lord." After we have done this our prayers will have more effect and we will have more confidence to pray for the salvation of their souls. It is true enough we cannot put clean hearts into them, but by teaching them rightly and restraining them as much as possible from the evils of this world, we can prevail in prayer with God until His Spirit will strive with their young heart and create within them a hungering and thirsting for righteousness.

If we fail on this point, we have no promise of God that He will save our children. Eli was a Godly man, but he failed to restrain his sons from evil, and they became very sinful and wicked. Therefore the Lord rejected them from ministering unto Him even though they were seed of Eli the priest. For this reason a curse was sent upon them and both were killed in battle the same day.

So may the Lord help us not to be neglectful concerning our duty. Then we can rely upon God to do the rest. He hath said, "All things are possible to him that believeth." And again, "Man's extremity is God's opportunity." Then let us live, obey, and teach the Bible and then believe it for the salvation of our sons and daughters.

Sunday, September 19, 1937.

CHOICES AND CONSEQUENCES IN A NATION'S LIFE.

Daily Readings And Meditation

Sept. 13-18.

- M. Rewards of obedience. Deut. 11:8-12.
- T. A blessing or a curse. Deut. 11:26-32.
- W. A king chooses wisdom. 1 Kings 3:4-14.
- T. Choosing the true God. Ruth 1:11-18.
- F. A nation's wise choice. Josh. 24:14-19.
- S. Jerusalem's choice. Matt. 23:37-39.

Printed Portion.....Deut. 11:8-12, 26-32.

Deut. 11:8 Therefore shall ye keep all the commandments which I command you this day, that ye may be strong, and go in and possess the land, whither ye go to possess it;

9 And that ye may prolong your days in the land, which the LORD sware unto your fathers to give unto them and to their seed, a land that floweth with milk and honey.

10 For the land, whither thou goest in to possess it, is not as the land of Egypt, from whence ye came out, where thou sowedst thy seed, and wateredst it with thy foot, as a garden of herbs:

11 But the land, whither ye go to possess it, is a land of hills and valleys, and drinketh water of the rain of heaven:

12 A land which the LORD thy God careth for: the eyes of the LORD thy God are always upon it, from the beginning of the year even unto the end of the year.

Deut. 11:26 Behold, I set before you this day a blessing and a curse;

27 A blessing, if ye obey the commandments of the LORD your God, which I command you this day:

28 And a curse, if ye will not obey the commandments of the LORD your God, but turn aside out of the way which I command you this day, to go after other gods, which ye have not known.

29 And it shall come to pass, when the LORD thy God hath brought thee in unto the land whither thou goest to possess it, that thou shalt put the blessing upon mount Gerizim, and the curse upon mount Ebal.

30 Are they not on the other side Jordan, by the way where the sun goeth down, in the land of the Canaanites, which dwell in the campaign over against Gilgal, beside the plains of Moreh?

31 For ye shall pass over Jordan to go in to possess the land which the LORD your God giveth you, and ye shall possess it, and dwell therein.

32 And ye shall observe to do all the statutes and judgments which I set before you this day.

Memory Verse: Choose You this day whom ye will serve. Josh. 24:15.

Practical Truth—We should endeavor to improve our service to our community and to our nation.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

Today's lesson is taken from the same chapter as that for last week. We notice that Moses was burdened for his people. That they kept and obeyed the laws of God. Money will secure the honor seeking service of a hireling, but a wagon load of silver dollars will not cause a true pastor to deviate from the truth an iota. The importance of making the correct choice should be emphasized. Great things depends upon our choices. The word is, "Choose ye this day whom ye will serve."

We are either making a good choice or a bad choice. In making a choice we should keep in mind the result that our choice might bring. Many people say that they neither choose for or against the Lord, but this is not so. The Word asks us, "How shall we escape if we neglect so great a salvation?" Also we hear, "remember now thy creator in the days of thy youth." We cannot be neutral in our attitude and response to God. When difficulties arise many take the neutral position and remain silent until others have faced and solved the problem. Can God depend upon us? Can we afford to sacrifice the truth, disappoint God and our fellow men in order to retain the prestige of a few.

Notice the favors of God upon the people if they would obey and make the right choice. Overcoming enemies, possessing the land, rain might be sent upon them and that they might receive the blessings and avoid the curse of God. Many intend to live for God some day. Why put it off longer, make wise decision now and flee the wrath of God that rests upon the wicked.

Sunday, September 26, 1937

GOD IN THE MAKING OF A NATION

Daily Readings And Meditation

Sept. 20-25.

- M. Recognizing God's leaders. Deut. 8:11-20.
- T. God saves a nation. Psalms 114:1-8.
- W. God provides Judges. Judges 2:16-22.
- T. God keeps a nation. Psalm 121:1-8.
- F. Gods wonderful work. Psalms 105:1-8.
- S. Commands concerning King. Deut. 17:14-20.

Printed Portion.....Deut. 8:11-20

Deut. 8:11 Beware that thou forget not the LORD thy God, in not keeping his commandments, and his judgments, and his statutes, which, I command thee this day:

12 Lest when thou hast eaten and art full, and hast built goodly houses, and dwelt therein;

13 And when thy herds and thy flocks multiply, and thy silver and thy gold is multiplied, and all that thou hast is multiplied;

14 Then thine heart be lifted up, and thou forget the LORD thy God, which brought thee forth out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage;

15 Who led thee through that great and terrible wilderness wherein were fiery serpents, and scorpions, and

drought, where there was no water; who brought thee forth water out of the rock of flint;

16 Who fed thee in the wilderness with manna, which thy fathers knew not, that he might humble thee, and that he might prove thee, to do thee good at thy latter end;

17 And thou say in thine heart, My power and the might of mine hand hath gotten me this wealth.

18 But thou shalt remember the LORD thy God: for it is he that giveth thee power to get wealth, that he may establish his covenant which he sware unto thy fathers, as it is this day.

19 And it shall be, if thou do at all forget the LORD thy God, and walk after other gods, and serve them, and worship them, I testify against you this day that ye shall surely perish.

20 As the nations which the LORD destroyeth before your face, so shall ye perish; because ye would not be obedient unto the voice of the LORD your God.

Memory Verse: Beware that thou forget not the LORD thy God, in not keeping his commandments, and his judgments, and his statutes, which I command thee this day. Deuteronomy 8:11.

Practical Truth--A practical recognition of God is important to the welfare of a nation.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

Moses gave the exhortation to the children of Israel about forty years after the exodus yet it is as timely and needful today as then. Although God had graciously supplied their need, healed their afflictions, guided and protected them yet Moses knew the possibility of them forgetting God. As God prospers people they are prone to receive the honor to themselves, but as they only receive the necessities of life they are able to realize that it is God that imparts to them the needful things.

A review of the lesson for this quarter is helpful and can be readily applied to our spiritual life. Egypt is typical of sin and Pharaoh of Satan. We notice that until the children of Israel crossed Jordan they were fed on manna which was only a temporary food from heaven to supply them on their journey.

Justification is not experience of standing grace, but is a condition that leads us on to sanctification. After they crossed the River Jordan they partook of the natural fruits of the land. So it is in our experience. Not until we are sanctified are we able to yield and partake of natural fruits of God.

When we have on the whole armor of God we are able to contest the enemies of the land (which represent the power of Satan) and take the walled cities.

NEXT QUARTER

The lessons for the next quarter has to do with our relationship with God and how we can create and deepen our fellowship with Christ.

If we apply ourselves diligently we can receive much help from these lessons.

The lesson for Oct. 3, will be "Christian Sonship," found in 1st John 3rd chapter.