

FAITH AND VICTORY

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

HAVE FAITH
IN GOD

GOD IS
LOVE

YE SHINE AS LIGHTS
IN THE WORLD.
— PHILIPPIANS 2:15

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Another Milestone

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We've reached another milestone
On the road that leads through time
To some, it brings a worry,
To others, joy sublime.

We're passing ever onward
To the land we journey to,
We are granted no stop overs—
Our ticket goes straight through.

So many years have passed us,
As a vision of the night;
Not one has ever lingered,
Or checked its silent flight.

And so at last we've journeyed
To another New Year's day,
While many of our comrades
Lie molding in the clay.

We lift the royal banner,
And struggle for the right.
For naught but right will conquer—
When time has taken flight.

Down with all vain oblations,
For they will never stand,
When we have crossed the sand dunes
To that eternal strand.

We'll pass no more milestones,
For time shall cease to be;
And we'll live on forever
In vast eternity.

—Ulysses Phillips.

The Joyful Noise

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The first verse of the 100th Psalm reads thus:
"Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands."
It is to be a joyful noise unto the Lord.

There is a lot of noise made in our land today,
but it is not made unto the Lord and the Lord does
not get any joy out of it. Worldly joy is not the
joy of the Lord, it is not of the Lord. In order to
make a joyful noise unto the Lord one has to be filled
with the joy of salvation, which is the joy of the Lord.
When we have the joy of salvation abounding in our
souls it is then that we are able to make a joyful noise
unto the Lord.

The Lord is not pleased with any other kind of
noise other than that which comes from hearts filled
with the love and joy of salvation. When the joy-
bells are ringing in our souls, it is then that we are
able to make a joyful noise unto the Lord. If our
land was filled with the joy of the Lord and the noise
that is in the world was all made unto the Lord, then
this world would be a decent place in which to live.

Is the noise of war and destruction of human
life a joy unto the Lord? Does the Lord get any
joy out of this destruction? The noise of the can-
non and the buzzing of the planes and many other
instruments of death which are used today to de-
stroy the human race are noisy; but it is not a joy-
ful noise unto the Lord.

Is this destruction of the human family a joy un-
to Him? Is it pleasing to the Lord? He says,
"Thou shalt not kill." For one man to take the
life of his fellow man is not a joyful noise unto the
Lord. Why is it done? It is a lack of divine love
in the soul. If love had its way these things would
not be done. Love working in the soul will give out
a joyful noise unto the Lord. God is love and love
will not destroy its fellow man. It is sin that is
causing the suffering of the human family. The

suffering of the human family has never been a joyful noise unto the Lord. There is no joy in suffering yet there is a way by which we can get joy out of it if permitted by the Lord. Jesus, our Saviour suffered for he tasted death for every man. There was joy when Jesus was born in Bethlehem, both in this earth and in heaven. The angels were made joyful because Jesus was born in this world. The angels said to the shepherds, "Fear not, for Behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy." It sure was a joyful noise unto the Lord throughout the land when Jesus was born as a Saviour in this dark sinful world. He came to save poor sinful man. That was His mission and purpose of His coming.

He suffered and died upon the cross and gave His life in order to bring salvation to a lost and dying world of sinners. It was to save poor lost sinful man. A way must be provided to save the sinful race. The provision was made through Jesus, who was the Son of God. Yes it was God's only son that has made the way for us. He was the only one in all the universe that could do this as He was without sin and so He gave His life, the just for the unjust..

God's dear Son, Jesus so loved us sinful mortals that He gave His life. He was willing to come to this sinful world. He was willing to take upon himself the human side of being born in a fleshly sense, even in the little town of Bethlehem. In substance He said, "I will make my bed in a manger, I will bear suffering, I will go to the cross, I will endure the cross with all its suffering and shame for sinful man that he might be saved."

This is the plan of complete salvation. This plan if believed and heeded will save men from their sins. It will give the sinner a new life. Sinners are dead in transgressions and sins, they are without the life of God in their soul. Sin will destroy both physical and spiritual. There is nothing good in sin. Jesus says to the sinner, "Ye must be born again," this is the only way that you can obtain this life which He has provided for you. You must be born of the Spirit of God. It is the new life in the Lord that gives out joy. It will give out fulness of joy. All Heaven rejoices when a sinner believes and is saved from sin, is born into the family of God by a spiritual birth and is able to make a joyful noise unto the Lord because he has the joy of the Lord in his soul. When born from above one is able to draw water out of the wells of salvation with joy.

Jesus has promised to be in us as a well of water springing up unto ever lasting life and one is

able to be joyful in the Lord. He will be meek and humble, will not be any more of this world as His life will be from above and his life will be hidden with Christ in God. The things he once loved, now he hates and the things he once hated he will love. He is a new creature, old things have passed away and behold all things have become new and this life will give the greatest of joy. It is joy unspeakable and full of glory. He now has a life that never die. All may enjoy this life if they will, as it has been provided for all the human family.

What a shameful death Jesus died for us. If all would take Jesus into their souls what a joyful place this world would be to live in. Then we would hear a joyful noise unto the Lord all over the land.

The second verse of the 100th Psalms read thus "Serve the Lord with gladness; come before His presence with singing." —F. W. Spour

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Constant Companionship

None of us want to be left to himself in this world. We know we have a tendency to go astray, to become impatient, to lose heart, to make wrong choices in a crisis. We feel the weakness of the flesh. We need a Helper, a wise and strong Companion, a dependable Guide.

Now in reality the Christian has such a Helper. Some may not have realized it, but it is their privilege to know it. The Christian life is more than a proper way of living; it is a *new* life, in constant companionship with God. It is not an *attainment* by our efforts to a certain quality of life; it is an *obtainment* from God of His loving wisdom and help by right of inheritance; that is, it is the result of His gift of eternal life which He bestows on His children, those who have been born from above, and have thus entered His spiritual and heavenly kingdom.

We have clear teaching by the Lord Jesus on this subject. Before He left His disciples He said the Father would send the Holy Spirit. In John's Gospel, the word "Parakletos" is translated "Comforter." which means "One called alongside to help." Divine attributes are His, and He is to dwell within the disciple to do certain very definite things. We may as well be thankful that Christ told us about these things, so that it would not be left to our own experiments as to just what was included in our inheritance as children of God. Usually we

find some one place in the Bible where the fullest teaching is given on a certain subject. During the Upper Room discourse after the Last Supper, we find Christ gave such teaching concerning this Helper, whom He and the Father would send to His disciples. There are seven definite items as follows:

1. Christ's offer was made to those who loved Him and kept His commandments, that this Parakletos or Comforter was to be a permanent Presence, to "abide with you forever." (John 14:15-17). But He may be grieved, so that the fruit of the Spirit is not apparent.

2. While the Spirit of God strives at some time with all men, He is given as an abiding Presence exclusively to believers in Christ: "Whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth Him not, neither knoweth Him, but ye know Him, for He dwelleth with you and shall be in you." (John 14:17). This is the inheritance of sonship—"For as many as receive Him (Jesus Christ) to them gave He power to become sons of God, even to them that believe on His name." (John 1:12).

How can we expect that God would send the Holy Ghost to dwell in an unrepentant and sinful person, rebelling against His will and rejecting His grace in the gift of His Son for His redemption? The Spirit may strive with man's will but He does not force the will. But on receiving Christ, we are justified completely, and God sends His Spirit to work out within us His holy will.

3. The Spirit of Truth is to be teacher; bringing to remembrance the things the disciples had heard Jesus say; and to us also He brings the truth we need for the occasion. If brought into testing and trial He will give in that hour the word of wisdom or testimony that is needed. John 14:26. (Matt. 10:18-20).

4. The Spirit is not sent to speak of Himself; but as the Father directs, He will reveal the things concerning Christ. A chief work of this Helper is to glorify Christ; to present Him in all His fullness as the object of our affection and worship. (John 15:26; 16:13-14).

5. He is first to "reprove the world of sin," of the primary sin of not believing on Christ. (John 16:8-19). This fundamental work of the Spirit upon human hearts agrees with what Christ said was the work of God,—"that ye believe on Him whom He hath sent." The Apostle Paul appealed to the Gentiles: "Resist not the Spirit."

6. The Holy Spirit also reproves the world "of

righteousness, because I go to my Father and ye see me no more," said Jesus. The holiness which He demonstrated, would no more be in view, but the Spirit reproduces that kind of righteousness in the believer, just as he is obedient in His promptings. The Christian should "grieve not the Spirit," but yield obediently to His promptings.

7. Finally, He reproves the world "of judgment, because the prince of this world is judged." Christ was about to suffer on the cross, there to bruise the serpent's head; for the accuser of men (Rev. 12:10) was to be judged. Satan can no longer claim authority over sinners who respond to the invitation of the Comforter to put their trust in God. This is Good News for the world, there is redemption and deliverance in Christ and the Believer is cautioned: "Quench not the Spirit," when a testimony is required.

In other places also mention is made of the Holy Spirit. His action is like a spring of water bubbling up constantly with refreshing life; He is the light of Christ, an inward monitor to direct our steps.

The blessing of God's presence by His Spirit goes with the Christian life, not as a possible extra, but an imperative necessity; especially as to His regenerating work. Because Satan accuses us all of sin and transgression, we must needs look back to that event when Christ gave His life a ransom for us. Then can the Spirit work out His will in the heart, and our belief in Christ becomes effective and deepen our devotion to Him. He teaches us by the Holy Scriptures the things which pertain to Christ. He leads us to give Christ pre-eminence in all things for only by the Spirit do we call Him "Lord." The unbeliever calling Him only "Jesus" does not experience these things nor can he appreciate their value. "The things of the Spirit are spiritually discerned."

The problems which perplex us and test our faith are brought to Christ Jesus and He guides us by His Spirit. To the one whose will is completely yielded to God's will, the guidance needed is forthcoming in answer to the prayer of faith. His victory becomes our victory, and His loving Presence our comfort in sorrow, and His Wisdom our wisdom in perplexity.

—Wm. H. Riche.

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From age to age this voice shall cheer:—

Whate're may die or be forgot,

Work done for God, it dieth NOT."

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EDITORIALS

The year of 1937 is now closing up and the New Year of 1938 with all of its possibilities is facing us. 1937 has been a year of much satisfaction to our souls in the printing work and also in the work of the ministry.

In the beginning of the year we vowed to God that we would be more watchful and prayerful and use all knowledge, wisdom and opportunities that He gave us, to His glory in active service. We have met up with many things during the year that we took to the Lord earnestly in prayer and His grace and power have been sufficient. The work at the office has been moving steadily forward and tracts, papers and booklets have been sent out continually. Letters received from readers whom God has blessed with the contents of the papers and tracts have been a source of comfort to our hearts.

The printing shop is better equipped for printing the gospel than in previous years and our hopes for a greater volume of business for God and in behalf of needy souls this coming year is founded on firm confidence in God who rules the universe.

We see a greater coming together of God's dear children whom Satan has been dividing and scattering and a settling down in to God as never before. Humility of mind and heart and a closer walk with God and separation from this old sinful world and its ways will naturally cause a flowing of saved souls together. Souls that are free from the organizations of man and man-made churches, who are saved and swing out on the promises of God will easily flow together, for their spirits then have full opportunity to truly blend in Christ.

We are expecting a mighty forward move in 1938 and that the church of the living God will shine brighter with many, many, yes, very many souls coming to Zion with songs and everlasting joy and sighing and sorrow will flee away.

Our decisions and vows to God is to be at our very best for Him in all phases of the work, seeking Him daily for wisdom, grace and power to carry out all that He lays upon our hearts.

Prayer is the life of the soul even as the breathing of the air keeps the body alive. Drawing strength, wisdom and power from God through prayer will make us fully equipped and ready to face the problems of the New Year and we shall be able to think right, act right and can easily carry out the plans of God as individual members of His body. The Spirit of God in us will quicken our mortal bodies,

enabling us to do much work and to endure hardness as a good soldier of Jesus Christ which will make the year 1938 a blessed, fruitful year.

We shall pray that all of our readers will live in the fear of God so they can prosper and bear much fruit throughout the whole New Year.

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There have been several thousand names and addresses sent in for the "Three months" subscription offer and we have tried to carefully place every one on the list so each one will receive the Faith and Victory paper for three months and we have also sent the Premiums and presents as we promised. If anyone is dissatisfied through papers failing to be sent or by not receiving your Premium or present, please write us giving full particulars so we can rectify any mistakes that may have been made.

We appreciate very much the way our readers have been co-operating with us in getting the paper in so many homes and in getting it circulated so largely. Eternity will only tell the great good that will come out of this effort to place the gospel by the printed page in the reach of so many souls. I thank you again.

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The revival meeting here at the Saints chapel in Guthrie closed on Sunday night, Dec. 12. Bro. Phillips of Dover, Okla. and Bro. Sam Barton of Tulsa, Okla. were the ministers whom God used in expounding the gospel. Our souls rejoiced in the meeting as the Word of God was preached so faithfully and so earnestly by these dear ministers of God. The Saints were greatly edified and several were under conviction. The meeting was only in progress one week as we had to get ready for the Assembly meeting that begins on the 24th of Dec. As you receive this paper the Assembly meeting at Guthrie will be in full force. We are expecting a very large attendance of Saints and a large number of ministers and above all we are expecting God to work mightily in this meeting and to further the cause of God on earth by saving, sanctifying and healing, together with a settling of Saints down into God and a unifying and melting together by His Spirit.

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Men of this world are never as a rule contented or satisfied. When they are poor and without this world's goods they become very much discontented. Lament their condition and are apt to grumble and complain at those who do have. Those that have this world's goods are striving to get more and are uneasy lest some one will get it away from them

through shrewd dealing or that robbers will break in and steal it. Nearly every paper you pick up to read you will find where robbers have broken into a house and carried away valuables, have robbed some one on the highway or have robbed a bank. There are numerous robbers in this world and for this reason many men are troubled, uneasy and nervous. There is only one way for any man to have perfect peace, rest and contentment, and that is by forsaking the world, repenting of all sin, turning to God with all the heart and commence to lay up their treasures in Heaven. Jesus says, "Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also."

That robber, "monster death" is on the track of every soul. The rich man with his millions is soon going to be robbed of all that he holds dear. Monster death will be the robber. He will not only separate him from all of his valuables here, but will usher him into misery, woe and torment forever. People who possess the valuables of this world think they are rich and increased in goods, but that old robber, monster death will soon visit them and then they will find themselves wretched, poor and miserable and will gnaw their tongue for pain, will crave a drop of water and none will be given them.

The only truly rich folks are those that are saved from sin, being children of God, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ. They shall inherit all things and the monster death will not rob them of anything worth mentioning as physical death to them will only mean a change for something far better than this world can afford. Their loss is not worthy to be compared with the glory that shall be revealed in them as they will heir a glorified body to live with God forever. Death to them just means being swallowed up in victory, for they will have a building of God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the Heavens. They have the true riches and the assurance of them brings great contentment, satisfaction and peace to the soul under all conditions. Oh, what untold, unending riches Jesus has purchased for us who have the abiding Comforter in the heart. Let us exalt His name and not be ashamed of the gospel which is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believes.

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We have just made into book form the eleven copies of the 1937 Faith and Victory papers. We have bound them with a good paper binding.

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We will mail a copy anywhere in the United States for 35 cents each. These few book will soon be gone so if you want a copy send for one. We will not be able to make any more after these are gone as some of the monthly issues are entirely used up.

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PRAYER REQUESTS

Pray for Sister Morgan of Bessemer City, N. C.

Pray for Mr. W. T. Burkett of Ark. He is afflicted with a bad sore on his leg. Pray for his son that he may get saved as he is seeking the Lord.

Pray for Katie Marler who is suffering severely at times until it brings fever on her. She trusts in the Lord. She lives in Mo.

Pray for Sister C. W. Ward that God will heal her of rheumatism.

A sister has an urgent request for the Saints to pray for a young man who is so touchy that his parents nor his grand mother can't say a thing, but that he is ready to talk back to them, dictate, find fault, criticise and be-mean. He does many things to aggravate and worry his parents and grand mother so ask God to lay his hand on him and change him.

A nurse asks the saints to pray earnestly for the healing of her body and also for the healing of her daughter's body and also for the salvation of her soul and that her son be saved.

Sister D. A. Forbes of Chandler, Okla. fell over the tent ropes at the Okmulgee Camp-meeting one night this summer and pulled some ribs loose from her back bone and had to lay in bed for 21 days and could only sit up a few minutes at a time. She has been poorly ever since and is asking earnest prayer of the saints that the Lord will completely heal her body.

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Jennings, Okla. Greetings in Jesus' name:

We are saved, sanctified and encouraged to go all the way. I feel that it is the Lord's will that we

tell you what wonderful success we had in our meeting. The Lord saved seven, sanctified one and wonderfully encouraged the Saints here to press on. The ministers present were Brother Jackson and Sister Bell of Okmulgee, Okla. and Bro. Sam Barton of Tulsa, Okla. and also Bro. Wm. Bray and Bro. Knight were with us on the last Sunday of the meeting. Pray for our success here spiritually.

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Your brother and sister in the Lord, —E. Jones.



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Bristow, Okla. Dear readers of Faith and Victory:

Greetings, in the precious name of Jesus. This being the last month in the year of 1937 I feel led to testify that I am still saved and my life is hidden in Christ. I am determined to go all the way with the Lord. I am not tired, worried or dissatisfied and am encouraged to go right on until the race is run. I mean to fight on for Jesus.

I am afflicted in body at this writing and desire the prayers of the dear Saints for the healing of my body. Your Sister in Christ, —Dora Houston.

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The Privilege Of Prayer

Dear people do you ever realize what a wonderful blessing we have in the privilege of prayer? God blesses all people with this blessing, every soul has the blessed opportunity to call upon the Lord. If you are in sin you can come to the Lord confessing your sins, telling the Lord and forsaking your sins calling upon Him for mercy. He will hear the cry of those who repent and seek Him. The Word of God tells the unsaved to seek the Lord.

Every soul is promised pardon if they will turn from sin, So the sinner has the privilege of coming to God in prayer, he is promised pardon and rest to their soul. Matthew 11:28-30.

Yes, all may have rest from their burdens, sin and sorrow that Satan has caused them. It is truly wonderful. After we are saved we may come to the Lord and trust Him for all things, for soul and body. We sing the good old song, "What a friend we have in Jesus. All our grief and sorrows bear, What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer." When we hear these words do we realize their great meaning? It is true, the words of this song. It is according to God's Word. The Lord said, "Call upon me in the day of trouble and I will deliver thee and thou shall glorify me." Psa. 50:15.

He has many wonderful promises. What more could we ask for than what God has promised, both in the Old and New Testaments? They are full of promises and tell us of how he answers the prayers of His people. Jesus is the same today. He will do just as much for us today if we will only obey Him. He loves the people today just as well as He did the people who lived when He was on earth.

The Bible tells us that Elias was a man as people of today. Some seem to think the people in Bible times were different, but read James 5:17.

Dear souls look to the Lord and take every trou-

ble to Him. Nothing in life is too small to take to God in prayer. We need not bear our sorrows alone as He is a friend to all, both the saved and unsaved. May the Lord bless each reader and help them to to pray and may we all realize more each day what a wonderful privilege we have and what a blessing to every soul to have a friend that we can go to and get help for soul or body, one who knows and cares and understands every heart and knows all about our troubles.

Dear people whatever your want may be, just call upon the Lord.

A Sister in Christ, —Becky Brown.

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True Righteousness

"For I say unto you, that except your righteousness shall exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven."

This verse of scripture found in the 21st verse of the 5th chapter of Matthew ought to cause each of us to search our hearts to see how we stand in the sight of God. The Pharisees were a very righteous people in outward appearance and no doubt thought they were on the road to heaven, but the truth of the matter is, that they were only self-righteous and did not have the righteousness of God. After all that is what counts. We cannot work our way into heaven as many try to do. We must have the spirit of Christ and follow in His footsteps if we ever expect to attain unto true holiness.

In Luke 18:10-14, we find an account of two men who went into the temple to pray. One was a Pharisee and the other was a publican. The publican in those days was one who collected certain kinds of taxes. Many of them were detested and looked down upon as sinners and truly they were for "All men have sinned and come short of the glory of God." The Pharisees were noted for their learning and religious activities. But let us notice how God saw the hearts of these two men. The Pharisee, in offering his prayer, thanked the Lord that he was not as other men, "extortioners, unjust, adulterers." Just from these three words we are certainly made to believe that he was straight in his business dealings, and lived a clean moral life. How can we of today keep professing and try to excuse ourselves and ease our consciences if we are failing on these lines? This man also fasted twice a week and offered long prayers. Do you wonder why then

that this Pharisee was failing? Because he trusted in himself, that he was righteous and did not, by humbling himself to repent, seek righteousness of God.

The publican, knowing that he was a sinner, "smote upon his breast saying, God be merciful to me a sinner." This is where the secret lies. He repented of his sins. The scriptures teach us that, "If we confess and forsake our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." Then, and not until then do we have righteousness of God.

In Luke 13:4-5, we are told of eighteen people who were slain when the town of Siloam fell upon them. These people were not the greatest sinners in Jerusalem, but Jesus said, "Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish." Repentance must be made in every heart and in every life before they can have power over sin and peace with God. Godly sorrow worketh repentance and a turning away from our sins. As one writer expressed it—"Sorry enough for your sins to quit sinning."

There are no little sins in the sight of God. One sin unconfessed and unforsaken will separate us from God eternally. It is the little foxes that spoil the vines.

May the eternal God of all grace give us boldness to forsake our sins and seek the righteousness of God. He hath given us the invitation—"Come unto me all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." If you are weary of your load of sin, why don't you try this? "Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool." Isa. 1:18. Praise God. Then there is victory and freedom. —W. C. Murphey.

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Feminine Nakedness

There never was a better time to be a real woman than now. Some wonder why we thus speak. To illustrate, the best time to have a lamp lighted is in the dark night. It will shine far brighter in the thick darkness of night. Just so at the present time. If a host of pure women would rise up in opposition to the shameful nakedness of womankind, their lights would shine above the brightness of the noonday sun. A day of awful darkness is being ushered in on mankind and women are making awful strides at leading the way by their shameful, scanty clothing. Some

one-third, some one-half, some two-thirds and some even going stark naked. So many preachers preaching for their living, fail to condemn these things for fear they will reduce their own income and popularity. I am told that within two or three years there have been a dozen couples in the U. S. married naked. O, God, where is the end? If preachers married them, is it any wonder religion is at a low ebb? If a civil officer married them, is it any wonder our government is unable to curb the awful wave of crime increasingly sweeping over the land? If time can possibly last five years longer, what is going to be the landing of our great nation at the present rate? What is going to become of civilization and immortal souls for whom Christ died?

To arms! to arms! oh sons of men.
Against our sister's naked skin.
Our wives, our daughters—all involved—
This fearful nakedness need be dissolved.

Corrupt it must, the social state,
Forstalling soon will be too late.
Its canker eats as doth a sore
Infecting souls from shore to shore.

Who'll "cry aloud" and "sparing not;"
Will strike this monster female blot
That lives a life of shame and sin,
Inflames the lusts of boys and men?

Undress to meet the daylight's gaze
Of men lured on by naked craze,
But dress, to lie on couch at night,
When naked forms be out of sight.

This giant monster that sweeps the earth,
Eye-sore to men of noble birth;
Dethrowing virtue on every hand
Is laying waste most every land.

May God send help to face about,
Before our chastity has all leaked out;
And leaves a nation thru nakedness shorn,
Our loss of virtue to ever mourn.

—J. H. Pearson.

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Distant, Pa. Dear Brother Pruitt: Greetings to all the dear Saints standing for the old time truth. I am saved and sanctified and standing for the old time truth that I learned when I first got saved.

—A. J. Stokes.

« Young People's Section »

Then And Now

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“In the glorious Hereafter—
When the veil is swept away,
I shall know with perfect knowledge
What I marvel at today.
I shall trace the wondrous leading
Of a faultless Hand Divine.
All my life-book's hidden meaning.
I shall read it line by line.

“I shall know why came the tempest
To my sunny sky so soon,
And why my sweetest blossoms
Were faded ere the noon.
How the ‘all things’ work together
For my good; I then see
And adore with rapturous praises
For the crosses laid on me.

“I am willing to walk softly,
Closely clinging to Christ's Hand.
With each footstep drawing nearer
To my blessed Fatherland,
Drawing nearer to the brightness
Of my Elder Brother's smile;
Only parted from His Presence
And His love a little while.”

EDITORIALS

“The Lord's Day”

Christ's resurrection from the dead is one of the most glorious events in the history of the world. For, “if Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vain, and your faith is also vain.” (1 Cor. 15:14). Considering its importance, how fitting and proper it is that such a day is commemorated more often by the Christian world than any other event in the life of Christ. The observance of the Lord's supper commemorates His atonement. What commemorates His resurrection? The New Testament day of worship or “the first day of the week,” brings to memory the day that Christ came forth from the tomb.

After His resurrection, the saints of the early church began to meet together on the “first day of the week.” (Mark 16:9) which was the day of His resurrection. This commemorative observance has been practiced by the Christians through the centuries down to the present time. The practice has been so universal that the governments have set it aside as a day of worship. But has the day become so common to us that we forget its true meaning? On Sunday mornings do we especially remember that it was through His resurrection that we as Christians have been raised and made alive from a dead state in trespasses and sins? It is called “The Lord's Day.” Rev. 1:10.

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Abnormal Appetites

When a person loses their appetite for natural food, they are not well or normal physically. In this condition he may develop an abnormal appetite for something which is not conducive to health. Just so it is in the spiritual life. When one loses that yearning desire for the Bread of life, (God's Word), he is not well spiritually. Then perhaps, that soul begins to feed upon that which is detrimental to his spiritual growth. Fiction literature and the “funnies” take the place of daily meditations on the Word of God. Reading the “funnies” in the Sunday morning paper by young people, and sometimes by older folks, cause them to be late to Sunday School. And about all they know of the Sunday's lesson is what they hear in the class. Is it not true that such persons are sick, if not dead, spiritually? “Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.”

There is an appalling lack of Bible study even among the congregations of the Saints. Should the teacher of the adult Bible class or young people's class ask how many had read the lesson text, it might be surprising to note the very, very small per cent who would answer that they had. There are causes for this, and the excuses, perhaps would be many. One thing is certain, that God and His Word is not finding first place—the place that it should have in the life of every Christian.

—L. D. P.

A Word Spoken In Due Season

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The wise man, Solomon said, (Ecc. 3:1), "To every thing there is a season and a time to every purpose under the heaven." Again he says, "A word spoken in due season, how good is it!" We may apply these texts to the ministers and gospel workers. There is a right time for everything, and holy wisdom and discernment is needed that the word of God might be "spoken in due season," or at the right time, when it will bring the best results. For instance, the evening service at assembly or camp-meetings should ordinarily be evangelistic, and the day services for the saints and the work in general. When the Word is not spoken in "due season," we are reminded of a time when a Sister preached in the evening service at a camp-meeting on the subject of the Christian's dress, when a large group of unsaved people were present. The gospel of salvation should be the first thing offered to the sinner. At another state meeting a young man, who had gotten saved in the meeting, felt his call and proceeded to preach his first sermon in the evening service. The best results were lacking.

A ten-day meeting with large attendance is necessarily expensive, and those who attend are entitled to the best spiritual food, and to see the salvation of souls. The time is too precious to be wasted by a lifeless discourse which betrays shallow thinking and little praying.

When this issue reaches you, the Oklahoma Assembly meeting will be in progress, and we trust that when it shall come to a close we can truthfully say with the Preacher, "A word spoken in due season, how good is it!"

—L. D. Pruitt.

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Ye Must Be Born Again

"Though your sins be as scarlet, I will make them like snow. Though your sins be as crimson, I will make them like wool; whosoever will may come and drink of the water of life freely." Friend you may think you are too big a sinner to be saved, but Jesus said, "Whosoever will may come." Whosoever means you. Salvation is free and bought with out price. Jesus Christ paid the price on calvary's tree for the sins of the whole world. He is inviting you to come now. Behold! I stand at the door and knock, If any man hear my voice let Him open the door (heart's door) and I will come in and sup with

him. Friend, I will repeat again, salvation is free and bought without price, but we must give up our sins to receive this great salvation. Jesus said, "Behold! I will make all things new." If you will repent and give up your sins, You will be a new creature in Christ Jesus or a new creation, a born again man or woman. For without repentance no man shall see God. "Repent or thou shall likewise perish."

—R. H. Freeman.

CORRESPONDENCE

Orland, Calif. Dear Saints of God: Greetings:

Today finds me still saved and living for the dear Lord. I have much to be thankful for to-night. I must say in June I was very poor in body. I prayed for myself, and my little girl, Beverly June would pray for me. I would get relief, but I got so bad I felt impressed to ask for prayer, so I wrote to the Saints to help me pray and the Lord sure did hear their prayers which I sure am thankful for. I am so glad we have such a friend to go to in time of need. I had a lot of Job's comforters. Some would say you had better go see a doctor. You have a tumor. But I just knew whatever it was the Lord could do the operating and He did. Praise His dear name. My prayers daily are to live to please my Lord and that all I live around will see Jesus in my life. Saints it means much to live to please the Lord now days as our lives are being watched to see if we are living as we preach, so let us live it. I need the prayers of all for my unsaved family.

Your sister in Christ, —Alpha Daniels.

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South Bend, Ind. Dear Ones in Christ:

Received our Faith and Victory paper, also found another subscription blank. You will find one dollar enclosed with the twenty names. I do hope the paper will do them as much good as it did my husband and I.

I want to report victory in regard to my husband's health. He is feeling fine both in soul and body, for which we thank God. I also want to thank the dear Saints for your prayers.

We firmly believe that God will answer prayer in regard to our son. We have not as yet heard from him. God is still on the throne and if we will earnestly seek him for what we need, He is just and willing to give to us.

Reading over the requests for prayer, I noticed that they were all for healing. God wants us to pray for the sick, but after all I think praying

for the salvation of the soul is more important.

So we continue to ask an interest in your prayers.

Your Brother and Sister in Christ,
—Charles and Martha Ernest.

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Mechums River, Va. Dear Readers of the Faith and Victory:

I feel lead of the dear Lord to send my testimony.

I have been saved twenty-one years this past June. His power will keep us saved and under the blood under all circumstances if we will submit all to Him and pray. The longer we serve Him the sweeter the way. If any of the Saints have the book called, "Gospel Day," please send it to me to read. I will return it after I read it. I am praying for God to move upon one of the dear preachers of God to come here and hold a revival in the Spring. There are only five Saints here. A false prophet rose up among us and scattered the flock. If you can send any literature to give out it would help very much.

I am a missionary for the Lord. Pray for my lost family. Pray for the Saints here. This is a needy field.

We are living in the last days, the dear Saints need to pray more.

Pray for me that I do my duty in all things.

Yours in the one body, Mrs. Laura Powell.

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Lahoma, Okla. Dear Brother and Sister Pruitt:

I thought I would write and let you know how the Lord heard and answered prayer, when you all fasted and prayed for me. I had laid in bed for four months on my back. We sure thank the good Lord for His healing power, I first had appendicitis, internal influenza, lock bowels, and peritonitis. The Lord has healed me of all of it, and we sure do thank Him. The same day that you fasted and prayed for me, I went to the dinner table and ate a good hearty dinner. One week later I went to church, the next week I went to Kansas. I sure do thank the Saints for the encouragement that you were to me. I feel encouraged to press on to the end, so pray for me.

Your brother in Christ, --Adam Eck.

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Trenton, N. J. Greetings in Jesus' sweet and Holy name:

I am very happy for this chance to write you

this letter. I am very thankful that some have written in and helped the Fund for Prison Work as a prisoner of New Jersey and also a Prisoner for Jesus Christ, I know what it means to have tracts to work with as we will never know what a tract will do when given to a prison. I am only 30 years old, but thank God that in Prison I found Jesus Christ and it may have been from a tract which someone gave me that helped to bring me to Christ. Sometime I hope to write my dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ and tell them what tracts do in Prison. I am very happy to read their testimonies in the paper.

My brother in Jesus and I are sending 50 cents each to help along in sending tracts to Prisons. Oh, how we wish we could send you more, but God knows our hearts and when we are able again we shall send more, for some day Jesus will say, "Well done come into the kingdom." Oh, Brother Pruitt, keep up your good work and may God open the hearts to help you carry on His work. May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ bless you and your loved ones and all the Saints.

Yours and His in Christian Love,
—Wm. L. Doughty.

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Nuyaka, Okla. Dear workers in Christ Jesus: Greetings once more in Jesus. It has been about a year since I wrote you. I can yet report victory in my soul. Praise God.

Sometimes I fear I would get very weak if I couldn't hear from the dear children of God through the Faith and Victory paper each month. The last paper really encouraged my soul. The article "Contentment" by Brother Cleo Murry showed me where I needed to get closer to the Lord. You see, we live so far away from any one that is saved and it seems that husband and the children are about to drift away from the Lord. We never get to hear the true Word of God preached and Oh, how hungry we get—do you wonder that sometimes I am not contented? Won't you dear people have a special prayer for such folks as us that the dear Lord will prepare a way that we might be able to attend that grand and glorious meeting next summer? We desire so much to be able to hear the true Word of God without compromise or any such thing. Praise God.

I am sending in a dollar for the subscription to the Faith and Victory and I am praying that the dear

Lord will bless each one in a special way. I select, "Heavenly Life for Earthly Living." That is a wonderful thing to think about—living heavenly here on earth.

May the dear Lord of heaven and earth bless each one of His children and may those at the office be drawn nearer the dear Lord than ever before is my prayer.

A Sister in Christ Jesus —Amelia Altstatt.

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Forbes, Mo. Dear Saints of God: I send greetings in the name of our dear Saviour, who suffered and died on the cross for us all. Oh, what a mighty God we serve and a God of love, Oh, Praise His holy name. He tells us to praise Him. We can never praise and thank Him enough for His great love and mercy.

I asked the dear Lord to bless everyone for the prayers that went to the throne of God for my dear ones. My little grand-son was so sick; he had pneumonia fever. His fever was 106. His mother took him to the Dr., he said it was a miracle that he didn't have to operate on his head. When he was so bad he would ask Jesus to help him, his little lips would quiver. He is well now, thanks to Jesus, and now weighs more than he ever weighed before. I would tell the dear Lord to take him to the glory land or heal him, God's will be done, for He knows what's before us. We know that all things work together for good to them that love God.

Unsaved parents, when you stand over your little children when they are sick and suffering you have a chance to help them in this world, if you get saved and teach them and raise them up for Jesus, and do your duty. Then you and your children would not be lost in a Devil's hell, where you would see them suffer throughout eternity. There are no little children in hell and God did not prepare hell for man, but for the devil and his angels.

Thank God for the little paper Faith and Victory. We can hear from the Saints in different places through it.

May God bless all His children and encourage their hearts.

Your humble Sister, —Mary Whitmore.

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Charlottesville, Va. Dear Brother and Sister Pruitt:

Tonight finds me saved and enjoying salvation. It is the joy of my life to serve God. I was saved in 1930 and from then until now I have been living

to all the light that I know. I am glad to testify that God healed my sick body of a leaking heart. Praise His dear name. I have not used any medicine since I have been saved and He will do the same to you if you will let Him. There is more pleasure in serving God one week than a lifetime in the sins of this world. If the poor lost sinners knew the pleasure of serving the dear Lord, I don't think they would live in sin another night. I am sorry to say that I have eight in my family who are unsaved and I ask all the dear saints to pray for them as I know God will hear His dear children. My husband and son once knew the Lord, and it is so sad to think that they have backslidden; pray for me as it is my heart's desire to do God's will at all times.

May the Lord bless you all is my humble prayer.

Your Sister in the dear Lord, Mrs. J. J. Sprouse.

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Middletown, Ind. Dear Brother Pruitt:

Greetings in Jesus' dear name. May His Love, Peace and Joy rest and abide with you forever.

He is very near and dear to us this beautiful morning and our hearts are full to overflowing with thanks and praise for all His many and wonderful manifestations of His unmerited Love.

We don't feel like we could ever get along without Him and this morning we are determined by His grace and help to go all the way.

Since we last wrote you, I have been laid off at the shop, now I am trusting Him for all things and just waiting on Him to lead me and direct me wherever He can use me to His glory. Pray for us.

May God bless, keep and use you to His glory and supply your every need.

Yours in Him, —Brother and Sister Pearson.

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Dear Brother Pruitt: Oh, how happy I was to see our testimonies in the Faith and Victory, surely I have prayed much about this, that other souls might come to our Saviour Jesus Christ and be saved. We need your prayer dear Brother, as we believe the time is short, and so many souls to be saved.

Accept my meager offering of fifty cents for the Prison Fund with prayer, hoping that the day will come when we can give more. May God be with you all till Jesus comes and takes us home.

Christian love to all, Albert Dodd (A prisoner).

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Madisonville, Tenn. Dear Bro. Pruitt and workers at the Faith Publishing House:

This morning I feel like writing my testimony

and telling what the Lord has done for me.

About one month ago I was killing hogs and some way I hurt my back and it kept getting worse until it got so bad that I couldn't stoop over to even tie my shoes. On the 10th day of Dec. I was trying to tie my shoes and I couldn't get in a position to get my shoes tied, so I sat my foot upon a trunk and as I started to stoop, something in my back snapped. It began to hurt, so I began to walk around the house. once or twice. It got worse all that day and the next night it seemed like I couldn't live. I lay all day and night, most of the time on my stomach across the bed railing and my feet on the floor as that was the only way in which I could get any ease. About 4 o'clock in the morning my father and mother came. I was still down in the bed with my weight on my stomach and calling on God every breath and mother and father began to pray. I would get better for a while, then the pain would come again, but we kept praying until the answer came. I felt that I was healed and something said to me, "Now you can get upon the bed and stretch out and it wont hurt you. I got up, stretched out on the bed without a pain, and at this writing am well except that I haven't the use of my right leg.

I give God all the glory and honor for it. Pray for me that God will give me the use of my leg.

Your Brother in Christ, —Clint Phillips



Madisonville, Tenn. Dear Saints of God:

I am not saved and I want all the saints of God to pray that God will save me. You know what the Lord said in His blessed Word, "Ask and ye shall receive."

Pray that I may be able to raise my three children up right. I am asking the Lord to save me. Pray for my husband who is lost in sin and a snuff and tobacco user. Pray that the Lord will deliver him from it.

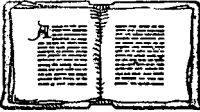
Mrs. Rosa Cook told me that it was wrong to cut off my hair and I believed her and let my hair grow out and my girl's hair also and the Lord has been helping me in so many ways. Praise His dear name.

I want the Saints to pray to God to heal me completely. I do not use any remedies and leave it all with the Lord.

I find in the Faith and Victory paper so many of the Saints of God that testify and pray. Pray on as God will answer prayer. I find in the Word of God where it says, "Come unto me all ye that labour, and are heavy laden and I will give you rest."

Pray for me. —Kattie McKeehen.

"Study to shew thyself approved unto God."



BIBLE STUDY

"The entrance of thy words giveth light."

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BE THOU AN EXAMPLE

Whether you are a teacher or only a pupil in the class we should not be careless in preparing our lesson. In the past year have there been times that we were indifferent or not as diligent as we could have been in our lesson study? Regardless of how interesting and tactful the lesson is presented, if the pupils have not made an effort to prepare the lesson, they fail to receive full benefit from it. If this has been the case with us we should start anew to grasp every opportunity of service.

Do we as teachers realize the importance of our calling? Has your teaching become a sort of common place affair or do we still know that we have the most valuable thing this world affords? As we teach the inspired truth of God's Word we need not fear successful opposition or contradiction. As the teacher stands before the class from time to time her influence and character becomes a part of the pupils character and this in turn determines to a great extent the future of the child. Seeing that our words and traits are reaching out as guiding stars to our class can we afford not to be at our best? What about our words and actions? Is the manner in which we dress ourselves an example that we desire our pupils to pattern after? May the Lord impress upon our minds the importance of our calling.



Sunday, January 2, 1938.

THE GOSPEL OF MARK

Printed Portion.....Mark 10:35-45.

Mark 10:35. And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, come unto him saying, Master, we would that thou shouldest do for us whatsoever we shall desire.

36. And he said unto them, What would ye that I should do for you?

37. They said unto him, Grant unto us that we may sit, one on thy right hand, and the other on thy left hand, in thy glory.

38. But Jesus said unto them, Ye know not what ye ask: can ye drink of the cup that I drink of? and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?

39. And they said unto him, We can. And Jesus said unto them, Ye shall indeed drink of the cup that I

drink of; and with the baptism that I am baptized withal shall ye be baptized:

40. But to sit on my right hand and on my left hand is not mine to give; but it shall be given to them for whom it is prepared.

41. And when the ten heard it, they began to be much displeased with James and John.

42. But Jesus called them to him, and saith unto them, Ye know that they which are accounted to rule over the Gentiles exercise leadership over them and their great ones exercise authority upon them.

43. But so shall it not be among you: but whosoever will be great among you, shall be your minister:

44. And whosoever of you will be the chiefest, shall be servant of all.

45. For even the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.

Golden Text: Whosoever would be first . . . shall be servant. Mark 10:44.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

The Gospel of Good Deeds

Our lessons for the first six months are found in the gospel of Mark. Let us make a diligent study of this gospel and become so acquainted with it that at least a part of it will be ours.

Mark's Gospel: His Jewish name was John, but his Roman name was Mark (Marcus). See Acts 13:12.

After associating for some time with Jesus, two of His disciples desired the most prominent places in His kingdom. So it is today, Many desire to make a fair show, to be seen of men, having only a slight idea of service and the things of God.

Note how tenderly Jesus instructs his disciples in regard to receiving honor one from another. (Ye know not what ye ask). The cup that Jesus spoke of was a figure of speech meaning lot or position in life, to endure the suffering in store for him. Baptized with- meant to be overwhelmed or immersed in suffering. Why is he, who is all powerful unable to give this? Not from lack of power, but from justice.

"It is not so among you." The first or greatest among you shall be servant of all. How different are the rules of the spiritual kingdom from those of a temporal kingdom.

Sunday, January 9, 1938.

PREPARING FOR A LIFE SERVICE

Printed Portion.....Mark 1:1-13.

Mark 1:1. The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God;

2. As it is written in the prophets, Behold, I send my messenger before thy face, which shall prepare thy way before thee.

3. The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.

4. John did baptize in the wilderness, and preach the baptism of repentance for the remission of sins.

5. And there went out unto him all the land of Judea, and they of Jerusalem, and were all baptized of him in

the river of Jordan, confessing their sins.

6. And John was clothed with camel's hair, and with a girdle of a skin about his loins; and he did eat locusts and wild honey.

7. And preached, saying, There cometh one mightier than I after me, the latchet of whose shoes I am not worthy to stoop down and unloose.

8. I indeed have baptized you with water: but he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost.

9. And it came to pass in those days, that Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee, and was baptized of John in Jordan.

10. And straightway coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens opened, and the Spirit like a dove descending upon him:

11. And there came a voice from heaven, saying, Thou art my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.

12. And immediately the Spirit driveth him into the wilderness.

13. And he was there in the wilderness forty days tempted of Satan; and was with the wild beasts; and the angels ministered unto him.

Golden Text: Make ye ready the way of the Lord.

Mark 1:3.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

Verse 1. Here begins the gospel, the good news of Jesus. Mark says nothing of the birth, infancy and youth of Jesus. Harmonize the other gospels with that of Mark's. Which gospel relates the birth of Jesus in detail? Name as many of the prophecies concerning the coming of Christ as you can. As truly as these prophecies came to pass concerning His first coming so also will those concerning His second coming.

The purpose of His first coming was to be our Saviour, our redeemer. In what way will the second coming of our Lord differ from the first? Why was it necessary that the way be prepared for our Lord's coming? In what manner did the people expect a Saviour to come? The people had their own preconceived idea of the Lord's coming, that He should be born to a king's family and establish a literal kingdom. But how different it was from that. Note the humble attitude that John takes in preparing the way for Christ. His message was "Repent, for the kingdom of God is at hand." Many are still waiting for Jesus to come and set up His Kingdom. Read the definition for the kingdom of God in Rom. 5:17. John did not receive honor from man nor did He gather men unto himself, but humility and under direct guidance of God. He so preached the coming of Christ to the people that one day while preaching he mentioned that Christ was standing in their presence and the next day while expounding the nearness of the coming of Christ, he turned to one side as it were and said, "Behold! the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world." Truly he prepared the way and then his testimony was that Christ should increase, but that he should decrease. How many today are willing to stay in the background and allow the Christ of the Bible to be glorified?

What lesson do we receive from the baptism of

Jesus? How true and complete are the prophecies of God fulfilled?

God witnessed to the people of His Son and of His acceptable work. Should it not be thus with us?

Sunday January 16, 1938.

BEGINNING A LIFE OF SERVICE

Printed Portion.....Mark 1:14-28.

Mark 1:14. Now after that John was put in prison, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God,

15. And saying, The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel.

16. Now as he walked by the sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and Andrew his brother casting a net into the sea: for they were fishers.

17. And Jesus said unto them, Come ye after me, and I will make you to become fishers of men.

18. And straightway they forsook their nets, and followed him.

19. And when he had gone a little further thence, he saw James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother, who also were in the ship mending their nets.

20. And straightway he called them: and they left their father Zebedee in the ship with the hired servants, and went after him.

21. And they went into Capernaum; and straightway on the sabbath day he entered into the synagogue and taught.

22. And they were astonished at his doctrine: for he taught them as one that had authority, and not as the scribes.

23. And there was in the synagogue a man with an unclean spirit; and he cried out,

24. Saying, Let us alone; what have we to do with thee, thou Jesus of Nazareth? art thou come to destroy us? I know thee who thou art, the Holy One of God.

25. And Jesus rebuked him, saying, Hold thy peace, and come out of him.

26. And when the unclean spirit had torn him, and cried with a loud voice, he came out of him.

27. And they were all amazed, insomuch that they questioned among themselves, saying, What thing is this? what new doctrine is this? for with authority commandeth he even the unclean spirits, and they do obey him.

28. And immediately his fame spread abroad throughout all the region round about Galilee.

Golden Text: The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent ye, and believe the gospel.

Mark 1:15.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

In our last lesson, John preached that the kingdom of God was at hand. In our lesson today, Jesus preached that, "The time was fulfilled." When Jesus taught the disciples how to pray, he said, "Thy kingdom come thy will be done, in earth as it is in heaven." In earth (earthen vessels), which is our bodies. Again we read the kingdom of God is within you.

There is no doubt but that the entire will of God is done in heaven. Therefore everyone that professes to be a Christian should be doing the will of God here.

Again we testify that all we do is done to the glory of God. Could one chew, smoke, curse or swear to God's glory? Are those cross words and ugly deeds done to God's glory? What glory would God receive from His children saying harmful things about one another? Many who profess, acknowledge that they sin every day. Could you imagine one professing to be a christian and yet sinning, sinning to the glory of God? It would be far from the will of God for one in Heaven to sin. Jesus said, "Thy will be done, in earth as it is in Heaven."

May He encourage us to rise far above these things and embrace all our privileges in Him.

Let us not overlook the part of our lesson wherd Jesus was calling the disciples after Him. Notice verse eighteen, their response to the call.

Sunday, January 23, 1938.

MINISTERING TO PHYSICAL NEEDS

Printed Portion.....Mark 1:29-45.

Mark 1:29. And forthwith, when they were come out of the synagogue, they entered into the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John.

30. But Simon's wife's mother lay sick of a fever; and anon they tell him of her.

31. And he came and took her by the hand, and lifted her up; and immediately the fever left her, and she ministered unto them.

32. And at even, when the sun did set, they brought unto him all that were diseased, and them that were possessed with devils.

33. And all the city was gathered together at the door.

34. And he healed many that were sick of divers diseases, and cast out many devils; and suffered not the devils to speak, because they knew him.

35. And in the morning, rising up a great while before day, he went out, and departed into a solitary place and there prayed.

36. And Simon and they that were with him followed after him.

37. And when they had found him, they said unto him, All men seek for thee.

38. And he said unto them, Let us go into the next towns, that I may preach there also: for therefore came I forth.

39. And he preached in their synagogues throughout all Galilee, and cast out devils.

40. And there came a leper to him, beseeching him, and kneeling down to him, and saying unto him, If thou wilt, thou canst make me clean.

41. And Jesus, moved with compassion, put forth his hand, and touched him, and said unto him. I will; be thou clean.

42. And as soon as he had spoken, immediately the leprosy departed from him, and he was cleansed.

43. And he straitly charged him, and forthwith sent him away.

44. And saith unto him, See thou say nothing to any man: but go thy way, shew thyself to the preist, and offer for thy cleansing those things which Moses commanded, for a testimony unto them.

45. But he went out, and began to publish it much, and to blaze abroad the matter, insomuch that Jesus could no more openly enter into the city, but was without in desert places: and they came to him from every quarter.

Golden Text: And he healed many that were sick. Mark 1:34.

Sunday, January 30, 1938.

MINISTERING TO SPIRITUAL NEEDS

Daily Readings and Meditation

January 24-29.

Printed Portion.....Ma:k 2:1-12.

Mark 2:1. And again he entered into Capernaum after some days; and it was noised that he was in the house.

2. And straightway many were gathered together, insomuch that there was no room to receive them, no, not so much as about the door: and he preached the word unto them.

3. And they come unto him, bringing one sick of the palsy, which was borne of four.

4. And when they could not come nigh unto him for the press, they uncovered the roof where he was: and when they had broken it up, they let down the bed wherein the sick of the palsy lay.

5. When Jesus saw their faith, he said unto the sick of the palsy, Son, thy sins be forgiven thee.

6. But there were certain of the scribes sitting there, and reasoning in their hearts,

7. Why doth this man thus speak blasphemies? who can forgive sins but God only?

8. And immediately, when Jesus perceived in his spirit that they so reasoned within themselves, he said unto them, Why reason ye these things in you hearts?

9. Chether is it easier to say to the sick of the palsy, Thy sins be forgiven thee; or to say, Arise, and take up thy bed, and walk?

10. But that ye may know that the Son of man hath power on earth to forgive sins, (he saith to the sick of the palsy),

11. I say unto thee, Arise, and take up thy bed, and go thy way into thine house.

12. And immediately he arose, took up the bed, and went forth before them all; insomuch that they were all amazed, and glorified God, saying, We never saw it on this fashion.

Golden Text: Son thy sins are forgiven. Mark 2:5.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

In our lesson today we have a continuation of the work of Jesus. Our lesson bears out the fact that Jesus went about doing good. We, his creation are so very needy, but we are serving one that is not only mindful of our weakness, but is able to come to our rescue in every time of trouble. The few years of Jesus ministry were crowd-

ed with good deeds.

In verse 35, we have one of the determining factor of a successful Christian life. Discuss the benefits of early morning worship.

Can we not see so many things that need to be done and only a short time to work?

Beginning with verse 40, we have an incident from which we can receive much encouragement. How wretched a condition is one afflicted with the leprosy. A dreadful disease. Incureable as far as man is concerned. And its grip on its victim until it is claimed by death. And only the touch of Jesus can cleanse the soul of man.

The symbolic teaching of this miracle is thus expressed by the Bible: Typically, the leper represents the whole race of man, languishing with sins, as this sufferer, full of leprosy, for "all have sinned and come short of the glory of God." By the hand of the Saviour put forth—that is, by the Word of God become incarnate and touching human nature—they are cleansed from their transgressions, and are enabled to hear with the apostles cheering words, "Now ye are clean."

How often in His human life, Christ repeated in the Spirit what He did in the body! When He ate with the publicans and sinners, endured the kiss of the fallen, and opened paradise to the dying malefactor. He was again and again touching the leprosy of humanity, touching them that He might make them clean.

While we mentioned last week many ways in which the leprosy disease was a symbol of the sin, the dreadful disease of the soul, yet there remains many adaptable comparison between the two. In 2 Kings the fifth chapter, we find that Naoman was a mighty man, but he was a leper. Also in the same chapter we find that the healing of the leper was typical of salvation.

The uncleanness of the disease, the disgusting appearance, the unexpected recovery furnishes views for comparison that will help us to appreciate more the all cleaning power of the atonement.

In our lesson today, we have another example of real living faith in the healing power of Jesus. Who of us today manifests our faith to the same measure as did the man with the palsy?

But again as usual the Lord speaks the word and straightway the work is done. Satan always has a witness present to testify against the truth, but it did not accomplish anything this time, as the people marveled at the new doctrine of the Lord so also, some will marvel and find fault as we teach that we should live free from sin in this present world.

Notice the way Jesus called disciples. How did they respond to the call? Does Jesus still need and call disciples today and are we ready to leave our ways and follow those of the Lord? Give other instances where God called people to work for Him and what was their answer to the call?

May the Lord help us to live before Him in such a way that we can hear the whispers of the Lord and always be ready for service.

Our lesson for February 6th will be "Challenging The Special Order." Mark 2:13-22.