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IN GOD



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CHRISTIANS

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My Faith And Victory

“Faith and Victory” paper
Once a month comes to me;
Bringing news of those I cannot see—
Faith and encouragement, Lord, from Thee.

In “Faith and Victory”
Faith and hope you will see;
You read each message there,
Then seek the Lord in humble prayer.

Come, ye who love the Lord
And will obey His Word—
Let’s send this message of cheer
To poor souls far and near.

For in “Faith and Victory”
There’s the dear old story
In a message so true
Direct from God to you.

Yes, “Faith and Victory”
Your neighbors all should see—
Why not send them one,
And get a blessing therefrom.

The price is but a mite,
And will bring them the light
Of a Saviour and His love,
And a heavenly home above.

—Florence Pearson.
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Eternity Bound Soul

The Lord has laid it on my heart to write this message to some lost soul or someone who is about to give up the way for the love of this world as the Way is becoming too narrow or the burdens are getting too heavy. Stop and listen! Jesus says, “Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon

you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your soul. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light. Matt. 11:28-30.

Jesus is a burden bearer, He knows all about your heartaches. He is a soul rest giver. You may be isolated from the saints and your home or community turn against you on account of your faith in this Way and it may seem that you are friendless. Remember that God said, “Fear thou not, for I am with thee; be not dismayed for I am thy God.” Read Isa. 41:10-13. Don’t give up your soul. It is too precious and is all you have to live with in eternity. It just depends as to how you treat your soul, now while you have time, for we will soon be in eternity. You that have not decided to give up your sins and live for the Lord, will you ask yourself the question, “Where will I spend eternity?” and you that are acting hypocrite, that claims to serve God a while and then the devil a while, remember, it takes a clown to ride two or more horses at the same time. God’s eye is on you and when you will go in to receive your reward you will look through your sins and see the eyes of an angry God looking at you, saying, “Depart from me ye worker of iniquity,” then it will be too bad for you. Now to the blood washed army fight until death and we will hear that welcome voice saying, “Well done my good and faithful servant.”

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Law Of Kindness

“She openeth her mouth with wisdom; and in her tongue is the law of kindness.” (Prov. 31:26). How blessed is the law of kindness; it comes right from the heart of God, directly or indirectly, whose great, deep well is an infinite well of everlasting kindness” (Isaiah 54:8), in which no sounding line has been able to reach the bottom in behalf of those who love His holy name. And while we love to acknowledge this wonderful attribute as coming

from God and thereby extol His matchless name by an equipage that can never be duplicated by man, yet the burden of the thought the Lord seems laying upon me this morning is the beauty and utility of this quality of His reflected through the human heart. As human beings we can hear and see one another and be of much encouragement to one another, according as the kindness of God finds a channel to flow through our hearts.

Dear soul, this law of kindness is a beautiful white lily, a tender plant, which, planted in the human heart by the blessed finger of God and watered by His infinite love, is a plant whose tree is laden with heavenly fruit that will help to thrill the society of heaven with the praises of God from the heart and lips of thousands who have been encouraged and helped to get there by the tender kindness, coupled with the briny tears of some other precious, longing praying, kind hearted soul. The lyric poet has so beautifully said, "Touched by a loving heart, wakened by kindness, *cords that were broken will vibrate once more.*" Keep on, kind hearted soul, when it's done for Christ's sake, with your ministry of kindness, it will be as a "balm in Gilead" to some soul and your requiem will be sung by and by. —J. H. Pierson.

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The Church That Will Stand The Test

"Upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." (Matt. 16:18.)

My purpose in writing this article is to call the attention of the Saints to certain facts concerning the Church as they are recorded in God's Word, and then compare them with conditions as they exist at the present time. I believe with all the power that I have that this Church which Jesus built, of which He said, "the gates of hell shall not prevail against it," is all sufficient within herself to accomplish without help of any man-made movements in her, or in any way connected with her, every purpose her Maker designed her to accomplish. As I see it, the Church that Jesus built is an exclusive organization, separate and distinct from all other organizations and movements, perfect and complete within itself, and Jesus is its sole author and organizer. Jesus said, "Upon this rock I will build my Church."

The Lord calls His faithful ministers to preach the gospel and care for His flock (the Church), but

the Lord Himself chooses His material and adds it to the Church and sets every member in the body as it pleases Him. (Acts 2:47 & 1 Cor. 12:18). This Church that Jesus built is the only perfect and complete organization on the face of the earth; the only one into which the Devil can not get. It is governed and ruled by the Holy Spirit. According to God's plan the Holy Spirit chooses the pastors and appoints them to the various congregations (Acts 20:28) where He would have them labor for Him. "But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of Him who hath called you out of darkness into His marvelous light." (1 Pet. 2:9).

If the Saints would adorn themselves in modest apparel and walk close to the Lord and do all to the glory of God and quit following fashion, then sectism will see us as "a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people," and honest hearts who are seeking the truth will be falling in line with the Saints and measuring up to the teaching of the precious Old Book. Then there will be a distinct difference between the Church of God and sectism in so much that when the world beholds the beautiful bride of Christ and sees her arrayed in fine linen, clean and white, they will see her as the fairest among women, the only daughter of her mother, and know that she has no sisters.

Praise God for the beautiful Church of God!

A man-made movement or organization must have a human head, but Christ is the head of His Church, and the Holy Spirit governs and rules it and appoints His ministers to their places and gives them their subjects. But now in their backslidden reformation we see the preachers appointed to places and their subjects assigned them for the Camp Meeting several months ahead of the time for the meeting and if the Holy Spirit comes to the meetings it will just be a vacation for Him for all of His part of the work is pre-arranged.

While I was in the Rio Grande Valley in Southern Texas, where one of the old time evangelist of that state was preaching, he was telling of some wonderful things that happened in the Church; but he said that was when the Holy Spirit governed the Church before we had all of these pulpit committees.

At the present time we see this backslidden reformation all loaded down with a school, and a lot of costly meeting houses for which they are in debt. Some of them so far in debt they can't see

their way out. All of these things were condemned by Bro. Warner and his co-workers. The schools were branded in no uncertain terms as "preacher factories." Now I will quote a few lines from a book published by the Gospel Trumpet Company several years ago. The writer was one of Bro. Warner's co-workers. The name of the book from which I am quoting is "Bible Readings for Bible Students and for the Home and Fireside." (Rev. 13:16-7). "And he caused all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand or in their foreheads; and that no man might buy or sell save he that had the mark or the name of the beast or the number of his name." "And as soon as they make an image they mark their subjects, educate and catechize them in their peculiar faiths; and no man can buy and sell only those who have the mark of the beast. Buying and selling signify their preaching. God's ministers freely receive and freely give, but in Babylon they buy that which they preach. They must take the different courses through college and the theological seminary and be well marked with the peculiar doctrine before they can enter the ministry. These are simply preacher factories. Those who pass through the Methodist factory and receive their peculiar mark never come out preaching Baptist or Lutheran doctrine. So with all sects. A course through these factories costs too much for them to give away freely what they had to buy, so they sell it and make merchandise of the gospel. If a man stands outside of these human frauds not having their mark, name, or number of names: that is, do not belong to any of their schisms they will not allow him to preach in their houses.'

And now their Reformation has one such school, a college, a theological seminary, a preacher factory, if you please, just like the beast and false prophets have. I am not an advocate of illiteracy; I believe every one should take advantage of opportunities offered to get what education they can without going to extremes. But I have in mind a precious scripture which tells us of a Teacher, the Comforter which is the Holy Spirit, whom Christ said He would send in His name who would live in us and teach us all things. (John 14:26). There is no teaching outside of the Holy Spirit's teaching that will ever make us all one in Christ. (Isa. 52:8).

This message comes from a sincere heart burning with the love of Jesus with a purpose to defend the precious truths God has left recorded in His precious Word.

1st Corinthians, 5th verse of the 2nd chapter—
"That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men but in the power of God."

Yours in His Service,
George W. Stephenson.

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Marriage

Marriage is the only institution that has come down to us from the other side of the fall of man. God ordained marriage and it is intended to be the fullest, richest and most joyous life. It fails in being this. The fault is not in the institution itself, but in those who enter into it carelessly and fail to fulfill its conditions. God ordained marriage for the comfort, the happiness and well being of mankind. It is not a convenience, it is a part of God's plan for mankind, the chief of His creation. It is not a mere arrangement, temporary and man-made. It came from God.

There is therefore no relationship on earth so close and sacred as the relationship of marriage. It supercedes the relationship of child to mother or father. Our Saviour Himself directed that a man should forsake father and mother, and should cleave unto his wife. The duty then that each owes to the other is summarily comprehended in one word—LOVE! These two hearts are to be united in eternal fellowship, growing sweeter as the years roll by. Listen! If this matter of divorce continues to increase in the next 25 years as it has in the past 25 years, the very foundations of our government and everything that is worth while will begin to crumble and head for decay. Husbands, wives think of the vow you took when you entered into that sacred relationship. That vow is registered in heaven. God has not forgotten. The marriage vows are unquestionably sacred and stand until death. You may forget your vows, but God never forgets. The holy vows you make to each other and God when you enter into matrimony are binding and hold until death do you part. How can a just God look down and smile a smile of approval upon one who breaks their marriage vows, when He says in His Holy Scriptures that, "What God has joined together, let not man put assunder."

"For the woman which hath an husband is bound by the law to her husband so long as he liveth; but if the husband be dead, she is loosed from the law of her husband." Romans 7:2.

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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

That Jesus Christ healed all manner of sickness while in the body is beyond question with all who believe the inspired Word of God, for the gospels are full of instances of healing. The lame walked, the blind's eyes were opened, the deaf's ears were unstopped, the lepers were cleansed, the palsied were healed and the dead were raised to life again by the power and word of Jesus.

In the thirteenth chapter of Hebrews and the 8th verse we read, "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today and forever." This verse being true, then Jesus Christ is the same today and He heals us just as He did while in the fleshly body. The healing of the body is for those that believe. If you believe the false assertion that healing and miracles passed away with Christ and the apostles, then you cannot expect to get any healing because that would class you with the unbelievers.

Many people say that they believe all the Bible, but the truth is they believe very little of it. In the 28th chapter of Matt. and the 18th verse, Jesus says, "All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth." There are very few people acting like they believe this scripture. If Jesus has all power in heaven and in earth and you believe it, Why don't you act like it? Most people put their trust in earthly doctors and medicines and by these acts prove that they do not believe the words of Jesus. The Pharisees made a great display of believing in God and had much show of religion, but Jesus spoke of them as deceivers, hypocrites, and "graves that appeared not."

In this evening time of the gospel, the Pharisee spirit is saturating and dominating nearly all religious people. They say that they believe in God, but by actions they deny Him and put their trust in the arm of flesh for healing, in the organizations of man-made churches for salvation and security in the companies of men for future provision and assurance of bread and clothes and pride themselves in the fact that they were never arrested or put in jail and that they do good to all that do good to them.

HOLY GHOST BAPTISM

That the Baptism with the Holy Ghost is a Bible doctrine and the experience belongs to every believer in Christ is beyond question with all enlightened Bible readers.

This doctrine or experience was spoken of by John the Baptist when he mentioned or referred to Jesus saying, "He shall baptize you with the Holy

Ghost, and with fire." Matt. 3:11.

In reading the Gospels we often find that Jesus speaks of the Holy Ghost or the Comforter that He would send. In the 39th verse of the 7th chapter of John he spake of the Spirit which they that believed on Him should receive, for the Holy Ghost was not yet given. In John the 14th chapter and 16th verse we read, "And I will pray the Father and He will give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you forever: Even the Spirit of truth: whom the world (Sinners) cannot receive, because it seeth Him not, neither knoweth Him; but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you."

In the 26th verse of same chapter he says, "But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, He shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you."

In Luke 24:49 Jesus says, "Behold I send the Promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high." He was talking to the disciples just before he ascended up to heaven.

In Acts first chapter and 4th and 5th verses we find it recorded again and Jesus told them that, "Ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence," and he goes on to tell them that they shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon them so they could witness for Him.

We can easily see by these scriptures that the disciples were only in a justified state, having not yet received the Holy Ghost.

In Acts second chapter and first four verses we read of them being baptized with the Holy Ghost as the 4th verse reads thus, "And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak with other tongues, (Languages) as the Spirit gave them utterance."

In the same chapter after Peter had preached to the people and they were pricked in the heart and wanted to know what to do, Peter said, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ, for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost." And he told them that the promise was unto you and your children and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call. This statement would take all of us in today.

You notice that Peter did not tell them to repent and get their sins forgiven and then be sanctified and then baptized with the Holy Ghost and

then be baptized with fire as many teachers teach today.

There is much confusion in the minds of many today on the subject of full salvation. The fact is our salvation is never complete until we are baptized with the Holy Ghost or sanctified wholly as some express it. The Baptism of the Holy Ghost is referred to in the Bible in many different terms and the reason why there are so many opinions with divisions on this subject is because teachers have not fully understood the terms and they make different works out of the same thing or truth.

A sinner does not need to know but very little about the Bible to get saved. The first thing he needs to know is that he is a sinner and is lost with the wrath of God abiding upon him and then he needs to learn that Jesus shed His precious blood on Calvary to atone for his sins and if he becomes sorry because he has transgressed the laws of God and asks God to forgive him then the Lord is faithful and just to forgive him, and the blood will blot out all of his sins, leaving him with peace with God through faith in the work of Christ on the cross. He is happy now because there is no condemnation upon his soul and he knows that God has had mercy upon him because he confessed his sins and forsook them, and he sees God as a Loving Father and Jesus as more than a friend and they love him and he loves them. As time goes on they become conscious of a power or influence in their soul that is against them and hinders them from having power to witness for God as they would like to, and they may be overcome at times if not watchful and very prayerful and they become convinced and convicted that they need something more from God in the soul. Then what must they do?

The pollution and power in the soul against them is not there because of any wickedness of theirs and therefore they cannot repent of it, but it is a cleansing work for God to do and they begin to call upon God according to the light and knowledge they have of their need.

The word sanctification appears many times in the Bible and it has two Bible definitions. Webster's dictionary gives two definitions; one, the act of being purified and the other the act of consecrating.

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—Mrs. James Chase.

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Prayer Requests

Sister Dick Stroud of Mo. is afflicted with a cancer and desires all the saints that will, to fast and agree with her in prayer for her healing on the 20th day of February.

As there are many afflicted and in much need of prayer and others of are unsaved we are going to set apart Sunday, Feb. 20, as a day of fasting and prayer for the needy. Those who have burdens and afflictions can send in their request to the office and receive remembrance that day in supplications and prayer before the throne of God.

Pray for Osie Walker of Tenn. She is afflicted in her head, lung and stomach. She wants to get saved and delivered from the tobacco habit. Her four year old boy is crippled and her husband is unsaved. Pray earnestly for them.

Sis. Lowell Bowers asks earnest prayers of the saints for the healing of her body.

Pray earnestly for Sister Schafer of Washington, D. C., as she is threatened with a nervous breakdown. She wrote a pitiful letter; she is desperately up against it as she is losing out in her soul. Please hold her case

before God in supplications and prayer.

Virgil L. Crouch of Ark. has a wife and baby to support and is grievously afflicted and needs special prayer by all saints. He loves the Lord and believes in God healing the body. Has a call to preach the gospel.

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Freeport, Kansas—Faith Publishing House, Guthrie, Oklahoma: A lady at Anthony, Kansas handed me a Faith and Victory to read the other day while I was in the hospital there for treatment. I wish to ask you folks to pray for me so that I may never have to go to a hospital for treatment. I know God's Son can heal our sick bodies and save our souls if we put all our trust in Him, but I feel the need of help of your prayers. There isn't any one in my town here that pray for the sick so I am calling for your prayers for the healing of my sick body. I am all alone in this world trying to live right in the sight of God. Enclosed you will find 25 cts. for Faith and Victory also 25cts. for you to use the way the Lord directs you to. May God bless you all in His work.

All for the glory of God,

—E. Tripp.

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THE NATIONAL CAMPMEETING

Bro. John Strech who has been attending the Los Angeles, Calif. Assembly meeting is at home again. He writes me that they have done all they can on the dining hall at Monark Springs, Mo. for the "National Campmeeting" until more means is sent in for this purpose. He desires very much to get this building done during the winter as he can get sufficient help now that he may not be able to get later on. Those having means for this building should send them to Bro. John Strech, R. 5, Neosho, Mo., and it will be used for the erecting of the dining hall.

The National Campmeeting will be held next summer at Monark Springs, Mo. for the promotion of God's Kingdom in a general sense and for the purpose of edifying and unifying the body in Divine Love.

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Obituaries

William Tilford Howe was born at Ottawa, Kans., June 29, 1867, son of Ira R. and Marie Howe, departed this life at Guthrie, Okla., January 13, 1938; age 70 years, 6 months and 13 days.

His early life was spent in Kansas where he practiced his trade as a carpenter. He came to Oklahoma in 1903. After spending some years here he returned to Kansas where he was married to Viola Miller in 1909. This couple adopted a tiny daughter, Electa Viola. After the wife's death, he brought the little girl and came back to Oklahoma, and was married to Mrs. Jennie Woodson on January 6, 1917.

They have spent the past few years near and in Guthrie where the home is at the present time. He was born into the Church of God at an early age and was affiliated with the Church in Guthrie at the time of his death. He was a kind, generous husband and father, always thinking of others before himself. He leaves to mourn their loss, his wife Mrs. Jennie Howe,

the daughter, Mrs. Electa Fagan of Crescent, 3 stepsons, Roy Woodson of Los Angeles, Calif., Lewis Woodson, Taft, Texas and Elmer Woodson of Lamar, Colo.; 7 grand children and a niece Mrs. Mary DeJainett of Marshall, Okla., other relatives and a host of friends.

Funeral services were held at Crescent, Okla., conducted by Fred Pruitt and the remains was laid to rest in the "Oak View" Cemetery near Lovell, Okla. Funeral text was Ezekiel 18:4.

Clifford D. Eck was born in our family as a flower on October 7, 1924 and departed this life Dec. 30, 1937. He leaves to mourn his departure, his Father and Mother, Mr. and Mrs. Dan A. Eck and five brothers, Albert of Meno, Adam of Lahoma, Waldo of Ringwood, Edwin and Paul of the home; and six sisters, Eva, Mrs. Abe Penner of Fairview, Carolina, Mrs. Sam Christman of Enid, Inez, Clara, Ruey, and Ella Mae of the home.

He made his peace with God and was baptized in the faith of our Lord on November the 14th, 1937, and lived a true, devoted Christian life. He tried to please the Lord what little time he had to spend here in this life. In his affliction he was very patient, never to complain. He was satisfied and pleased with the way the Lord chose for him, whether life or death; when asked whether he was willing to go he only answered, "Mamma, I have it settled," and said during his illness that he was nearing Jesus. The Lord giveth, and the Lord taketh away, Blessed be the name of the Lord.

Clifford D. Eck was the youngest son of Dan A. Eck who lives near Meno, Okla. Only a few months before his death he had made his peace with God and this fact was a great consolation to the Father and Mother and children that are serving God. They become reconciled to the will of God, knowing that another has been added to others in heaven. Heaven will mean much to them when the whole family is re-united in an unbroken circle around the throne of God. Their desires to continue to live holy and righteously in this life certainly must be increased as another one is with those above.

The funeral services were held on Sunday the 2nd day of January, 1938. They had a short service at the home where many relatives and friends had gathered and then the company proceeded to the meeting house near Meno, Okla., where the general funeral service was held, and the remains was laid to rest in the cemetery by the Church house.

The large building was filled with people and many were standing. It was estimated that 500

people were present to pay their respects and love to the family.

Funeral services were conducted by Fred Pruitt of Guthrie, Okla. Scripture text Job 14: 14. "If a man die, shall he live again."

He cannot come to us, but if we live righteously and keep salvation in our souls, we can go to him.

Henry E. Cramer was born at Lawrence, Mich., Aug. 6, 1855.

Departed this life, Dec. 18, 1937 at the age of 82 years, 4 months and 12 days.

He was married to Corentha Bushler, Aug. 23, 1874 in Noble County, Indiana. Later Mr. and Mrs. Cramer moved to Michigan where three children were born, two of them dying in infancy and the other passed away at the age of 16.

In 1907 Mr. and Mrs. Cramer moved to Calif., where they have resided up to the present time. Bro. Cramer was converted about 40 years ago and has lived a devoted Christian life. He was loved and respected by all who knew him.

He leaves to mourn, his wife, Corentha Cramer, a sister in Washington, and a brother who resides in Indiana.

Funeral services by G. E. Harmon. Text: Heb. 2:6.

Sister Orlena Mommon of Bakersfield, Calif., was born in the year of our Lord, Nov. 21, 1896 in the State of Texas. Her parents moved to Oklahoma in her childhood days.

In the year of 1920, she was married to Bro. James Harris. In the following year she heard the pure gospel preached, accepted it and trusted in the dear Lord until her death. She bore her sickness with patience and continued in the Lord until she departed this life Jan. 2, about 7:30 a. m. at the age of 41 years, 1 month and 12 days. Her place in the community and church is vacant and no one can fill it. Oh, how we will miss her, but we believe our loss is heaven's gain.

She leaves to mourn her passing a mother, 1 sister, 4 brothers, a host of saints and relatives. Funeral service was conducted by Bro. Z. E. Francisco and Bro. Chandler. Text. Heb. 9:27; Rev. 20:1:.

She was laid to rest in Bakersfield Cemetery.

—Z. E. Francisco.

Mrs. Emma Arena Jackson, was born Jan. 28, 1863, and passed away Dec. 11, 1937 at the home of her daughter, Mrs. C. C. Carver in Shreveport, La.

She was 74 years, 10 months and 3 days old.

She and her husband, Bro. S. C. Jackson, lived here at Hammond, for a number of years, until his death 12 years ago, after which she did not stay much longer, but soon began living about with her children. But she was connected with this congregation for a number of years and was a real mother in Israel and we miss her so much, for she seemed to be so ready to help others in their need. We don't know how long she was saved when she heard the truth preached, but she trusted the Lord for all of her needs, soul and body, for 48 years. She lived for the Lord and in her death He did not forsake her, but proved a present help. She took with a serious affliction, with which so many others suffer agony, but weakness was about all that bothered her, suffered very little pain, and passed away quietly with scarcely a struggle. She leaves to mourn their loss, four daughters, one son, 26 grand children and 14 great-grand children, also numerous friends.

The remains were laid to rest in the Oak Grove Cemetery, near Sister Minnie Joiner's home, scriptural readings taken from Psalms 37:37; Rev. 14:13; 1 Cor. 15:51-58. —Mrs. Katherine Key.

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Assembly Meeting Report

The State Assembly meeting at Guthrie, Okla. this year was well represented from different parts of the state and from other states and the well crowded meeting house was an encouragement to our hearts and caused us to know that God has a remnant in the land that have a real heavenly love in their hearts for the old time truth, the truth that Peter, Paul and John loved, preached and practiced.

Speaking in a general sense, the messages were given with great power of the Holy Ghost, were sound and convincing, edifying and unifying to our souls.

I do not know just how many got saved in the meeting, but there was much conviction and the drawing power of the Spirit was in evidence throughout the meeting. There were a few saved at different periods of the meeting and several times after the preaching service the altar was full of seekers and extra places had to be fixed for others. Some came to get forgiveness of sins and others to receive the baptism of the Holy Ghost or to be sanctified holy. There were very many requested prayers for healing of their bodies and many were anointed with oil and prayed for with hands laid on them. From the testi-

monies it seemed that God did an unusual amount of healing. Bro. Weldon was anointed and prayed for a bad cold that choked him up so he could not sing and after he was prayed for as a testimony he arose and sang a song with a clear voice and many were the testimonies of God's healing power.

The business meeting was held on the last Friday of the meeting and was in session all day, as much business was to be attended to. Those present as a rule had the fear of God upon them and the meeting was carried out in godly order. Bro. Ed Miles was chairman and filled the office with holy reverence to God. It was the good pleasure of the saints to have a State Camp-meeting at Guthrie, Okla. this summer which will begin on the first Friday in August and last ten days. Friday will be on the 5th day of August. Guthrie is centrally located and we have a dining hall and vacant ground across the street that can be secured for a place to stretch the large tent. We are expecting the saints to come in from all over the country this summer to attend this State Camp Meeting.

There was a blessed heavenly Spirit all through the Assembly meeting. The enemy tried to work in different ways, but his strength and efforts were very weak, faltering and failing and we can truly say that the meeting was greatly owned and blessed of God and the saints were drawn closer to God and to one another.

There were saints and ministers here in the meeting from Ind., Texas, Calif., La. and Kansas. Bro. T. Z. Lawson of New Castle, Ind. was with us in the meeting until Thursday morning and God greatly used him in expounding the scriptures in unity with the Oklahoma State ministers.

May God bless all the ministering servants of the Lord and keep them encouraged to always be at their very best for God and in behalf of souls.

McAlester, Okla. —Dear Saints, Greeting: I want to let you know I am saved and striving to live for Jesus who died for me that I might be saved.

I thank Him for His love and blessings that He has bestowed upon me since I have been saved. I ask an interest in your prayers that I may keep encouraged to press on and live for Him and that He will continue to bless me, and help me out of all my troubles.

—Fletcher Phillips, 36956.
P. O. Box 398—State Prison.

« Young People's Section »

God Knows

God is an all-wise being,
With power from above;
And He looks down upon us,
With mercy and great love.

He knows the many secrets,
That in our hearts doth lay;
He knows all our intentions
And plans from day to day.

He knows each sigh and tear
And all our troubles too;
Each pain, heartache and fear
He knows them all so true.

He knows when we are nearing
The end of this life's way;
And when we cross death's river
We're there forever to stay

Then why should we in life,
Try to hide some wicked deed,
When we know that God in heaven,
Will surely know and see.
—Olive A. Phillips.

EDITORIALS

“Learn of Me”

Today Jesus sends out this invitation to everyone: “Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me: for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls.” Is this a meaningless verse to you? No, they are life-giving words. Let us review it.

Jesus has a yoke for you. There are always two in a yoke. You are to be yoked up with Him, and “His yoke is easy and his burden is light.” “Two cannot walk together except they be agreed.” In order to take Christ's yoke upon you, you must consent to walk with and learn of Him. Many people would endeavor to have Him walk the way they desire to go. God's course was marked out before man was created. If you desire his companionship, you must walk in his way. The simple

reason why you do not have a satisfactory walk with God is because you have not left all your own ways. You would walk with God in a great many of His ways and would leave many of your own ways; but there is one little way you do not want to leave. When God begins to lead you from that way, you feel almost ready to murmur and become discouraged. It may be a dear friend going another way. It may be a father, a mother, a brother, a sister, pleasures or riches. But all must be forsaken to walk with Jesus.

“Do not seek to know the future,
Do not stop to question why;
Follow where the Savior leads you,
Trust Him, trust Him all the way.”

“Learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart.” Are we still learning of Him? One Sister says she has been learning from Him for seventy years and still learning. When we learn of Him, we are taught to be meek and lowly in heart, even as He was. We cannot learn from Him to be proud and exalted. His way of living was plain and simple. We learn simplicity when we learn of Him. Today people's lives are so complex, so tangled and intermingled with material elements. Even in the religious world there is a serious departure from the simplicity of apostolic, Christian living.

Learning and partaking of these qualities from Christ produces an effect—“ye shall find rest unto your souls.” Soul rest means freedom from guilt of sin. Mental worries flee away and there is perfect peace. The evil that people spoke of Jesus did not disturb Him because He made of Himself no reputation. The fear of losing His wealth did not bother Him, for He had none. He did not worry about the supply of His needs, or how He was to be taken care of in death. He had soul rest. By partaking of His divine nature, you too can “find rest unto your souls.”

“Just Men made Perfect.”

The Hebrew writer, speaking to the saints, says, “But ye are come unto . . . the spirits of just men made perfect.” Heb. 12:23. There is a justification by faith in Christ's atonement. Actual transgressions are forgiven. Then there is a work of

grace of instantaneous sanctification which makes perfect. The carnal nature or the root of sin is destroyed by the all-cleansing blood. In justification the sin tree is cut down, but in sanctification the root is taken out—the cause of sin is destroyed from within the heart. Praise God! Entire sanctification is a distinct, exclusive work of this present Holy Ghost dispensation. Christ by His death on the cross opened a way for every man into the “holiest of holies.” Under the law of Moses people could not live without sin, but we read in Heb. 7:19 that “the law made nothing perfect, but the bringing in of a better hope did.” Thank God. Reader, it is your duty and your privilege to become one of those “just men made perfect.”

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As the old year is closing, I am seated to greet not only the faithful workers at Faith Publishing House, but the readers of Faith and Victory. I will greet you in the language of inspiration.

“May grace, mercy and peace be multiplied unto you with all the Israel of God.” Since I last wrote you, God’s love and grace has been multiplied unto me. He is blessing me in my intercessory life. I have been kept in health with every need supplied. How glad I am to have found the secret of blessedness is in being able to say yes to the will of God. His love is so great and His wisdom beyond question, that it is easy to accept what He permits to come our way.

Obedience in love for Him is the keynote. “The willing and obedient shall eat the good of the land.” “Disappointments become His appointments.” How precious to remember He will never appoint anything for a trusting child, but what will work for His good. A trusting child is one who loves the Father because He is our Father; he loves Jesus His dear Son because He is our Saviour; and he loves the precious Holy Ghost because He is the abiding comforter, precious three in ONE. Oh, how I love the Triune God. I am asking Him to enlarge my heart so I can love them more.

The dear family, or Church of God which every twice born person is a member. I wonder why everyone don’t want to belong to this dear Church of which the whole family in heaven and earth is named? God our Father, Jesus our elder brother and the Holy Spirit, our guide and comforter. Jesus said to His sorrowing followers, “It is needful that I go away, for if I go not away, the comforter will not come unto you.” But when He comes “He will take of mine and give it unto you.” I am sure there are

many reading this that have had Him take some of the word and given it to you which brought comfort. I bring to mind one time when I had testified to Jesus’ power to heal and someone said, “I don’t believe a word of it.” While my heart was so sad as I thought on the rebuff, the Spirit whispered, “What if some don’t believe, does their unbelief make the Words of God of no effect?” Oh, my heart was encouraged and I rejoiced in my Jesus who had power to heal. —Mrs. C. E. Orr.

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Hammond, La. To the dear Saints scattered abroad: Greetings in His name.

Just a few words to tell you how the Lord blessed us with a heavy shower during our winter meeting, which began Dec. 25 and closed Jan. 5. About 20 were at the altar for help, and I believe there were more real definite salvation work done than I remember at this place.

Sister Corrine Gates of Loranger, La. received a definite healing touch, all she need now is strength. It was T. B. in the last stage with part of one lung gone. Several months ago she was pronounced dead twice at the hospital, but the Lord revived her and she got saved, returned to her house in an ambulance.

We mean to go right on until the crown is won.

We mean to fight the fight of faith until life on earth is done.

Yours in His service,—Ray and Katherine Key.

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Cortez, Colo. Dear Saints of God:

Greetings, in Jesus’ dear name. May His love and peace and joy rest and abide with you forever.

Today finds me still saved and living for the dear Lord. I have much to be thankful for today I must say, in this New Year. I am so happy in Jesus, praise His dear name. I can’t thank Him enough for His great love and mercy that He has for us. Since I have been baptized I am so happy that I want the world to know that I wouldn’t turn my back on Him for all there is in this world.

I am doing all I can to teach the children that come to me for Sunday school that they must do what the dear Lord wants them to do and that they must love one another as He has loved us.

My boy was run over by a truck and seriously injured, but the dear Lord healed him and he is going to school again now. Oh, how the devil is working to keep me from trusting in Jesus, but I just say to him, “Get behind me Satan, depart from me” and he goes.

I am asking the dear Lord to save my husband

who is lost in sin and I want you saints to pray for his salvation and that God will supply our needs.

Your Sister in the dear Lord,

—Mrs. Jeff Belveal.

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HOLY GHOST BAPTISM

It is written that Moses anointed the altar and all his vessels to sanctify them. Lev. 8:11. This sanctifying is just merely setting them apart for God's sacred use and for this use only, to be used there for God. So also, we, set ourselves apart for God's sacred use, and when God sees that we really mean it and that our consecration is complete He sends the Holy Ghost and sanctifies us or cleanses us, and the Holy Ghost begins to live and dwell in our hearts and use us to glorify Him, giving us power to witness for Him, which is the Baptism of the Holy Ghost.

You read in the 15th chapter of Romans and 16th verse where Paul states that the Gentiles are sanctified by the Holy Ghost. There is much confusion today among Christians on the subject of the baptism with the Holy Ghost and many who claim it are sadly lacking in their experiences because of many teachers who do not know how to teach the truth clearly so souls will know the condition they need to get in and the consecrating and giving up they have to do in order for God to fulfill His promise to them of sending the abiding Comforter which is the Holy Ghost. Many who seek for the Baptism never get any further than setting themselves apart and then claim to have it when God has not set His seal upon their consecration at all by sending the Holy Ghost upon them and thus they go on deceived in a large measure and not able to be the living witness that God would have them be nor what they know they ought to be. Those who really have a pure heart have been baptized with the Holy Ghost for one's heart can never be made pure only as the Holy Ghost comes in and cleanses and lives there. Those who are really sanctified wholly have been baptized by the Holy Ghost for they could not be cleansed unless the Holy Ghost comes in and cleanses and dwells there. Those who claim to be baptized with the Holy Ghost and it is real are cleansed and set apart by the Holy Ghost for God's sacred use, and they have power to witness for Him.

The confusion and division exists because the majority who claim the baptism of the Holy Ghost

have never received it and many others try to make some sign as an infallable evidence of the Holy Ghost and thereby throw themselves open to receive all kinds of deceptions from Satan and in these many ways the enemy of all righteousness, disgusts, deceives and hinders the clean work of God among men. When ministers teach and instruct on these lines, I believe that they should use the term, "Baptism of the Holy Ghost," teaching them how he comes in and cleanses, purifies and possesses us and sets us apart for God's sacred use, giving us power to live a clean life and to witness for God. Paul in Ephesians 1:13, says, "After that ye believed, ye were sealed with that Holy Spirit of promise."

There have been a few who have been taught that they needed a pure heart that is really consecrated until God accepted them and baptized them with the Holy Ghost, but the majority are just deceived about it. There have been many who have been taught that all they needed was to be sanctified and they sought for this experience and a few of them had enough light and consecrated deep enough until God witnesses to them of His approval by sending the Holy Ghost and they were baptized by the Holy Ghost and have a real experience, but the majority are just deceived and go on professing it.

There have been many who sought for the baptism of the Holy Ghost and for some sign or evidence and no doubt a few of them have met the approval of God and have really been baptized by the Holy Ghost, but the majority of such just have various kinds of deceptions and mess around discouraging and disgusting sane thinking men and women. Satan has transformed himself into an angel of light and many receive his visions and dreams and interpretation of the scriptures and teach others and thus the scripture is fulfilled. Found in Timothy, "But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived."

Dear brethren, there is a way out of all this confusion and division and the power lies with you as an individual to believe the Word of God and seek Him and the baptism of the Holy Ghost, not according to man's theory, but according to the written Word of God and when you receive the Holy Ghost He will lead and guide you into all truth if you will keep free from man's private interpretations of the scripture and let God give you truth by His Spirit whether it be by some Holy Ghost filled person or by His Spirit directly and as you live free from the world, you will naturally find yourself having

sweet fellowship with all others who are loose and free from the world and man-made institutions and doctrines. The Holy Ghost coming into your heart and cleansing you and living and dwelling there, giving you power is the evidence Himself.

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CORRESPONDENCE

Dear Bro. and Sis. Pruitt:

I am one of the beloved friends of the "Faith and Victory." I am much interested in reading it. It speaks the pure word of God, it shows the real Bible way and it draws our master's steps. It does not fear other sects and it does not hide the truth; but it goes on straightly and boldly as it was. Our "Faith and Victory" says the same as before.

I know some other papers come from different sects. They were as roaring lions in their birth. But now, they are all as dumb dogs; they cannot bark. I pray our Lord to walk before our "Faith and Victory" unto the end. I wish our paper a long life. Let "Faith and Victory" be faithful and victorious.

Yours in His service, —A. Warghen.

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Bartlesville, Okla. Dear Bro. Pruitt:

I feel specially impressed to write a brief testimony to the Faith and Victory paper, which I prize very highly. With its short acquaintance, I have never met with but few of its equal. God is certainly ordering its publication and greatly controlling its circulation, also. The few issues, already handed me, truly verifies this. I dearly enjoy reading the various articles, testimonies and good poems. Brother Pruitt, you certainly have some very clear, distinct and spiritual writers, on sanctification, "The One Body," and "Healing in the Atonement."

I am clipping some of their specialities, and putting them in my scrap-book, for future feasting and use. I was born again one Sunday night while driving home, six miles south of Chanute, Kans.; about the middle of August in my 23rd year. My dear father and Brother John P. Haner were holding a tabernacle meeting there at the time. My father's name was John H. Orr and he lived on a farm a few miles south of that town. They were both "Trumpet" preachers and my father died in the triumphs of that free living faith, at the age of eighty-three.

In the following year, I sought, by fasting and praying for three days and two nights, in a grove, alone with God; the blessed, sweet, and inexpressable

abiding and ever keeping power of entire sanctification, as a definite second work of grace in my hungry longing heart. O, halleluiah to my risen redeemer. O, how it pays to dig down deep, until you strike that living well springing up into everlasting life. From that time in my 24th year until now, in my 74th year, I have never lost the precious freedom.

Please pray much for me and my holiness wife.

—Ballard B. Orr.

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Senath, Mo. Dear Saints of God: I am so happy to greet you again this morning, praising our blessed Lord who so freely died upon the cross that we might have life and have it more abundantly. I am so glad we have a God who can and will save our souls and heal our bodies and be a present help in time of need.

About a month ago, I sent in a request for prayer for the healing of my body. I feel that the Lord has completely healed me as I haven't suffered any for about 3 weeks. I didn't have any bad spells after I sent in for prayer, for which I give God the praise. Dear Saints, I am sending in another request today for prayer for a sister whose body and mind is afflicted. She certainly needs our prayers as they are very poor in this world's goods and have 8 children all at home and most of them very small. We know she is very badly needed in her home so let's go to God in prayer and tell Him all about her. She believes when in her right mind, that God is able to do all things. Her husband believes also in divine healing; also some of their children have been healed through prayer.

I will close with much love to all. I pray the Lord will bless you all. Pray for me and my family. Yours for the whole truth, —Katie Marler.

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Lansing, Kans. Dear Brother and Sister Pruitt:

I wish, as the Lord wills, that you would pray for me that I might acquire my freedom or at least some consideration this time.

I have made application for Executive Clemency and will have a Governor's hearing about the middle of January. This is the eighth year I have been here on a 25 year sentence. If I had of accepted the plea of guilty, I could have had a sentence of from 5 to 21 years.

I will not at this time go into the details of the case. It is sufficient to say that God was merciful enough to grant me salvation. He has been very good to me; forgave my sins and is leading me in the path of righteousness for His names sake.

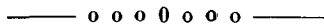
I happened to get a sample of the little paper, Faith and Victory, and sent for it. I was somewhat confused in regard to certain scriptures dealing with the Epistles of John where it says, "Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin." It was difficult to reconcile this scripture with the one preceding it: "Whosoever sayeth he hath no sin deceiveth himself and the truth is not in him." I knew I had sin and tried to get rid of the nature of it to no avail. Finally, thank God, it was revealed to me, I think by the Holy Ghost, that the human always has the power to sin, but that through the blood of Jesus we acquire the power to refrain from committing it. This involves the free exercise of the will in the struggle for supremacy over the temptation.

So today, though but a short time since, this power is revealed to me in confidence from sin. God is pleased with my effort to retain sanctification.

I would be glad to see or hear from any of the Brethren or Sisters in His name.


—William Alex. Kane

Box 2, Lansing, Kansas,—State Prison.



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"Study to shew thyself approved unto God."

BIBLE  **STUDY**

"The entrance of thy words giveth light."

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Sunday, February 6, 1938.

CHALLENGING THE SOCIAL ORDER

Daily Readings and Meditation

Jan. 31—Feb. 6.

- M. Jesus and accepted Social Standards. Mark 2:13-17.
- T. Jesus Demands a New Social Order. Mark 2:18-22.
- W. Christianity in the Family 1 Cor. 5:1-8.
- T. Christianity and State. Luke 20:21-26.
- F. Christianity and the Races. Acts 8:27-38.
- S. The Royal Law of Love. James 2:1-10.
- S. A New Social Order. Isa. 65:17, 21-25.

Printed PortionMark 2:13-22.

Mark 13: And he went forth again by the sea side; and all the multitude resorted unto him, and he taught them.

14. And as he passed by, he saw Levi the son of Alphaeus sitting at the receipt of custom, and said unto him, Follow me. And he arose and followed him.

15. And it came to pass, that, as many publicans sat at meat in his house, many publicans and sinners sat also together with Jesus and his disciples: for there were many, and they followed him.

16. And when the scribes and Pharisees saw him eat with publicans and sinners, they said unto his disciples, How is it that he eateth and drinketh with publicans and sinners?

17. When Jesus heard it, he saith unto them, They that are whole have no need of the physician, but they that are sick: I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.

18. And the disciples of John and the Pharisees used to fast: and they come and say unto him, Why do the disciples of John and of the Pharisees fast, but thy disciples fast not?

19. And Jesus said unto them, Can the children of the bridechamber fast, while the bridegroom is with them? as long as they have the bridegroom with them, they cannot fast.

20. But the days will come, when the bridegroom shall be taken away from them, and then shall they fast in those days.

21. No man also seweth a piece of new cloth on an old garment: else the new piece that filled it up taketh away from the old, and the rent is made worse.

22. And no man putteth new wine into old bottles: else the new wine doth burst the bottles, and the wine is spilled, and the bottles will be marred: but new wine must be put into new bottles.

Golden Text—"I came not to call the righteous, but sinners."

Practical Truth—Old things passing away—all things become new.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

Our lesson today is in regard to the conduct of the people in our community, state and nation. Why is it that my neighbors are, or are not interested in the things of God? Does my daily conduct prove to them that my lot in life is appointed by the Lord? Does our greed for temporal possessions reach the level of those that do not profess to be sold out to the Lord? Are we really bought with a price or is that only our testimony? We should prove to our neighbor business man and rulers that we are not only law abiding people, but that we are interested in them. Does our neighbor know our interpretation of the Bible, and what the Lord means to us?

We all acknowledge that the present condition of things is indeed serious. Some insist that a revolution by force is needed, while others think the change should be gradual or a peaceful revolution. We are persuaded that the only cure for the corrupt condition of affairs is not a working on the outside but must be accomplished

by working on the inside of the hearts, a redeeming of the hearts of men and women. The best place to start is within our own hearts. Let us see to it that we have been born again and that our words and deeds are prompted by the Spirit of God. Jesus declared that the world was to be saved by the foolishness of preaching, in which He gave a perfect example. Note the personal work of our Lord in calling the disciples.

A Call To Service—The response of the disciples.

Not a call for money—but for their life.

Disciples called from various walks of life.

Our response—leaving all—following Him.

Christ eating with Sinners.

Matthew gives a feast that his comrades might meet Jesus.

Jesus in the Home of Matthew.

Jesus preached good news from heaven.

Devil preached the doctrines of hell outside—Jealousy, hatred, self-righteousness and evil surmising.

Jesus in the Home of a Christian today.

While He is not with us in the flesh, yet He is

1. The "unseen guest" in the home.

2. The "Silent listener" to every conversation.

3. "One of the least of these my brethren."

Do we live so that Jesus has a constant welcome in our homes? Heaven is the true home of the Christian, but should we not live so as to bring more of heaven in our earthly homes?

Jesus is the One that sees—the One that knows—the One that cares. When a person comes to a full knowledge that Jesus is interested in each individually, truly they will repent and call upon God for mercy.

It rejoices our hearts this morning to know that Jesus is concerned with all the things that concern us. Our ambition and hearts' desire is to render a life of service unto Him, that has done so much for us.

Sunday, February 13, 1938.

CONSERVING THE SABBATH FOR MAN

Daily Readings and Meditation

February 7—February 13.

M. The Sabbath for man. Mark 3:23-28.

T. The Sabbath for Service. Mark 3:1-6.

W. The Sanctity of the Sabbath. Exodus 31:12-18.

T. The Sabbath and the Nation. Jer. 17:24-27.

F. Sabbath Occupations. Acts 16:10-18.

S. Sabbath Sophistries. Luke 13:10-17

S. The Sabbath for Worship. Ps. 122:1-9.

Printed PortionMark 2:23—3:6.

Mark 2:23. And it came to pass, that he went through the corn fields on the sabbath day: and his disciples began, as they went, to pluck the ears of the corn.

24. And the Pharisees said unto him, Behold, why do they on the sabbath day that which is not lawful?

25. And he said unto them, Have ye never read what David did, when he had need, and was an hungred, he, and they that were with him?

26. How he went into the house of God in the days

of Abiathar the high priest, and did eat the shewbread, which is not lawful to eat but for the priests, and gave also to them which were with him?

27. And he said unto them, The sabbath was made for man, and not man for the sabbath:

28. Therefore the Son of man is Lord also of the sabbath.

Mark 3:1. And he entered again into the synagague; and there was a man there which had a withered hand.

2. And they watched him, whether he would heal him on that day; that they might accuse him.

3. And he saith unto the man which had the withered hand, Stand forth.

4. And he saith unto them, Is it lawful to do good on the sabbath days, or to do evil? to save life, or to kill? But they held their peace.

5. And when he had looked round about on them with anger, being grieved for the hardness of their hearts, he saith unto the man, Stretch forth thine hand. And he stretched it out: and his hand was restored whole as the other.

6. And the Pharisees went forth, and straightway took counsel with the Herodians against him, how they might destroy him.

Golden Text: "And he said unto them, The Sabbath was made for man."

Practical Truth—Christians keep every day holy.

POINTS FOR EMPHASIS

I. The Sabbath for man Versus Man for the Sabbath.

1. The Hungry Disciples.

2. Keeping the letter but not the Spirit.

3. God's Day and God's Son.

II. Doing Good or Doing Evil on the Sabbath.

1. Ministering to the Needy. (Cripple)

2. A Challenge and the Miracle.

3. Desperate Plots.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

As we study our lesson today let us not think of it as a separate, technical happening, but let us think of it as a part of the great plan of redemption for mankind being revealed unto us by Christ.

On one side of the controversy we find Christ, the Savior, going about doing good, preaching deliverance to those that were bound, comforting those that were in trouble, and healing those that were sick. On the other hand we find a group of hard hearted professors (Pharisees) too pious to even be in company with a sinner, dogging the steps of Jesus, watching every action, catching up every word, that they might entrap the Christ and prove Him to be an imposter. What a contrast! A people blind to their own blindness, without sympathy or mercy, persecuting and doing violence to one who came to save them. Humble teachable people escape much severe suffering.

! The Issue—Breaking the Sabbath.

"The Sabbath Was Made."

"The Son of man is Lord even of the Sabbath," and as its Lord, He exercises the right, and is able to place the correct interpretation upon it.

The Sabbath was a weekly commemoration of the finished work of God. It was the last day of the week. Our Sunday cannot rightly be called sabbath, because it is the first day of the week. The apostles called it the Lord's day. While the Jews keep the Sabbath to recall God's wonderful work of creation, the Christians' motive for observing the Lord's day is the resurrection of Christ from the dead. The Sabbath day marked a completed creation while the Lord's day marks a completed redemption. We think of Christ as a teacher of the truth; the one who finished our redemption; as triumphing over all enemies; as the conqueror over the monster, death.

The Sabbath was only a shadow of good things to come. It holds the same relation to the Lord's day as the law does to the Gospel, as the Paschal lamb to the holy communion.

The withered hand.—Obedience to the request of Jesus brought Healing. The hand was not only powerless but was withered.

Many souls are withered and helpless. As the withered hand was made whole when Jesus spoke the word, so also the helpless soul of man is brought forth in abundant life when it meets the conditions. Jesus is longing to speak living words yet. Many, many are crippling around spiritually, with lean and withered souls.

The Divine Look.—The expression of lights and shadows that swept over the Savior's countenance showed that truly He was grieved at the hardening of their hearts. While Christ was angry at their sinful opposition to the truth, yet His loving heart was full of compassion for the men themselves.

Sunday, February 20, 1938.

CHOOSING COMPANIONS IN SERVICE

Daily Readings and Meditation

February 14—February 20.

M. Jesus chooses the twelve. Mark 3:7-19.

T. The apostles choose helpers. Acts 6:1-6.

W. God chooses Paul. Acts 9:10-19.

T. Paul's helpers. Acts 18:1-11.

F. God's family. Mark 3:31-35.

S. God's fellow workers. 1 Cor. 3:1-9.

S. Divine Companionship. Isa. 55:6-13.

Printed PortionMark 3:7-19, 31-35.

Mark 3:7. But Jesus withdrew himself with his disciples to the sea: and a great multitude from Galilee followed him, and from Judaea.

8. And from Jerusalem, and from Idumaea, and from beyond Jordan; and they about Tyre and Sidon, a great multitude, when they had heard what great things he did, came unto him.

9. And he spake to his disciples, that a small ship should wait on him because of the multitude, lest they should throng him.

10. For he had healed many; insomuch that they pressed upon him for to touch him, as many had plagues.

11. And unclean spirits, when they saw him, fell down before him, and cried, saying, Thou art the Son of God.

12. And he straitly charged them that they should not make him known.

13. And he goeth up into a mountain, and calleth unto him whom he would: and they came unto him.

14. And he ordained twelve, that they should be with him, and that he might send them forth to preach.

15. And to have power to heal sicknesses, and to cast out devils:

16. And Simon he surnamed Peter;

17. And James the son of Zebedee, and John the brother of James; and he surnamed them Boanerges, which is, The sons of thunder:

18. And Andrew, and Philip, and Bartholomew, and Matthew, and Thomas, and James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus, and Simon the Canaanite,

19. And Judas Iscariot, which also betrayed him: and they went into an house.

Mark 3:31. There came then his brethren and his mother, and, standing without, sent unto him, calling him.

32. And the multitude sat about him, and they said unto him, Behold, thy mother and thy brethren without seek for thee.

33. And he answered them, saying, Who is my mother, or my brethren?

34. And he looked round about him, and said, Behold my mother and my brethren!

35. For whosoever shall do the will of God, the same is my brother, and sister, and mother.

Golden Text: "For whosoever shall do the will of God, the same is my brother." Mark 3:35.

POINTS FOR EMPHASIS

I. The Great Redemptive Plan.

1. A continuous unfolding of Christ's Mission.
2. Rejected yet followed by multitudes.
3. Devils confess Christ—men reject Him.

II. Success Dependent upon Leadership.

1. A night of Prayer.
2. Choice and work of the apostles.
3. Acquainting ourselves with the apostles.

IV. Divine Fellowship.

1. The Family of God.
2. Divine Relationship by Doing His Will.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

The theme of our lesson changes from the controversy of the devil attempting to hinder the Lord's work to the beautiful and close fellowship between Jesus and His leading disciples.

Though rejected by the leaders in both church and State, yet people flocked to Him from the north, east, south and west. The drawing power of Jesus, the magnet of men, was manifested by the multitudes that came to Him. Let us note in the ministry of Jesus that it made no difference to time and place, but He was always ready to preach, to teach, to comfort or do anything whereby His mission might be accomplished.

In order to accomplish the great plan of Salvation Jesus chose twelve disciples and called them apart, that they might have a better understanding and be better qualified to carry on His work on earth.

"That they should be with Him," again "That He might send them forth to preach." He made of them apostles or one to plant the truth and carry the Gospel message to mankind. A disciple is a learner of Christ. While they were still disciples yet He made them apostles.

We also notice that the names of half of the apostles were not mentioned again in scripture. Their work was not forgotten and their names were written above.

Doing the will of God brings about a relationship to Jesus that binds closer than human ties. To be absorbed by the will of God is to be obedient to the impression from the Lord. Regardless of our lot or condition in life if we are doing the will of God we are one of His Sons.

Sunday, February 27, 1938

Daily Readings and Meditation

MEASURING A MAN'S WORTH

February 21—February 27.

- M. One Man Worth saving. Mark 5:1-17.
- T. A Woman worth saving. John 8:1-11.
- W. God's estimate of Man's Worth. John 3:14-17.
- T. Paul Champions Womanhood. Acts 16:16-23.
- F. Jesus Champions childhood. Matt. 18:1-6.
- S. Christ died for sinners. Rom. 5:1-11.
- S. A little lower than God. Psa. 8:1-9.

Printed PortionMark 5:1-17.

Mark 5:1. And they came over unto the other side of the sea, into the country of the Gadarenes.

2. And when he was come out of the ship, immediately there met him out of the tombs a man with an unclean spirit,

3. Who had his dwelling among the tombs; and no man could bind him, no, not with chains:

4. Because that he had been often bound with fetters and chains, and the chains had been plucked asunder by him, and the fetters broken in pieces: neither could any man tame him.

5. And always, night and day, he was in the mountains, and in the tombs, crying, and cutting himself with stones.

6. But when he saw Jesus afar off, he ran and worshipped him,

7. And cried with a loud voice, and said, What have I to do with thee, Jesus, thou Son of the most high God? I adjure thee by God, that thou torment me not.

8. For he said unto him, Come out of the man, thou unclean spirit.

9. And he asked him, What is thy name? And he answered, saying, My name is Legion: for we are many.

10. And he besought him much that he would not send them away out of the country.

11. Now there was there nigh unto the mountains a great herd of swine feeding.

12. And all the devils besought him, saying, Send us into the swine, that we may enter into them.

13. And forthwith Jesus gave them leave. And the unclean spirits went out, and entered into the swine: and the herd ran violently down a steep place into the sea, (they were about two thousand;) and were choked in the sea.

14. And they that fed the swine fled, and told it in the city, and in the country. And they went out to see what it was that was done.

15. And they come to Jesus, and see him that was possessed with the devil, and had the legion, sitting, and clothed, and in his right mind: and they were afraid.

16. And they that saw it told them how it befell to him that was possessed with the devil, and also concerning the swine.

17. And they began to pray to him to depart out of their coasts.

Golden Text: "How much then is a man of more value than a sheep!" Matt. 12:12.

POINTS FOR EMPHASIS

I. Man Under Satan's Control.

1. The Devil Possessed Man.
2. Jesus and the Man.
3. The Lord will make an appointment with each of us.

II. Man Redeemed by Christ.

1. A Legion of Demons—(Swine Destroyed)
2. The Man Healed.
3. His Service—His Request—His Commission.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

In measuring man's worth we are prone to consider the material things the man has been able to gather around Him. How often, when men speak of a great man or a successful man, do they refer us to those who have concentrated mind and effort on material things and have succeeded in gathering many possessions or obtaining some high political office.

By observing the teachings of our Lord very closely we find a vast difference in the manner in which He estimates a man's worth to that general estimation made by the average individual.

We hear the words that a man's life consists not in the abundance of things he possesseth. The Lord places the value of one soul higher than that of all the world. He not only testified to these facts in word, but He also proved them by laying down His life for us, giving His life's blood to redeem us that were lost—a deed that all the things in the world put together could not do.

A Contrast of Prayers.

A Miracle performed before them. A wild devil possessed man whose favorite haunts were the tombs, now clothed in his right mind sitting at the feet of Jesus. How was the wonder-worker received? Not with gladness, but with an urgent request that He should depart from their coasts. Are there not many prayers to this effect today? Many acknowledge that He is the Son of God, that this is the Bible way, that they should do differently, but their request is that He depart from their coasts.

The other prayer and request is that he should be permitted to accompany the Lord and remain in His presence. Should we not appreciate the good things the Lord does for us? We are so needy and helpless yet He bestows His graces abundantly upon us.