

# FAITH AND VICTORY

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

HAVE FAITH  
IN GOD



A PAPER  
FOR ALL  
CHRISTIANS

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## Be Saved And Sanctified

It was Jesus that saved and sanctified me,  
A light flashed brightly, when I believed.  
The promises so true, and they're also for you, too.  
So why not accept Him, it's all for you, too.

Oh, sinner, please surrender your all  
And beg for mercy, He'll hear your call.  
From the world you'll be saved from without and  
within  
This peace you can have, long as you serve Him.

Believers, there is something better for you in store  
When you walk in the light, you hunger for more.  
Let Jesus hold your hand and walk by His side,  
Consecrate your life to Him and be sanctified.

Now we're ready to work and ready to live  
And shout God's blessings that He always gives  
When things look dark and we feel in despair  
We can pray, He'll know, for He's right there.  
—Mary Dawe.

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## Prayers and Supplications

“There was a certain rich man which was clothed in purple and fine linen, and fared sumptuously every day: and there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, which was laid at his gate full of sores, and desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man's table: moreover the dogs came and licked his sores. And it came to pass that the beggar died and was carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom: the rich man also died, and was buried; and in hell he lifted up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom. And he cried and said, Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame. But Abra-

ham said, Son, remember that thou in thy lifetime receivedst thy good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things: but now he is comforted, and thou art tormented. And beside all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed: so that they which would pass from hence to you cannot; neither can they pass to us, that would come from thence. Then he said, I pray thee therefore father, that thou wouldest send him to my father's house: For I have five brethren; that he may testify unto them, lest they also come into this place of torment. Abraham said unto him, They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them. And he said, Nay, father Abraham: but if one went unto them from the dead, they will repent. And he said unto him, If they hear not Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded, though one rose from the dead.” Luke 16: 19-31.

Just as it was in the case of the rich man, of whom Jesus speaks in the foregoing scripture so will it be with many precious souls of today. They seem to be interested in the things of this life only. They seek for the things that are gratifying to the flesh, eating, drinking, dressing, reveling in carnal pleasures, with little or no thought for the care of those who are less fortunate in life than themselves. They are surrounded with many friends, they are praised and boosted by their fellow men, they heed not the gospel nor its message, neither will they be awakened by its strong appeal, but some day when life has fled, and friends can go no farther, when all earthly joys have faded, and they can see those who they once despised and had no time to associate with, nor time to comfort them in their sorrows. When they can see them afar off enjoying the bliss of eternal happiness and they themselves forever separated from the joys that could have been theirs to share, they will begin to pray, but their prayers will be too late. Behold! now is the accepted time, today is the day of salvation. —Ulysses Phillips.

## Divine Healing

This morning while we were busy husking corn and thinking of the old time saints we met at New Castle last summer, we felt led to write some, including some testimonies on the subject of divine healing.

First, that divine healing is a Bible doctrine, there can be no doubt in the mind of an honest person who has examined the scriptures on this subject. Healing was done by the Lord all along in the Old Testament dispensation. In Exodus 15:26 we read: "And said, If thou wilt diligently harken to the voice of the Lord thy God, and wilt do that which is right in His sight, and wilt give ear to His commandments and keeps all his statutes, I will put none of these diseases upon thee, which I have brought upon the Egyptians: for I am the Lord that healeth thee." And in chapter 23:25 it also says: "And ye shall serve the Lord your God, and he shall bless thy bread, and thy water; and I will take sickness away from thee." Also in Psalms 103:3 we read: "Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases." If we could not find plenty more, we have adduced sufficient witnesses to prove the point under consideration since the scriptures tell us that in the "mouth of two or three witnesses every word shall be established." We have only to turn to the Old Testament to see for ourselves how the Lord healed His people, or to the New Testament to see the abundance of it in the ministry of Jesus during His nativity and in the ministry of the apostles of the early church after the ascension of Jesus. This can not be denied. There can be no question, according to the abundant testimony of the scriptures, that Jesus came to heal His people, soul and body. The prophet Isaiah told us before Jesus came what He was coming for. He said, "He was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed." (Isaiah 53:5). He abundantly proved this when He came. He also commissioned His apostles and disciples to heal. Bible readers know Jesus sent His apostles and disciples forth and told them to "Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead." And shortly before His ascension He said to them; "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned. And *these signs shall follow them that believe*; in my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; They shall take up serpents; and if they

drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; *they shall lay hands on the sick and they shall recover.*" (Mark 16:15 to 18).

Here it tells them to lay hands on the sick and they shall recover (to heal the sick) and that *these signs shall follow them that believe*. So it didn't stop with the apostles and early disciples but it comes on down to *them that believe*. It was to *follow* them. There was no time set for it to be taken out of the Church, or even hinted at. Every thing pointed to its permanency. I defy any one to try to show me by the scriptures where it has been withdrawn from the Church only through apostasy and unbelief. As long as God has a people in the earth and they exercise faith in Him for physical healing *He will heal*.

It is not only in His plan, but it is a part of His compassionate nature. For we read in His Word: It is of the Lord's mercies that we are not consumed, *because His compassions fail not*. (Lam. 3:22). And, "For I am the Lord, *I change not*." (Mal. 3:6).

Many are the cases of Divine healing recorded in the New Testament. And since we read in the Word, "Jesus Christ *the same yesterday, today and forever*," it must follow, therefore that His divine qualities or attributes that He ever possessed, He possesses *now and forever*. Therefore He is His people's healer today. Having established, by the Word, the fact that the Lord meant to be the healer of His people from the time He has had a people on the earth till the end, we proceed to give, briefly, an account of a few cases of healing among the many He has done in our family of 12, to add to the many remarkable healings He has done for His believing children in this our day.

I used to be subject to a shifting, knocking headache, of superficial pains. One day while helping build some flues for our old meeting house it was hitting me hard. At noon I went out in the woods to a beautiful little secluded spot, a sacred little dell, to pray. Time and space will hardly permit me to tell of the sweet spirit of humility that seemed to hover over me as I submitted myself there to God. Livingstone who died on his knees for the Lord in the deep, lonely jungles of Africa, came into my mind and like a flash there seemed such a contrast between my suffering and sacrifice and that of Livingstone's that I substantially said, Lord I have done nothing, or suffered nothing in comparison to him so if you want to take this headache away from me all right; if not, I'll suffer it for your sake. I went on to my work with my head still aching

Perhaps it was the middle of the evening when a voice seemed to say, where is your headache? Strange as it may seem to some, the Lord, in His wonderful way, had actually made me oblivious of the fact, but it was truly gone. And the Lord has kept it away and that has been, perhaps 15 years. He did a complete work. Praise His name! I do not say the Lord did not permit my faith to be tested a little. Two or three times, perhaps, I had a little threat, but I resisted it in the name of the Lord and it vanished. "Resist the devil and he will flee from you."

Another time rheumatism was trying to locate in my arms. I was determined to lay it upon the Lord. I committed it to Him, trusted in Him and He drove every vestage of it away. Another case. A few years back our youngest child contracted blood poison from scratching itching sores on a lower limb. It soon became serious. Her limb became red as blood from toes to the top of her hip. She was alternately chilly and hot. She was in great pain. She couldn't rest if she was still. If she was moved she screamed with pain. Oh how my heart was breaking, as I cried to God for help. It was truly a time of need in which our precious Lord proved a friend indeed. It appeared that the Lord, to strengthen my faith and encourage me to "come boldly" to the throne of grace, was repeating the most encouraging part of the promise in Matthew: "Ask and ye shall receive . . . for every one that asketh receiveth," and falling again on my face in the bean patch I cried mightily to the Lord. While there prostrated before the Lord He showed me a vision of how the sore on her limb looked and a voice informed me it was getting pale around the sore. I went to the house in about an hour and there was the pale spot around the sore, the size of a silver dollar or longer. And thanks to our precious Redeemer, she was "well from that hour." Pain left. Redness left in a little while, only a little spot near the top of her hip. And while I was exulting in the victory by praising our God, a voice said, "you better hold on, there's a red spot that's not gone yet, you might get too fast. This was the voice of the devil to discourage. I let him know the Lord had done the work; this stopped his diabolical mouth and Jesus gave a wonderful victory.

This is just a little of the good things the Lord has done for us. Will briefly mention just one case out of our family. A sister's child couldn't eat anything scarcely. He was going down, and they were alarmed about him. They first sent word and

asked me to pray for him. He seemed no better. Then they sent for me to come and anoint him. He laid down and went to sleep before I got to anoint him so I anointed and prayed for him while he was asleep. His grandmother told me he jumped out of bed the next morning, ran in to the cupboard full of life, and calling for something to eat, ate heartily from that time on, that being the end of his stomach trouble. She told me no one could deny that the *Lord healed him*. He had been afflicted for a good while. —J. H. Pierson.

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## What Shall We Trust?

### GOD, MAN OR MEDICINE?

What is said about trusting in man? "Cursed be the man that trusteth in man." (Jer. 17:5).

What is said about trusting in medicine? "In vain thou shalt use many medicines, for thou shalt not be cured" (Jer. 46:11). "And a certain woman, which had an issue of blood twelve years, And had suffered many things of many physicians, and had spent all that she had, and was nothing bettered, but rather grew worse" (Mark 5:25, 26). Asa was diseased in his feet, until his disease was exceeding great: yet in his disease he sought not the Lord, but to the physicians, and he died. (2 Chron. 16:12, 13).

What is said about trusting in God? We are requested to present our bodies to the Lord (Rom. 12:1), with this assurance: "Blessed is the man that trusteth in the Lord, and whose hope the Lord is" (Jer. 17:7). "The prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up" (Jas. 5:15). The woman who grew no better, but rather worse after resorting to doctors and medicine was healed when she put her faith in Christ. (Mark 5:25-34).

Jesus is the same today that He was in the early church. (Heb. 13:8). It took confidence, faith, and much earnestness, for the first Christians to get the great blessings that were given them. Matt. 15:21-28; Acts 12:1-17), and it will take the same for us now. We must be in earnest agreement with each other and with what the Bible says. (Matt. 18:19, 20; Heb. 11:6.) We must reach the place where other people's unbelief will not affect our faith in Him. (Rom. 3:3, 4.) All men did not believe God's word in the apostle's days. (2 Thess. 3:1-3.)

Job said to these who objected to his trusting in God: "Hold your peace, let me alone, that I may speak, and let come on me what will. Though he slay me, yet will I trust in him" (Job 13:12-15).

"My son, attend unto my words; incline thine ear unto my sayings, Let them not depart from thine eyes; keep them in the midst of thine heart. For they are life unto those that find them, and health to all their flesh" (Prov. 4:20-22).

May God help all His people, when sick or suffering in any way, to delight themselves in the Lord and His promises, and He will give them the desire of their hearts. (Psa. 37:4.) —T. J. Huskisson.

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"Work on, work on, nor doubt, nor fear.  
From age to age this voice shall cheer:—  
Whate'er may die or be forgot,

Work done for God, it dieth NOT."

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## Editorials

In the Feb. issue of "Faith and Victory" we told our readers that we would fast and pray on the 20th of Feb. for the sick and needy.

There were a great many requests sent in to be remembered on that day of fasting and prayer. They came from the east, north, south, and the west, and our hearts became burdened when we realized the awful afflictions of various kinds that Satan had afflicted dear souls with, and they were reaching by faith to touch the "hem of His garment" that they too might be made whole.

On Feb. 20, we called a special service at the chapel in the afternoon to have a prolonged season of prayer, supplication and thanksgiving to God in behalf of the many requests received for healing.

Wife would read several requests, and then we would all go down on our knees in prayer to God that He would heal those afflicted ones. She would then read some more and we would all pray again, and so on until all had been remembered in prayer. It was a blessed time together with the Lord and our souls were lifted up and encouraged that God was hearing and that many bodies would be healed that day in answer to direct prayer.

The Lord has been doing some very precious healing of bodies here in Guthrie of late for which we rejoice and give thanks to Him.

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There has been over three thousand subscriptions sent in on the three months offer. A large portion of them will expire with this issue of the paper, and you will find a slip in the paper telling you of this expiration. Just put your name and address on the blank space for this purpose and send to us with 25 cents and you will be listed for a year, so you can get the paper every month. Do this now so we can get you on the list before the next paper is sent out. I thank you for being so prompt in this matter. Thousands are taking the paper and their souls are being blessed and encouraged. Why not you? Send the paper to your friend also.

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A great many of our readers of "Faith and Victory" are very much interested in the sending of literature to the men and women that are in the penitentiaries and various prison houses located throughout the United States. In the last issue we said nothing about the Prison work, as space for this was crowded out. We have been keeping tracts and papers going to the Prisons, having just recently sent out 75 packages to different Prisons and I am sure that we will never know how much real good has been done until eternity reveals it.

Those who have been sending offerings should not become weary in this good work. It has been taking a large amount of paper and printing to keep the tracts in stock as we carry nearly 100 different gospel tracts in stock to send to the needy. We are looking directly to God to supply means to keep our tract stock up. There is much obligation for us to meet in March, and we are asking the earnest prayers of our readers that God will supply means to meet this obligation. We also ask you

to pray that God will strengthen our body more so we can stand up better under the strain and stress of the heavy duties of the many phases of the printing work, together with our ministerial labors.



Jesus says, "Whosoever he be of you that forsaketh not all that he hath, he cannot be my disciple." (Luke 14:33).

This is very plain talk, but Jesus means just what He says and says just what He means. As long as your heart and affections are on what you have, you cannot learn of the Lord as they take your time and attention. When you really forsake all, then and then only will Jesus have your time and attention and other things will become secondary matters and you will learn of Him and follow Him.

I often hear people talk about counting the cost. Let us do some counting and see just what it will cost to be a real follower of Jesus. You can buy salvation, but not with money. Read Isaiah 55. What is it going to cost you to buy salvation? First, you have Godly sorrow because you have sinned against a loving and just God, you then repent and forever forsake all sin. When you do that, it will cost the fellow-ship of all your sinful friends which no doubt are very many, including many professors of religion, if you go to dances, you give them up, if you go to card parties and picture shows, you give them up, if you gamble and play pool, other games of revelry you give them up, if you use tobacco or strong drinks, you give them up, if you have stolen anything, you confess that and take it back or pay for the same, if you cheat, swindle or lie, you give that all up, you begin to walk honestly with God and with your fellow-man, in fact you become a righteous, sober and Godly man in this present world. Titus 2:11.

You may say the cost is too great. I cannot pay it. But listen, just a moment friend, Did you ever stop to think what the cost will be if you do not repent and serve God in this short time world. It will cost you the eternal bliss of heaven, and it will mean severe punishment and torment throughout eternity in a devils' hell. We read of a man in the 16th chapter of Luke who would not pay the price while in his short life, and in hell, he lifted up his eyes, being in torment. He prayed for a drop of water to cool his tongue for he said, "I am tormented in this flame," (It was real to him). He was even denied a drop of water. Then he prayed for one to be sent from the dead to tell his brothers, so they would pay the price and not come to this awful place of torture, but he was denied that for they had Moses and the prophets. You can get your prayers answered in this life, but never after you go into the regions of the lost. You will then always be paying on the cost and never get it paid.

The cost of not serving God in this short life is ten thousand times greater than it is to give up this world and serve Him your few short days that you have in this swiftly passing time. God says, "Come, let us reason together. Dear reader, let your better judgment prevail. Hasten to the Saviour's bleeding side, bear the reproach of the cross and receive righteousness, peace, and joy in this present Kingdom of God. Rom. 14:17.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Pray for Sister Lizzie Eck of Ring Wood, Okla., who has many home burdens, and the husband is unsaved. She needs God's protection and care.

Sister Ruth Dilliner, of Tulsa, Okla., desires all the Saints to pray that God will heal her afflicted body.

Pray for Sister Emaline VanZandt, of Mich., who is seriously afflicted.



Wanted—"Select Hymn" song books with notes or with words only. If anyone has these used books for sale, let us know, and we would also like to have the book, "Cleansing of the Sanctuary."



OBITUARY

Mrs. Nannie Blackwell Sewell was born in Raleigh, North Carolina, September 6, 1877. She departed this life February 14, 1938.

She professed a hope in Christ at an early age in life. She joined the Methodist Episcopal Church in Arcadia, Okla. where she lived for many years.

She leaves to mourn the loss, a mother, five sisters, two brothers, and a host of relatives and friends.

A precious one from us has gone,  
A voice we loved is stilled,  
A place is vacant in our home,  
That never can be filled.

Funeral services were conducted by Fred Pruitt, and the body was laid to rest in the "Summit View" cemetery, one mile north of Guthrie, Okla.

The text used for the discourse was Psalms 46:1. "God is our refuge, and strength, a very present help in trouble."



Dear Bro. Pruitt:—I greet all of you in the name of the Lord.

I received your card, also the tracts a day or so ago. The Lord has healed my body and I have been working most every day. I surely praise His dear name.

—Virgil Couch.



Natchitoches, La. Dear Bro. and Sister Pruitt:

This is to let the praying saints know that the Lord through your prayers, touched Yassie Johnson's body and healed her. She was thinking and preparing to go to the hospital to undergo an operation. She had been bad sick for over two months and all that she did failed to do any good, but faithful prayers did the work and she is fixing to go to work again, Praise the Lord.

—Sidonia Benjamin.



Hastings, Nebr. Dear Faith Publishing House:—I am enclosing one dollar, and I wish you would send me a lot of tracts to distribute around town as I am going about, visiting the sick and praying for them.

I praise the Almighty God for my great deliverance both in soul and in body. Recently, one who had pneumonia three days was healed; instantly the fever left and did not come back. It caused some impression in

the hospital where they were. I am much interested in this phase of the Lord's work, having more than fifty records of healing in my ministry, including Brights diseases of the kidneys, Typhoid Fever, Pneumonia, Appendicitis, Small Pox, have cast out devils, and have rebuked pain of various kinds and I have much more of this kind of work to do. I must also include a case of three years dropsy; she walked before three hours and did her own house work from thence; also a case of Epileptic fits healed immediately, a case of 12 years standing.

Just recently I was delivered of a stone on my left kidney which I had carried for 34 years.

Pray for me that more and more power may be given me and that I keep LITTLE and to God be all the glory.

Your saved brother, "A part of His flesh and bones."  
Eph. 5:30. —C. Z. Stonecypher.

If you find a subscription blank in your paper, your subscription to the "Faith and Victory" has expired. Please renew at once.

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## The National Campmeeting

The National Camp Meeting at Monark Springs, Mo. will begin on the 17th of July, which is on Sunday and will continue over three Sundays. The true saints in general are expecting the best meeting spiritually speaking that we have had for years and also it seems that the saints are coming to this meeting from all parts of the United States, even from coast to coast and from Canada to the Gulf and some from Canada.

Monark Springs is six miles south-east of Neosho, Mo. A good highway runs a short distance from the camp-meeting grounds. Those who have means to send in for the Camp-meeting may send it to Bro. John Strech R. 5, Neosho, Mo. The meeting will be run on the free-will offering plan.

The representative ministers of this meeting are in unity and harmony and are doing and will do all they can with power from on high to make this meeting a success in every sense of the word.

If you want to write any of these ministers concerning the meeting, you will find their names here-in inserted so you can do so.

Bro. Geo. E. Harmon, 334½ Arden Ave., Glendale, Calif., Bro. John Strong, Chillicothe, Ohio; Bro. T. Z. Lawson, Box 393, New Castle, Ind., Bro. and Sister Ray Key, Box 370, Hammond, La.; Bro. Strech, R. 5, Neosho, Mo., Faith Pub. House, Guthrie, Okla., and Geo. Peek, 44 Front St., Richwood, W. Va.

Any of these "Representative Ministers" will be glad to answer your questions about the meeting. They are all working together with God for the success of the meeting. Ministers who are not in full harmony with God and His "Representative Ministers" will not be allowed freedom in the pulpit, neither ministers which just merely claim to be preaching all the truth. We should "know them that labor among us."

The National Campmeeting of Monark Springs, Mo. is being held for the purpose of saints and ministers all over the country to get together in the bonds of holy love and fellowship; contentious and quarrelsome spirits will not be recognized as saints, neither compromisers or rank fanaticism. We are expecting a very large body of real humble saints and ministers from all the states to meet here in this meeting where they can rejoice in the old time gospel and the sweet unity and fellowship of God's dear children. Come and bring peace with you and when you go leave peace and thus prove to all that Christ dwells in your heart of a truth.

A few words concerning the National Camp-Meeting at Monark Springs, Mo., for the benefit of those who may not understand. This meeting will be conducted under the Auspices of The Church of God, free from compromise or rank fanaticism. We are expecting people to come from every state regardless of race or color. This meeting is set for the purpose of bringing God's people together on the Bible Platform, and if possible get people saved from sin and sectism, according to the pure gospel of Jesus Christ, which saves people from all their bad habits, takes pride out of their hearts, so that their adorning will be as becometh the gospel of Christ. This meeting will be no court of appeals to settle troubles. Settle such at home or leave them there. Come praying that this meeting will be a success for God, and that all differences will vanish and God's people be knitted together.

In answer to some questions about the Monark Springs meeting. "Is it a new move?" No, neither is it a "Trumpet" or a "Herald" move, but a revival of the gospel of Jesus Christ, preached by the apostles and later by D. S. Warner and others. —G. E. Harmon.

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## Stewardship

In this day and age of rapid money making, we frequently hear of fortunes being made in a very short time, but how few, even Christians realize, the fact that they are only stewards of the wealth that they hold, and in reality are accountable to God for the way that they handle their money.

When one considers the shortness and uncertainties of life and the interminable length of eternity, does it not seem like falacy in the extreme to not make ample provision for the future, especially in the face of the fact that, "all you can ever really keep, is what you give away." Here, is a seemingly absurd and contradictory statement, but let me qualify it by saying, "that all we can ever really keep is that which we give away," but, of course, in the channel of God's choice. To use the colored man's philosophy, "Do yur givin' while yur livin', then you'll be knowin' where its goin'," is sane advice today.

Just here let us offer a word of comment, that one moment after we are dead, it matters little whether we were a millionaire or a pauper, and when we consider the great good that might be accomplished by prop-

erly investing a comparatively small percent of the wealth possessed by some people, especially along the lines of Christian activity, what a wonderful reward would await them on the other side, if they were to act wisely in this important matter. We feel today that there are many "Ananias and Sapphira" consecrations, who in reality are keeping back "a part of the price" of their property and means which they claim to have put on the altar, yet, in reality held for the good of the family and friends of these unfaithful servants of God. The writer just now has in mind one instance which he was requested to pray for the disposition of a certain piece of property with the promise that they would remember the Lord's cause if the deal could be made. In due time the property was disposed of, but so far as the writer knows the Lord's cause was not remembered, and this deal was consummated many years ago.

We wonder if this is not the cause of many Christians, who at one time had a bright experience,—but now have lost their unction—having become dwarfed in their souls, simply because they have failed God at this very point. God's Word plainly says, "It is better not to pledge than to pledge and not to pay." How many instances there are today where good people are leaving practically all their wealth for their children to squander in riotous living, and in many cases it hastens them on to destruction. What a great blessing it would be not only to these children, but to the parents as well, if a reasonable amount of this money could be spent as God directs, which might be the means of bringing many, many souls into the kingdom, and a matter of great rejoicing to the donors throughout eternity.

## That Awful Day

To stand firm and true in this materialistic age means more than child's play. It takes courage, decision, firmness, and determination, as well as faith and grace to enable us to go through on the Bible line. We see men and women on every hand who profess to be Christians, but the Bible test will prove that they are spurious. Personally, I believe the coming of Christ is near at hand; I cannot tell just when, He alone knows; yes, "He has appointed a day" (Acts 17:31.), and you and I, yes, "All mankind will be there" (2 Cor. 5:10). If greedy, sinful, pleasure-loving men and women were not blind (spiritually) they could see clearly that they would soon stand before the Great TRIBUNAL of GOD. Just think of the day when God will hold court; the summons must be obeyed; we'll all be there. Those who do not believe in the Judgment will be there; the attitude of their minds will not hinder that day from coming. We must ALL stand before the GREAT JUDGE, JESUS HIMSELF, saint, sinner, rich and poor, ignorant agnostic, false-hearted professor, and canting hypocrite, all must go to the JUDGMENT to give an account of their deeds. We are stewards, all we have belongs to God, time, talent, and goods; all are His. He gave us power to get what we have. Deut. 8:18. "The silver and gold are his" (Hag. 2:8). "The whole earth is the Lords" (Psa. 24:1). "We do not belong to ourselves" (1 Cor.

6:19). We have been bought with a price. We may repudiate the claim, but that does not change the fact, nor settle the account. "The books will be opened; the books that contain a record of our lives" (Rev. 20:11, 12); (See Matt. 12:36, 37). "God will bring every work into judgment" (Eccl. 12:13-14). Will we be acquitted, or stand condemned, and speechless? May God help us to walk humbly with Him, and obey His precious Word every moment of our lives. —J. F. Carter.

## To Eternity Bound Souls

The Lord has been talking to my heart concerning a message through the paper to go across the waves to some lost soul, or someone who is discouraged and is about to give up the way, and go after the things of this world.

To the lost, God says, "Let the wicked forsake his way and the unrighteous man his thought and let him return unto the Lord." Read Isa. 55:7. Your thought is not God's thought, neither your ways God's ways, so take God's way by obeying His Word. God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son to the world and delivered Him to the cruel hands of His enemies, for they could not take His life; but he gave it up for you and me. His tender temples were pierced with a thorny crown and His hands and feet were pierced through and through, and after He was dead, the soldiers with a spear pierced His side and forthwith came blood and water. John 19:34. "That the scripture might be fulfilled." Zeck. 13:1. Oh, come to this fountain so rich and sweet; cast thy poor soul at the Saviour's feet, plunge in today, and be made complete. Glory to His name.

Jesus says, "Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest." Matt. 11:28. He is the soul rest giver, in Him you will find the price that the world cannot give you, joy unspeakable and full of glory. Your darkest nights will turn to day. Praise the Lord.

Now to the blood-washed army, fight on a few more days and the battle will be over, and the victory won, then we can go home and be with Jesus while endless ages roll.

Pray for me, all you that know the worth of prayer.

Your Sister in Christ Jesus, —Frances Bell.

## A SPLENDID EXAMPLE

"Hard work means nothing to a hen. She just keeps on digging worms and laying eggs, regardless of what the business prognosticators say about the outlook, for this, or any other year.

If the ground is harder, she scratches harder. If it's dry, she digs deeper. If it's wet, she digs where it's dry. If she strikes a rock, she works around it. If she gets a few more hours of daylight, she gives us a few more eggs. But always she digs up worms, and turns them into hard-shelled profits, as well as tender, profitable broilers.

Did you ever see a pessimistic hen? Did you ever

hear of one starving to death, waiting for the worms to dig themselves to the surface? Did you ever hear one cackle because the work was hard, No indeed. They save their breath for digging, and their cackles for eggs. Success means digging.

Universal Engineer, Jesus says, "My Father worketh hitherto, and I work" (John 5:17). "Work for I am with you, saith the Lord of Hosts" (Haggai 2:4). "This we commanded you, that if any would not work, neither should he eat. For we hear that there are some which walk among you disorderly, working not at all, but are busybodies" (2 Thes. 3:10-11).

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## The Web

*"Will you walk into my parlor?"*

*Said the spider to the fly;*

*"Tis the prettiest little parlor*

*That you ever did spy."*

"No, no, you mean to harm me," and the fly soars away. The spider lies still in the center of the web. Presently the silly fly is back again. "It is pretty in there, and that old spider is dead or fast asleep, so I'll just step inside the door and get one sip of nectar from those gleaming threads."

A shriek of alarm, for no sooner does her feet touch the sill, than the spider darts forth and clutches her fast. "Let me go! let me go!" wildly cries she, vainly essaying to get free as the foe swiftly binds cord after cord about her.

"No one that enters here ever goes out again," hisses he.

All around her, as far as eye can see, are other flies ensnared as is she. Many are dead, some are expiring; others are making desperate but futile attempts to escape. And strange to say, the frantic strugglings of these newly-caught flies only serve to tighten their bonds, till at last they can not move hand nor foot, and helpless captives they lay at the mercy of the enemy.

"Oh, why did I venture near this awful trap? If only I could get back, but too late now! too late now!" laments the fly.

Precious unsaved soul, the devil has a gaily-painted web spread too, and he lieth in wait for those who pass by. Many are the allurements to entice unwary ones. "I have many things to show when you are there. Lift the latchstring and walk right in." The dance and the card party are two of the "feelers" thrown out to draw in unsuspecting victims. Another is the "movies." Tricky business deals, "joy rides"—hundreds of tinsel inducements glittering before the eye at every turn. How

smooth and attractive is paved the pathway to this web. Crowds gather from all directions. "Come on, let's have a good time, eat, drink and be merry," and laughing ones trip lightly into it. Once entangled within its meshes, the poor human is carried captive by the devil at his will.

A sting comes. The young girl starts back in affright. Dick, her lover, has told a lie, he whom she had implicitly trusted.

In one of the threads is a youthful lad drawn therein by the social glass. Ugh! such a dirty, disagreeable feeling. What has come over him? Where are those sparkling hues of wine? Ah, my son, "at the last it biteth like a serpent."

The moral man swept in by the "feeler" of self-righteousness, smites his troubled breast and longs for peace.

"Sin is sweet to the taste; what evil have I done?" says the adultress as she wipes her lips; but now, life almost gone, she screams, "What will ease this gnawing within?" Apples of Sodom have turned to bitterness.

Backsliders, those who once knew Jesus, lift tear-stained faces in lute appeal.

The man of fortune, his money all squandered, and those merciless fangs sinking into his vitals, moans in despair, "The wages of sin is death." All classes of humanity have gotten into this web. Sighs, wails of mercy, piteous calls for help rend the air. "O wretched man that I am! Who will deliver?" "Is there any that can save?" cry these sufferers again and again.

Hear, all ye that are in the web of sin, for glad tidings I bring. There is One who can seeccor. "He came to preach deliverance to the captives . . . to set at liberty them that are bound." Yes, He can snap the cords asunder, He can break the fearful hold. Look up, dear sin sick soul. Behold the Lord Jesus: He is the One. What love in His face! See those extended arms. He waits for your "S. O. S." signal. Will you call unto Him, and with the deepest heart-cry of your being? Oh, quickly He will fly to your aid, burst your fetters in a twinkling, cover you with His precious blood, and fold you close to His great bosom of infinite love.

Then will come true happiness, and there will begin the joys that never cease, for 'tis "from grace to grace and glory to glory" in the heavenward way. Praises be unto Thee, O, Jesus, "who art strong to save and mighty to deliver."

—Leila M. Conway.



# « Young People's Section »

## Each Day

In the dawning of the morning,  
 When our minds are free from care  
 We can thank our Father in heaven  
 For His book and words of cheer

Then in simple faith we trust Him  
 For the things we daily need  
 Then let our lives grow brighter  
 As the day in splendor gleams.

For 'tis God that sends the sunshine,  
 For to give us hope and cheer.  
 Then let our lives shine out to others,  
 In our love for Him so dear.

Then at the close of day  
 And another night begun,  
 We must thank our Father,  
 For the gift of His dear Son.

—Lucy A. Jones.

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## Editorials

### “Winning Souls”

“He that winneth souls is wise.” Young Christians can and should be soul winners. All the work of winning souls cannot be left to the preacher. Some people cannot be won by sermons from the pulpit. They need a personal touch. The preacher cannot possibly supply this personal touch to everyone in the community. Besides, you may be the one upon whom God has laid the burden for a particular person. Your personal interest may be just the thing that will cause him to make a decision.

Everybody needs Christ. Suppose every person in the world were a real Christian. What would happen to the great war evil? the crime evil? the liquor problem? the industrial upheaval? corrupt politics? all the sin in this world? Sin causes all the misery in the world, and if everybody had Christ in his heart, sin would be eradicated.

People are not satisfied without Christ. A Christian, on his way to prayer meeting, saw a stranger looking wistfully into the open window of the church, and moved by a strong impulse, he invited him to go in with him. The stranger consented, and it was the beginning of a Christian life for him and his family. “Do you know,” he said to the one who invited him to the prayer meeting, “that I have lived in this city seven

years before I met you, and no one had ever before asked me to go to church? I had not been here three days when the groceryman, and the dairyman, and the politician had hunted me up, yet in all the seven years, you were the first man that ever expressed an interest in my soul.” Some people long for Christ, but hesitate, waiting for an invitation.

Christianity is like the widow's cruse of oil—the more we pour out the more we have. Christian experience grows by exercise. Tell it and you will have some new and fresh growth every day. Keep it and you will have nothing worth telling.

The most effective means of winning souls to Christ is by a godly example. Paul teaches that we are living epistles, “known and read of all men.” If this be true, then we are all preachers, and we ought to consider seriously whether we are actually preaching the gospel in our lives or something else. Some one has said, “I'd rather SEE a Christian than HEAR one.” A Christian life is always more convincing than talk about it.

We are also to be witnesses for Christ by telling what Christ has done for us. If our example backs up our words, we can have a great influence. The gospel spread in the early church because every Christian took it upon himself to be a personal witness to his friend about Jesus.

### “All Ye Are Brethren”

The Lord very clearly condemns the honorary titles, such as Rabbi, Father, Reverend, D. D., etc. which are affixed to the names of preachers and churchmen. This tends to exalt man above his brothers. In Matt. 23:8-12, Jesus plainly said to the apostles: “But be not ye called Rabbi; for one is your Master even Christ: and all ye are brethren. And call no man your father upon the earth; for one is your father, which is in heaven. Neither be ye called Masters, for one is your Master, even Christ. And whosoever shall exalt himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted.” Jesus here taught equality—“all ye are brethren.” A humble man of God will not accept these titles.

The word, “Reverend,” which is so commonly used, is found just one time in the Bible. In Psalms 111:9 we read: “He (God) sent redemption unto his people: for he hath commanded his covenant forever: holy and REVEREND is HIS name.” This title applies to God only. Yet men, in order to exalt themselves to superiority, have taken His name and subscribed it to their own. Is it true that such are taking that which does not belong to them?  
 —L. D. P.

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Louin, Miss. Dear readers of Faith and Victory:

It is by the mercies of God that I again send greetings to you in the sweet love of Jesus. I'm so glad this evening that I still love the Lord, and have no desire to turn back to the ways of sin.

Dear ones, it is so important that we live close to the Lord, but there is danger in drifting too far away. There

are so many ways in which people are drawn away from God, but in 1 Cor. 10:31 we find these words, "Whatever ye do, do all to the glory of God." Also in 1 Thess. 5:22 we find, "Abstain from all appearance of evil." These scriptures mean more than lots of people have ever thought of. Oh! how we need to study and meditate on God's Word.

May the Lord bless each one and help us to live nearer to Him each day is my prayer.

Pray for me.

Your Sister in Christ, —Novella Pugh.

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Guthrie, Okla. Dear readers of Faith and Victory: I am so glad that I can write my testimony for this little paper. I am only 13 years old, but I got saved when I was 12 year old. The Lord has blessed me in so many ways since I was saved; It seems that my school lessons are so much easier to get when I pray and ask Jesus to help me. He always heals me when I am sick. Oh, I wish all the boys and girls, and older people, too, would love and serve Jesus. I want to work for Him always, as long as I live.

I want to do something to help people who are living in sin to get saved. If people only knew what a friend Jesus would be to them, surely they would want to know Him. I want all the saints to pray for me.

Your little Sister in Jesus —Pauline Metcalf.

#### KEPT AWAY BY HYPOCRITES

The person who says he is kept away from God by hypocrites is not influenced by them anywhere else. Business is full of hypocrites, but if he sees a chance to make money he does not stop for that. Society is crowded with hypocrites, and yet he never stops to think of becoming a hermit. Married life is full of hypocrites, but that does not cause folks to remain unmarried. Hell is full of hypocrites, and yet, many folks are not doing a thing to keep from going there.

Such a person wants to have you think he is trying to avoid the society of hypocrites and yet, he takes not a single step towards the only place where no hypocrites can go. Inconsistent? Decidedly so—

—Chester Hart.

#### CORRESPONDENCE

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Dan Eck and Family:

I wish to take this opportunity to express my appreciation for Clifford as my pupil. I want to commend him to you as an obedient and diligent boy in school. Although some things were hard for him, he never complained very much and went about his work in a very faithful way. I admired him also for what help he was to me, and I know I shall miss him as well as you will miss your dear son in the family circle.

But God knows best and we know that Clifford had peace with God and went to be a joint heir with his Saviour. He showed it in his school life. I only wish and hope that also my other pupils will be so sincere and follow that example.

I want to thank you all for what Clifford has done for me, since I cannot talk to him anymore, but I hope to meet him on that other shore. I want to express my

deepest heart-felt sympathy to you, and also for his schoolmates that loved and admired him. I wish you God's blessing in your bereavement.

Yours in Christ,

—Joe Eck.

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Osyka, Miss. Orris Jr. was healed Sunday, the day we had set for prayer, and he is doing fine. —Orris and Nellie Lea.

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My wife has requested me to ask for all the Saints to pray for her healing as she is sick and needs help from God for her body. And I request prayer for help in my troubles concerning a mortgage in which I am about to lose all my personal property. 'Wont you please remember me?

My wife has been sick for a number of years and is a good old Saint of God. God bless her. She says she does not want any medicine any more whatsoever, and God only knows what she suffers in body.

God bless you and all the good saints, please remember us in prayer. I am well acquainted with the good old Brother and Sister VanZandt, of Marshall, Mich. God bless them both.

Yours in Christ,

—Jay E. Greene.

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Delaware, Mo. Dear faithful workers at Faith Publishing House and Saints abroad:

I feel led to testify through the paper. I thank God for the privilege we have of making preparation for eternity in this life, so that when we come to meet God we can say it is well done. I thank God that He has so arranged it that this preparation is a personal matter between every individual and God. We do not have to depend upon someone else making it for us, for we can make it ourselves with God. I praise God today for salvation. It is the best thing I have found and I am not hunting anything to take its place.

I had to give up everything in order to get salvation and I have never wanted to trade back. I have been satisfied ever since. I have not been looking for anything I left behind, but have been looking forward to see the good things that are in front. I am glad that it is better farther on. There has never been a time in the five years of my experience when the testing time came, but what I could realize that the sun was shining behind the cloud and that at the end of every test is a blessing. God lets the trials come as we have grace to stand them: He will give us the grace if we will seek it. and he will prepare us for the trials. We shall be purified, made white and tried as gold is tried in fire. You need not expect to reach God and spend eternity with the angels without any trials in this life unless you die soon after you get saved. Remember "blessed is the

man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him." James 1:12.

By the help of the Lord I am determined to be among those who have fought a good fight and kept the faith.

Your Brother in Christ, —Floyd T. Strain.

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Marshall, Mich. Dear Bro. Pruitt:

May God bless you and yours that this may be the most prosperous year and the most blessed of all the years passed, for the work and for the up-building of God's kingdom here on earth is my prayer.

I can say the starting of this New Year that I am saved, sanctified and starting the year with a greater determination to make it the greatest of my life, for the Lord. I feel more encouraged as I feel the days growing shorter and my life's journey shortening day by day with the glory of God, filling my soul from time to time as I read in the little paper, Faith and Victory, the testimonies of other precious souls; of what God is doing for them through the prayers of His dear blood washed saints. It encourages my heart to press on to do my small part for the master. I sit and weep for joy when I read what God is doing for those that fully trust Him. Dear Saints of God, let us all start this year for the most prosperous, most glorious of all years for the glory of God and humanity.

I am writing letters, sending out tracts, putting the Faith and Victory paper in many homes all over the United States, praying for the sick, telling souls how to find God and how to keep victory in the soul as I read in the little paper of a dear soul in Madisonville, Tenn. asked the saints of God to pray for her that God might save her. Dear Saints, this means something. Let us search our hearts and know that God will answer prayer for this dear soul, there are so very few that call for prayer for the saving of their soul that I fell on my knees and asked God to remember that request and to save that soul, so that there would be more come to that decision, that we, as Saints of God might be kept on our knees more for those that are interested. May God stir hearts as never before, time is so short and so few realize it.

I ask the dear saints everywhere to pray for me that I may be of more service to God in the year coming than ever before.

Please remember my wife as she is quite ill in body and needs prayer. —Wm. L. VanZandt.

Robert, La. I feel like it is to the glory of God and might be for the encouragement of someone for me to write my testimony for the little paper. I enjoy reading letters from others, it is a real encouragement to me.

I am thankful for what the dear Lord has done for me. I was in a backslidden condition, lost in sin without God. I had almost lost all faith in Him and His people, but praise His Holy name he had some dear ones that did not give me up. They held me up in their prayers until he answered prayer in my behalf. I was saved and sanctified and have been kept by His power both in soul and body for about a year and a half. I am sure if I continue to trust Him and try to do His will He will keep me all the way I intend by His grace to live pleasing in His sight.

I have been healed of some things that were thought to be serious and no doubt would have been had I not trusted God with them. I have many trials. so please pray that the Lord may help me to be encouraged. I have made some mistakes, but it seems I always get something out of them that encourage me and helps me to understand more, the will of God. I enjoyed reading the testimonies of those in prison that have given their hearts to God our dear Saviour whose mission was to save the lost. No matter where we are if we humble ourselves and give our selves up to God, He will wash and make us clean. I ask the prayers of the dear Saints that I may be kept by His power and ever be encouraged to do the little things the Lord gives me to do.

Your Sister in Christ, —Snow Ochseur.

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Neosho, Mo. To all saints scattered abroad, Greetings in Jesus' dear name:—Husband has been down with rheumatism in his right knee and hip, insomuch that he could not get around. God wonderfully healed him in answer to prayer.

I am encouraged to pray on as the dear Lord does so much for us. I was impressed to visit a sister and the impression just kept coming to me. I went about twenty miles. When I arrived she was in bed. The sister wanted to be anointed and we anointed her and prayed for her that God would heal her and the Lord healed her. She had T. B. and hemorrhage of the lungs. She got up the next morning, a well woman. It is wonderful what God does for His trusting children.

I was called to go with Sister Reece and Sister Strech to pray for Sister Reeces' daughter who had Cancer of the stomache. The doctor had given her up to die. The children had come home to see her die. The neighbors were there and said that nothing could be done. It did not hinder our faith in God and we knelt by her bed side, laid our hands on the suffering body and pray-

ed fervently to the God of Heaven to heal her and God healed her instantly, and today she is a well woman, working all the time.

I feel greatly encouraged to go all the way with the dear Lord. He is a mighty God and has all power, both in heaven and in earth. I am not afraid to trust the Lord, have been trusting Him for twenty years and if God lets us live that much longer, we will trust Him on and on.

Dear Saints, pray for me as I feel that the Lord is leading me out to pray for the sick.

Your blood-washed Sister, —Sister Allen.

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Wanette, Okla. Dear Brother and Sister Pruitt, and Saints of the living God:

I want to add my testimony to that of many others, for what your wonderful work is doing for struggling souls. I have been studying my Bible and praying earnestly for a good many years, and God has shown me many things that I did not know, given me the baptism in the Holy Spirit, shown me the truth about healing for the body, and many other things. For a long time I have been praying over one verse, John 15:7. I knew that right there was my trouble, but try as I would, I couldn't seem to understand it, and it is in plain words, but I knew that I didn't get my prayers through like I ought to. I would take the Bible and get down on my knees and pray that God would show me the real meaning of the verse, so one day I was looking through some old books and out fell a little tract, I don't know how it got there or who put it there, but it was an answer to my prayer. The title of this tract was "Deadly Poison."

No one but God and myself knows what a struggle I've had (and am still having), being Irish and a woman, It has been a real fight, Oh! how many other words, we have abiding in us the words of Jesus. After about a year of striving to control my tongue, there is a far greater sense of true holiness and love, peace, and joy than ever before, and of course my prayers go through better, for it was I that failed, not God. I ask all the Saints to pray for me, that I might keep true to God and be where God can use me in His glory.

Pray for my daughter and son who are unsaved. Your Sister in Christ, Bessie Rickard.

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Laredo, Tex. Dear Bro. and Sister Pruitt and all the dear Saints:—I feel glad to have this chance to send in a testimony.

Sister Walker and I are isolated from the company of the Saints. Well, that is all-right too, as Jesus suffers His children to be tried. If Jesus is real to us we will stand the test.

Sister Walker has been here twelve years among these worldly church members and carnal ministers. Nearly five years ago, the Lord stirred me up and sent me all the way here from my home in New Jersey. I met up with Sister Walker, a stranger to me, but not a stranger to Jesus, so we both were acquainted, we give God the glory. The Lord gives us visions, and dreams and shows her the condition of the so called churches. We started prayer meeting in her house and

then from house to house. The people do not want to present their bodies, a living sacrifice to God, and it is so sad.

We need your most earnest prayers, —Sister D. L. Shoemaker.

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Independence, Kans. To the dear Saints of God everywhere. Greetings in Jesus dear name:

This morning finds me saved and living for the Lord. I am afflicted and am looking to the dear Lord to heal my body and I ask the prayers of all the saints for my healing, pray that God will move the soreness from my joints and give strength to my muscles.

Please pray for my son also, as he is sick, and is trusting God for his healing, and says that if God wants him, he is ready to go.

Your Sister in Christ, —Ethel Irving.

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Hennessey, Okla. Dear Saints scattered abroad:

I feel that I must write my testimony in the paper, telling how the Lord has been blessing me. The Lord has been wonderful; blessing me through all my trials and yet keeping me saved. This evening I have victory over the enemy; I mean to go right on until the crown is won. Praise His dear name.

Ever since 1915, He has kept me saved and sanctified and my greatest desire is to go all the way with Him. A few weeks ago the enemy came with an awful test, but I carried my trouble to the Lord and the burden seems lighter.

Praise His name for His goodness to me.

Your Sister in Christ, —Annie Wiley.

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WHEN BLESSINGS BECOME CURSES

Is it not a pity that we are so depraved that what God intended to be a blessing often becomes a curse? Notice a few instances:

Jacob's ability to "get ahead" makes him covetous and tricky.

Absolom's beautiful hair leads to his untimely death.

Yes, friend, your gifts become curses when, because of them you feel your importance.

When your sociability leads you to talk too much.

When your beauty and changeable suits make you vain and self-conscious.

When a nice automobile takes you away from the humble place of worship.

When a large circle of friends rob you of time for devotion.

When you have learned how to pray and testify in your own strength without much help from God.

When your ability to sermonize causes you to weep and wrestle less over your messages than formerly.

Lord, have mercy! —E. E. Shelhamer.

WHO IS TO DRINK IT

This is the report of an actual dialogue which took place between two American citizens the other day—one of them a business man, and the other a clergyman, to whom the business man spoke frankly, as one does to a good friend:

“Well,” said the layman, with an air of quality, “prohibition is a failure and we must get used to the idea of making America wet once again.”

“But who is to drink the liquor?” queried his friend. “Will you?”

“Why, no,” he replied. “You know I am a teetotaler.”

“Will your son drink it?”

“No, that shall not be!”

“Would you want it to come back for the sake of your clerks?”

“No, it is my practice to discharge any clerks who drink liquor.”

“Do you want your customers to drink it?”

“No, I would much rather not; I am sure that those who use strong drink will not buy so much from me nor pay their bills promptly.”

“Will you want the engineer on your train to use it?”

“No, I admit I don’t want to ride on a drunkard’s train.”

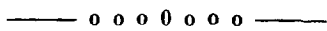
“Ah, then, you want this liquor for the men whom you meet driving cars on the public highway?”

“No, of course not; that is a danger to everybody.”

“Well, then, who is to drink this liquor in America, pray tell me?”


“I am not so sure that anybody should drink it. I guess we’re much better off without it.”—The American Issue.

“Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise.” Prov. 20:1.



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“Study to shew thyself approved unto God.”

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“The entrance of thy words giveth light.”

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Sunday, March 6, 1938.

SERVING WITH WHAT WE HAVE

Daily Readings and Meditations

February 28-March 6.

- M. Serving with power. Mark 6:1-6.
- T. Serving with money. Mark 6:7-13.
- W. There is a lad here. John 6:5-14.
- T. “What is that in thine hand?” Ex. 4:1-5
- F. Serving with our talents. Matt. 25:14-30.
- S. A humble servant rewarded. 1 Kings 3:5-14.
- S. Acceptable service. Rom. 12:3-8.

Printed Portion.....Mark 6:1-13.

Mark 6:1. And he went out from thence, and came into his own country; and his disciples followed him.

2. And when the sabbath day was come, he began to teach in the synagogue: and many hearing him were astonished, saying, From whence hath this man these things? and what wisdom is this which is given unto him, that even such mighty works are wrought by his hands?

3. Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary, the brother of James, and Joses, and of Juda, and Simon? and are not his sisters here with us? And they were offended at him.

4. But Jesus said unto them, A prophet is not without honour, but in his own country, and among his own kin, and in his own house.

5. And he could there do no mighty work, save that he laid his hands upon a few sick folk, and healed them.

6. And he marvelled because of their unbelief. And he went round about the villages, teaching.

7. And he called unto him the twelve, and began to send them forth by two and two; and gave them power over unclean spirits;

8. And commanded them that they should take nothing for their journey, save a staff only; no scrip, no bread, no money in their purse:

9. But be shod with sandals; and not put on two coats.

10. And he said unto them, In what place so ever ye enter into an house, there abide till ye depart from that place.

11. And whosoever shall not receive you, nor hear you, when ye depart thence, shake off the dust under

your feet for a testimony against them. Verily I say unto you, It shall be more tolerable for Sodom and Gomorrhah in the day of judgment, than for that city.

12. And they went out, and preached that men should repent.

13. And they cast out many devils, and anointed with oil many that were sick, and healed them.

**Golden Text:**—What I have, that give I thee. Acts 3:6.

#### Points for Emphasis.

#### I. The tragedy of Unbelief. Mark 6:1-6.

1. The second visit to Nazareth.
2. The master rejected.

#### II. The Effects of Unbelief.

1. The Words and Work of Jesus.
2. The Victories of Faith. Mark 6:7-13.
3. The equipment and methods of the apostles. Mark 6:9-11.

#### COMMENTS AND APPLICATIONS

We have another practical lesson for today. The title, "Serving with what we have" is a privilege that none of us may excuse ourselves from. Because many do not have an abundance, or are not gifted with many talents, they think it not worth while to try and they do nothing. The man that had only one talent was held as responsible for that one talent as was the servant that had ten talents.

#### The Master Rejected

Jesus, returning to His home community, as before, is not welcomed and received with faith. While they admit to God's wisdom and power manifested through Christ, yet, because He was one of themselves made them angry that He should have such gifts.

Did Jesus weaken when thus wounded in the house of His friends? "Is not this the carpenter?" "Though he was rich yet he became poor." The great price that was paid by Jesus was in vain for so many, because they would not pay the price.

"How oft" would he have gathered—but ye would not." Today He is still extending the invitation, "Come unto me," but many say, "we will not have this man to rule over us. Unbelief was then, and still is blinding the hearts of many, many people.

"And he could do no mighty work." Not that he hadn't the power, but the plan of salvation benefits those who embrace and receive it. Some of them believed, yet He did no mighty work. There is no wonder that only a few mighty works are done in our day of unbelief. "And he marveled because of their unbelief."

The ambition of the devil throughout the ages, is to get man to doubt, so that he will be helpless. Unbelief always paralyzes man and limits accomplishments.

Sunday, March 13, 1938..

#### FEEDING THE HUNGRY

#### Daily Readings and Meditations

March 7-13.

M. Feeding the hungry. Mark 6:30:44.

T. God wants the hungry fed. Isa. 58:1-9.

W. The hungry fed and taught. John 21:1-15.

T. Feeding the enemy. Romans 12:1-21.

F. Bread for the hungry soul. John 6:41-51.

S. No more hunger. Rev. 7:9-17.

S. Life abounding. Isa. 35:1, 2, 5-10.

Printed Portion..... Mark 6:30-44

Mark 6:30. And the apostles gathered themselves together unto Jesus, and told him all things, both what they had done, and what they had taught.

31. And he said unto them, Come ye yourselves apart into a desert place, and rest a while: for there were many coming and going, and they had no leisure so much as to eat.

32. And they departed into a desert place by ship privately.

33. And the people saw them departing, and many knew him, and ran afoot thither out of all cities, and outwent them, and came together unto him.

34. And Jesus, when he came out, saw much people, and was moved with compassion toward them, because they were as sheep not having a shepherd: and he began to teach them many things.

35. And when the day was now far spent, his disciples came unto him, and said, This is a desert place and now the time is far passed:

36. Send them away, that they may go into the country round about, and into the villages, and buy themselves bread: for they have nothing to eat.

37. He answered and said unto them, Give ye them to eat. And they say unto him, Shall we go and buy two hundred pennyworth of bread, and give them to eat?

38. He saith unto them, How many loaves have ye! go and see. And when they knew, they say, Five, and two fishes.

39. And he commanded them to make all sit down by companies upon the green grass.

40. And they sat down in ranks, by hundreds, and by fifties.

41. And when he had taken the five loaves and two fishes, he looked up to heaven, and blessed, and brake the loaves, and gave them to his disciples to set before them; and the two fishes divided he among them all.

42. And they did all eat, and were filled.

43. And they took up twelve baskets full of the fragments, and of the fishes.

44. And they that did eat of the loaves were about five thousand men.

**Golden Text:** Give ye unto them to eat. Mark 6:37.

#### Points for Emphasis.

#### I. The Galilean Crisis:

1. Causes of the excitement.
2. Reasons for the departure of Jesus.

#### II. Feeding the Multitude.

1. Compassion of Jesus.
2. Distress of the disciples.
3. Challenge of faith.

#### III. Results of the Miracles.

1. Attempt to make him king.
2. The night of prayer.
3. Jesus walks on the water.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATIONS

In our lesson today, we find the apostles returning from their missionary tour through Galilee. No doubt their successful ministry had stirred the people, and also John the Baptist had just been beheaded by Herod and his followers were coming to Jesus in their trouble, and disappointments.

All of these emotions caused the crowds to gather so dense around Jesus, and the apostles that they found it necessary to withdraw to a private place for rest. The death of John surely must have lifted, over the pathway of Jesus, the shadow of His own cross. Not only the pressure of the needs of the multitudes, but this burden of His own death for the sins of the people, was swiftly closing in.

We like to think of Jesus as a God, but He was also a human, and found it necessary to be alone with God to receive strength and guidance. Note the words, "Come ye apart." Would to God that our spiritual ears were so inclined and sensitive toward God that we could hear many times more than we do, those precious words, "Come ye apart." It is then and only then, as we separate ourselves from worldly things, close our hearts' door to everything, except God, that we are ready to receive those good things that cometh down from above. When Mary sat at the feet of Jesus He commented that she had chosen the better part. As we choose the better part, making ourselves to become silent before Him, He can bless that little that we have. Our temporal supplies will be sufficient for us, and we will have some to divide with those that are less fortunate than ourselves. It is while we are in secret communion with God, that the grace of God is so increased in our hearts. We are ready and able to tell others about the things of God. He that caused the loaves and fishes to increase is able to make all grace abound to His word.

Sunday, March 20, 1938.

KEEPING THE BODY STRONG

Daily Readings and Meditations  
March 14-20.

- M. Christianity and health. Mark 6:53-56.
- T. Prenatural Influences. Judges 13:8-14.
- W. The body belongs to God. 1 Cor. 6:12-20.
- T. The body sacramental. Romans 12.
- F. Mis-used energies. 1 Cor. 12:1-13.
- S. Discipline of the body. 1 Cor. 9:24-27.
- S. The overcoming Life. 1 John 2:12-17.

Printed Portion.....Mark 6:53-56;

Judges 13:12-14; 1 Corinthians 3:16-17; Romans 12:1-2.

Mark 6:53. And when they had passed over, they came into the land of Gennesaret, and drew to the shore.

54. And when they were come out of the ship, straightway they knew him.

55. And ran through that whole region round about, and began to carry about in beds those that were sick, where they heard he was.

56. And whithersoever he entered, into villages, or cities, or country, they laid the sick in the streets, and

beseought him that they might touch if it were but the border of his garment: and as many as touched him were made whole.

Judges 13:12. And Manoah said, Now let thy words come to pass. How shall we order the child, and how shall we do unto him?

13. And the angel of the Lord said unto Manoah, Of all that I said unto the woman let her beware.

14. She may not eat of anything that cometh of the vine, neither let her drink wine or strong drink. nor eat any unclean thing: all that I commanded her let her observe.

1 Cor. 3:16. Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?

17. If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are.

Romans 12:1. I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

2. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATIONS

Again in our lesson for today we find Jesus coming to the rescue of those in need. Those bodies that had become the victim of disease and decay were immediately made whole by the great physician. The title of our lesson today is, "Keeping the Body Strong."

We cannot even imagine the number of bodies that have been wasted away by the effects of sin and luxury. While a strong, healthy body is a blessing from God, yet of what avail is a strong body if it houses a soul that is filled with corruption and vileness? The body cannot remain sound long in such circumstances, for the body is but a servant of the soul. "As a man thinketh in his heart so is he." And sooner or later his words and deeds will follow in the same ruts which the thoughts have made.

The Holy Spirit dwells within every saved person, hence his body is the house of God, set apart for God's sacred use. We should therefore glorify God in our bodies. With this thought in mind, we should refrain from punishing the body by not wearing the proper clothing to protect it from the weather, nor is it saintly to wear tight clothing or high heeled shoes, which interfere with the proper functioning of the different organs of the body.

In regard to this, we also hear the inspired words, "Be not fashioned according to this world." Anything that we have to wear because it is a fashion is only a trick of Satan. Instead of asking one another so much in regard to the looks of a certain wearing apparel, let us humbly ask ourselves, "Can I afford to do those questionable things that only hinder some ones confidence in me? Can I wear this little hat on the side of my head to the glory of God?"

The word also instructs not to be conformed to the

world, but to be transformed by the renewing of our mind. The mind that was continually in search of self honor and praise is now desirous that all things be done to the glory of God. Every one of us should desire to find that, "Good and acceptable will of God," and abide therein.

Sunday ..March 27, 1938.

**CORRECTING WRONG IDEAS OF RELIGION**  
Daily Readings and Meditations

March 21-27.

- M. Wrong ideas about religion. Mark 7:1-13.
- T. Wrong ideas about worship. John 4:19-26.
- W. Wrong ideas about prayer. 2 Cor. 12:1-10.
- T. Wrong ideas about forgiveness. Matt. 18:21-35.
- F. Wrong ideas about happiness. Luke 12:13-21.
- S. Wrong ideas about serving God. Matt. 25:31-46.
- S. How to please God. Psalms 24:1-6.

Printed Portion.....Mark 7:1-13.

Mark 7:1. Then came together unto him the Pharisees, and certain of the scribes, which came from Jerusalem.

2. And when they saw some of his disciples eat bread with defiled, that is to say, with unwashen, hands, they found fault.

3. For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, except they wash their hands oft, eat not, holding the tradition of the elders.

4. And when they come from the market, except they wash, they eat not. And many other things there be, which they have received to hold, as the washing of cups, and pots, brasen vessels, and of tables.

5. Then the Pharisees and scribes asked him, Why walk not thy disciples according to the tradition of the elders, but eat bread with unwashen hands

6. He answered and said unto them, Well hath Esaias prophesied of you hypocrites, as it is written, This people honoureth me with their lips, but their heart is far from me.

7. Howbeit in vain do they worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men.

8. For laying aside the commandment of God, ye hold the tradition of men, as the washing of pots and cups: and many other such like things ye do.

9. And he said unto them, Full well ye reject the commandment of God, that ye may keep your own tradition.

10. For Moses said, Honour thy father and mother; and, Whoso curseth father or mother, let him die the death:

11. But ye say, If a man shall say to his father or mother, It is Corban, that is to say, a gift, by what-so ever thou mightest be profited by me; he shall be free.

12. And ye suffer him no more to do ought for his father or his mother;

13. Making the word of God of none effect through your tradition, which ye have delivered: and many such like things do ye.

Golden Text: This people honoureth me with their lips. But their heart is far from me. Mark 7:6.

Points for Emphasis.

I. Criticism of the Pharisees.

1. Their charges and traditions.

2. Criticism today against the child of God.

II. The defense of Jesus.

1. Man's Ideas—Versus God's commandments.

2. Rejection of God's word.

3. The answer.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATIONS

Our lesson today is another controversy between Jesus and the Pharisees. We notice that it wasn't the outright and vile sinners that caused Jesus so much trouble of that day. It is even so today. "We wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against spiritual wickedness in high places." Yes, the opposer of the truth is still in the world today. Just as sure as there is a God of compassion and mercy to extend His kingdom on the earth, so also there is the power of Satan to tear down, and confuse, and discourage. Satan is not working so much through sinners, as he is through church professors to hinder the spread and advance of God's cause.

The one that is not coming face to face with the opposing forces surely is not witnessing very much for the Lord. The very instant that a soul is redeemed, the battle is won, but we thank God for the victory we find in Him. The Pharisees boldly delivered their attack, not upon the disciples, but upon Jesus, on the ground that He was responsible for the acts of the disciples.

So it is today the reproach that comes on account of us falls indirectly upon our Saviour. Those things which we humbly bear for His cause is gladly lifted by Him for we hear Him say, "Cast all your cares upon me." and as much as you have done it unto one of these, my little ones, ye have done it unto me. Many people are glad to enjoy the blessing of the Lord, while everything is going nicely, but let obstacles and troubles arise and they are ready to be silent until the battle has been won. If the blood stains the cross for us, let us in turn stand by the cross when the Lord has need of us.

The tradition was that if a Jew by chance came near or touched a sinner, that he became unclean and only through much bathing and washing was he made clean again. How different was this from the attitude that Jesus had, for he came to seek and save that which was lost, also "he that cometh to me, I will in no wise cast out."

"This people honoureth me with their lips, but their heart is far from me."

How does this declaration sound to us? Is it just one of the many scriptures or is it the inspired word of God thundering into our souls? Does all the ambitions and desires of our heart arise from a pure God given motive? Does the service rendered from our hearts reach the height of perfection as does those words that come from our lips? Our intentions may be good, but that will not suffice. The Spirit of God in the heart will bring forth fruit to the glory of God.

The lesson for April 3 is "Serving Other Races," Mark 7:24-37.