

FAITH AND VICTORY

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

HAVE FAITH
IN GOD

GOD IS
LOVE

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

JESUS
SAVES

A PAPER
FOR ALL
CHRISTIANS

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Walking With The Wise

He that walketh with the wise
Shall be a wise man too;
And many arts of wisdom's ways
Himself will learn to do.

Reproof, and counsel, precious stones,
He clings to them most dear;
He buys the truth, and sells it not
And walks in godly fear.

Evil companions he disdains,
For scorners are a snare
"Deliver me from evil, Lord"
This is his daily prayer.

"Keep me O Lord from evil men,
Help me their ways to shun,
But in the straight and narrow path,
Help me to daily run."

He follows righteousness and truth
With those that fear the Lord;
His steps are firm, his heart is light
He leans upon his God.

He is not afraid of sudden fear,
Firm is his confidence;
The angels always hover near,
To be his strong defense.

Come, walk with wise men, and be wise
Come, walk in wisdom's path.
Turn from the way of evil men;
Which leads to ruin at last.

—Ulysses Phillips.

LOVE

The greatest thing God ever gave to man is love.
God is love, and all true love is of God.

God so loved this world of sinners that He sent His only son, that whosoever will receive Jesus Christ, believe and obey all His Word, with all the heart and mind, will surely gain heaven.

God spared Abraham when he was about to sacrifice Isaac, but he could not save Jesus and us too—hence the great and bloody sacrifice on the cross of Calvary. Love did it all. Jesus was, and is the very embodiment of divine love. Those who are in the kingdom of heaven now, here on earth, know this as they behold Him in love, humility, and all the heavenly graces, which He has brought to earth for the edification of His Church or Bride. Those who abide in Jesus, and His Word in them wear these ornaments—they are of value.

Satan, the great rival of Jesus Christ, thru the flesh or carnal minded professors, is trying to imitate or counterfeit the graces that Jesus puts upon His people. How the church did shine in her heavenly graces on the day of Pentecost when the Holy Ghost opened to her and led her into this great gospel kingdom: the kingdom the prophets foretold.

Brother, sister, are you exploring this kingdom? It is your privilege today. Only the Holy Ghost leads us into this kingdom—a kingdom of love: divine love. It is wonderful; it soars into the heavens; it has no respect of persons; it is after poor lost souls—to see that dead soul brought to life, and born of God's Spirit; sanctified by the Holy Ghost, and filled with the divine love of God.

Jesus says, "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another."

—Sister Edward Wetzel.

God Loves You!

A great many Saints are in much darkness as to the peculiar leadings and dealings of God with us.

God deals with every individual and much more than many think and will guide and chasten us, and settle us to our respective places in the body, and we will be saved or lost according to our yielding to his will or rejecting his pleasure.

Man is so prone to want his own way that some times God has to use severe measures to teach and instruct us and get us to do his will and pleasure.

We look out upon this world, and see some people that prosper, and have health of body, and yet do not pretend to serve God, or love Him. We see others that make a profession of religion, and do many good deeds, and yet they are in poverty, and perhaps badly afflicted in body, having a hard struggling time.

We may question, "Is God dealing justly with both these parties?" I am confident that God is dealing righteously with every soul. God sees the heart of everyone and makes no mistakes, he is doing all that he can to get every soul to heaven and at the same time allowing them that which their heart want most. Some will not serve God, will not do his will and would die with a hard heart rather than yield to God and his ways, so the Lord just has to let them go, knowing that all they will ever get is what they have in this world, and he just allows them to have it. In the heart of the other, God sees that there is a chance of him yielding, if proper pressure is brought to bear upon him, so He allows afflictions and oftentimes poverty, to get him to his extremity so that God can have an opportunity of saving his soul, or if he is saved to get him to yield to His will, that he can get glory out of his life by using the things that God gives him to furtherance of the cause. It is not your money, or the things you possess, which God has given to you, that is most at stake, for all things is His anyway. He is creator and He owns the cattle on a thousand hills. God is proving us to see where our affections are, and the only way that He will truly know, and you will know, is for you to really give it up inasmuch that it is clear out of your hands where you can never recall it any more, and when you give it to His cause, it is just like giving back to God that which is already His, for He gave it to you in the beginning, and in this way you will prove to God and to your own satisfaction, that your affections are on things above, where Christ sitteth at the right hand of God. "Many are called, but few are chosen." We

are called now to follow Him if we are saved, but we will only be chosen to dwell with Him in eternity, after we have proved faithful to the end of a Christian race. You can be one of the few if you choose to be. You can be otherwise if you draw back. There are fiery furnaces and trails of faith for every one of us, all along the way, for God is preparing us for heaven and immortal glory.

Recently a Sister wrote me that for years her husband would not give up to God in fulness, trying to persuade himself that God did not require it, and he went on for years in this way, with much dissatisfaction in his soul. Finally God allowed him to get down with an affliction and for weeks and weeks he suffered untold agonies in sickness, and finally he got willing to give up and loosen his heart from some wealth, and then God blessed his soul, and made him know that he was well pleased. He wanted this told so others who were in the condition he was would not turn a deaf ear to God, but would give up, and give to his cause, so they would not have to undergo the prolonged suffering that he has tasted.

A brother one time was told by his wife to get a sack of flour for a sister who was in need. The brother thought of it lightly, and went on to the store, and got food supplies for his own family, and didn't get the flour for the Sister neighbor. That night the brother lay down to sleep, but could not sleep, and a bad cough began. He prayed and prayed, and asked God to remove the cough so he could sleep, but the cough grew worse and worse, and he prayed and prayed, but no help came. The heavens seemed as brass. Finally the Lord spoke to him and said, "Will you get this Sister a sack of flour?" The brother answered that he would, and the cough ceased and he fell asleep at once. In the morning he went to the store and got her a sack of flour, and inquired of the Lord if there was something else he could get her. The Lord moved him to get a bucket of syrup, and some other groceries. This is one of God's ways of working with us.

It is His righteous dealings to prove us, and while this is one on a small scale, yet He will work in larger matters in like manner.

I am going to give you another illustration of some of God's precious dealings with men, to get them to heaven if possible. We will say that there was a man, that God gave health and strength, and ability, with good judgment, and in his young manhood blessed him with a lovely, sensible wife. As years went on they accumulated quite a lot of earthly wealth, and was also blessed with a large family of bright happy

children. The Lord wanted this man to use his wealth, He had given him, to the glory of God, by giving to the cause in various places. But this man was very slow about doing very much, holding tight to the major part of it, or rather practically all of it. God in His mercy sees that the man's heart and affection is strongly attached to the things that he possesses, and He sees honesty there, and love for Him in great quantities, but yet the man will lose his soul in the end unless God can, in some way, get him to loosen and transfer his affection more to heaven and His will. God begins to work upon him to tender his heart toward Him, and get treasures in heaven for him, so He allows an affliction to fall upon one of his children. He is humbled in calling upon God to heal and spare the child, but God sees it needful to take the child, and one of his little treasures are in heaven, and his affections are much up there. He determines to live so that he will be able to go to that child, but as time goes on his heart fails to let go of his earthly possessions, and consequently starts failing God again. In kindness and love for his soul, God deals with him again, and another child is taken and perhaps this time it is one which is more dear to his heart. His soul is bleeding, and he cries out to God, and promises to be faithful, and meet the child in heaven. As time goes on he begins to fail again, and draws back from turning loose, and giving of his substance, as it would please the Lord and prove that he loves the things God has given him more than he loves the giver. With great mercy and compassion upon him God cause his wife to be stricken and it seems that she too will soon be going to join the little ones of the family in that heavenly abode. The wife that was the joy of his youth and became bone of his bone, and flesh of his flesh, the one that has stood by him through the years of toil, and was the main stem in the accumulation of their wealth, and the one that he now loves with deep heart felt love. He sees her health gone, he sees the colorless face, the drawn and sickly features. His heart is torn, and he cannot bear the thought of soon losing her. He promises and cries, and prays, but God knows that he has promised before, and in love for his soul, the sickness continues. He is drawn out toward God more and more, but fails to get to the place where God would be satisfied, that he would be obedient and willing in His hand. With great compassion and mercy, He allows the death angel to visit again, and this time the mother and life long companion is gone to heaven, and his treasure is so great in heaven that he longs to go there and meet with his dear ones. At last God has

gained victory for him over his affections, and they are in heaven now. He is giving as God directs, and the earthly things which God had given, he is now giving back to the Lord, and proving that he loves Him more than the things which God had given him.

Dear ones, God's ways are not our ways. "His ways and thoughts are higher above our ways, and our thoughts as the heavens are above the earth." (Isaiah 55:9.) Let each of us seek for His ways, and do them, for our souls will be happy and heaven will be sure.

He Believed In His God

"My God hath sent his angel, and hath shut the lions' mouths, that they have not hurt me: forasmuch as before him innocency was found in me; and also before thee, O king, have I done no hurt. Then was the king exceeding glad for him, and commanded that they should take Daniel up out of the den. So Daniel was taken up out of the den, and no manner of hurt was found upon him, because he believed in his God." Daniel 6:22-23.

While meditating and asking the Lord to give me something to feed on and to fortify in these testing times, this beautiful and soul stirring passage of Daniel and also the three Hebrew boys' life increased within my being a greater, tenacious belief and trust in God. These noble boys were consecrated to the death line, to be delivered or be consumed. God saw their innocency of heart, their decision and He and His angel delivered them right in the furnace and the den of lions. The king had them brought forth. Fiery trials, deep sorrow and heavy burdens come our way. Seems some time that we are down in a dungeon and the enemy will try to daunt us in various ways.

You may have a siege of affliction, unsaved relatives, neighbors and friends will begin to raise a commotion in regard to your condition. What shall we do? Only one remedy; believe in our God. Inasmuch as the Lord sees our innocent heart and our faces set like a flint to Zion and our all given up to His will, certainly He will take the fire out of the trials, stop the mouths of gain sayers, bring us out of the jaws of death and give us victory over the hosts of the devil. Thank the Lord.

Oh for more consecrated saints. Let everyone turn our eyes inward and ask the Lord to enlarge our soul for an increase of all the graces that is needed to hold on and to believe the Lord in the face of whatever ordeal He permits to come to us. Ella Phillips.

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PRAYER REQUESTS

Pray for sister Dora Brown of W. Va. for complete healing of her body.

Pray for Sis. Hamilton's daughter of Tullahassee who is sick and desires complete healing. She has been helped so much through the Saints' prayers.

Pray for Bro. C. L. Schellenberger and wife. He has lost the hearing of one ear and she is afflicted with the Asthma. They live in Ill.

Pray for Richard Lovelady who has the T. B., and for Claude Gilbert who has heart trouble.

Pray for Alven Jones of Oregon who is paralyzed.

Bro. Gerrit Joostberns writes asking prayer for the work at Holland, Mich. Ask God to build it up there and to inspire and give wisdom to the few faithful ones in that place.

Pray for Jennie Smith of Springville, Ind. She is sick in body and wants to get saved.

We ask the saints everywhere to pray earnestly for Bro. and Sister Krause of Florida. They are dear saints of God and are in great affliction. He has been sick for a long time with heart trouble and she is weakened in body by the continual stress and strain of these afflictions. Pray through for them.

Books wanted: "Heaven a City, A Place, A Home," by Edward M. Eounds. Also, "Light of Christianity" by Charlie Orr. If you have these books for sale write to R. A. Justice R. 1, Belmont, S. Car.

We have a few of the Faith and Victory, 1937 year books on hands and will send a book to any address for 35 cents. These books contains eleven copies of the Faith and Victory papers bound together and covered with a good paper cover.

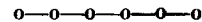
Editorials

In the last issue of "Faith and Victory" paper, we were impressed of the Lord to make mention of the great need of a linotype machine for His Print shop here at Guthrie. Since then the Lord has been touching hearts that are consecrated to Him, and some have been responding and our hearts are much encouraged that the Lord will soon have a new linotype machine installed here in the print shop, which will be an untold blessing to the printing work. The linotype machine is the most important machine in the printing work, as every line of printed matter that goes out is set and molded for printing by the linotype machine.

By turning the old machine in on a new linotype, we can get a new linotype for \$3200. Nearly half of that amount has already been offered to the Lord on the new linotype. This ought to encourage our many readers who have been agreeing with us in prayer for this new machine since the last issue of the paper. If others now, that have the Lord's money, will send in good substantial offerings for the new linotype, we will soon have it set up in the print shop, working for the Lord and the need of precious souls. Let each one look to the Lord and do all you can, so the printing work will not be lagging and hindered because of this need. We should keep in mind that we can do nothing for the Lord and precious souls after we are laid under the sod, so what we do we must do now!

Eleven years ago when God burdened us for a Cylinder press for the shop, the Saints began to respond with offerings from different states, some sending fifty dollars, some one, and some two hundred dollars. One brother sent six hundred, so we were soon able to put in a fifteen hundred dollar printing press, and this press is working as good today as the day we bought it and will be good for years to come. Some souls that paid on this press have gone on to glory where their treasures are. I am sure that they had a happy greeting in heaven.

Brethren and Sisters! let us each be at our best for God while He keeps life in these mortal bodies. Keep praying and looking to God with faith, and we will soon be able to report the installing of this new linotype machine, which will be setting up manuscript for tracts, books and papers for many years to come, and in this way you can be preaching the gospel by proxy.



In the last verse of the fifth chapter of Matthew, Jesus gives us a commandment that, if obeyed, would bring joy and comfort in this life and assure them of heaven in the end. I will quote this verse, "Be ye therefore perfect even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect." Many no doubt, pass this scripture up, and do not heed it, as though Jesus did not mean what He said. Dear reader, Jesus spoke no idle words and His teachings are essential to us, and to be obeyed if we ever reach heaven. Jesus would not enjoin duties upon us without giving us grace, power and wisdom to perform them.

This scripture does not mean that we will be perfect in knowledge, wisdom, and power equal with God, only to the extent as he gives light and knowledge, but we can

be perfect in heart to do to others as He does unto us. A perfect heart toward God is one that is always ready to do, and does what God directs regardless of whether it is to self-advantage or otherwise, to friend or enemy, out of a perfect heart, the love of God will flow to do them good.

You notice above this verse Jesus says that God sends the rain on the just, and on the unjust, and maketh the sun to rise on the evil and good alike. So to be perfect as our Father in heaven is perfect, we will do good unto all men, whether friend or foe. This has been the record of all the true Saints of God. Isaac would not fight his enemies, and injure them when they took his wells away from him. Joseph was hated by his brothers and treated extremely evil, but when opportunity presented itself, he did them good in return for evil. David would not kill Saul, his enemy when he had opportunity. When Jesus was hung on the cross by His enemies, and suffered shame and disgrace, and was bleeding and dying He said, "Father, forgive them, they know not what they do." When Stephen was being stoned to death by those that hated him, he said, "Father lay not this sin to their charge." This is being perfect, as the Father is perfect.

When Jesus saw the masses of people in sin and traveling the broad way to destruction, He yearned for them, and was moved with great compassion and desire; and exclaimed to the disciples, "Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields, for they are white, all ready to harvest." (John 4:35.)

Today there is a great need of laborers in the great soul harvest as the hosts of mankind are in sin and bound for eternal night unless some one will reach them with the saving gospel of Christ. There is also a great need of those who are not called to directly carry the gospel to souls to be willing to give and support those that are laboring and bringing the gospel to bear directly upon the hearts of men. Those whom God has favored with earthly goods should deem it a pleasure to support the gospel that is being carried to men by the printed page and otherwise, as we are all "Workers together with God" and every member being active in his or her place will cause the whole body to function freely to the gathering in of precious souls. God wants the gospel sent to men, whether they receive it or not, and He is depending on you and I to do it.

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Incorporated in the word salvation is justification and sanctification, or baptism of the Holy Ghost. God never intended for anyone to stop short of being sanctified wholly, as this means that the Holy Ghost will abide there. He never will abide in your heart until you let Him in and He cleans it up, then He will remain, live there, and rule and govern you as long as you keep consecrated to all the will of God. A justified person is one who has all their actual sins and transgression forgiven, blotted out of God's book by repentance and faith in the atoning blood of the Lord Jesus Christ. The first thing that a person needs to realize is that he is a sinner, and lost, then he becomes sorry in heart because he has wronged a just God, one who gives him

his very life and has provided, and does provide for him daily. He seeks God with a contrite spirit, and a broken heart, pleads guilty of transgressing his laws, and asks God to have mercy on him, and God is faithful to forgive him, and he points him to Jesus on the cross, giving His life's blood, which being innocent, atones for all of his sins, and he sees his sins all blotted out by the blood and he is a free man, as Jesus paid the penalty of death, which hung over his head because of transgression. He is happy now because the wrath of God is lifted, and he has peace with God through Jesus Christ our Lord. If he follows on to please the Lord, he will soon find out that there is a defilement in the soul, a seed of evil that Satan has planted there through the fall of Adam and Eve, a carnal nature (Rom. 8:7) that will hinder him from pleasing the Lord all the time and troubles him in many ways. He finds in the word that God calls us to holiness and a pure heart (Matt. 5:8.) to be sanctified wholly (Rom. 12:1) to receive the comforter (John 16:7) to be baptized with the Holy Ghost (Acts 2:14), which will cleanse him from that carnal nature (2 Thess. 5:23) and give him power to witness for God (Acts 1:8), and live free from sin of every kind. He comes to God again not repenting, because he never committed this evil that exists, but he consecrates, sets himself apart for God's sacred use (Rom. 12:1), now, and for all time to come, and when God sees the consecration is complete, he sends the Holy Ghost, who comes into the heart, cleanses it, and begins to live and dwell there, setting them apart to be God's vessel of clay, or temple of the Holy Ghost, and then we can say as the apostle Paul, "It is no longer I, but He." When this experience is yours, you have a complete salvation, as far as the soul is concerned, and the very God of peace will continue to preserve your whole soul, body and spirit blameless until He comes, as you keep yielded to Him. You have to choose Him now and continue to choose Him through all the days and years to come, if you get into heaven. God will not take you to heaven against your will, you continually say from the heart, "Thy will be done."

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OBITUARIES

On the eighth day of February, eighteen hundred and seventy-three in the small town of Sulphur Springs, Texas, a son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Allen Booth, whom they named Alfred.

He was reared in Greenville, Texas, and in 1903, he came to Oklahoma City, and on the eighteenth day of October, nineteen hundred and twelve, he was married to Miss Emma Durant, which union has never been broken until now.

His life was one of industry and thrift. For thirty years he was a trusted employee of the Rock Island Railroad, being one of its oldest employees in the service, he was ever faithful to his duty.

"Come unto me all ye that labor 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 in your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

In 1918, he heard this call and heeded the same, and

was saved by being born into the Church of God. Here he labored until he was summoned home, Sunday, March 27, 1938 at 2 o'clock p. m.

"The greatest thing," said someone, "a man can do for his heavenly Father, is to be kind to some of His children." This was exemplified in the life of Brother Booth. His many kind acts and lovable disposition are imperishable monuments to his memory.

He leaves to mourn his loss, a loving wife, Mrs. Emma Booth, a son Herman Booth, one brother, G. W. Booth, and a host of friends.

Funeral services were conducted by Brother Manly Spears. Text: Revelations 20:6.

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Glendale, Calif. Dear Brother Pruitt:

I am requested to send the obituary of Sister Phebe Hollister. She loved the one true way and the Saints of God. She was a faithful servant to the end of her journey here, and was much loved by all who knew her; her departure is our loss, but her gain.

She came among the Saints shortly after she was saved in the year 1895 and accepted the truth of the gospel gladly. She was born in the year 1861, in Huron, New York, and passed away March 16, 1938 at 10:45 p. m. at Mission Rest Home, in Glendale, Calif., at the age of 76 years, 3 months, and nine days. She had one daughter, Mrs. Perle Weddell, who preceded her in death on March 25, 1931, at the age of 50.

Sister Hollister is survived by one brother, Wilbur F. Lake, six grandchildren, 5 great grand children, and 2 great great grand children. Services were conducted in Pasadena, Calif., by A. S. Kriebal, and G. E. Harmon. Remains were laid to rest in the Santa Anna Cemetery by her husband's side.

Yours in the service, —Georgia V. Morton.

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Richard Ira Holmes, the fourth child of the Holmes' union was born May 5, 1904 at Marietta Georgia. His parents moved to Oklahoma City, November 17, 1907, when he was but three years old. He grew up as a boy, and into manhood in this immediate community.

On February 28, 1928, he was united in marriage to Miss Lula Pearl King, and lived happily until his death April 5, 1938 at 10:05 p. m.

Richard was always given wholesome and sound advice by his mother and in realizing the seriousness of his illness and also remembering that he had not accepted Christ as his Saviour, his mother and others talked to him about his soul. In the first conversation he told her that there was something that he had to rectify and that he was praying. Later on in the day, he told his mother that everything was all right, and that he was not afraid to die.

He leaves to mourn his loss, a devoted wife, mother, sister, two brothers and a host of relatives.

Funeral services were conducted by Brother Manly Spears, Text Hebrews 12:14.

On the 14th day of May, 1875 in Mufforburg, Tenn., a son was born to Mr. and Mrs. William Jordan, whom

they named Walter.

He lived in Mufforburg until he was 17, after which he came to Okla.

In the year 1898, he was married to Miss Ada Runnels, to which union was born 13 children, 7 sons and 6 daughters.

At the age of 23, he professed a hope in Christ.

Being a carpenter, he was known throughout Okla., because of his work.

Because of his kindness and loving smile, he was loved by all who knew him. His readiness to help others and being a devoted husband and father, these traits will stand as a monument to his memory. He will be missed by all who knew him.

He leaves to mourn his loss, a wife, three sons, three daughters, two grand daughters, one grand son, and a host of relatives and friends.

Funeral services were conducted by Brother Manly Spears on Friday morning. The text was Matt. 25:21.

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CAMP-MEETING NOTICES

There will be a camp-meeting of the Church of God held at Merrill, Mich., from the 16th to the 26th of June.

All Saints and lovers of the Truth, are earnestly invited to attend these meetings. Come praying and enjoy the good services of the Lord, which are for the edifying and unifying of all God's people, and for the the salvation of precious souls. Rank fanaticism or compromise will not be tolerated.

Anyone wishing to know more about this meeting may write to Sister Hazel Mann, R. 1, Alma, Mich., or to Brother W. T. S. Maurer, R., Merrill, Mich.

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The Church of God, Oklahoma State Camp Meeting will be held at Guthrie, Okla. this year. This camp-meeting will begin on Friday, August 5, and run ten days. The Saints have their dining hall, and good camping grounds here, and we are expecting an unusual number of people to attend this meeting.

This meeting will be run on the free-will offering plan, and all the congregation ought to begin now, and receive offerings to help defray the expenses of the meeting.

Ministers, workers, unsaved, and all in this state and other states are invited to attend this meeting. The Saints at Guthrie are in a good spiritual condition, and the Lord is adding souls to the church often in the regular services. You will find the Saints here are manifesting the truth, which Jesus spoke, "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another." Prepare to attend this meeting and treat your soul to a good feast from Father's bountiful table.

—A member in the Body.

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A CORRECTION

There was a mistake made in the last issue concerning the Tulsa meetings, which we wish to rectify in this notice.

The Protracted meeting will begin at Tulsa on the 22nd of June, and will last until the 30th of June. The camp-meeting will begin July 1st, and last ten days.

Bring your straw ticks and bedding; straw will be furnished to all. This meeting will be run on the free will offering plan. Come praying for a good meeting.

For further information write to Brother Sam Barton, R. F. D. 3, Box 680; or Bro. B. J. Douglas, 1602 N. Peora, Tulsa, Oklahoma.

The General Southern Camp-meeting of the Church of God will be held on the Saint's camp grounds here at Hammond, La., beginning July 1, to continue over two Sundays, or until July 10. This gives an opportunity to attend here and the National Camp-meeting at Monark Springs, Mo. also. More particulars later.

Since we have the State Camp-meeting in Guthrie this summer, and the camp-meetings in Tulsa, and other places in the state, and also the National Camp-meeting in Mo., we feel that it will please the Lord to have a tabernacle meeting here, instead of a camp-meeting. We expect to begin on June 3rd, and continue about three weeks, the Lord willing.

For location and other particulars write O. B. Wilson, 728 N. Union, Shawnee, Okla.

Causes Of Infidelity

Some give this for the cause, "Men love darkness rather than light, because their deeds are evil." (John 3:19.) But then the question, "Why do men love darkness and why are their deeds evil?" These are the questions we wish to answer and consider first. According to the Word of God, there are two causes. Infidelity is produced by these two causes, acting conjointly. The primary cause is man's depravity, and the second, is lack of knowledge. We will first notice the more remote cause: man's sinful nature, or the carnal mind, which Paul said is, enmity toward God, for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can it be." Now in regard to man's wicked nature one can readily see how it would cause him to believe a lie, rather than the truth, especially God's Word. This wicked nature (carnality) being a child of the devil naturally would bend man's belief toward falsehoods. Consequently we see man's lack of information is a production of the first cause. (depravity.)

We find more infidelity among the learned men of the world today than any other class of people. It sounds strange to some no doubt, to speak of the ignorance of educated people, but Peter speaks of some who are "willingly ignorant" this also is the fruit of depravity; which retards man's labor in searching after truth. Man in this awful condition is so bound, that he has but very little desire or appetite for truth, which naturally leads him into

the second or approximate cause of men loving darkness rather than light. In man's depraved condition, he is prone to evil; he has no relish for the good things written in the Bible; he hates God, although he may not think he does, but his very nature is enmity toward God. This is the first proof of his depraved condition; the next being his love for falsehood. He may not be conscious of any enmity against God, some really think they love God. The reason he loves where he really hates is simply this, he does not hate that which he calls God, in fact he approves of the character which he himself has drawn of God, for it resembles more or less the character of the one who has drawn it, but his idea of God differs widely from the character drawn of God in the Bible. He does not love the God of the Bible, although he does love a God whose character resembles that of the man before you. (self.)

Light stands for the truth, and darkness means falsehood. It would be hard to make a man believe he prefers falsehood to truth, and yet it is a full depraved condition, a very little falsehood told against the Bible will be believed by some sooner than than volumes written in its favor.

In Paul's letters to the Ephesians he speaks of this class of people thus: "Having the understanding darkened, and being alienated from the life of God through the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart: who being past feeling have given themselves over unto lasciviousness with greediness." Here are a few infidel's objections to the Bible, "Because it teaches that God sends His disobedient children to hell," and that "He visits the iniquities of the father on children from the third to the fourth generation." To the above, I would say that God does not send His children to hell, the broad and narrow way is before us; God does not make or coax you to go either way, he lets man do as he pleases. If he pleases to take the narrow or straight way that leads to heaven, God will not hinder him; he has his right of choice. Choose ye which ye will serve, if the Lord be God, serve him, but if Baal, serve him."

As to the next objection, I would say that God never did say that He would visit the sins of the father on the children. Just as sure as the child resembles its father in likeness, the nature of the child will reproduce the traits or characteristics of the father. We know of children who have suffered all their lives and their children suffered because of the iniquity or disease of the grand parent. Again "I don't believe the Bible, because it teaches unity,

and where in the world do we see it?" It also teaches purity, and I think one would have to go out of the world to find it. Yes, Jesus and the apostles taught and practised unity, and as to purity none but the pure will get into heaven. It is true you will not find it in the world, but listen to what Jesus said, "They are not of the world even as I am not of the world." Thank God He still has a people who are not of the world.

Time and space will not permit me in this article, to mention the many other things that cause infidelity, and with the Lord willing, we will have more on the above theme later.

Yours in Him, —G. E. Harmon.

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CORRESPONDENCE

Jefferson, Oregon. Dear Saints of God, and Brethren everywhere:

I have not written much of late, but can truly say we are still on the firing line for God; and have been quite busy all winter, doing all we could in our weak way for His cause.

My wife and I left our home, November twenty-second, and went to visit our daughter and family, near Pittsburg, California; and while in that country we held two meetings in Fresno, Calif., and on the twenty-sixth of December we went to Los Angeles, to the assembly meeting, which we do believe was owned and blessed of the Lord; and we believe much good was done and Saints were encouraged. Brother John Stretch and wife were there from Neosho, Mo., and added much in preaching the word.

After the assembly, we went to Whittier, and held more than three weeks meeting there, which was owned and blessed of the Lord; from there we went to Glendale, and was there more than two weeks in a wonderful meeting; and then we went back to Los Angeles, for part of one week, in another very precious meeting. We do believe that God has blessed in a wonderful way in all those meetings, for which we do give Him all the praise. Brethren, we do believe that little frictions and misunderstandings were gotten out of the way, and that brethren came together, embracing each other, and confessing their mistakes. God did wonderfully bless, and unity prevailed. We can say that we have enjoyed the best meetings that we have been in for a number of years; I feel sure that the brethren of the west, that may chance to be in the National Camp-meeting, will be enabled to come with songs and everlasting joy upon their heads.

Brethren, we are encouraged very much with the work, and I do feel burdened to be in the National Camp-meeting and also other camp-meetings this summer, so pray that God might open the way that we be there; let us all strive together for the unity of the Spirit, in the bond of peace.

Yours In Christ, —Mr. and Mrs. H. W. White.

Ripley, Okla. To the Saints of God:

Today finds me saved and all on the altar ready to do anything my hands find to do. I have turned my back to the world, sectism and the spirit of the Trumpet compromise. I have been with the Trumpet 42 years, and have watched the compromise until I could stand it no longer, so I did as 2 Cor. 6:17 says. I know that I mourn the loss of many old friends, but I had to take my stand for the whole truth, or lose my soul, and I can't afford to do that, for my soul is worth more than all the worldly friends that I might have. When you read this, look to the Lord in my behalf, for I need your prayers that I may be able to stand true and walk in the light as the dear Lord flashes on my pathway. I know according to nature that I haven't much longer to stay in this world, for I am getting to be an old man.

I am taking the Lord for my Saviour, sanctifier, healer, and keeper.

Your brother in Christ.

—J. R. Elmor.

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Tulsa, Okla. Dear Saints scattered abroad:

As I have been thinking of God's goodness to us, I felt led to send in my testimony. This finds me still on the Lord's side, and encouraged to go all the way with my dear blessed Saviour. Truly this salvation is worth so much to us, we just can't tell all the good it does for us. I want to draw your attention to two words that we are acquainted with. One word is command; let us notice what Webster says that it means. He says, "An order, or a force under command, to dominate. The other word is commend. Webster's meaning for this is, "To commit, intrust, or give in charge for care of preservation, or to recommend as worthy of confidence."

I want to serve by commend, as I fear God does not get the glory out of our lives if we must serve by command. I know God can get more glory out of our lives if we will only do as Jesus did in Luke 23:46. He said, "Father in thy hands I commend my spirit."

Dear Saints, God has called you for service, let us commend ourselves in His hands. We will meet trials and tests every day, so we must be able to say to the Lord, "I commend my ways unto thee." I want to be ready for service, great or small, but I need your prayers, for I want to see my Redeemer's smiling face. I want to stir up your pure minds regarding our duty toward the Lord's work. It is now planting time. Let us plant some extra seeds for the camp-meeting, and can it up, and send it to our local and state camp-meetings, and the general meetings also. Remember, we are all working for the defence of the gospel; let us give our first fruits and vegetables to help put this gospel over the top. It takes means to run these meetings, and God has people who will carry on His work, so let us all do with our might what our hands find to do.

Let us pray for God to send forth more laborers in the white field for souls. So many are crying from within for someone to help them to be saved.

I remain, just a Sister wanting to do heart service for our blessed Lord and Saviour, and our lost fellowmen.

—Hettie Barton.

« Young People's Section »

The Right Path

"We shall run and not be weary
We shall walk and never faint,"
Is the promise of the Saviour
To the ones He calls His saints.

Though our path be lined with thistles
And with thorns along the way,
God will make them bloom with roses,
For our comfort every day.

Jesus said, "My yoke is easy,
And my burden is light."
'Tis a precious promise to us—
Doth make our pathway bright.

If we suffer with our Saviour,
While we journey here below,
He will fit us with a mansion
And a robe as white as snow.

So my brother, and my sister,
Keep on traveling every day,
For this day will soon be over—
Near the ending of the way.

Then we will arise and join our Saviour,
And our friends and loved ones see
There we'll be with them forever,
Throughout all eternity.

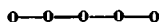
—W. C. McMakin.

Editorials

On the past Lord's day morning (April 17th) the sermon brought forcefully to our hearts the importance of believing that Christ was resurrected from the dead in order that the sinner might obtain salvation. The text was this: "But for us also, to whom it shall be imputed, if we believe on him that raised up Jesus our Lord from the dead; who was delivered for our offenses, and was raised again for our justification." The next verse goes on to say, "Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God." Faith in the resurrection brings justification. Christ's death alone was not sufficient for our salvation. We must believe in a risen, living Christ, not just think of Him dying on the cross and placed in the tomb. To prove that our belief in the resurrection is essential to our salvation, let us notice Paul's epistle to the Corinthians (1 Cor. 15:14-17): "And if Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vain, and your faith is also vain. Yea, and we are found false witnesses of God; because we have testified of God that he raised up Christ: whom he raised not up, if so be that the

dead rise not. And if Christ be not raised, your faith is vain; ye are yet in your sins."

We see then if we do not believe in the resurrection as well as the crucifixion, we have believed in vain, and we are yet in our sins, so says the Word of God. For this reason and for this purpose we practice the ordinance of water baptism which is a type, not only of Christ's death and burial, but also of His resurrection. Believing that Christ came forth literally as our personal King, we are resurrected spiritually to walk in newness of life as a subject in His kingdom. We cannot get saved by just believing that Christ died for us; we are saved by His resurrection. Let us read 1 Peter 3: 21-22: "The like figure whereunto even baptism doth also now save us by the resurrection of Jesus Christ: who is gone into the heavens and is on the right hand of God: angels and authorities and powers being made subject unto Him."



Many people have the idea that only ministers are called to God's service. However, just a relatively few are called to this work. Then what is the call and the work of the remainder of the church?

This prevalent opinion has brought about a double standard of Christian living—one for ministers and missionaries, and another for all other Christians. It is true that the work of the minister calls for technical differences of administration, but the spirit of sacrifice and unselfishness should be possessed by both. The lay-member has no more right to make wealth and lay it up for himself than the preacher. The divine command not to lay up treasures on earth is given to one and all. God's ministers do not expect to accumulate wealth, neither does God expect them to do so. And it is expected of the saints that the ministers should put what comes to their hands into the spread of the gospel, and that is exactly what they do. If this is the standard of sacrifice for the preacher, then what is the standard for the lay-member? The Bible gives no place for two standards. The morning Church held to one standard. There was equality—"they had all things common."

—L. D. P.



Meno, Okla. Dear Brother and Sister Pruitt:

We send you greetings in Jesus' name. Today finds us encouraged and ready to do our duty for the Master. Truly the Lord has been good to us, spared our lives, and set our feet on the solid rock, Christ Jesus. We have never found Him tired of our coming to Him. He has always been merciful, and with a great smile of compassion to help us out of our troubles, and grief. Praise His precious name. Truly, it is good to serve the Lord, for He never leaves us comfortless, and His arms of love embrace us when He sees that we are broken hearted. And though He lets us go through trials of faith, yet He brings us through with victory running over.

Sometimes I sit and wonder what we would do without our great friend. The thought comes to me that the sinner and unjust man can't live without God, although he claims so. His crops, strength, mind, even the air he breathes is given him by the merciful hand of God, and he would be a complete failure without Him. My desire is to set my affections on higher things, and by faith follow the leading hand of the Lord.

We are at the present all well, except mother, who is very ill and desires the Saints to pray that her faith might be increased, and that the Lord will heal her of this affliction. It seems as though the asthma is trying to return with greater force, and bringing other ailments with it, as her bones and joints seem to be very sore and her right lung seems to have a knot in it, which gives her great pain at times. We would that the Lord heal her completely, and if He wants to call her home, though grievous, we want to be submissive, and say, "Not my will, but thine be done. We need your prayers.

We are trusting and praying the Lord to help and bless you abundantly, above all that we can ask.

May the love of God keep you until that great and noble day of our Lord.

Your Sister for the gospel, —Miss Inez Eck.

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Neosho, Mo. Dear Brother and Sister Pruitt, and all the readers of "Faith and Victory":

I just felt like sending in my testimony. I feel encouraged to work for the Lord, and want to always be found doing His will. I am not at all tired of serving the Lord, because I want to do something that will, in a measure, repay the debt that I owe to Christ. I cannot find words to express my gratitude for the sacrifice that was made for my sins, and I want to live so I'll be worthy to suffer for the Lord.

Though trials are coming, yet I have the victory, through Christ. He is the one who helps fight the battles. I intend to go through the fights that I have and always be a winner for Christ.

Pray for me, —Anna Fetters.

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Jesus Is Mine

Yes! Jesus is mine
And always shall be,
His true love divine,
Will ever keep me.

I'll never backslide,
Nor drift from the fold,
Because I've found the treasure
Far richer than gold.

He keeps me each day
In His wonderful love,
I'll live for Him here,
And live with Him above.

—Pauline Metcalf.

CORRESPONDENCE

Dear Christian friend:

I want to thank the dear one who sent me the "Faith and Victory" for 3 months. I know it was God's work. I have enjoyed every word of it, and passed the paper on to my friends to read. I am enclosing twenty-five cents for my subscription. May God's blessings come to the one who sent the paper, as well as all other believers. I want all the Saints to pray for me that I might be healed of a weakness I have had for years. There is no use to tell what it is as God knows, and will heal.

Your Sister in Christ, —Cassie Hassell.

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Clinton, Okla. Dear Sir:

Some time ago, I asked you for some tracts and your paper, "Faith and Victory." I have received them and thank you very much. Inclosed please find twenty-five cents and a few stamps for the tracts and a subscription for the paper. I like it very much.

I have had some experience on Jivine healing myself. I have been here at the Tuberculosis Sanatorium for some time, but expect to go home to my family in about two weeks. The Lord, our Saviour made me well again in body and soul. After I came here I had a vision of Jesus Christ telling me that He was going to make me well, and He did.

Please remember me in your prayers, and pray for my dear wife and children also, for they are not in good health.

A brother in Christ, —William Weida.

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Monarch, Ark. Dear Brothers and Sisters in the one body:

I am led by the Spirit to write you a few lines. I hope you are enjoying the blessings of good health. We are in pretty good health at present. I had a severe attack of the flu in mid-winter, and sent in a request for my healing, and received it almost instantly. Praise His holy name.

You know, beloved, that we have a most wonderful Saviour. A Saviour that is not only able to save from sin, but is able to keep us saved from sin. If He was not; we back here in the backwoods where we can not attend church or Sunday school, and where we never see a preacher of the gospel, would have been backslid long ago. But praise His holy name, we have His blessed Word to go by, which is our only guide to heaven.

I feel that the Lord is a silent guest in our little home for you know, beloved, where Christ abides there is bound to be peace, love, and happiness. It is that way with our home. We have a very poor home, from the outward appearances, and as far as worldly goods are concerned; but it is home sweet home, and rich in the love of Christ Jesus.

We are at present going through some fiery trials, and request that you pray for us, that we be delivered from our present financial embarrassment. You know that the Bible says that prayers of righteous persons availeth much. Praise His name.

Yours in the Saviours love, —F. H. Warner.

Madisonville, Tenn. To all the readers of Faith and Victory:

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 and ye shall find rest unto your soul for my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

Dear souls, I sure have found rest, sweet rest since I have come to Jesus. He forgave all my iniquities and healed all my diseases, for before I came to Jesus, I had been trusting in doctors and medicine when the children or myself were sick. I would sit up at night forcing the children to take the medicine, oh, how I labored and was heavy laden, not knowing my blessed Lord would do this for me, though I was a churchmember and sinned more or less every day. I want to tell you dear honest hearted soul, that Jesus wants us to come unto Him with all our troubles, as He is the only one who can deliver us.

"Cursed be the man that trusteth in man." (Jer. 17:5.) "Blessed is the man that trusteth in the Lord, and whose hope the Lord is." (Jer.17:9.) Bless the Lord O my soul and forget not all His benefits. Who forgiveth all thine iniquities and health, all thy diseases. If the Lord heals all thy diseases there are none left for the doctor. I was asked the other day what doctors were here for? My answer was, "For unbelievers." That is all I could see that they were here for, because I have no need for them, as the Lord is my healer.

When I was anointed and prayed for about three years ago for T. B., I only weighed 105 lbs., but now I weigh 132 lbs., and am still gaining weight. Praise His dear name, what a mighty God we serve.

May God help all His people, when sick or when they are going through trials, to delight themselves in the Lord, and His promises, and He will give you the desire of your hearts. Dear Saints, pray for my unsaved husband and four children and that I might walk a closer walk with Jesus, and that I might win souls for Him. Also pray for my youngest brother and his wife, that they might get saved and take our blessed Lord for their healer.

We need workers here for the Lord. Pray for the Lord to send us true ministers soon.

May God bless and supply your every need is my earnest prayer.

Your Sister for the whole truth, —Rosa Cook.

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Our Sacrifice

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Several years ago at the beginning of the world War, we remember very clearly how everybody was so deeply concerned about it. Every paper in the United States and no doubt many of the foreign countries blazed the news daily of its progress and victories. Parents gladly gave their sons to go to

the battle front at the peril of their lives, to fight in this war against Germany. Great sacrifices were made that these soldiers be well supplied with food, clothing, amunition and medical aid. Uncle Sam was faithful to those who were at the front, we even sacrificed our bread and other seemingly, necessary food to send over there. Mr. McAdoo, who was then Secretary of the Treasury, put on liberty Loan drives and every person was urged to buy them. Many loyal citizens bought these at a sacrifice in order to win the war. We did not murmur nor complain about it, because we did it gladly, willingly and loved to do so.

Reader, today we are in a great war, the war between right and wrong, between God and Satan, we are fighting now for the souls for whom Jesus died. He died that souls might be saved from sin; one soul is worth more than this whole world. Some have been called to the battle front, some are called to sacrifice and to keep them there until the victory is won. Are we doing our part? What does the Lord thy God require of thee? Oh- let us get a vision of the millions who are lost in sin, dying without God, going down to hell, all because some of us are failing to obey God and get the gospel truth to them. We claim to be saved and sanctified, loyal citizens, yet we are holding back a part of the price. May God have mercy on us.

In the days of the apostles, one man and his wife agreed together, to keep a part of their possessions and thus lying to the Holy Ghost. Both of them fell down dead, and a great fear came on all the people when they heard it. (Acts chapter five.) Jesus tells us that the ground of a certain rich man brought forth plentifully, and he thought within himself, (God knows even our thoughts) saying, "What shall I do, I will pull down my barns and build greater ones, and there will I bestore all my fruits and my goods, and I will say to my soul, "Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years, take thine ease, eat, drink and be merry." But God said unto him, "Yes, God comes on the scene now." It doesn't matter how safe and secure we fix it up, God is able to step in and change all our plans for us. God said, "Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee; then whose shall these things be which thou provided? So is he that layeth up treasures for himself and is not rich toward God.

How many times we see people adding treasure upon treasure, buying fine homes, fine cars, fine


furniture, and expensive clothes, claiming all the while to be saved and sanctified, while souls about them are perishing, dying without God, lost, lost. Jesus gave His all and at last shed His precious life blood on the cruel cross. Oh, how can we hold back part of the price, all of your earthly possessions, dear reader, has a blood mortgage against them, even ye are not your own, and ye have been bought with a price. Your great debt to God is to give, so as to send the gospel truth to those who have it not, if we cannot go to the fields ourselves, we are indebted to sacrifice to send others on to send out gospel literature, and therefore let us get under the burden and beg God to show us what we can do to carry the blessed news of salvation to souls lost in sin. Oh, how much we do owe the Christ of calvary for redeeming our poor soul from hell.

We know of no better way in which the truth could reach the millions in darkness than by the printed page. Here at "The Lord's Print Shop," papers and tracts are going out daily to all parts of the United States, and foreign countries. The workers are so faithful, working all the time, and often far into the night. They never tire, but love to do it for Jesus' sake. They receive no salary, live very plain, and receive no reward for their labors, except God's blessings, and encouragement, nor do they ask for any, but as they pour out, God must find someone He can use to pour in, that the work go not unhindered. At this time they are badly in need of a new linotype machine, and are praying very earnestly for God to supply the need in some way. We know He is abundantly able to do this, for them, and let every one who reads this article pray earnestly with us, then let everyone obey God. If we will all seek Him, and then obey Him when He speaks, we feel sure the need will be supplied. Pray for the free tract fund and other needs of the work, and for those who are giving their time talents and their very life, also for the spreading of this precious gospel. Let us all vow to our God that we will not make a sacrifice to Him that costs us nothing, and let every saint of God who reads this article, pray and find out just what God requires us to do. Amen.

--Bessie Metcalf.

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Sunday, May 1, 1938.

FOLLOWING VISION WITH SERVICE

Daily Readings and Meditation

April 25-May 1.

- M. Impotent disciples. Mark 9:14-19.
- T. The power of Jesus. Mark 9:20-29.
- W. Vision and consecration. Isaiah 6:-13.
- T. Sending after seeing. Acts 19:3-8.
- F. Heeding after hearing. Ephesians 2:1-7.
- S. The effect of vision. Ephesians 12:21-28.
- S. Service after vision. Acts 26:12-20.

Printed Portion.....Mark 9:14-29.

Mark 9:14. And when he came to his disciples, he saw a great multitude about them, and the scribes questioning with them.

15. And straightway all the people, when they beheld him, were greatly amazed, and running to him saluted him.

16. And he asked the scribes, What question ye with them?

17. And one of the multitude answered and said, Master, I have brought unto thee my son, which hath a dumb spirit;

18. And wheresoever he taketh him, he teareth him; and he foameth, and gnasheth with his teeth, and pineth away; and I spake to thy disciples that they should cast him out; and they could not.

19. He answered him, and saith, O faithless generation, how long shall I be with you? how long shall I suffer you? Bring him unto me.

20. And they brought him unto him: and when he saw him; straightway the spirit tare him; and he fell on the ground, and wallowed foaming.

21. And he asked his father, How long is it ago since this came unto him? And he said, Of a child.

22. And oftentimes it hath cast him into he fire, and into the waters, to destroy him: but if thou canst do anything, have compassion on us, and help us.

23. Jesus said unto him, If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth.

24. And straightway the father of the child cried out, and said with tears, Lord, I believe; help thou mine unbelief.

25. When Jesus saw that the people came running together, he rebuked the foul spirit, saying unto him, Thou dumb and deaf spirit, I charge thee, come out of him, and enter no more into him.

26. And the spirit cried, and rent him sore, and came out of him: and he was as one dead; insomuch that many said, He is dead.

27. But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up; and he arose.

28. And when he was come into the house, his disciples asked him privately, Why could not we cast him out?

29. And he said unto them, This kind can come forth by nothing, but by prayer and fasting.

Golden Text:—All things are possible to him that believeth.....Mark 9:23.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

Jesus, with some of His disciples had been on the mountain, where the transfiguration had taken place. The timely arrival—as in the case of Mary and Martha also, as on many occasions of each of us, Jesus appeared on the scene at just the right time. We need not be dismayed nor discouraged when things seemingly go to pieces, for there is one that sticketh closer than a brother who is interested in our case.

Just a few days ago the weather was so dismal. No sun in sight. Snow, wind, rain, and more storm at hand. It seemed that it would take weeks before things could be nice again, but today the sun is shining beautifully and the earth is now pleasant to live in. So it is when we cast our cares on Him. When he has fully tried us, we will come forth, ready for service. Each pupil may give a similar example from their own experience.

When Jesus sent the disciples forth, they were able to encounter every obstacle, but this time. Could it have been a lack of prayer on their part, or was it one of the "all things," that come to each of us.

Notice the rebuke Jesus gave to their unbelief. How do you think the all powerful an answer. If thou canst, contrast these words with the answer, "All things are possible."

We indeed think this a very rude question to ask, but could it be possible that when we are brought face to face with one of those peculiar trials, that we would stagger at the promise and make retreat when the victory is close at hand.

Sunday, May 8, 1938.

CO-OPERATING IN SERVICE

Daily Readings and Meditation

May 2-8.

- M. The child-like spirit. Mark 9:30-37.
- T. Humility in working together. Mark 9:38-44.
- W. Narrowness rebuked. Mark 9:45-50.
- T. Co-operation meeting opposition. Neh. 4:15-23.
- F. Waiting together. Acts 1:10-14.
- S. Worshipping together. Heb. 10:19-25.
- S. To every man his part. 1 Cor. 3:5-11.

Printed Portion.....Mark 9:30-41

Mark 9:30. And they departed thence, and passed through Galilee; and he would not that any man should know it.

31. For he taught his disciples, and said unto them, The Son of man is delivered into the hands of men, and they shall kill him; and after that he is killed, he shall rise the third day.

32. But they understood not that saying, and were afraid to ask him.

33. And he came to Capernaum: and being in the house he asked them, What was it that ye disputed among yourselves by the way

34. But they held their peace: for by the way they had disputed among themselves, who should be the greatest.

35. And he sat down, and called the twelve, and saith unto them, If any man desire to be first, the same shall be last of all, and servant of all.

36. And he took a child, and set him in the midst of them: and when he had taken him in his arms, he said unto them,

37. Whosoever shall receive one of such children in my name, receiveth me; and whosoever receiveth me, receiveth not me, but him that sent me.

38. And John answered him, saying, Master, we saw one casting out devils in thy name, and he followed not us: and we forbade him, because he followeth not us.

39. But Jesus said, Forbid him not: for there is no man which shall do a miracle in my name, that can lightly speak evil of me.

40. For he that is not against us is on our part.

41. For whosoever shall give you a cup of water to drink in my name, because ye belong to Christ, verily I say unto you, he shall not lose his reward.

POINTS FOR EMPHASIS

- 1. Prediction of His death.
 - 1. The journey.
 - 2. The prediction.

Golden Text:—For he that is not against us is on our part. Mark 9:40.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

Our lesson today relates a few weaknesses that overtakes humanity. If those disciples that enjoyed personal association with Jesus had faults and were slow to

grasp the truth, should we not ask for patience to bear one with another.

We notice Jesus withdrawing to the solitary places in order that He might impress upon His disciples' minds the fact that He must die. That He would submit Himself into the hands of vile men. We remember that when Jesus first predicted His death, that Peter strongly objected. This time we hear the Lord definitely endeavoring to make them understand. "Let these words sink into your ears."

Notice in the reports of Matthew and Mark how the time of His resurrection is stated. In Mark 9:31, "After three days he shall rise again;" and in Matt. 17:23, "And the third day he shall be raised up." In the face of the prediction, yet the disciples could not understand how slow man is to receive and grasp the things of God.

Who shall be the greatest. The judgments of erring of men judge is far different than standards by which he judges. What are some of the things that the people of the world consider, that make men great. Many great men receive not honor nor respect from the generations in which they live, but the following generations often appreciate them more. The testimonies of history will be correct at heaven's judgments.

Let us remember that he who was greater than all, was servant of all. Inasmuch as we help some of His little ones, we are laying up treasures in heaven, upon which time and judgment will have no effect.

Sunday, May 15, 1938.

TESTING DISCIPLESHIP BY SERVICE

Daily Readings and Meditation

May 9-15.

- M. Failing to stand the test. Mark 10:17-22.
- T. How to stand the test. Mark 10:23-31.
- W. Standing the test. Job 42:10-17.
- T. Faithful servants. Matt. 25:14-23.
- F. Unfaithful servants. Matt 25:24-30.
- S. The question of stewardship. Luke 16:1-10.
- S. The test of fruit bearing. John 15:8-1.

Printed Portion.....Mark 10:17-31

Mark 10:17. And when he was gone forth on the way, there came one running, and kneeled to him, and asked him, Good Master, what shall I do that I may inherit eternal life?

18. And Jesus said unto him, Why callest thou me good? there is none good but one, that is God.

19. Thou knowest the commandments, Do not commit adultery, Do not kill, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Defraud not, Honor thy father and mother.

20. And he answered and said unto him; Master, all these have I observed from my youth.

21. Then Jesus beholding him loved him, and said unto him. One thing thou lackest: go thy way, sell whatsoever thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come, take up the cross, and follow me.

22. And he was sad at this saying, for he had great possessions. And he went away grieved.

23. And Jesus looked round about, and saith unto his disciples, How hardly shall they that have riches enter into the kingdom of God

24. And the disciples were astonished at his words. But Jesus answered again, and saith unto them, Children, how hard it is for them that trust in riches to enter into the kingdom of God!

25. It is easier for the camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God.

26. And they were astonished out of measure, saying among themselves, who then can be saved?

27. And Jesus looking upon them saith, With men it is impossible, but not with God: for with God all things are possible.

28. Then Peter began to say unto him, Lo, we have left all and have followed thee.

29. And Jesus answered and said, Verily I say unto you, There is no man that hath left house, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my sake, and the gospel's,

30. But he shall receive an hundredfold now in this time, houses, and brethren, and sisters, and mothers, and children, and lands, with persecutions; and in the world to come eternal life.

31. But many that are first shall be last; and the last first.

POINTS FOR EMPHASIS

I. Broken Homes.

1. The marriage vow—in the modern age.
2. The marriage vow—according to the New Testament.

II. Happy Homes. Mark 10:13-1..

III. A Selfish Life.

1. The young ruler's outlook on life.
2. The test of the old Testament—of Jesus.

IV. Our Heavenly Home.

1. Our warning against riches.
2. The assurance of the heavenly reward

Golden Text:—Come, follow me. Mark 10:21.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

In regard to the first point in our lesson, that of, "Broken homes," truly it makes us sad to think upon it. As a man that buys a guaranteed automobile tire, returns it for a new one, when he finds its first defect. So many in this modern age are very soon ready, not to return, but to leave and go in search of another. Some Saints and many of the Saint's children are being overcome with this very thing.

The devil is no respecter of persons. He would as soon tear up and ruin your home as anyone's. How well do we love and enjoy a happy home, but do you realize that if we are not alert, and on guard, or if one companion is unsaved, the very heart and center of your home is openly exposed to the darkness. How quick would we stake our life for our companion, our children and our home, if a devouring beast was to come near, but by carelessness and neglect we lower the protecting bars of love and thus we allow Satan to prey upon our home. These things

might not be so pleasant to meditate upon, but let us warn you that it would be much worse, and more difficult to experience the realities of a wrecked home. May God bless every Christian home.

Another point emphasized in today's lesson is the danger on earthly possessions. We notice the young ruler loved the Lord, for he ran and kneeled down, and addressed Him as good Master. The word also tells that Jesus, beholding him, loved him. We also notice that this love did not cover even the one sin that was hindering the young man, but He "said unto him on the thing that thou lackest." This same kind of love spoken of here will not criticize, nor pick at, but will let the truth be known that man may see himself.

Sunday, May 22, 1938.

SERVING THROUGH CHRISTIAN CITIZENSHIP

Daily Readings and Meditation

May 16-22.

- M. Earthly loyalties. Mark 12:13-17.
- T. Heavenly loyalties. Mark 12:28-34.
- W. Citizens of two worlds. John 17:13-19.
- T. Duties of citizens. 1 Peter 2:13-25.
- F. God the founder of Governments. Dan. 2:7.
- S. Duties of rulers. Romans 13:1-7.
- S. The Christian citizen. Psalms 15:1-5.

Printed Portion.....Mark 12:13-17, 28-34.

Mark 12:13. And they send unto him certain of the Pharisees and of the Herodians, to catch him in his words.

14. And when they were come, they say unto him, Master, we know that thou art true, and carest for no man: for thou regardest not the person of men, but teachest the way of God in truth: Is it lawful to give tribute to Caesar, or not?

15. Shall we give, or shall we not give? But he, knowing their hypocrisy, said unto them, Why tempt ye me? bring me a penny, that I may see it.

16. And they brought it. And he saith unto them, Whose is this image and superscription? And they said unto him, Caesar's.

17. And Jesus answering said unto them, Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's. And they marveled at him.

28. And one of the scribes came, and having heard them reasoning together, and perceiving that he had answered them well, asked him, Which is the first commandment of all?

29. And Jesus answered him, The first of all the commandments is, Hear, O Israel; The Lord our God is one Lord:

30. And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment.

31. And the second is like, namely this, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. There is none other commandment greater than these.

32. And the scribe said unto him, Well, Master, thou hast said the truth: for there is one God; and there is none other than he:

33. And to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the soul, and with all the strength, and to love his neighbor as himself, is more than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices.

34. And when Jesus saw that he answered discreetly, he said unto him, Thou art not far from the kingdom of God. And no man after that durst ask him any questions.

POINTS FOR EMPHASIS

I. The Duties to God and Country.

1. The question of the Pharisees.
2. The answer, a practical demonstration.

II. The Love of God and Fellowmen.

1. A scholar's question.
2. The answer.

Golden Text:—Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. Mark 12:31.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

Human society calls for organizations, but in God's program we are organized or united together by the Holy Spirit, and by the love of God in our hearts. This plan has been sufficiently tried out by the people of God and, it works perfectly, this wonderful plan of God is carried on correctly and as God has ordered will be sufficient for the church of God, but men have added and multiplied and divided by human organizations until we have a most complicated condition. Much of this world's trouble now is a result of jealousy and a failure to co-operate with each other according to God's plan. The nation's are pitted against each other and sovereignty is sought by one group over another, and taxes are levied by the conquerer of the conquered. This raises the question of saying tax, which occasions hatred and often rebellion. Our lesson today is a case of this kind between the Jews and the Romans. The Jews are questioning the right of the Romans to tax, and whether or not they should pay it. Jesus being the great teacher, the question is brought to Him. They desired by this, to catch Him in His words, and they thought that He could not give an answer to them. In this way they laid a trap for Him. but He, knowing their hypocrisy said, "Why tempt ye me?" and He asked them to show Him a penny. In the center of the coin was stamped the image of Caesar. It was this stamp that gave it its value, and marked its ownership. He told them to render unto Caesar the things that were Caesar's. In the last part of His answer they got more than they were looking for. True Christianity calls for man to meet all their obligations both to God, and to man. Tax dodgers do not show a Christian spirit, neither those who neglect to give God's cause. Let us each pay our part even as we share the benefits.

One of the scribes hearing them reasoning, asked Jesus which commandment was greatest. In verse 30 Jesus gives the answer. First we must love God. Second we must love our neighbor. There is but one God. He is the God of all servers. All men owe Him loyalty. This calls for love from heart, soul, mind, yea every part of his being. This second commandment is like unto it. I must love my neighbor as myself. Love is fulfilling of the law. We have an obligation to two governments, the heavenly citizenship, and earthly citizenship.

Sunday. May 29, 1938.

MAINTAINING PERSONAL EFFICIENCY

Daily Readings and Meditation

May 23-29.

- M. Physical efficiency. Daniel 1:8-16.
- T. Mental Excellence. Daniel 1:17-21.
- W. Spiritual mastery. 1 Cor. 9:24-27.
- T. Self control and service. Romans 13:8-14.
- F. The new Life standard. 1 Peter 4:1-11.
- S. Self-denial for others. 1 Cor. 8:1-13.
- S. Temperance and personal efficiency. 2 Peter 1:5-11.

Printed Portion.....Daniel 1:8-16, 19, 20; 1 Cor. 9:24-27

Daniel 1:8. But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the portion of the king's meat, nor with the wine which he drank; therefore he requested of the prince of the eunuchs that he might not defile himself.

9. Now God had brought Daniel into favour and tender love with the prince of the eunuchs.

10. And the prince of the eunuchs said unto Daniel, I fear my lord the king, who hath appointed your meat and your drink: for why should he see your faces worse liking than the children which are of your sort then shall ye make me endanger my head to the king.

11. Then said Daniel to Melzar, whom the prince of the eunuchs had set over Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah,

12. Prove thy servants, I beseech thee, ten days; and let them give us pulse to eat, and water to drink.

13. Then let our countenances be looked upon before thee, and the countenance of the children that eat of the portion of the king's meat: and as thou seest, deal with thy servants.

14. So he consented to them in this matter, and proved them ten days.

15. And at the end of ten days their countenances appeared fairer and fatter in flesh than all the children which did eat the portion of the king's meat.

16. Thus Melzar took away the portion of their meat, and the wine that they should drink; and gave them pulse.

19. And the king communed with them; and among them all was found none like Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah: therefore stood they before the king.

20. And in all matters of wisdom and understanding, that the king inquired of them, he found them ten times better than all the magicians and astrologers that were in all his realm.

1 Cor. 9:24. Know ye not that they which run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize; So run, that ye may obtain.

25. And every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a corruptible crown; but we an incorruptable.

26. I therefore so run, not as uncertainly; so fight I, not as one that beateth the air:

27. But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway.

Golden Text:—And every man that striveth for the mas-

tery is temperate in all things. 1 Cor. 9:25.

POINTS FOR EMPHASIS

- I. The Man of God in a Pagan Court.
 1. A ten day tryout.
 2. Daniels attitude toward evil.
 3. Divine wisdom and its fruits.
- II. The Race for Christian character.
 1. A controlled life.
 2. A positive standard of life.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

Our first scripture material is taken from an experience in the life of Daniel. We are told nothing of his childhood, but it is evident from his life story that he was carefully raised in a faithful and sincere Jewish home, and had grown up to be a man of physical strength and beauty, of high moral standards and strong religious conviction.

The right training of children means much to later life. Nebuchadnezzar was sweeping across the world a mighty conqueror, and attaining world rulership. He had conquered Jerusalem and many people were carried away captive to Babylon, among them Daniel was one. Daniel being an exceptional in his physical appearance, attractive and highly cultured was chosen as one selected by the King to stand in the Kings palace to teach the learning and the tongue of the Chaldeans. Daniel though being exalted to this high position purposed in his heart that he would not be untrue to God and his religious convictions. This was his safety and the secret of his success.

What God needs to day is men and women, boys and girls of such purpose. When Daniel would not defile himself by eating that which was dedicated to idols and drinking wine, even though it was a most fearful thing to do, God took a hand in this affair. He always helps those with a fixed purpose to obey Him. He gave Daniel favor with the Prince and Daniel proved to them that to keep physically fit a simple diet was best as temperance is one of the most important laws of life. How easy it is for the human to get under the controll of our bodily appetites and desires. The way we yield to these desires has very much to do with our physical condition and this also affects our mind and ability to serve. To gratify desires in a way that violates the laws of God defiles the life and weakens the spirit. True temperance means the complete abstinence from everything hurtful and a reasonable use of things that are right. To keep our body under subjection, is to keep our soul on top, have a fixed purpose to be temperate we must abstain from habit forming drugs, from achohol and tobacco, tea or coffee. These things in any measure are harmful to the body and injurious to the mind and destructive to Christian influence. Moderation applies to food and helpful drinks and useful exercise and all things that are within themselves beneficial, but which are hurtful when used in excessive quantities.

It is our duty to God and to our fellowmen that we should be as clean and healthful and holy and wide awake as it is possible for us to be.

Our next lesson on June the 5th is, "Serving by personal devotion to Christ." Lesson, Mark, 14:3-11, 27-31.