

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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Heavenly Life

As I journey ever onward,
I can hear my Saviour say:
If you follow close beside me,
You will never miss the way.

But the pearly gates will open
And the soul with rapture sing
In the Mansions of our Father
Where the heavenly chorus rings.

When my days of life are numbered
And my body cold in death,
I shall have a blessed entrance
In that land of perfect rest.

All the way-marks in the Bible
Put within the reach of all;
Plain and perfect, by God given,
So there's none that need to fall.

If we live by all His precepts,
Never more from them to roam;
We shall meet with all the ransomed
In that bright and happy home.
—Susie Whipple

COURAGE

Jesus said, "In the world ye shall have tribulation but be of good cheer (or courage) I have overcome the world." (John 16:33.)

This is a day when much courage is needed to press on for Jesus amidst the cunning craftiness of the devil. He, the devil, has great courage. We can see many ways which he works to destroy the pure in heart, and if he fails in one way, we see him trying another. So he has courage to keep at his job and will continue to do so as long as time lasts. So we, as the Saints of the most high God, need to keep our courage up and fight against the devil. You will notice Jesus said, "I have overcome the world" (or the dev-

il)' so with that Jesus in our hearts, we are able to stand against the combined forces of the enemy, for that same God-like power that caused Jesus, the dear Son of God to overcome is ours today if Jesus is reigning with us. With courage we can say, the Lord is our helper, we will not fear what men shall do to us.

The Lord told Joshua to be strong and of good courage and we find that Joshua came out on the winning side just because he kept his courage up and did what the Lord told him to do. The saints need courage. They need to live in a way that they will be an encouragement to sinners. Everybody needs courage. The drunkard in the ditch needs courage; the most wicked person needs courage but they don't need courage to go on in their sin; but to quit them and come to Jesus. When Jesus was here on this earth he was a loving compassionate Saviour. He was never idle but always doing good. At the time when the Scribes and Pharisees brought unto Jesus the woman taken in adultery, he did not discourage her at all. He wanted to help her though the Scribes and the Pharisees wanted to stone her, harm and condemn her. The same Pharisee spirit is in the world today. Instead of helping them and encouraging them as Christ did the woman, many will just kick them a little farther. Jesus wrote on the ground and the Pharisees continued to ask him about it. Then he said unto them, "He that is without sin among you, let him first cast a stone," and they being convicted by their own conscience went out one by one, so Jesus and the woman were left alone. "He said unto her. Woman, where are those, thine accusers? hath no man condemned thee? and she said, No man, Lord. Jesus said unto her, Neither do I condemn thee, go and sin no more." Jesus did not encourage her to continue on in sin; but he encouraged her to sin no more. We can see the love Jesus had for her even though she was a sinner. He loved her and he loves sinners today; but he does not love the deeds they are doing. If he did not love their souls, this world would no

longer stand. He is standing with outstretched arms to receive all those who will repent and come to him. Every one of the saints had some encouragement from some one, or we would never have gotten saved. Oh, how careful we should be to encourage poor lost souls to come to Jesus. The devil has them bound and the Lord is the only one who can help them. As long as the power of the enemy is raging, he keeps souls bound under his hands, but when the Lord's power rises, the old devil will have to back down. I heard Bro. Pruitt use the expression that when we get full of the power of God the old devil looks like a little measly fellow, so it is. The devil is a coward when God's power is against him.

David said, "Wait on the Lord, be of good courage and he shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the Lord." (Psa. 27:14)

May God bless every reader, is my prayer; and may we to keep our courage up to encourage others and be examples of righteousness for the Lord while here below. I was told not long ago that some physician decided to experiment on folks like this and see what effect it would have on them. He picked out a fine healthy looking man and he with others decided that every time they met this man to tell him that he looked bad; to ask him what was wrong; and to advise him to have something done for his health or he would surely die. As different ones began to tell him how bad he looked, and time after time comment on how fast he was sinking; the poor man gave way to the discouragement that came from day to day and went to bed with a fever. After they saw what effect this had on the healthy young man, they decided to try another plan. They began to visit the man and each time tell him that he was looking better. They told him that he was looking fine and would be up in a short time. The man got all right, got up, and went on about his business.

There has been and are now, many down hearted discouraged souls who have almost given up and gone to bed and taken fever, so to speak, just because no encouraging word came to them, while there are others who have been in this fix but have gotten courage and now they are blooming for Jesus with a determination to press on in spite of foes.

May God bless every one is my prayer.

—Lottie Joiner.

New Testament Financial Plan

Christ instituted the "better testament" (Heb. 7: 22) as compared with the Mosaic law or Old Testament. It is better from every point of view. The Old Testament with its ordinances was a "shadow of good things to come," but now we possess the real which is established upon "better promises." The Mosaic law was found faulty and is termed a "yoke of bondage," but the New Testament is termed the "perfect law of liberty." Since Christ's death abolished the Mosaic law, and put in force the "better testament," then we must necessarily have a "better" financial plan.

In order for us to discern the superiority of the New Testament, we must remember that divine love to God and man is the fundamental principle which we must possess to obey Christ's higher teachings. The way of love is the way of Christ. Today Christ gives people a choice when he says, "If ye love me, keep my commandments." The Jews under the law had no choice—they were forced. Jesus quotes the greatest commandment: "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind." This principle of love will prompt God's people to give to the support of God's ministers, workers, and those in need. Without this love or charity, our giving will profit us nothing eternally.

Jesus, in his Sermon on the Mount, raised the standard of conduct in every instance. He said, "Ye have heard that it was said of them of old time . . . but I say unto you." The followers of Christ were required to do more than the Jew. "Give, and it shall be given unto you, good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give unto your bosom." (Luke 6:38.) "It is more blessed to give than to receive." (Acts 20:35.) "Go and sell that thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven." (Matt. 19:21.) Give to the needy. "Let him that stole steal no more, but rather let him labor working with his hands, the thing which is good, that he may have to give to him that needeth." (Eph. 4:28.) Give to the needy saints. "But whoso hath this world's goods, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him?" (1 John 3:17.) It is the duty of the saints to support those who labor in word and doctrine. "If we have sown unto you spiritual things, is it a great thing if we should reap your carnal things?" (1 Cor. 9:11.) When Jesus sent forth his disciples to preach without anything, He said: "The workman is worthy of his meat." Ministers are not allowed to make charges for their preaching. Inasmuch as they have received the gospel freely, they are to give it freely. (Matt. 10:8.) Paul says, "Verily that, when I preach the gospel, I may make the gospel of Christ without charge." (1 Cor. 9:18.) Therefore, stipulated salaries are unscriptural. God's ministers are to trust the Lord fully for their support, and the Lord in answer to prayer will

move the people to give free-will offerings sufficient for their living. Under the New Testament plan, God's ministers do not receive their living by taxation, but by faith in God. This tends to develop their faith in God and to keep the ministry clean; for except men are clean before God, they cannot trust God for their living.

How to give

The people of God are to give—not grudgingly. (2 Cor. 9:7.) Freely—Matt. 10:8. Cheerfully—2 Cor. 9:7. As we purpose in our hearts—2 Cor. 9:7. As the Lord has prospered us—1 Cor. 16:2. Not of necessity—2 Cor. 9:7. Not to be seen of men—Matt. 6:2-4. Should not muzzle the mouth of the ox that treadeth out the corn—1 Cor. 9:9. The foregoing scriptures from the New Testament clearly set forth the free-will offering plan, which is used in supporting all phases of God's work on earth.

Does the New Testament teach tithing?

There are preachers who, because they have lost faith in God, are trying to bind the tithing system on the people of God today. It is all right if saints purpose in their heart to give a tenth, but they should not feel that just that amount in every case would fulfill God's plan for them. A full consecration includes ten-tenths, and not just one-tenth, if He should call for it.

Some proponents of tithing argue that since tithing was practiced before the giving of the Mosaic law, that the passing of the law age did not do away with tithing. This is not sound, because a number of customs were incorporated in the law that existed before Moses' time, which the New Testament affirms to be abolished. Circumcision, for instance, originated with Abraham, yet the New Testament sets it aside with the law. The offerings of animals as sacrifices was practiced by patriarchs of the Pre-Mosaic age, and was incorporated in the law of Moses, and then abolished by Christ.

The tithing system is nowhere taught after the death of Christ. It is true that Jesus accustomed himself to, and respected the ordinances of the law to some degree, but we must remember that the law was not abolished until his death on the cross.

Others affirm that Paul taught tithing as a means to support the ministers. They refer to 1 Cor. 9:1-14, especially the 13th and 14th verses. In the 13th verse Paul says that they which wait at the altar are partakers with the altar. By reading the 18th chapter of Numbers we notice that Aaron and his sons were a family of Levites, and they were the priests that waited on the altars. How were they supported? Numbers 18:8 says that Aaron and his sons were given the heave offerings for their support. The Bible dictionary defines heave offerings as "voluntarily given," or a free-will offering. In addition they received other offerings and a tenth of the tithe which was given to the Levites. In 1 Cor. 9:14 Paul says, "Even so hath God ordained that they which preach the gospel should live of the gospel." If the words "even so" mean that God's ministers under the New Testament are to be supported like those under

the old covenant, then it would be by the free-will offering plan, and not tithes at all, because the priests did not receive tithes with the other Levites, which has already been clearly shown.

When preachers lose their faith in and favor with God, they either resort to questionable and unscriptural methods, or quit preaching and turn to secular work for support.

—L. D. Pruitt

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Natchitoches, La. — Dear Bro. and Sis. in the Lord: Holy greetings in Jesus precious name.

This morning finds me looking onward and upward. I feel more determined to live for Jesus since the death of my husband, which was April 8th. I believe he died in perfect peace with God and all mankind. He lived a beautiful life and bore his suffering with much patience. His parting words were: "No other hope but in Jesus." Oh, how I miss him, but I intend to meet him in the "Sweet By and By."

The *Faith and Victory* paper is food for my soul. I enjoy reading it so much. May the good Lord ever bless the faithful workers at the office.

Yours in His name, Carrie E. Washington.

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Caney, Kans. Dear Readers of *Faith and Victory*: Greetings in the name of our precious Saviour. I feel led this morning to add my testimony to those of other saints of the wondrous mercy and love of our God. Praise His name!

I probably could never remember all the things he has done for me that I have known, and I know he has done many things that I have not known. But this I remember and do know. Thank God. He has saved and sanctified me and I have this experience at this time. I could ask for no greater gift.

God has been talking to me for some time especially about charity. Charity worketh no ill to his neighbor. This includes: "Speak evil of no man." We can never enter heaven unless we have charity. It would be good for each one of us to study all of the scriptural readings on charity. Too, I have been thinking on having respect of persons. God has no respect of persons, and He tells us not to have. Also, God says not to lift ourselves up but to lift up Jesus. Dear ones, it means much to serve God.

Many years I have been seriously afflicted. I am better now than I have been in fourteen years; but my afflictions are serious still.

Pray that God will completely heal me. I haven't used medicine for twelve years. I am not physically able to do the work that is expected of me. My family is unsaved and I am isolated. I need your prayers, for I have many hard trials. But, thank God, I know through Jesus I can do all things.

Your Sister in Christ,

Glenna Smith.

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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."

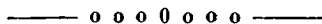
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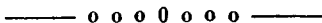
Editorials

There will be no *Faith and Victory* paper printed for August as we are expecting to attend the Monark Springs, Mo. Camp Meeting and also the workers at the office need a rest from their labors for a while and the benefit of the Camp-meetings. Although the paper will not be printed, however, we will print and send out the Sunday School lessons to all that are taking rolls. Those that are not taking a roll of papers for Sunday School purposes can write us if they want a copy of the Sunday School lessons and the lessons will be sent to them.

The State Camp-meeting here at Guthrie will begin on the fifth of August and we want to be as free as possible from the office work while this meeting is in progress.



The Lord is blessing the printing work in his Print Shop continually and we are all being exercised very much in the printing. We are running the Linotype machine day and night now, having put on a night shift. We are going to do our best to get the work up in shape so we can all attend the National Camp-meeting at Monark Springs, Mo. The Lord has supplied nearly enough funds to get the much needed linotype machine for his "Print Shop" and we expect to have the machine installed and will use it to set up the type for the next paper that is issued. We are very thankful to God and to those whom he has used in making this possible. We are sure that none will lose their reward. We know that the enemy has done all that he could to hinder and has moved on some to be jealous and envious because the Lord was supplying means for this forward move in His printing work; but God's power is above that of Satan's and he is not subject to the envious feelings of men; but he does take note of the need of his obedient children and his ears are open unto their unselfish prayers. Peter says, "For the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and his ears are open unto their prayers: but the face of the Lord is against them that do evil." May the dear saints of God continue to hold us up to the throne of grace as God moves us on with His printing work. It is by believing and embracing the truth that men are set free, and they cannot believe it and practice it unless someone is obedient to God's voice and plainly speaks it or prints and sends forth.



The Church of God is not a sect, as God makes no sects. Sects are formed by men aided by the spirit of Satan. Men organize themselves together

under certain rules and doctrines and give themselves a name calling their organized body the Church, and people join them something similar to the Lodges of the world. Sinners join them if they are somewhat moral and will make a profession, pay their dues or assessments or come under their law or rule of giving a tenth.

The true Church of God or "Family of God" is vastly different from the "Man-made worldly Churches" insomuch that it is organized by God only, and one can only become a member by being born of the Spirit and will only retain their membership by continuing to live free from sin and walk in the light of his word. They consecrate to God and to him only and their rules and doctrines are the whole Bible and when he gives them more light and knowledge they are free to walk in it, having no man-made bands and straps on them. Jesus is the door and he takes in those that should be in and puts out those that should be put out and he makes no errors.

We are born into God's Family or Church by a spiritual birth even as children are born into literal families by a literal birth. We take the Father's name, "Church of God" or "Family of God" just as the earthly child takes its parent's name. (John 17:11 and Eph. 3:14.) We retain our sonship with God just as long as we do not sin and do no evil. When we sin and do evil and die spiritually we are only counted in the family as a dead child, **even** as a literal child when it dies and is buried it is no more in the family, but is only known as a dead child.

Satan loves for people to join sects and take up on themselves a profession of religion. He encourages them in those things and has great personally attractive preachers that teach many good things and say many fair speeches and seem to be great lovers of the Bible. They go after numbers and have large crowds with a profession traveling the broad way to destruction.

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Bio. G. E. Harmon and his daughter, Nettie, of Calif. stopped with us on June 17th while on their way to Hammond, La. to attend the Hammond Camp-meeting. Prior to the camp-meeting he will also hold a meeting at the "Oak Grove" church building, which is located south of Loranger, La. They expect to be at the National Camp meeting at Monark Springs, Mo. also. Anna Marie, our daughter, from Calif. accompanied them as far as Guthrie where she will visit home folks, saints, and friends for a few weeks before returning to her husband, B. Carl Miles.

A person to get real Bible salvation must first be honest with God, plead guilty, and acknowledge nothing but an old sinner transgressing the laws of God and deserving death and punishment. He must be honest with God, plead guilty, and acknowledge that God is Almighty and that he is a rewarder of those who repent, that God will forgive, and accept the blood as blotting out all of his transgressions, setting him free from guilt. He must also be honest with his fellow men and acknowledge and ask forgiveness for any wrong he may have done them. When we wrong our fellow men we wrong God, for they are God's creation and we have no right to wrong any man. It is only the humble that will hear these truths and be made glad. You, dear reader, can be one of God's children if you will humble your heart and repent. You can become honest and continue honest, for God will supply the needed grace, knowledge, and wisdom, and will keep you saved as you keep yielded to him.

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There is a false teaching going around today that Satan was one time an angel in heaven where God dwells and that he sinned and was cast out of heaven. Those who advocate that doctrine refer you to the 14th chapter of Isaiah to prove it. "This chapter speaks not of the ambition and fall of Satan; but of the pride, arrogance, and fall of king Nebuchadnezzar. To exalt above the stars of heaven means Israelites or God's prophets or beloved ones. Instead of "Lucifer" it should be translated, "Howl, son of the morning." The fact is this chapter speaks nothing of Satan's downfall. (Clark)

King Nebuchadnezzar exalted himself **even above** all God's prophets and would not heed their advice. (Read the 27th verse of chapter 4 of Daniel and following verses.) God brought him down from his heavenly perch and he was much abased, he was given a beast's heart and began to eat grass as the ox. No, NO, dear reader, sin never did or never can originate in heaven where God dwells. It is the next thing to blasphemy to accuse God of not having power to keep his heavenly abode clean of sin. If sin ever originated there once it would not be a safe place for us to go, for it would be possible again. God will not dwell in the heart of man where evil is. Satan first has to be bound and cast out and then God will dwell in our hearts. Satan would love to get such teachings as that believed by men as though he was great and mighty, almost as God, causing men to fear him and get under bondage to him rather than to fear God and have freedom and liberty and power

over him. (Satan.) The one you fear most is the one you will serve. Satan looks mighty small and weak to the soul that is filled with the Holy Spirit of God and his lies are quite easily detected.

Another scripture that they use to bolster up this false theory is found in Luke 10:18. Here Jesus is speaking of Satan, his spirit being cast out of his heavenly abode in men by the power of God through Jesus. Men were created for God to dwell in their hearts by his Spirit and it then would be a heavenly place. Satan was occupying so many hearts and when the seventy were casting him out in the name of Jesus, then Jesus exclaimed, "I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven."

Some who do not understand spiritual truth think that an angel came down from heaven with a literal chain and bound Satan, (not understanding the scripture in the twentieth chapter of Rev.) It is foolish to think of binding a spirit with a literal chain. The gospel of God is the chain that binds Satan. He is bound now with that gospel chain as far as those that are sanctified wholly are concerned. Yet, he is mightily loose in these days deceiving the nations, because very few receive the true gospel that really binds him.

Camp Meetings

The camp meeting at Newcastle, Indiana will begin August 18th and continue until August 28th. We are looking forward to a good meeting.

All coming, come prepared to take care of yourself as much as possible. Straw will be furnished on the grounds. The meeting will be run on the free-will offering plan. For further information write: T. Z. Lawson (Pastor) Box 393, Newcastle, Ind.

The Church of God Camp-Meeting at Boley, Okla., will begin on the 19th of August, closing on the 28th.

This meeting will be run on the free-will offering plan, bring straw ticks and straw will be furnished free.

Come one, come all, and hear the good things of God, as we are expecting the usual good meeting.

W. W. Crawley, R. 4, B. 95, Okemah, Okla.

The National Camp Meeting

Just a few more words about the National Camp Meeting at Monark Springs Park, Neosho, Mo.; which will begin on Sunday, July 17th and last for two weeks. State Highway 67 and U. S. Highway 71 reaches Neosho from north, south, east, and west. Those coming by rail from Alabama, Georgia, and

Tenn., take train from Memphis to Kensett, Ark. then travel on the Missouri and Arkansas Railroad to Monark Springs, Mo. Air conditioned trains all the way. Those attending the meeting will only enjoy temporal blessings as they are provided by free-will offerings. Tents set up on the grounds will be rented at the rate of \$3.00 for two weeks. Plenty of good shade and cool spring water on the grounds. Bring drinking cups with you.

You will be welcome at this meeting. If you are in need of help in soul or body, you will find it in this meeting. The vital truth of the Bible will be expounded by able ministers of the morning-time, Holy Ghost type.

STATE CAMP MEETING

The Oklahoma State Camp-meeting will be held this year at Guthrie, Okla. The big tent will be stretched near the Saint's chapel on Sixth and West Warner Sts.

This is a general meeting for all the saints over Okla. and other states and those needing help in soul or body should attend this meeting as the usual large number of God sent ministers are expected to be present to preach the word and to function in the body of Christ as God moves upon each heart. We are looking forward for a helpful meeting in every way and all that can, should be present.

The meeting will be conducted on the free-will offering plan and all should do their best to supply for themselves and as many others as they can.

The meeting will begin on the fifth of August which is Friday, and will last ten days or as long as the Lord may lead. Bring your pillows, ticks and quilts with you. Straw will be furnished free. Above all, pray earnestly for this meeting and for the salvation of precious souls. We expect to have Bibles and the Select Hymn song books in stock, so those wanting either can buy them here at the print shop. The Select Hymn song books are 75 cents each and the Bibles with Concordance will be from \$1.50 up to \$3.50 each. Some of these Bibles have both concordances and references.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Sister Rosa Cook of Madisonville, Tenn. has a sister confined in the asylum, and she wants the saints everywhere to pray for her that she will be delivered from the wrong spirits. If any Holy Ghost ministers feel led of the Lord to go there and pray for her, you can write

to sister Cook, R. 4, Madisonville, Tenn.

Pray for Sister Smith of Bartlesville, Okla., who is troubled with the neuralgia and also pray for her husband, who is afflicted.

Pray that Sister Elnora Ayers of Ohio will find her check which she has lost.

Pray that Ero. Holloway will receive his hearing and eyesight.

A mother has not heard from her boy for three years. She is a saint and wants your prayers that she she will hear from her boy.

Pray for Brother and Sister Smith's two children who are afflicted with kidney trouble.

Ask God to convict and save Brother Smith's brother who is in a backslidden condition.

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OBITUARIES

Mrs. Mabel Blanch Jennings was born to Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Southerland in Butler County, Kansas on March the 13th, 1887. While she was yet small, her parents moved to Missouri and later made their home near Goodnight, Okla.

In 1903 she was united in marriage to A. C. Jennings of Carnie, Okla. To this union was born three daughters: Mrs. Bonnie Porter of Guthrie, Okla., Mrs. Wilma Conner and Miss Audry Jennings of Oklahoma City; and four sons: Clyde, Roy, Merl, and Freddie of Oklahoma City.

Mrs. Jennings lived most of her life in Oklahoma, and when returning from Phoenix, Ariz. on June the fifth 1938 she was accidentally struck by an auto while attempting to cross the highway. She passed away two days later.

Besides her husband and seven children, she leaves to mourn her departure, three sisters and two brothers in California, one brother in Kansas, one sister in Cleveland, Ohio, and a host of relatives and friends.

Sister Jennings embraced Jesus as her Saviour about 31 years ago and by her faithful devoted life she not only won many friends, but led many to the Lord. She had an implicit faith in the Lord; thus, by the many definite answers to her prayers and the humility she manifested in her everyday life, she became an example to those who knew her. Those in trial or trouble, in coming to her, would find good counsel and comfort mixed with sympathy. She was especially fond of children and they would often gather around her to hear her relate the ever new stories of the Bible.

She experienced many wonderful healings from the Lord and especially, a few years ago when she was very low she was instantly healed, insomuch that she

arose from the bed the next day and put on her clothes. As it was the will of God to take her at this time, she passed on in peaceful sleep. The remains was laid to rest in the Summit View Cemetery at Guthrie, Okla.

Funeral services were held at the Hunter Funeral Home at Oklahoma City, and also at the Saint's Chapel, Guthrie, Okla. The text used at Oklahoma City was found in Rev. 14:13; and the text used at the Guthrie service, in Mark 14:3—"She hath done what she could." Services were conducted by Fred Pruitt of Guthrie, Okla.

Mrs. Rosa Ann Parker, age 70, passed away at 7 o'clock at the family home, 1616 West 2nd, after a long illness. She moved from Wann, Okla. nine years ago to Bartlesville, Okla. Funeral Services were held at the Moore Funeral Home at 2:30 then taken to Wann, Okla. for another service. Services were conducted by C. J. Smith, Pastor of Church of God at Bartlesville and assisted by Bro. Sam Barton of Tulsa, Okla. She was laid to rest in Wann Cemetery.

She is survived by her husband, Charles M. Parker; three sons; and three daughters. She left a testimony that she was going to her home and told all to meet her.

Gone Home

Gone from our home forever,
The darling of our band.
Crossed o'er the mystic river
Into the summer land.

Gone from a world of sadness,
Gone from a bed of pain
Into eternal gladness,
Never to suffer again.

We weep, our hearts are breaking;
We smile, and kiss the rod;
We know her spirit's awaiting
In the paradise of God.

Hansel Donald La Faver, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. J. La Faver was born at Oklahoma City, Sept 21, 1937, and was always a strong and healthy baby until Feb. 21, 1938. God came at 1 o'clock in the morning and took him suddenly. No one knew the cause of his death. His mother awoke and found him dead. She put him to bed laughing and playing. He lived only five months to the day. He leaves his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. J. La Faver; six sisters; and three brothers to mourn his departure.

Funeral services were held at Hunter Funeral Home, Oklahoma City; conducted by O. B. Wilson of Shawnee, Oklahoma

Merphy Parish, the son of Bro. and Sis. James Parish, was born in Tulsa, Okla. Sept. 24, 1923, and departed this life May 1, 1938 at 10:30 a. m. at Tulsa, Okla. at the age of 14 years, 7 months, and 8 days.

He was always a quiet, good and obedient child to his parents. Through his lengthy illness he was very considerate, patient, and willing to trust the Lord. When suffering severely he wanted the saints to come and pray for him because he had great confidence in their prayers. At one time his mother was asking him about being saved and he said to her, "Mother, I am saved, I pray nearly all the time. When I awake in the night, I pray to the Lord and do nothing that I know is wrong. Mother do you see anything wrong that I do?" She replied that she did not. He was saved and wanted to trust the Lord all the way. Merphy was a faithful Sunday School attendant until he became unable and loved very much the song "There is Healing in His Name." This was his favorite song.

He is gone from us but not forgotten. He leaves to mourn their loss; a father, mother, one sister, six brothers, two grandmothers, and a host of relatives and friends.

Our dear Merphy
Has gone to rest.
We loved him well,
But God loved him best.

Funeral service was conducted by Bro. Wm. Bray. Text: Rev. 14:13.

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SOME MORE FOOLISH CAUSES FOR INFIDELITY

"Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts and saying, Where is the promise of his coming? for since the fathers fell asleep all things continue as they were from the beginning of creation. For this they are willingly ignorant." Why? Because they are walking after their own lusts, and the God of the Bible is not compatible with the God of their lusts; hence they conclude the Bible must not be true. The above is the paramount cause of so many unscriptural marriages. Many divorced people who become "wanton" search for Scripture to legalize their remarriage, and when they can't find it they decide, of course, in favor of their own feelings; thus they go blindly into

the unscriptural marriage. Again the existing incompatibility among professors is a strong leverage used by the enemy of all souls to discourage and defeat, if possible, the plans of God. Many poor souls have gone into infidelity because of the lack of love among professed christians. Oh, shame on such cold professors. Very few people in these days are reading the Bible. They would rather take others' word for it. They either haven't time or they are spiritually lazy, so they turn it down or if they read at all they use the Bible as they do the menu in a cafe. They look it over and pick out that which suits them best. Thus they read the Bible and believe that which corresponds with their own peculiar belief.

Again, I believe Christian Science (so called) is doing more to undermine the foundation of the Christian faith than any other doctrine among Sectism; for it is neither Christian nor Science. It is not founded on the word of God; therefore not of God but of Satan. It was hatched in the deluded mind of man—or rather woman. It was rocked in the cradle of unbelief, nursed by Satanic Spirits fed on a mixture of truth and error, believed by sectarian backsliders, and condemned by the Word of God to everlasting destruction. "Science and Health" teaches: "A thing is only evil when we think it is evil; a thing is only disease when we think it to be disease." This, however, is not the teaching of the Bible. "Sin is the transgression of the law" (law of God). If, therefore, we transgress the law of God, it is sin, whether we think so or not. Throughout her book (Science and Health), Mrs. Eddy seeks to maintain the difference between Jesus and the Christ, calling the "Bethlehem Babe—the human herald of Christ;" but he was the Christ, and not the herald of Christ. According to Mrs. Eddy, *Simeon* only saw the herald of Christ; but the Bible says he saw the Christ. One of her statements is: "Jesus cast out evil spirits or *false beliefs*." To her, a demon is only a "false belief;" but the Bible definitely teaches the personalities of the devil and demons. Again, "With his stripes (the rejection of error) we are healed."—in fact, wherever the Scripture does not suit her belief, she ignores or twists it as the above. She also says, "The blood of Jesus was no more efficacious to cleanse from sin when shed upon the accursed tree than when flowing in his veins as he went about his Father's business;" but without shedding of blood is no remission. Heb. 9:22. Thus we could multiply Scripture to prove the efficacy of the spilt blood only. Christian science is a mixture of Christianity and Paganism; of Science and nonsense. It is *Satanic*. G. E. Harmon.

◆ « Young People's Section » ◆

Shall We?

For salvation as offered to you and me
The Prophets inquired and searched diligently.
Then shall we nonchalantly pass it by;
Thus spurn offered mercy, God's love defy?

The disciples unflinchingly fought the fight
Mid perils and persecutions defended the right.
Then shall we cowardly choose retreat—
Because we are tried, give up in defeat?

To contend for *the* faith, tho by demons defied,
God's stewards have labored and martyrs have died.
Then shall we shirk duty—embrace compromise
To be honored of men, who the Truth despise?

If mortals so small and unworthy as we,
Neglect or recant or refuse pardon free;
Then shall we knave-like in self pity cry:
"God is unjust or He'd not let me die?"

—Geneva Bailey.

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Editorials

The camp-meeting season has come again. It is a time when special effort is put forth in many ripened harvest fields to rescue immortal souls. The sacrifice made in order to hold the various camp-meetings over the land is for the purpose of pointing people to Christ for salvation. We are praying and trusting that there truly will be a great gathering of souls into God's kingdom. May the Holy Ghost through his servants send forth the gospel in thundering tones to wake the slumbering nations which are on the brink of eternal destruction. In this "shaking time" we trust also that God's people who are wandering around in compromise and fanaticism will hear God's voice and come out, lest they be partakers of their sins and be destroyed.

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All the young saints who possibly can should attend these camp-meetings in order that you might receive a blessing and be a blessing. The unsaved should go with a mind to seek the Lord and receive that satisfying portion. During the camp-meetings there is usually given time each day for the young

people to have their own meetings. Young saints should take advantage of these opportunities to witness for the Lord and pray and work for the salvation of unsaved young people. In order for us to be a real spiritual blessing to others, we must first in the secret place of prayer and meditation receive a spiritual blessing and outpouring from God. His presence and anointing makes a successful meeting.

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Vacation Bible schools are being conducted in many places. In most cases it is a mere head learning, like studying a history lesson—no vital truths imparted. It takes more than Christian education to make people truly Christ-like. Young people should be slow to accept invitations to attend vacation Bible schools, especially away at some ocean resort where conditions are not altogether conducive to spirituality. It would be well to secure recommendations from your pastor and well-established ministers before making such a venture. The deeper truths from God are not learned while studying in a group under a human instructor, as has been the experience of men of God in past years. God called Abraham into a new country alone. God talked to Moses on the back side of the desert alone. Jesus, before beginning his public ministry, was led of the Spirit into the wilderness and there prepared for the work before him. After Paul was saved and filled with the Holy Ghost, he went to the wilderness of Arabia for a time. When he returned to Damascus, his preaching of the gospel confounded the Jews. The Holy Ghost is the all-sufficient teacher.—L. D. P.

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Eakersfield, Calif. Dear Young Saints of God:—
Greetings to you in much holy love. We are still saved and sanctified and willing to follow Jesus at any cost. I realize it means much to live a holy life in this sinful world, but God's grace is sufficient to carry us through every test and trial in life. Dear young people, don't get discouraged by the way; keep pressing on until the crown is won. He is so good to heal all of our sickness and cleanse us from sin.

On May 29th the Lord gave us a wonderful Young People's meeting. It was the best meeting I have ever witnessed in all my life. My soul rejoiced greatly in the God of my salvation. Saints have prayed that God would send conviction upon the hearts of men and women until they would cry out: "What shall I do to be saved?" I saw the answer to that prayer in this meeting. It was such a stirring time that only one unsaved person stayed

in the house during the meeting. Others would come in and out. The camp was really on fire and Satan burnt out. Sinners in their seats cried out with loud voices: "What shall I do to be saved?" About sixteen got saved, including little children as young as six years old and up. Ever since that day, souls have been getting saved and sanctified and many have asked for prayer for the salvation of their souls. Some of the saints from San Diego, and Pasadena, Calif. were with us that Sunday.

Just after meeting, Sister Blackwell's daughter took awfully sick. She seemed to be near death's door; but the dear Lord heard our prayers in her behalf and healed her body. Bro. and Sis. Chandler's little daughter became so sick that her mother gave her up to die. She came about a quarter of a mile to tell us about her little one that she thought was dead. Bro. Chandler and Bro. Bramlett laid hands on her and prayed, and by the time we arrived there in a car (about one mile), the child was up walking around. It was so wonderful how the Lord blessed her. Many others have had serious sickness, some very near to death's door; but the dear Lord always comes to our rescue in time of sickness and distress.

People talk about this being such a wicked place in which to live and it is; but the life which God's Word demands is being lived right here in this wicked place by both young and old. I don't like to hear the saints talking about this being a hard place in which to keep saved, because God's grace is sufficient to keep you anywhere, if you want to be kept.

Several young men have gotten saved recently, including a sect preacher. There are ten saved young men here now. That is something that you don't usually see.

Pray for me and my family.

Luetta Bramlett.

CORRESPONDENCE

Senath, Mo. Dear Bro. and Sis. Pruitt:— I received your word of comfort today, and I'm so glad there are a few left in this world who take an interest in people's afflictions and lost souls. I hope and pray that the good work that you saints carry on shall never cease as long as time lasts. I want to praise the Lord for His wonderful healing power. He healed my boy the very day I sent my letter off to you saints for prayer. Before night his fever was all gone and he hasn't had any since. We have only to trust Him and make some effort to prove that we do trust Him and He will do the rest, praise His dear name forever! Oh, I love Him with all my heart, soul, strength and body! He has done so much for me. I am not satisfied completely, because I don't know whether I have ever received the Holy Ghost or not. I have faith enough to trust Jesus for all things and He never fails me. It was easy for me to give up drinking coffee, but ice tea has been hard because I have been undecided about it really being a sinful habit, and also reading news papers. I gave up read-

ing any kind of story books as I formerly read just any kind of book, never realizing there was any harm. I have been receiving so much light in the last six or eight years and I have done my best to abide by what light I received; yet I feel that I need more light, more strength from above to live above sin in this sinful and pleasure-loving world of today. Please pray for me that I shall get fully satisfied where I can meet and overcome all temptations. I know that I am weak, but I also know that He is strong and able to do all things. I would like to see a holiness preacher come out here. We have two Baptist church houses here and preaching about once a month in each one, but I don't suppose they would let a holiness preacher preach in either one of them.

May the dear Lord bless you in your work, and I pray that the lost souls shall wake up to the preaching and prayers of the saints and come to the Saviour before it is too late. Pray for my loved ones, that they shall be saved before it is too late. Pray for me that I shall ever press onward to glory and be worthy to make heaven my home.

Your sister in Christ Jesus, Effie Miller.

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Dekalb, Miss. —I thought I would write my testimony to all of the readers of the *Faith and Victory*.

The Lord saved me twenty years ago and keeps me saved each day to all the knowledge I have, praise His dear name. When he saved me, he marked me in his name, so when he comes again he would know me from the others, praise his dear name forever. He is my healer, savior, and keeper. I was so sick all of last year with a cold and cough until I could not rest night or day. At the end of the year I had pains around my heart and could scarcely lay on my side. I sent for an anointed handkerchief and applied it to my heart. In a day or two I could feel the pains leaving my heart, praise the Lord. I still have a bad cough and hurting in my lungs, for which I ask an interest in the prayers of all the saints. I told the Lord if he would heal me I would witness for him this year more than ever before. Every time I make a start Satan has something in the way. I ask all of you to pray that the Lord will give grace against every thing that he should bring against my soul and body for the sake of Jesus.

Yours, saved, sanctified, satisfied, and in the one body, Hilda Grady.

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Dear Bro. and Sis. Pruitt: — Greetings to the saints at Guthrie from the saints in Chicago. "Bless the Lord Oh, my soul and all that is within me, Bless

His Holy Name." It has been some time since we received your letter. I waited until the tent meeting was over to answer.

Many heard the Truth—the Faith that was once delivered to the saints. There were different sect people and Anderson people and if they don't accept, the World will judge them at the last day. Bro. Lawson truly was used of God. Yes, God is truly working. The dear little children gathered at 6:30 every evening and God led Sister Melican and myself to give them His precious Word. Some had never heard of Jesus and there were many Catholics among them.

I was so glad to hear about the man who was delivered from the evil spirit, praise God. Oh, so many are in like condition! I feel like traveling on, dear saints of God. Pray for us.

Yours in the One Body, Sister C. Dravis.

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Maxmeadows, Va. —Dear Bro Pruitt: Greetings in Jesus name. Many thanks for those tracts. I will gladly read all and place them with others that I am praying to be saved. Dear brother, I am glad to say that I am feeling so much better. My side hasn't hurt any at all since you have been praying for me, and the ulcers on Father's legs are all healed. Praise God! I am trusting that all of you continue with me in prayer until I am completely healed of this Rheumatism, which I am glad to say is much better, praise the Lord. I truly need the prayers of all the saints that I may be enabled, spiritually, physically, and financially to care for those who are entrusted to my care. I pray the Lord's blessings on all of you every day and hour.

Yours in Jesus name, Inez Dalton.

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Urbana, Ill. —Dear Bro. Pruitt: Greetings in the precious name of Jesus from all the Saints at Urbana. We have just closed a two weeks revival here at God's Mission in Urbana, with Bro. and Sis. Noah Losh of Muncie, Ind. as our Evangelistic help. God did bless and some prayed through to definite victory. The saints were made to rejoice and feel more determined to stand by the truth of God as never before. It was truly a great blessing to have Brother and Sister Losh with us for two weeks. Their life of humble devotion and sweet spirit to God's service will never be forgotten by the Urbana Saints.

I thank God, He ever lead me to meet such dear saints and also for Bro. and Sis. Lawson and dear children. I have had the privilege to meet others of the New Castle Saints and find them all dear people of God.

I hope to be able to attend the Camp Meeting at New Castle in August, the Lord willing.

Thank God most of all, for His precious Truth, and for how He has led me from bondage of church organization to light of the true Church. I heard the call from the verse, Rev. 18:4—"Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins and that ye receive not of her plagues" God is honoring His truth, though we are battling against much opposition. Souls are getting to God, others are getting light on the one true Church of the living God and we are looking forward to greater things from God. Pray for Urbana Saints, that they continue to walk in the light of God and that the Lord will continue to add unto His Church here, they that will be saved. We all enjoy the *Faith and Victory* paper and are praying, the Lord willing, that you may be sent this way for a revival in the near future.

A sister in Christ, Iva F. Slade.

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Seminole, Okla. Dear Bro. and Sis. Pruitt:— I am writing a few lines this morning to tell you of how wonderfully the Lord healed me. I feel so good since I wrote to you for prayer. He has brought such joy to my soul and healing to my body.

I went to Oklahoma City to the saint's meeting last Sunday and we had such a good meeting, the Lord greatly manifested his power. Bro. Manly Speers delivered a good sermon. One was baptized.

I am praying that the Lord will bless and keep all of you with power divine.

Your sister, Annie Miller.

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Bartlesville, Okla. Dear Saints of God:— Just a few lines to let you know that we are still saved and working hard for Jesus. We have Sunday School out three miles in the country and preaching also. I was called to Tyro, Kans. for two services the last two Sundays. Three souls were saved there and out clean for God, out of sectism and into the marvelous light of God. We are very much encouraged and are traveling on. We have the solid Rock, Christ, for a foundation and trusting God for future things. Send the paper to Bro. Parker's children. He has just been saved seven weeks and is now sanctified wholly. He wants his children to get saved.

Bro. and Sis. C. J. Smith.

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Jennings, Okla.—Dear Bro. and Sis. Pruitt and Saints scattered abroad: Greetings. I am fully saved today trusting the Lord for both soul and body, praise His dear name! I have been saved and trusting the Lord since August 1929 and I am more encouraged this morning than

ever before. My decision is to go through. The Lord has done so much for me. I am the mother of thirteen children and the Lord has blessed every one of them and has healed their bodies many times. They are all living, praise His name forever. I have been in poor health for about two months. I took very sick on the night of June 4th. It seemed that the Lord was going to take me, but husband held on to the Lord for my healing. Bro. L. L. Jackson of Okmulgee was out here holding a short meeting, so husband sent for him to come. He came and anointed me with oil and agreed in prayer for me. The Lord wonderfully touched my body and I was able to lie down the rest of the night and was able to go to meeting the next evening. What a mighty God we serve. I was able to go to Hoffman to meeting last Sunday and was also able to help do the house work; but last Wed. night I had another severe spell with my heart. The Lord had impressed Bro. Phillips of Dover, Okla. to come to this place for a short meeting, so husband sent for him and Bro. Miles to come and pray for me. After they had anointed and prayed for me the Lord again touched my body; but I am very weak and spit up blood. I want all who know the worth of prayer to pray earnestly for the healing of my body. I mean to press on toward heaven at any cost.

Your saved sister in the one body, Vera Jones.

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A LOVING CALL TO THE MINISTRY

In prayer and meditation on conditions spiritually in the so called "Church of God;" my soul has been grieved as I see those who once had the vision of the Bride of Christ, measured to the Word, came out of spiritual B'abylon bringing nothing along; but alas, many are building again the things they once destroyed, making themselves transgressors. Many follow them and we have a fashionable church, opera singing, fiddles, etc.

Is there not a need of an awakening among the ministry? "Like priest like people." Is there not a need of teachers to hold up the standard again? Theater bedecked people representing **The Pure Exclusive Bride of Christ?** (Can God wink at these things? No, no! "Zion, arise and shine" "Put on thy strength").

Dear ministers, we appeal to you, as we feel you will have much of this lain up to your undoing and our prayer is that God give you a willingness to see the situation and get the vision afresh of "The Exclusive Church," "The Spotless Bride;" and teach it again.

It is God's will that people should know. "Where there is no vision, the people perish." Oh, Holy Brethren, seek God for the vision of the morning time. Teach it with the authority of the Holy Spirit sent down from heaven. For God's Word says, "At evening time it shall be light." What are you doing to let the so called christian world know that B'abylon is fallen, is fallen? (Read Rev. 18:1-4 inclusive, also verse 21-24.) Take one thought of the deception taught, and the blood shed by this "Babylon the Great." Dear minister, what are you doing to call dear souls out of her? that they receive not of her plagues.

Think ye that you can be guiltless if you once saw

the vision and now have become one among them and even join with them in calling light darkness and darkness light?

Is it not time to seek God for a return to the "Old Paths?" Seek Him until He reigns righteousness on the earth. His Word says: "When thy judgments are in the earth the inhabitants of the world will learn righteousness." (Isa. 26:9) Is it not time to "awake thou that sleepest" and thunder the judgments of God? Lest you be partakers of their sins and receive of their plagues. Don't you see the sword coming?


Father God, let your fear fall on the teachers and preachers, that they awake to preach the Word and on the laity that they live it. Sadie E. Orr.

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Sunday, July 3, 1938.

JOSHUA: A CHOICE OF LOYALTIES

Daily Readings and Meditation

June 27-July 3.

- M. Joshua—God's choice. Josh. 1:2-6.
- T. Joshua's choice. Josh. 24:14-21.
- W. Jehovah or Baal. 1 Kings 18:20-24.
- T. God or Mammon. Matt. 6:24-29.
- F. Christ or the world. John 6:66-71.
- S. Life or death. Ezek. 33:11-16.

S. The blessedness of right choices. Psa. 119:1-8.

Printed Portion.....Josh. 1:2-6, 24:14-21.

Joshua 1:2. Moses my servant is dead; now therefore arise, go over this Jordan, thou, and all this people, unto the land which I do give them, even to the children of Israel.

3. Every place that the sole of your foot shall tread upon, that have I given unto you, as I said unto Moses.

4. From the wilderness and this Lebanon even unto the great river, the river Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites, and unto the great sea toward the going down of the sun, shall be your coast.

5. There shall not any man be able to stand before thee all the days of thy life: as I was with Moses, so I will be with thee: I will not fail thee, nor forsake thee.

6. Be strong and of a good courage: for unto this people shalt thou divide for an inheritance the land, which I swear unto their fathers to give them.

Joshua 24:14. Now therefore fear the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in truth: and put away the gods which your fathers served on the other side of the flood, and in Egypt; and serve ye the Lord.

15. And if it seem evil unto you to serve the Lord, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.

16. And the people answered and said, God forbid that we should forsake the Lord, to serve other gods;

17. For the Lord our God, he it is that brought us up and our fathers out of land of Egypt, from the house of bondage, and which did those great signs in our sight, and preserved us in all the way wherein we went, and among all the people through whom we passed:

18. And the Lord drave out from before us all the people, even the Amorites which dwelt in the land: therefore will we also serve the Lord; for he is our God.

19. And Joshua said unto the people, Ye cannot serve the Lord: for he is an holy God; he is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions nor you sins.

20. If ye forsake the Lord, and serve strange gods, then he will turn and do you hurt, and consume you, after that he hath done you good.

21. And the people said unto Joshua, Nay; but we will serve the Lord.

Golden Text: As for me and my house we will serve the Lord.

POINTS FOR EMPHASIS

I. Selection of Leaders.

1. Moses' request for a successor.
2. The command of Jehovah.

II. Instruction to Joshua.

Assurance and courage.

III. Joshua's Choice.

1. His example of loyalty.
2. Israel's reply and pledge.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

The purpose set forth in today's lesson was to bring the children of Israel onward into Canaan. The spiritual application that we receive from the lesson is that there are more possessions for us. As Joshua was not to leave any enemies in that land, so also by obedience and faith we may free ourselves from every thing that would hinder us in our journey. The children of Israel were not to mingle with those idolatrous people, so also we hear the words, "We are not of the world even as he is not of the world," and again, "We are not debtors to the flesh to fulfill the lusts thereof."

We need to look around but little to observe that many who profess the name of the Lord are dividing their attentions between God and mammon. When we notice people doing the questionable things, making a mad rush to serve mammon, and the many vacant seats in the Lord's house, we know that their steadfastness has weakened by carelessness and tainted with worldliness.

Although the people pledged loyalty so sincerely, yet because of their many floundering in the wilderness Joshua warned them of the disaster that was sure to follow their evil doings. And thus the people went their way, serving Jehovah with their lips, while their hearts were far from him.

God's plans are not dependent on man. Moses till- ed, sowed, and weeded, and Joshua harvested. Each of us have our work, but it is God that gives the increase.

Sunday, July 10, 1938.

CALEB: LIFE DEVOTION

Daily Readings and Meditation

July 3-10.

M. Caleb at forty. Josh. 14:6-9.

T. Caleb at eighty-five. Josh. 14:10-15.

W. The strength of Jehovah. Psa. 71:12-18.

T. Remembering God in youth. Eccl. 11:7; 12:1.

F. "A crown of glory." Prov. 16:23-33.

S. Renewing one's youth. Psa. 103:1-6.

S. Jehovah, my keeper. Psa. 121:1-8.

Printed Portion.....Josh. 14:6-15.

Joshua 14:6. Then the children of Judah came unto Joshua in Gilgal: and Caleb the son of Jephunneh the Kenezite said unto him, Thou knowest the thing that the Lord said unto Moses the man of God concerning me and thee in Kadesh-barnea.

7. Forty years old was I when Moses the servant of the Lord sent me from Kadesh-barnea to espy out the land; and I brought him word again as it was in mine heart.

8. Nevertheless my brethren that went up with me made the heart of the people melt: but I wholly followed the Lord my God.

9. And Moses sware on that day, saying, Surely the land whereon thy feet have trodden shall be thine inheritance, and thy children's forever, because thou hast wholly followed the Lord my God.

10. And now, behold the Lord hath kept me alive, as he said, these forty and five years, even since the Lord spake this word unto Moses, while the children of Israel wandered in the wilderness: and now, lo, I am this day fourscore and five years old.

11. As yet I am as strong this day as I was in the day that Moses sent me: as my strength was then, even so is my strength now, for war, both to go out, and to come in.

12. Now therefore give me this mountain, whereof the Lord spake in that day; for thou heardest in that day how the Anakims were there, and that the cities were great and fenced: if so be the Lord will be with me, then I shall be able to drive them out, as the Lord said.

13. And Joshua blessed him, and gave unto Caleb the son of Jephunneh Hebron for an inheritance.

14. Hebron therefore became the inheritance of Caleb the son of Jephunneh the Kenezite unto this day, because that he wholly followed the Lord God of Israel.

15. And the name of Hebron before was Kirjath-arba; which Arba was a great man among the Anakims. And the land had rest from war.

Golden Text: Let us go up at once, and possess it; for we are well able to overcome it. Numbers 13:30.

POINTS FOR EMPHASIS

- I. An Approach to the Lesson.
 1. Spies selected and instructed.
 2. The spies at work—return.
- II. Caleb, The Faithful.
 1. The promise to him.
 2. Joshua's request—granted.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

When the children arrived at Kadesh, in the wilderness of Paran, they pitched their tent on the edge of their promised land. Evidently they feared to go in at once to undertake the conquest of Canaan, for they asked that spies be sent to search out the land and bring back the report. (Deut. 1:19-22.) Moses selected one man from each tribe of the children of Israel for this purpose.

Caleb was the "Prince," selected from the tribe of Judah.

Moses instructed the spies to bring a report of the conditions of the land, the inhabitants, the cities and samples of the fruits. The report that they brought back was that the land was good, but its inhabitants were strong, the cities well fortified, and many giants there. What was the report of Joshua and Caleb?

Of all the Israelites that received their inheritance in the promised land, Caleb appears to have been the only one who succeeded in driving out all the "ites." The report generally read, "They were not able to drive them out."

Let us be bold to wage warfare on the enemy of our souls that we, by the grace of God, might live a victorious life and enjoy the fruits of Canaan.

Sunday, July 17, 1938.

DEBORAH: EMERGENCY LEADERSHIP

Daily Readings and Meditation

July 10-17.

- M. Israel's distress. Judges 4:1-3.
- T. Deborah's prophecy. Judges 4:4-9.
- W. Deborah's Leadership. Judges 4:12-14.
- T. Esther's call. Esther 4:10-14.
- F. Lydia's Leadership. Acts 16:11-15.
- S. Womanhood glorifying God. Luke 1:46:55.
- S. God, our helper. Psa. 46:1-11.

Printed Portion.....Judges 4:1-9, 12-14.

Judges 4:1. And the children of Israel again did evil in the sight of the Lord, when Ehud was dead.

2. And the Lord sold them into the land of Jabin, king of Canaan, that reigned in Hazor; the captain of whose host was Sisera, which dwelt in Harosheth of the Gentiles.

3. And the children of Israel cried unto the Lord: for he had nine hundred chariots of iron; and twenty years he mightily oppressed the children of Israel.

4. And Deborah, a prophetess, the wife of Lapidoth, she judged Israel at that time.

5. And she dwelt under the palm tree of Deborah between Ramah and Beth-el in mount Ephraim: and the children of Israel came up to her for judgment.

6. And she sent and called Barak the son of Abinoam out of Kedeshnaphtali, and said unto him, Hath not the Lord God of Israel commanded, saying, Go and draw toward mount Tabor, and take with thee ten thousand men of the children of Naphtali and of the children of Zebulun?

7. And I will draw unto thee to the river Kishon Sisera, the captain of Jabin's army, with his chariots and his multitude; and I will deliver him into thine hand.

8. And Barak said unto her, If thou wilt go with me then I will go: but if thou wilt not go with me, then I will not go.

9. And she said, I will surely go with thee: notwithstanding the journey that thou takest shall not be for thine honour; for the Lord shall sell Sisera into the hand of a woman. And Deborah arose, and went with Barak to Kedesh.

Judges 4:12. And they shewed Sisera that Barak the son of Abinoam was gone up to mount Tabor.

13. And Sisera gathered together his chariots, even nine hundred chariots of iron, and all the people that were with him, from Harosheth of the Gentiles unto the river of Kishon.

14. And Deborah said unto Barak, Up; for this is the day in which the Lord hath delivered Sisera into thine hand: is not the Lord gone out before thee? So Barak went down from mount Tabor, and ten thousand men after him.

Golden Text: Who knoweth whether thou art not come to the kingdom for such a time as this? Esther 4:14.

POINTS FOR EMPHASIS

- I. The Period of Judges.
 1. Over the tribes of Israel.
 2. The many calamities.
- II' Deborah.
 1. Why a woman leader? Judges 4:6-7.

2. Other women leaders of importance.
3. Strength and effort of Deborah.
4. Song of praise.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

The children of Israel had wandered forty years in the wilderness. They were very changeable and many times regretted that they had left Egypt, the place of bondage.

Under the capable leadership of Moses and also Joshua, the children of Israel were held together and led triumphantly into the Canaan land.

Then followed this period of Judges. We should not think of the word judge as we do today, but rather as a natural leader of the people with some outstanding abilities as Samson and Deborah. They were the type to whom their fellowmen looked in time of question or trouble. God would lay his hand upon them for that particular work and qualify them as he does today.

Israel was not as a kingdom, but was very loosely connected with no certain place for any of its Judges. Where did Deborah dwell?

The forces of Sisera, their enemy, were composed of 900 iron chariots with scythes attached that they could drive in the midst of the enemy and mow them down like wheat. Barak wouldn't go to meet this enemy without Deborah but at her word and inspired by her courage, he successfully put the foe to flight. The fact that she was the mouth piece of Jehovah doubtless influenced him very much.

The application that we gather from this lesson is that we take courage and pitch battle against every "ite" camped in our territory. Probably the first and worst enemy that we find is self-ite. Others may be gossip-ites; idle-ites; mammon-ites; careless-ites; reputation-ites; and if we earnestly desire, the Lord might show us that a dangerous enemy has a fortified camp closer upon our territory than we imagine.

Sunday, July 24, 1938.

GIDEON: FOLLOWING GOD'S PLAN

Daily Readings and Meditation

July 11-24.

- M. God's plan. Judges 7:4-9.
- T. Gideon's assurance. Judges 7:15-18.
- W. The sword of Jehovah and Gideon. Judges 7:19-23.
- T. Disobedient and weakness. Amos 2:9-15.
- F. Obedience and strength. Josh. 1:5-9.
- S. Lifting hands heavenward. Ex. 17:8-13.
- S. Praise to God for victories. Psa. 98:1-6.

Printed Portion.....Judges 7:4-7, 15-23.

Judges 7:4. And the Lord said unto Gideon, The people are yet too many; bring them down unto the water and I will try them for thee there: and it shall be, that of whom I say unto thee, This shall go with thee, the same shall go with thee; and of whomsoever I say unto thee, This shall not go with thee, the same shall not go.

5. So he brought down the people unto the water: and the Lord said unto Gideon, Every one that lappeth of the water with his tongue, as a dog lappeth, him shalt

thou set by himself; likewise every one that boweth down upon his knees to drink.

6. And the number of them that lapped, putting their hand to their mouth, were three hundred men: but all the rest of the people bowed down upon their knees to drink water.

7. And the Lord said unto Gideon, By the three hundred men that lapped will I save you, and deliver the Midianites into thine hand: and let all the other people go every man unto his place.

Judges 7:15. And it was so, when Gideon heard the telling of the dream, and the interpretation thereof, that he worshipped, and returned into the host of Israel, and said, Arise; for the Lord hath delivered into your hand the host of Midian.

16. And he divided the three hundred men into three companies, and he put a trumpet in every man's hand, with empty pitchers, and lamps within the pitchers.

17. And he said unto them, Look on me, and do likewise: and, behold, when I come to the outside of the camp, it shall be that, as I do, so shall ye do.

18. When I blow with a trumpet, I and all that are with me, then blow ye the trumpets also on every side of all the camp, and say, The sword of the Lord, and of Gideon.

19. So Gideon, and the hundred men that were with him, came unto the outside of the camp in the beginning of the middle watch; and they had but newly set the watch: and they blew the trumpets, and brake the pitchers that were in their hands.

20. And the three companies blew the trumpets, and brake the pitchers, and held the lamps in their left hands, and the trumpets in their right hands to blow withal: and they cried, The sword of the Lord and of Gideon.

21. And they stood every man in his place round about the camp: and all the host ran, and cried, and fled.

22. And the three hundred blew the trumpets, and the Lord set every man's sword against his fellow, even throughout all the host: and the host fled to Bethshittah in Zererath, and to the border of Abelmeholah, unto Tabath.

23. And the men of Israel gathered themselves together out of Naphtali, and out of Asher, and out of all Manasseh, and pursued after the Midianites.

Golden Text: Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of good courage. Josh. 1:9.

POINTS FOR EMPHASIS

I. Oppressed by Midianites.

1. A prophet and a deliverer.
2. Many of the army dismissed by God.

II. The Attack.

1. Faith and obedience.
2. The effect—and victory.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

For seven years Midian had oppressed the Hebrew people. The Hebrews were compelled to live in caves and strongholds in the mountains. When they had sown

their crops, the enemy came along harvesting the grain and driving off their sheep and cattle.

God saw the distress of the people and sent a prophet unto them telling that their sad plight was due to their disobedience to the God that had delivered them from Egyptian bondage.

Notice the humility manifested by Gideon when he was chosen to deliver his people. What was his answer? How did he attack their false worship? Contrast the natural readiness of the two armies.

How did Gideon make sure that God would be with him in the battle?

Many rallied to the call of the trumpet, but few were chosen worthy to go battle. Is there not a spiritual application in this for us today?

Sunday, July 31, 1938.

SAMSON: STRENGTH AND WEAKNESS

Daily Readings and Meditation

July 24-31.

- M. Stronger than a lion. Judges 14:5-6.
- T. Stronger than ropes. Judges 16:15-21.
- W. Weak as other men. Judges 16:15-21.
- T. Weakness in the flesh. Matt. 26:40-45.
- F. When the weak ones are strong. 2 Cor. 12:7-10.
- S. Weak things stronger than mighty. 1 Cor. 1:22-29.
- S. Strong in the Lord. Eph. 6:10-20.

Printed Portion.....Judges 14:5, 6; 15:11-14; 16:15-21.

Judges 14:5. Then went Samson down, and his father and his mother, to Timnath, and came to the vineyards of Timnath: and, behold, a young lion roared against him.

6. And the Spirit of the Lord came mightily upon him, and he rent him as he would have rent a kid, and he had nothing in his hand: but he told not his father or his mother what he had done.

Judges 15:11. Then the three thousand men of Judah went to the top of the rock Etam, and said to Samson, Knowest thou not that the Philistines are rulers over us? what is this that thou hast done unto us? And he said unto them, as they did unto me, so have I done unto them.

12. And they said unto him, We are come down to bind thee, that we may deliver thee into the hand of the Philistines. And Samson said unto them, Swear unto me, that ye will not fall upon me yourselves.

13. And they spake unto him, saying, No; but we will bind thee fast, and deliver thee into their hand: but surely we will not kill thee. And they bound him with two new cords, and brought him up from the rock.

14. And when he came unto Lehi, the Philistines shouted against him: and the Spirit of the Lord came mightily upon him, and the cords that were upon his arms became as flax that was burnt with fire, and his bands loosed from his hands.

Judges 16:15. And she said unto him, How canst thou say, I love thee, when thine heart is not with me? thou hast mocked me these three times, and hast not told me wherein thy great strength lieth.

16. And it came to pass, when she pressed him daily with her words, and urged him, so that his soul was vexed unto death;

17. That he told her all his heart, and said unto her, There hath not come a razor upon mine head; for I have been a Nazarite unto God from my mother's womb: if I be shaven, then my strength will go from me, and I shall become weak, and be like any other man.

18. And when Delilah saw that he had told her all his heart, she sent and called for the lords of the Philistines, saying, Come up this once, for he hath shewed me all his heart. Then the lords of the Philistines came up unto her, and brought money in their hand.

19. And she made him sleep upon her knees; and she called for a man, and she caused him to shave off the seven locks of his head; and she began to afflict him, and his strength went from him.

20. And she said, The Philistines be upon thee, Samson. And he awoke out of his sleep, and said, I will go out as at other times before, and shake myself. And he wist not that the Lord was departed from him.

21. But the Philistines took him, and put out his eyes, and brought him down to Gaza, and bound him with fetters of brass; and he did grind in the prison house.

Golden Text: Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. Eph. 6:10.

POINTS FOR EMPHASIS

I. Samson.

1. Physical and mental power.
2. Samson's heart.

II. Will—What is it?

1. Strong and weak wills.
2. How to secure a strong will.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

Our lesson today is about Samson and his adventures. We have an instance where physical strength that made him renown did not bring success and satisfaction. While he was very shrewd in some ways, yet his mind, his mental and moral powers were not balanced and thus he would yield to suggestions which wrought havoc to his character.

With these weaknesses in mind, we should arm ourselves with a strong will. By having a strong will, we mean one with every aim, impulse and ambition centered on those higher motives (knowing the will of God then doing it.)

The downfall of his life came when he, against the advice of his parents turned from the worship of the living God, to that of idolatry. Doubtless he didn't intend to be entangled in the snare of false worship, but when we do not separate ourselves from every evil thing as the word of God instructs us, we become a prey for every foul Spirit.

Be sure and notice the tragic statement: "But he knew not that Jehovah had departed from him." How sad it is and also how sad it will be when people find themselves in a dire need of the grace and power of God, but alas! "He had departed."

It behooves each of us to live continually in touch with him who has all power.

We receive many lessons from this example that will help us to steer clear the pitfalls Satan has for us.