

FAITH AND VICTORY

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

**HAVE FAITH
IN GOD**



**A PAPER
FOR ALL
CHRISTIANS**

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Pray For Me

O, dear Christians, as we're traveling up the high
and holy way—

Pressing onward, looking upward toward the
heavenly goal each day—

As by faith we hear the welcome, and our eyes His
glory see,

Can we hear the souls around us pleading:

“O, will some one pray for me?”

When within the secret closet, bowing there in
humble prayer

As we praise God for his mercies, and for all his
loving care;

While there in his blessed presence, pleading more
like him to be,

Can you hear some poor lost sinner saying,

“O, will some one pray for me?”

And, dear Christians, as we go about the duties of
each day;

Praising God for strength and vigor, and his help
along the way,

Hoping, praying, as the future glorious things holds
out to thee;

Can you hear the sick and suffering saying,

“Christians, will you pray for me?”

There are many souls, dear brethren, all around us
in this life;

Poor and needy, sick and suffering, broken, fainting
in the strife.

Disappointment, pain, and sorrow on their faces
we may see—

And if we could only hear it—many saying,

“Pray for me.”

We were one time lost and ruined, guilty sinners like
the rest;

Some one saw us, loved us; or somehow, heard our
request.

Some one prayed beneath a burden, for their eyes
had chanced to see

The request of some poor sinner saying,

“Christians, will you pray for me?”

O, dear Christians, are we praying, pleading, wrest-
ling as we should

For the suffering souls around us? we could help if
we but would.

As we tarry in the closet, do we listen close to see,
If our ears can catch a message:

“O, will some one pray for me?”

There are souls along the highway with temptation
hard beset;

Weakened by the flesh in some way, which they have
not conquered yet—

Writhing in the gathering darkness, through the eye
of flesh they see—

If we listen, we can hear them crying,

“Brethren, will you pray for me?”

If we were more like our Saviour, we would know the
worth of prayer;

We would hear the cries of anguish, coming from
hearts everywhere;

We would pray and plead and wrestle until God,
our tears would see;

For the Saviour never fails to hear a soul say,

“Pray for me.” —W. W. VanZandt.

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CHARACTERISTICS OF THE BRIDE OF CHRIST

She, being clothed in His righteousness day by day.
She loves her Beloved with all her heart, mind
and strength.

She wears only the ornaments He puts upon her.

Her ornaments are not for special occasions. They are of heavenly origin. God speaks of one as of *great price* — her *meek* and *quiet spirit*.

Her actions and words show forth divine love.

She has the spirit and mind of Jesus to do God's will.

Her humility is like a rare flower. She looks on it; but upon the cross—she loves the cross, for on it her Lord did die.

Thorns in the flesh, afflictions, and persecutions she meekly bears.

She flees away from the gossip of this world—which is of the devil.

Her tongue shows forth the praises of her Lord.

The world sees only her outward beauty, which is her chaste and holy conversation.

Her apparel is plain and modest.

She is the antitype of the beautiful temple at Jerusalem, —no one uncircumcised ever saw the great beauty inside the temple; none uncircumcised in heart ever sees the interior working of the soul of Jesus' Bride.

Her chief work and the burden of her heart is for the salvation of the lost in this world— poor lost and deceived souls for whom her Beloved gave His life blood.

—Mrs. Edward Wetzel.

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Baptism

This is a term whose import thousands of souls seem to misunderstand. And it seems strange why there should be such a misunderstanding about it, with so much scriptural light outstanding on the subject. But we read in 2 Cor. 4:3, "But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost." Dear reader, how are we going to successfully deny that the above view of this part of the gospel, is a fulfillment of this scripture, The gospel of Jesus is the gospel of truth and those who believe and teach that water baptism is a saving ordinance, have not the truth. Well, says one, what are you going to do with 1 Peter 3:21? I am just going to let it alone as it is, and not strain and twist it out of its true significance. It reads as follows; "The like figure whereunto even baptism doth also now save (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward our God,) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead." Peter says it is only like a "figure." Did the water save Noah's family, or did the ark save them from death? Every rational person knows the answer. If Noah's ark typifies Christ as our ark of safety,

then Christ is the medium by which we are saved and no other agency. Again, if water baptism saved men, man would become the Savior of men. We read in Eph. 8, "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God. If man is saved by grace, and it is the gift of God, how about man assuming something that his arm is too short and weak to perform and that is in the domain of some divine power only? Did Jesus say, "Ye must be baptized?" No! it can't be found anywhere in the Word that He said it, but He did say, "Ye must be born again." (John 3:3,7. Moreover, in the next verse, He said, "Ye cannot tell whence it cometh." Could we not tell whence it came, were some man to baptize another man? The saving of man's soul is a miracle of divine grace and mercy. What of a miracle is the baptizing of one man by another? "By grace are ye saved, through faith," and not through baptism. Jesus did not say to John the Baptist, "You must baptize me," (or anyone) but He said, "Suffer it to be so, for thus it becometh us to fulfill all righteousness." (Matt. 3:15.) Would not that look out of place to expect a man to administer a saving ordinance to the Son of God? (Besides, one "who knew no sin, neither was guilt found in his mouth.") This was the example He set for all subsequent believers, when it is within their ability, to be immersed, as an answer of a good conscience toward God, or a testimony to others, that they have come under the blood.

Philip told the eunuch there was only one thing to hinder him from being baptized (buried under the water) and that was in case he didn't believe with all his heart. (Acts 8:37.) The reader should not fail to qualify this scripture with Rom. 10:9, 10, to place baptism where it belongs. Jesus did not say it is very doubtful about these little children if they are not baptized, but He said, "Of such is the kingdom of heaven," and their angels do always behold the face of my Father, which is in heaven." If the thief on the cross had ever been baptized, it had lost its efficiency, for he evidently was nailed on the cross, as a thief. But when he repented, Jesus saved him and there fastened down by the barbarious nails, he died with no possibility of baptism and went to paradise with Jesus that day. (Luke 23:42-43.)

Philip showed the eunuch, which is the same for us today, the apostolic rule touching immersion. They were required to be believers. This requires a "change of heart." With the heart man believeth

unto righteousness. (Rom. 10:10.) They had to be a believer "unto righteousness," have a "change of heart" to make them eligible for baptism under the apostle doctrine. But someone probably will say, "Well, the Bible says, He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved: but he that believeth not shall be damned. (Mark 16:16,) Yes, it says it, and we accept it. But let us honestly examine it a little. In the first part of the verse, up to the semi colon, we see the first condition considered is, "He that believeth." Then follows the acknowledgment by baptism, of the relationship they now sustain to the Lord by having first become a believer, then, in the last part of the verse, "But he that believeth not shall be damned." Not a word about being condemned is said, because he is not baptized, but because he has not believed.

Jesus declared the thief saved on the cross. Who dares make the assumption that he was taken from under the torturous spikes and baptized before he died? He was not. He could not comply with the tradition that some claim one must keep to be saved, yet Jesus said He would go with him to heaven the day they were on the cross. (Eph. 4:28) says, "Let him that stole, steal no more." Now, were we to disobey this, and steal again, we would have to repent and get forgiveness again, or we would be lost. So, as the Lord has commanded those whose sins are forgiven, to be baptized, it follows that were one to refuse to obey it, he would be lost, just as in disobedience of any other command of the Lord. We find that water baptism does not put away the filth of the flesh, and saves by the resurrection of Jesus from the dead. It is necessary because of salvation, instead of in order to obtain it.

—J. H. Pierson.

THE VILLAGE CHURCH

In the village church, in my home town,
Is the sweetest spot I have ever found.
'Twas there I sought and found the Lord;
It was by faith and it wasn't hard
To answer, yes, to the Heavenly King
To forsake my sins and everything
That wasn't pleasing in God's sight.
I gave up Satan that very night.
Christ held nothing against me then—
I knew I had been born again,
In that sweetest spot I have ever found—
The village church in my home town.

—Ernest Crist.

The 146TH Psalm

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The Lord has many times encouraged my waiting soul when I was pressed by His Holy Spirit, and His precious Word He perserved my soul. Oh, how precious the Word is, to bring comfort at the time when we need him most.

I remember especially when I was once being tried severely, how the Lord comforted me. I began to look up to God and I opened my Bible and it was to be that my eyes fell on the 14th chapter of Psalms, which has ten verses. Oh, this seemed like honey to my soul. I had to praise the Lord.

The chapter starts out, "Praise ye the Lord. Praise the Lord, O my soul," and ends with "Praise ye the Lord." It makes me rejoice every time I read it. It is real spiritual food which gives strength to the soul. The fifth verse reads, "Happy is he that hath the God of Jacob for his help, whose hope is in God." The seventh reads, "Which executeth judgment for the oppressed; which giveth food to the hungry, the Lord looseth the prisoners." The eighth, "The Lord openeth the eyes of the blind: the Lord raiseth them that are bowed down: the Lord loveth the righteous." But the last clause of the ninth verse is quite different. "But the way of the wicked he turneth upside down." And with the Psalmist I say, "Praise ye the Lord," also down deep in my soul. Our God is a wonderful God. It is no wonder that the Psalmist said, "For by these I have run through a troop, and by God I have leaped over a wall." (Psa. 18:29.)

—Stanley G. Hawkins.

Why am I not to tell a lie? Is it because it is a sin? Well, it is a sin, and a grievous sin; therefore, I am not to do it. But that is not the reason given here; but "for we are members one of another." Does my right hand ever injure my left, or my left ever do any harm to my right? No! They are "members one of another." They are not merely connected with the head, they are connected with one another. Every believer is a fellow-member with every other believer and therefore love would come in, and nothing would be said or done that would injure the other, for "we are members one of another." —John R. Caldwell.

"For without are dogs, and sorcerers, and whoremongers, and murderers, and idolaters, and whosoever loveth and maketh a lie."

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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

We did not put out the Faith and Victory paper for August and the workers have been refreshed in soul and body by attending the Monark Springs, Mo. camp meeting and also the Oklahoma State Camp meeting at Guthrie. I have been so busy in the office work that I did not get to attend but one week of the "National Meeting," and did not get to attend many of the day services at Guthrie. Time has gone by very swiftly and now we are sending forth the Sept. issue of Faith and Victory. Our souls have been refreshed from heaven again and again since the last paper was sent out and our love for Him and the dear saints has increased and multiplied in our hearts. This old world holds no charms for us, our soul is facing heaven and we are burdened for the gathering together of God's little ones that have been tossed and oftentimes bruised by the powers of the evil one.

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In the July Faith and Victory paper we made mention of soon being able to order the much needed type setting machine. The machine was ordered from a New York City firm and today we have received word that it is at the station and that it will be delivered here at the office tomorrow. It came too late to use in setting up the material for this paper, but we are praying and expecting to have it installed in the "Lord's Print Shop" so the Oct. paper will be set up by the new machine. It is an Intertype machine and as we are getting a new set of matrices to go with it, the paper will be new throughout in the next issue, dressed in a new type face. Thank God for this much needed machine.

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The State Camp Meeting at Guthrie has come and gone, and the truth that went forth will long be remembered, for God did work in many ways. Many of the saints testified to the soul help received in the meetings. I did not get to attend many of the day services, as I was so much engaged in office work. We had paper folding to do and a large number of the saints attending the meetings helped in the folding between meetings, and they seemed to enjoy the work very much. They certainly did make the papers fly in folding them up, and getting them ready for the book, which was being printed. I appreciate very much their service, and I know that God will reward them each one.

I have always contended that salvation would take laziness out of any one that was troubled with such, and I am still of that opinion. The quickening spirit of Christ in the soul will cause one to stir, to do all they can for souls that are lost, and when that stir is gone you can safely judge that the life of Christ is gone or dying.

The camp meeting was well attended, and

ministers were here from many states. Five attended from California, one from Oregon, Bro. Stonecypher from Nebr., Sisters Feters, Allen, Anderson, and Bro. Strech from Mo., Bro. and Sister Strong from Ohio., and Bro. Ray Key from La., besides a number from the this State, forty ministers in all.

The man that we prayed for in the asylum, who was devil possessed and God delivered him, was here at the meeting. He also brought his wife and children, and remained for several days. He said that he was all right after being prayed for, and they let him be a trusty, helping in the kitchen until they knew that he was fully delivered and healed. They sent word for his wife to come and get him, that he was all right. He had gained nearly forty pounds in weight and certainly did look like a different man. He and his wife were very happy that he was well, and that he could be with his wife and children again. There are many in those institutions that God would deliver if the authorities would give Holy Ghost ministers liberty for visiting and praying to God for their deliverance.

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OBITUARIES

Mrs. Matilda Bohanan Perkins was born in Hempstead county, Texas on March 4, 1859, departed this life August 11, 1938 at 6:55 a. m. at the age of 79 yrs., 5 months, and 7 days. She was married to Charles Perkins in 1876, and to this union was born six children. Her husband and three children preceded her in death.

Mrs. Perkins professed a hope in Christ at an early age, and has been a member of the Church of God for nearly thirty years.

She has lived in and near Guthrie for 37 years, and was a loving and devoted mother, and a loving neighbor.

She leaves to mourn their loss, two daughters, one son, nine grand children, eight great grand children, and a host of friends.

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

Funeral services were conducted by Fred Pruitt. Text of scripture was John 14:1 and James 1:12.

The body was laid to rest in Summit View Cemetery north of Guthrie, Okla.

On May 19, 1938, a sweet bud came to William Lafay and Carrie Lavon Decocq, of Purdy, Mo.

This lovely flower was given the name of Loretta Mae. She was beginning to blossom and flourish into a beautiful bloom until the morning of August 2, when God in his infinite wisdom thought it best to take this dear bloom from this world of sorrow and trouble to

brighten his own mansions on high. She had been a beam of sunlight to the home of her parents and other loved ones for two months and fourteen days. Her sweet and ready smile will be missed greatly.

Besides her parents she is survived by three grand parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Black and Mrs. Stella Decocq, great grand parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Cagle, all of near Purdy, Mo., 12 uncles and aunts, and other relatives to mourn her passing.

Funeral services was conducted on August 3, at new Church by Bro. Erickson and the little body laid to rest near by.

Another little lamb has gone
To dwell with him who gave.
Another little darling babe
Is sheltered in the grave.

God needed one more angel child
Among his shining band,
And so he bent with loving smile,
And clasped this darling's hand.

Brother Abraham Gunn was born March 10, 1849 at Danville, Kentucky, departed this life July 17, at 5:50 a.m. He professed a hope in Christ at an early age and has lived a consecrated life in Christ. He married in Kentucky to Maggie Hawkins Sept. 1870, and to that union was born 10 children, 7 girls and 3 boys. 7 of these remain to mourn his death together with 23 grand children, 21 great grand children, and a host of relatives and friends.

A daughter, Vera, was born to Bro. W. M. Deadwiler and Sis. Roxie Deadwiler at Fort Smith Ark. in the year 1896. Vera was married to Bro. Enoch Jores May 16, 1912. To this union was born thirteen children, eight boys and five girls.

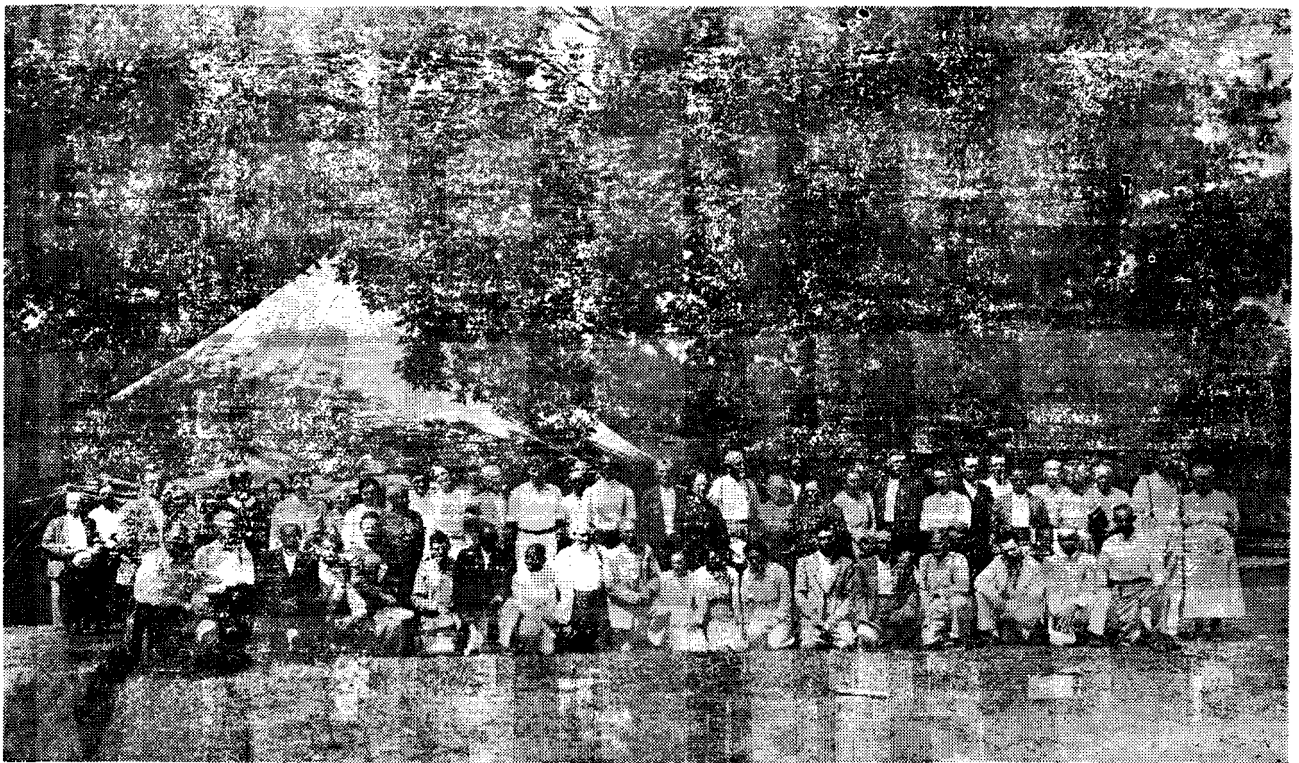
In the year 1929, at Silver City, Okla. she was saved, and lived a consistent Christian life, trusting the Lord for both soul and body until death. She was ill about ten minutes before she departed this life, July 12, 1938 at 7:00 p.m. at the age of 41 years.

These, her last words, were spoken to her husband who was praying for her: "Husband, turn me loose, and let me go." She said these words three times then said, "Lord take me," and lay back in her husband's arms and quietly passed away.

She leaves to mourn her departure: a husband, 13 children, 3 brothers, 2 sisters, 3 uncles, 2 aunts, cousins, saints, and many, many friends.

The funeral was conducted by Bro. L. L. Jackson of Okmulgee in the Silver City church on July 15. Scriptures used: 2 Cor. 5:1; John 14:1-3; Acts 1:8-9; Acts 7:54-58; Psalms 116:15; 1 Thess 4:13-18.

Sleep on Sister Jones, and take your rest;
We love you well, but God loves you best.



Ministers who attended the National Camp Meeting at Monark Springs, Missouri in July 1938.

STANDING, LEFT TO RIGHT: Brother Buller, not a minister, Brother Carter, not a minister, Brother Foster, Sister Ruth Murphey, Sister Robinson, Sister Gerrick, Sister Holden or Cage, Sister Harper, Sister Whipple, Sister Bell, Brother Davis, Sister Key, Brother Porter, Eathen Tilton, Brother Whipple, Brother Phillips, Brother Strong, Sister Strong, not a minister, Brother Harmon, Sister Harmon, Brother Jake Speers, Sister Porter, Sister Holdcraft, not a minister, Brother Holdcraft, Brother Earle Brown, Brother T. Z. Lawson, Brother Smith, Brother Burks, Brother Rapp, Brother Hicks, Brother Stonecypher, Brother Wilson, Sister Wilson.

SITTING DOWN, LEFT TO RIGHT: Brother Miles, Brother White, Brother Holden, Brother Tilton, Sister Tilton, Brother Key, Brother Crawley, Brother Walker, Brother Brown, Brother Bowers, Sister Bowers, Sister Fetters, Sister Allen, Brother A. E. Harmon, Brother Fred Pruitt, Brother Sam Barton, Brother O. B. Wilson, Jr., Brother George Peek, Brother John Strech.

REPORT OF THE NATIONAL CAMP MEETING

The Monark Springs, Mo. Camp Meeting closed on the 31st day of July. It was a meeting that will long be remembered by those who were present, as many very precious and inspiring messages were given out to those attending. The people gathered in there from all parts of the country, 18 states or more being represented and many saints met each other in blessed fellowship that had never met before. It was a time of gathering together. There were some that came who were not in harmony with all the truth and others who needed instruction and were looking for the "old paths." As usual the enemy was doing all he could to hinder, but in a general sense he was defeated and the truth prevailed.

There were a number of souls saved and some believers were sanctified wholly, a number of bodies were

healed. Many souls testified to the great good they were receiving in this meeting. Speaking of it in a general sense, the meeting was very good.

The ordinances of the Bible were observed on the last Saturday of the meeting and 150 happy saints took part in this service. The meeting was cared for nicely by free-will offerings. **It was agreed** by those present to have the "National Camp Meeting" in this park next year during the last two weeks in July, exact date will be given later.

There is no question but what God is doing much shaking in these days. (Heb. 12:26.) He is not only shaking the earth (literal powers) but he is also shaking the ecclesiastical heavens and only those who cannot be shaken will remain and will constitute the real wife (Rev. 19:7) that has made herself ready. These many clicks, clans, and bands are a witness of this fact. The true

church of God will shine brighter and more powerfully as the end draws near. There will be something near and almost like the real for you to be shaken out into unless you keep hid away with Christ and continue to walk in his redeeming love, keeping yourself loose from all the world and professors who lack faith in God, together with fanatics and those who with some peculiar ideas rise up and draw disciples away after them. An entire separation from all the world and its sinful follies is the only safe place for a saint.

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THE STATE CAMP MEETING AT GUTHRIE

The State Camp Meeting of the Church of God closed at Guthrie, Okla. on the 14th day of August. The attendance was good throughout the entire meeting, over forty ministers being present, who came from many different states. Some from California, Ohio, La., Nebr., and Mo. Brother and Sister H. W. White were here from the state of Oregon. They are old time saints and the sweet spirit of Jesus was beaming and sparkling from within.

There were many good sermons that went forth in this meeting and many of the saints testified to the soul uplift which they had received, some declared their freedom from those drifting from the truth and will walk in the humble ways of Christ.

The enemy played his part in this meeting and caused some to misunderstand each other, and some mistakes were made, but on the whole it was a very good meeting. Some souls were saved and some very definite healings were testified to.

The ordinances of the Bible were observed and more than 100 took part and were made happy by doing the same. A number were baptized in water. Bro. A. E. Harmon of Calif. officiated in this service.

We appreciate those that attended this meeting and pray that God will bless each of your souls. Our fellowship is going out to every blood washed soul and your God is my God and his interest is our interests and his heaven is our heaven. May his divine love continue to saturate your soul and be its influencing power, is my earnest prayer.

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Love To God

The first and greatest commandment given, tells us that love to God is our supreme obligation. We are told to love the Lord with all our heart, soul, and mind. (Matt. 22:36, 37, 38.) Our love to God must

be greater than the love we have for our parents, children, husbands, or wives, if we wish to be worthy of Him. Love is the fulfilling of the law.

In Luke 9:57-62 we find three men who professed to love the Lord, but when put to the test were not willing to leave all, and follow Jesus. These three men were failures in God's sight, because they looked backward to the things they would leave behind. Today there are many people who say they will follow Christ, but they want to do it upon their own conditions.

It is not hard to pick out the ones who love God, for they love the brethren. (1 John 5:1.) Many professing Christians say they love God, but their hearts are full of hate and envy. A test of love is found in 1 John 4:20, 21, "If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, cannot love God whom he has not seen. And this commandment have we from him, that he who loveth God, loveth his brother also.

"Those who love God hate sin." (Psa. 97:10.) If a man serves the flesh, he is a child of the devil no matter how much he professes to love God. Anyone who will lie, steal, slander another's character, get drunk, is full of envy, jealousy, and hatred, does not love God, and is not in the true household of faith. They are hypocrites, who profess that they know God, but by their works they deny him. (Titus 1:16.)

The man who loves God obeys him. What God says, he strives earnestly to do that very thing, and what God condemns, he will have no part with. John 14:15 tells us that if we love God to keep his commandments.

Those who love God are full of joy because they know he will defend them. He is their refuge and in Him they trust. They know that when they leave this world behind that God has promised a place for them that where he is they may be also.

When we love God, we know that all things work together for good. We may have severe testings, but if we remain faithful, and trust in the Lord, we always find that it was for our good, and God rewards us. If we really love God, nothing can separate us from that love, which is in Jesus Christ.

God knows the ones who love him. (1 Cor. 8:3.) People might be fooled by outside appearances, but it is impossible to fool God. He looks on man's heart and knows whether their profession of love is sincere, or if it comes only from the lips.

A lack of love to God is shown by a love of the world. (1 John 2:15.) Many think the narrow way

is too hard and look longingly at the pleasures of the world. Demas, a follower of Paul, forsook him, because he loved the world. (2 Tim. 4:10.)

A man who is uncharitable when he sees his brother in need is showing a lack of love to God. (1 John 3:17.) Our deeds as well as our lips show how we stand.

For the ones who love God, he has promised a crown of life. (James 1:12.) How wonderful to know that for our reward we will become partakers of the promise of Christ, which is eternal life.

—Mrs. B. R. Chandler.

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Whosoever Will

“He that cometh unto me, I will in no wise cast out.” “Whosoever will, let him come and take of the water of life freely.”

This invitation is from God, and includes sinners of every rank, class, and nationality; but it has a deeper meaning than generally implied by the actions of the modern church joiner. “Come and take of the water of life” does not even hint that sinners will eventually gain heaven by joining a man-made church and doing good works. You must repent and accept the blood of Jesus as an atonement for your sins. Jesus is the “way, the truth, and the life;” “There is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved;” and “No man cometh unto the Father, but by me.”

If Christ had not left his home in glory and come to this world to be crucified, all of us would be lost in sin without hope of eternal life. But of what benefit is that sacrifice to us, if in *name only* we accept Him as Saviour, then go about to set up our own righteousness which is as filthy rags in His sight?

“He that rejecteth me and receiveth not my words has one that will judge him. The words that I have spoken will judge him in the last day.” “Behold I come quickly, and my reward is with me to give to every man according to what his work shall be.”

Reader, your works are not of God if your heart belongs to the devil, and it does belong to the devil if your testimony is: I sin daily in thought, word, and deed. If you are Christ's, He has cleansed you from *all* sin. You now have a chance to choose what your reward shall be. If you reject truth and do not live according to the words which Jesus has spoken, your reward shall be eternal damnation and separation from God. If you accept, it will be eternal life and happiness in the presence of God.

“Choose ye this day whom ye shall serve.” “Ye can not serve God and mammon.

—Ray Freeman.

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Chandler, Okla. Dear Brother and Sister Pruitt:

I am praising the dear Lord for health again. I certainly love him for his mercies to me.

Thirty-nine years ago this August, the Lord healed me of a female weakness of several years standing, healed me instantly. The doctor said that I would not live a year if I was not operated on. Thirty-nine years have passed and I am very much alive yet.

Five years later, I was healed of Black Arasiptas; and some years later was healed of goiter and blood poisoning: Lots of “Job's comforters” said that I never would get well, but praise the dear Lord, he has never failed me yet.

Eleven years ago in February I was down with tonsillitis five weeks. Job's comforters came often, and told me that I would die trusting the Lord, so I told them that was what I intended to do.

At the Okmulgee Camp Meeting September 25, 1937, I fell over a rope and hurt my side, the rope cutting a gash above my hip bone and under my ribs, and tearing my ribs from my backbone. I lay twenty-one days, and was not able to sit up over five minutes at one time. I could not even turn my head, and someone would have to raise me up and hold me or prop me up with a chair.

Some said that I would be an invalid the rest of my life, but the dear Lord knows his business, he is the great Physician. I thank the dear Lord that I am healed by that great Physician.

—Mrs. C. E. Forbes.

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Dehra Dun, India. My dear Brother Pruitt:

Your letter of June 1 with M. O. for \$10.00 has been very thankfully received. We appreciate your continued interest in us and your prayers for us. Thank God for a few who know how to pray. We are surely in the thick of the fight, and that is where we belong. There is no place for cowards. A few more toils and a few more tears and the fight will be over and the reward ours. Nearly all God's jewels are irysalized tears. I see no letting up or an easier way for us.

We are all about again, the worst of the heat over, the rainy season has set in, over 16 inches of rain has fallen already and lots more too come.

We had an epidemic of Cholera in the Province and over 52 tons of potassium, 10 and one-half of kaoline, 900,000 doses of anti-cholera vaccines, 60,000 potassium permanganate pills, 43,500 camphor pills, 2,000 pounds of essential oil mixtures, 500,000 inoculations. All this has been done by the government and still thousands have died.

—Robert Jarvis.

◆ « Young People's Section » ◆

Prayer For Guidance

As I travel on my journey,
Through this world of sin and woe,
When the tempter tries to win me,
And my steps would overthrow;
Then I take my cares to Jesus,
As I humbly kneel and pray,
Asking him to guide my footsteps,
To that land of endless day.

In thy footsteps gentle Jesus,
Let me linger close to thee,
In this world of sin and sorrow,
Thou art all in all to me;
Hark, thou lily of the valley;
And the bright and morning star,
Wilt thou guide me to the haven,
By faith I now can see afar?

In thy footsteps gentle Jesus,
Let me follow thee I pray,
Through the darkness of the valley,
Lead me on to perfect day,
Let thy rod and staff give comfort,
When death's shadows o'er me roll,
To those mansions bright and blessed,
Come and bare my weary soul.

In thy footsteps let me follow,
Till I reach that golden shore,
Then within thy glorious kingdom,
Let me dwell forever more.
Then throughout eternal ages,
In that land of peace and rest,
I will sing redemption's story.
With the ransomed and the blessed.

—Robert G. Hoggatt

Editorials

The camp meeting season, which is now nearing its end, has been very successful in many ways. Souls were born into the kingdom of God, believers sanctified and the sick healed in answer to the prayer of faith. The Lord visited his people with showers of blessings.

The National camp meeting especially revealed the fact that the Lord is bringing his people together out of the places where they have been scattered. Even young people came from distant states, rejoicing to be in an old time camp meeting. A number have taken their stand

for the whole truth. The young people's service, which was held each afternoon, was the largest we have ever attended. The presence of the Lord was there to anoint for prayer, testimony, and the preaching of the word. Several related their experiences with the Lord, which proved a benefit to all. The Lord is truly preparing workers to go forth into the harvest fields, obeying the command to go into all the world and preach the gospel to "every creature," regardless of the social class, race or color. Christ died for all, and the glad tidings of salvation is for all.

The Oklahoma State Camp Meeting here at Guthrie has just closed, and by the time this paper reaches you, other camp meetings will have become history. It is sad to see unsaved souls sit under the sound of the gospel night after night and spurn away the invitation and the pleadings of the Spirit. The word of God gives a special warning to those who harden their hearts against the Lord. How dreadful will be the end of their career! Lost forever!

We are living in that age when people will "not endure sound doctrine." They want to hear a doctrine that harmonizes with their own personal opinions and pet ideas, one that allows them to live sinful lives under a cloak of religion, one that does not call for self-denial or sacrifice, and one that teaches them to do the best that they can with the promise that they will make it to heaven in the end. They turn their ears away from the truth and are turned unto fables. How true! How inconsistent it is for people to base their hope of eternal salvation on fables—those things which are not true. All other ground is sinking sand except the truth of God's word.

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The apostle Paul said, "I KNOW whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day." There is a vast difference between knowing about the Lord and personally knowing him. There is a vital relationship in knowing the Lord. The preacher may have a great intellectual knowledge of God and yet not know him. To know him is to love him and obey him. The Pharisees of Christ's day knew about God, but they did not know him, therefore they taught the people errors. If the leaders today are not in vital contact with God, the people will drift into error. When we know God in his fulness, we can say of the Bible, "I'm acquainted with the author and I know that the Book is true."

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Church members who do not live free from sin have no better experience than the people who lived under the Mosaic law before Christ's first advent over 1900 years ago. Christ's sacrifice has added nothing to their experience. Reader, has he died in vain in your case?

—L. D. P.

THIRTY-THREE GOOD REASONS

Why The Tobacco Habit In Any Form—Chewing
Smoking Cigars or Cigarettes, or the
Using of Snuff—is a sin.

“The writer of the tract, D. W. Griffin, a minister, is said to have lost his position in Conference because of his active opposition to the use of tobacco by Christian people.—”

1. Because it is heathenish. It was first discovered when Columbus came to America. The Indians were its first users. When first exported to England, religious and civil society rebelled.

2. Because it is filthy. The breath, teeth, mouth, beard, shirt fronts, sidewalks, carpets, floors, stoves, and spittons are proof of this.

3. Because it is offensive. People are made sick from inhaling its fumes in stores, rooms of the sick, in taking the communion cup after the mustache of a tobacco user has been dipped in the wine; ladies soil their clean skirts by the amber on the street.

4. Because it is one of the strongest poisons—weakens the heart, impairs the mind, wrecks the nerves, poisons the blood, affects especially the weakest parts of the system.

5. Because your own system is against it. The body does not want it, and rebels in paleness, sickness, vomiting. Usually it is forced on the helpless system.

6. Because you are ashamed of it. You abstain from using it in the presence of refinement and modesty, and hide your habit.

7. Because your better judgment is against it. You do not want your boys to chew tobacco nor smoke cigarettes, neither do you want your daughters to dip snuff.

8. Because it makes you inconsistent. You advise people not to do what you are verily guilty of, and would possibly whip your child for doing it.

9. Because it leads to falsehood and pretense. How often persons mislead others and falsify as to how much they use or what they use it for, or as to whether they use it at all.

10. Because it is a waste of money, that could be used to clothe the poor, buy school books, educate the ignorant, and Christianize the heathen.

11. Because it is wholly selfish, used alone to gratify a self-made lust; benefits no one, and is therefore wholly contrary to the Christian spirit.

12. Because it breaks the first commandment. It is an idol, for most people pay vastly more to the tobacco god than to the God who gave them their being, and are therefore more devoted to it and are idolaters.

13. Because it enslaves men and women, giving them wrong conceptions of God and holiness, and makes God's highest creature the sensual slave of a poisonous plant, a rank weed.

14. Because the example is bad. Naturally it is easier to go downward than upward. Your example causes the young to adopt the same injurious, expensive, selfish, filthy, sensual, enslaving habit.

15. Because it has bad associations. Strong drink, the bar room, the gambling hall, the brawdy house, obscene

pictures, opium, the cigarette, the cigar, and all the quid together.

16. Because medical science condemns it. Its evils are shown in surgical books and rooms. No intelligent physician, void of prejudice, but what will say it is the enemy of the heart, lungs, nerves, eyes, blood, digestion, mind, and etc.

17. Because intellectual science is against it. Every state in the Union but Utah and Georgia have declared against it in public schools. Some colleges will not accept a student that uses it.

18. Because governmental science is against it. Scores of young men were turned away by the medical experts from entering governmental service, because they were diseased with the tobacco heart from smoking and chewing.

19. Because society is against it. From the first class cars, waiting rooms, parlors, etc., it is excluded. Signs are posted against it, labelling it unclean, offensive,

20. Because fire insurance companies are against it, declaring it dangerous and harmful. O how many destructive fires the cigar and pipe have kindled!

21. Because so much of the leanness, sluggishness, disease, loss of vigor, and complain can be traced directly to tobacco and snuff.

22. Because it is especially the enemy of the poor, robbing their children and their homes of the comforts and necessities of life.

23. Because even the semi-civilized see the evil. The Japanese government and schools have enacted laws against it.

24. Because people feel condemned and get angry and resent and feel uncomfortable and treat you unkindly when spoken about it. This is a sure sign that it is of Satan. Why want to change the subject if the thing is right

25. Because experiences are against it. People have gone to the mad-house through its use.

26. Because it leads to drinking on the part of many. It is a false stimulant that drives the appetite to other excesses.

27. Because this growing demand for a poisonous, blighting stimulant is a sign of the decay of morals and the decay of the Gentile age.

28. Because the best people in the world oppose it I have yet to see a holy man or woman that uses it. 'Tis not safe to set one's self against God's saints. The highest ideals are always best.

29. Because church organizations are rising up against it. Sentiment is growing to overthrow it in the churches. Some denominations will not license a minister who uses tobacco.

30. Because God and heaven and the angels are holy. Nothing unholy, unclean, that defileth can enter heaven. The tobacco appetite is unholy, unclean, defiled, and defiles.

31. Because its sale is solely to gratify the lust for Gold. It supplies no need of life whatsoever; neither clothes nor feeds nor enlightens: is wholly a non-essential.

32. Because God's word is against it. Read carefully the following scripture texts: Gal. 5:19, (Tobacco is unclean and a lust of the flesh;) Rom. 8:13 (Tobacco is

living after the flesh;) Rom 12:1, 2 (Tobacco use is conforming to the world;) Rom. 14:21 (People are offended at those who use it;) 1 Cor. 3:16, 17 (Tobacco defiles the bodies;) 1 Cor. 10:31 (Tobacco is not used to God's glory;) 2 Cor. 6:16, 17 (Tobacco use is not separateness from worldliness;) 2 Cor. 7:1 (You cannot use tobacco and be clean in flesh and spirit;) Isa. 55:2 (Tobacco is spending money for that which is not bread;) 1 Thes. 5:22 (Tobacco use is not abstaining from the appearance of evil;) 1 Peter 2:11 (Tobacco use is a fleshly lust, nothing short of it;) Jas. 1:21, 22 (Tobacco is filthy and a superfluity;) Phil. 4:8 (Tobacco is not lovely, has not a good report, is not pure, and has no virtue.)

33. Because excuses for using it are worthless. They are as follows, "What did God make it for?" I'm not sure that God made it. Many plants and insects and plagues are the result of sin entering into the world. But if God did make it 'twas either for worms or for some medical purpose. "What have become of the good people that have used it and are dead?" I know not.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for my wife, who is badly afflicted with Rheumatism. —Wm. Van Zandt.

I have made a new consecration and need your prayers. I would love to live in the center of His will. I am very weak in body and need help from the Lord. —Monroe Mitchell.

Senath, Mo. Dear Bro. and Sis Pruitt:—I am coming to you in the name of our dear Saviour, requesting prayer of you and all the saints for the complete healing of my side. The Dr. said I had appendicitis, but I am much better. I am able to be up but my side is very sore. Please pray that the dear Lord will remove all soreness, as I know He has all power if we only have the faith to believe. Help me to have that faith which is written in the precious Book of Life. Pray also for my little niece who is very sick. They think she is taking infantile paralysis. Pray that I might be faithful until the end.

Your sister in Christ, Effie Miller.

CORRESPONDENCE

Fairview, Okla. Dear Bro. and Sis. Pruitt and other Saints:—Greetings in Jesus' name. I am saved and sanctified. God's ways are wonderful. I often desire to be with the saints in meetings; but even though one cannot hear the pure Gospel of Christ preached here, I do rejoice in God's nature. Nature teaches many things about the Holy God. For instance, I have gardens. How I must work to keep it clean and watch the insects so they will not eat my garden. How many times this scripture has come to me: "I will bring the third part through the fire, and will refine them as silver is refined, and will try them as gold is tried: *they shall call on my name, and I will hear them.* I will say, It is my people, and they shall say, The Lord is my God." Zech.

13:9. It is harvest now and we are gathering in the golden grain. How is it about the harvest of our Lord? Are there plenty laborers that are like the three hundred of Gideon's army? I am often thinking of this. God so earnestly spoke to us, just a week ago. Husband and another man started to harvest and the first day this man died on our field without hope in God. O, how sad. It is my heart's sincere desire to tell the saints how my soul felt; it is hard for me to express it. I make a pleading cry to those that call upon the name of the Lord, to do their very best for precious souls. The value of a soul is untold by man's tongue. The Bible says what it is worth; but the Holy Spirit must define it to our hearts. Dear children of God, I earnestly beseech you to not buy so many new hats, clothes, and high priced things, and many things which are really unnecessary. Rather take this money to send the pure Gospel of Jesus Christ into the whole world. How sad to see them go without Christ. My prayer before the Heavenly Father's throne is that the saints will all do their very best.

Your sister in Christ, —Mrs. Eva Penner.

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Akron, Ohio Dear Saints of God and readers of the Truth:—Today finds me saved and sanctified, living for the Lord in the old Truth.

The first of this month, I had Ptomaine poison and the doctor said my pulse was very weak, but I did not take his medicine, though he was very angry at me for not taking it. I also lost my voice and my legs cramped so badly I couldn't stand up. I was anointed in the name of the dear Lord and he wonderfully healed me. "I will bless the Lord at all times: his praises shall continually be in my mouth. My soul shall make her boast in the Lord: the humble shall hear thereof and be glad." Pray for me and also for one of my sons who has asthma, and I know the Lord can heal him. May God bless you.

—Bro. William Jackson.

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Hoffman, Okla. Dear Precious Saints:—I greet you in the name of Jesus, the Son of God. I am so glad that today finds me on the highway — the King's Highway, of which Isaiah prophesied—the way of holiness where no unclean thing can ever pass over, the fool can not err therein, none but the redeemed can walk therein. This is the right way, because on all other highways are thieves, drunkards, and crooked ways until one's life is endangered when traveling there. I am so glad that Jesus picked me up out of sin and planted my feet on higher ground.

I mean to go right on until the crown is won; I mean to fight the fight of faith till life on earth is done. We, as the faithful few, are striving here at Hoffman to enter in at the strait gate, with God adding to the church such as will be saved. There is not a very large assembly here but, thank God, we are the majority with God on our side and dwelling in the midst of us. Bless the Lord, oh my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name. We had baptizing yesterday, July 24. Two were baptized. We also had ordinance services in which 16 took part. The Lord is healing, blessing and keeping us at all times in the perfect bonds of peace. I request the prayers of all the saints that I stay in the household of faith, until I shall hear the sweet voice say, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant, come up higher." Pray for this little assembly.

Yours in the one body,

Hattie Hines.

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Good Pine, La. Dear Bro. and Sis. Pruitt:— I feel led of the Lord to send in my testimony and tell what the good Lord can and will do for his people, both young and old, or anyone who will only serve Him and live for Him. To do this, one must first accept the Saviour, be baptized and make wrongs right if possible. Then we can love everybody with a pure heart. Praise the dear Lord for His goodness. It is so wonderful to be in Jesus. He gives us such good, rich spiritual food as we travel along on this wonderful, pure clean highway, which the prophet, Isaiah speaks about. How wonderful it is to be on this highway with Jesus our Saviour. He makes us lie down in green pastures and leads us beside the still waters, he restores our soul, he leads us in the path of righteousness for His name's sake. When we go through the valley and shadow of death, we don't fear evil for he is with us, his rod and staff they comfort us, he prepares a table before us in the presence of our enemies. He is a wonderful friend and He just suits me. Pray for me that I will ever travel on.

Your brother in Christ,

Mayo Mitchell.

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Maxmeadows, Va. Dear Bro. and Sis. Pruitt:— Greetings to you and all the saints in Jesus' name. After reading the July issue of the *Faith and Victory*, I want to try to express the joy and comfort it gave me. I especially received a great spiritual benefit from the articles of sectism, tithe paying and Lucifer. I was surprised to find a testimony from Maxmeadows among the others.

I feel that I owe the balance of my days to my

great Deliverer, who has so wonderfully set me free. I believe that with the prayers of all the saints, I'll be set free from the bonds of much affliction and suffering. Praise the Lord! I find as I grow stronger my eyes are also getting stronger. They had become so weak that I could no longer read and write without glasses, which I was not able to buy. Will all of you pray earnestly for me? I love the way of holiness.

Yours in Jesus

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Dayton, Ohio. Dear Brother Pruitt:

Greetings once more in Jesus' dear name. As it has been sometime since I have written you, I will drop you a few lines, for I feel led to send in some subscriptions to the *Faith and Victory* paper.

We sure have much to praise God for. We have been having some good meetings. We get in these new flats and have meetings in homes or yards, which we can get. One dear man and wife who were Wesleyan Methodists started coming to these meetings and God revealed the truth to them. They resigned from the Methodists and came to join the saints.

We are having the meetings here at our home at present, but God is adding to the congregation. Some get saved, others come in from different places to the truth. We praise God for the growing of this congregation. Some seem to think we could do more good in a public place that more people would come, so we have been holding it before God in prayer.

God has been faithful to heal the sick among us, and we certainly do appreciate His faithful dealings.

Pray for us when you think of us, and write when the Lord leads.

Yours in Christ,

—W. A. McCoy and wife

Ripley, Okla Dear Bro. Pruitt:— On Wednesday after the Guthrie camp meeting I became very sick just before daylight and continued to get worse with awful pains in my body. It seemed that my time had come to depart this life. My wife was going to the Post Office and I told her to stop at Bro. Earle Carter's barber shop and tell him I was sick. He came over in a few minutes and wife and he laid hands on me and prayed and the Lord healed me before they took their hands off of me. I do praise his name. W. M. Moore.

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The Deciding Factor

"Bring the light into the room, Mildorene, I can not see which book I am getting," says Mother.

When the girl has brought the light, (it is a very dark night) it is *no trouble* to find the book she wants. Why? Well, says everybody, that's easily answered. It is because she can see the right book,

now, by the use of the light. She does not have to feel around over a number of books and carry them to a light and examine them to see if she has the right one, because the darkness has been dispelled from the room and there is the book, plainly revealed.

Again, to illustrate: If we were out on a very dark night trying to find our way home and could not tell which way to go, possibly headed for some dangerous bluff, or just ready to plunge into some deep dangerous water course, all because we were in the dark; would it not be a boon to us, if some dependable friend would appear with a good light to set us right in this hour of need?


This reminds us of the darkness encountered in the human pathway without a spiritual light. One says this, and another says that; but the only question is, *what does the Word say?* This is the great light that is hung in the spiritual heavens which locates everything, just where it is. It shows all men who are out in the dark just how to get home. In John 15:3, is a powerful light hung in the heavens to light men home. For example, many have "joined" what is known as a church, never having experienced a new birth. Thus they are traveling the wrong direction, while they suppose they are going toward home. But a bright light springs up in the midst of such darkness in the form of John 3:3, which says: ". . . Except a man be born again, he can not see the kingdom of God." This faces him about, and points him straight toward home. Praise God, this just settles that dilemma. Another beacon light that is hung up in the firmament is 1 John 2:15, 16, 17; which shows plainly, the road home. It does not reveal another road that you may take at your option, but merely shows you whether you are on the right *one* or not and *reveals the intervening objects in your pathway over which you would stumble and fall without this scintillating light* which absolutely locates to you the only true route. Another light for the Pilgrims' pathway reads as follows: "And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth *all* men everywhere to repent: Because he hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world." Acts 17:30, 31. In Titus 2:11, 12 is another light overhanging the roadway—the highway of holiness. It reads like this: "The grace of God that bringeth salvation, hath appeared to all men, Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in *this present world.*" Dear reader, these are the true lights of God, that will not fail to point us home.

—J. H. Pierson.

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"Study to shew thyself approved unto God."

BIBLE



STUDY

"The entrance of thy words giveth light."

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Sunday, September 4, 1938.

SAMUEL: SPIRITUAL REVIVAL

Daily Readings and Meditations

Aug. 29 to Sept. 4.

- M. Revival at Mizpah. 1 Sam. 7:3-6.
- T. Victory at Mizpah. 1 Sam. 7:7-13.
- W. The Kingdom first. Matt. 6:31-34.
- T. One thing Needful. Luke 10:38-42.
- F. Prayer for a Revival. Psa. 85:4-9.
- S. Where a Revival begins. Psa. 125:1-5.
- S. Righteousness and security. Psa. 125:1-5.

Printed Portion.....1 Sam. 7:3-13.

1 Sam. 7:3. And Samuel spake unto all the house of Israel, saying, If ye do return unto the Lord with all your hearts, then put away the strange gods and Ashtaroth from among you, and prepare your hearts unto the Lord, and serve him only: and he will deliver you out of the hand of the Philistines.

4. Then the children of Israel did put away Baalim and Ashtaroth, and served the Lord only.

5. And Samuel said, Gather all Israel to Mizpeh, and I will pray for you unto the Lord.

6. And they gathered together to Mizpeh, and drew water, and poured it out before the Lord, and fasted on that day, and said there, We have sinned against the Lord. And Samuel judged the children of Israel in Mizpeh.

7. And when the Philistines heard that the children

of Israel were gathered together to Mizpeh, the lords of the Philistines went up against Israel. And when the children of Israel heard it, they were afraid of the Philistines.

8. And the children of Israel said to Samuel, Cease not to cry unto the Lord our God for us, that he will save us out of the hand of the Philistines.

9. And Samuel took a sucking lamb, and offered it for a burnt offering wholly unto the Lord: and Samuel cried unto the Lord for Israel; and the Lord heard him.

10. And as Samuel was offering up the burnt offering, the Philistines drew near to battle against Israel; but the Lord thundered with a great thunder on that day upon the Philistines, and discomfited them; and they were smitten before Israel.

11. And the men of Israel went out of Mizpeh, and pursued the Philistines, and smote them, until they came under Beth-car.

12. Then Samuel took a stone, and set it between Mizpeh and Shen, and called the name of it Ebenezer, saying, Hitherto hath the Lord helped us.

13. So the Philistines were subdued, and they came no more into the coast of Israel: and the hand of the Lord was against the Philistines all the days of Samuel.

Golden Text: Direct your hearts unto the Lord, and serve him only. 1 Sam. 7:3.

POINTS FOR EMPHASIS

- I. Early life of Samuel.
 1. Review of Samuel's life,
 2. His parentage.
- II. War with Philistia.
 1. Israel's defeat.
 2. Philistines afflicted.
 3. Ark returned.
- III. Victory for Israel.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

It would be good for the class to review the two preceding lessons that they might have a background for the youth and life of Samuel. Because Eli did not restrain his sons from evil, the spiritual welfare of all Israel suffered, and thus God chose Samuel to follow Eli in his work instead of Hophni and Phinehas.

Samuel was the son of Hannah and Elkanah. He was given to her in answer to prayer and was dedicated to the service of God prior to his birth. As it was in those days, so it is to day; truth and error will not harmonize. We cannot tolerate worldly things and expect to be a vessel for God to use. God is not limited that he must use unclean vessels, but he has some one else that has not bowed their knee to Baal.

Have someone to relate the experience of Samuel's childhood.

The Philistines were glad to be relieved of the ark.

Samuel called the people together and entreated them to come back to the Lord, "with the whole heart."

As prophet, Samuel, brought about a religious reformation, and as magistrate, he reorganized civil and political affairs. Under Samuel's leadership, the enemies were put to flight. Notice that they were smitten, before,

not by their victors. The true victor was God.

Thus Israel had peace and was no more troubled by the Philistines.

Let us as spiritual Israel, seek leadership and guidance of the Holy Spirit that God may fight our battles and we go not astray, but ever draw closer to our Savior.

Sunday, September 11, 1938.

SAUL: MORAL FAILURE.

Daily Readings and Meditations

Sept. 4 to 11.

- M. The selection of Saul. 1 Sam. 10:21-25.
- T. Saul's disobedience. 1 Sam. 15:20-23.
- W. The tragedy on Giboa. 1 Sam. 31:3-10.
- T. The signs of the times. Matt. 16:25.
- F. The start and the finish. Luke 14:28-35.
- S. The end of moral failure. Matt. 7:15-19.
- S. The Rock and the sand. Matt. 7:21-27.

Printed Portion. 1 Sam. 10:21-25; 15:20-23; 31:3-6.

1 Sam. 10:21. When he had caused the tribe of Benjamin to come near by their families, the family of Matri was taken, and Saul the son of Kish was taken: and when they sought him, he could not be found.

22. Therefore they enquired of the Lord further, if the man should yet come thither. And the Lord answered, Behold, he hath hid himself among the stuff.

23. And they ran and fetched him thence: and when he stood among the people, he was higher than any of the people from his shoulders and upward.

24. And Samuel said to all the people, See ye him whom the Lord hath chosen, that there is none like him among all the people? And all the people shouted, and said, God save the king.

25. Then Samuel told the people the manner of the kingdom, and wrote it in a book, and laid it up before the Lord. And Samuel sent all the people away, every man to his house.

15:20. And Saul said unto Samuel, Yea, I have obeyed the voice of the Lord and have gone the way which the Lord sent me, and have brought Agag the king of Amalek, and have utterly destroyed the Amalekites.

21. But the people took of the spoil, sheep and oxen, the chief of the things which should have been utterly destroyed, to sacrifice unto the Lord thy God in Gilgal.

22. And Samuel said, Hath the Lord as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the Lord? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams.

23. For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry. Because thou hast rejected the word of the Lord, he hath also rejected thee from being king.

3. And the battle went sore against Saul, and the archers hit him; and he was sore wounded of the archers.

4. Then said Saul unto his armourbearer, Draw thy sword, and thrust me through therewith; lest these uncircumcised come and thrust me through, and abuse me. But his armourbearer would not: for he was sore afraid. Therefore Saul took a sword, and fell upon it.

5. And when his armourbearer saw that Saul was dead, he fell likewise upon his sword, and died with him.
Golden Text: To obey is better than sacrifice. 1 Sam. 15:22.

POINTS FOR EMPHASIS

- I. Saul selected king.
 1. The people desire a king.
 2. Manner of selection.
- II. Victory in obedience.
 1. Disobedience in victory.
- III. Defeat.
 1. Saul's despair.
 2. His death.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

We remember in last Sunday's lesson how the enemies of the children of Israel had been driven out and they were enjoying peace but as usual, they soon became dissatisfied. They noticed that the Nations about them had a king and they came to Samuel asking that he give them a king. Samuel took the affair before the Lord and then proceeded to show them how they would become servants and pay high taxes and that they would cry to God because of their king; but Samuel assured them that God would not hear. So it is today. Those who do not keep God first in their hearts and keep an eye single to the glory of God, He will likewise give over to their persisting, and as these people, they will soon find themselves far from God. Notice: "Nay, but set a King over us."

Someone in the class should relate the incident showing how Saul came to meet Samuel. Does this justify fortune telling today?

Saul was a stately young man and made a very good start. As he obeyed, he was victorious, but disobedience in victory brought his downfall. His orders were to do away with the Amalekites and King Agag. Notice Saul's excuse for disobeying: Taking the rich spoil for sacrifice.

Brother, Sister, God knows best. When He passes judgment, we had better let it stand. When God's Word binds, we need not apologize.

Some make a greedy rush for worldly mammon and try to think they can please God by giving a portion. Some would love, love, love, failing to observe the entire word and justify themselves by saying, "God is Love."

Others cater to the world in many ways, reasoning within themselves that they should be broad-minded. The Word of God condemns these things, so regardless of our reasonable excuses, inasmuch as one partakes of them, they only rob the spirituality from the soul. Was Saul the only one affected by his compromising? Does not our influence often reach farther than we think.

Sunday September 18, 1938.

JONATHAN: COURAGEOUS FRIENDSHIP

Daily Readings and Meditations
 September 11, to 18.

- M. David's confidence in Jonathan. 1 Sam. 20:4-10.
- T. Jonathan's confidence in David. 1 Sam. 20:11-17.
- W. A friend's lament. 2 Sam. 1:23-26.
- T. Christian brotherhood. Philemon 15-20.
- F. The value of a friend. Prov. 27:6-10.
- S. Friends of Christ. John 15:13-16.

S. Friends in Christ. 1 John 3:13-18.

Printed Portion.1 Sam. 20:4-17.

1 Sam. 20:4. Then said Jonathan unto David, Whatsoever thy soul desireth, I will even do it for thee.

5. And David said unto Jonathan, Behold, tomorrow is the new moon, and I should not fail to sit with the king at meat: but let me go, that I may hide myself in the field unto the third day at even.

6. If thy father at all miss me, then say, David earnestly asked leave of me that he might run to Bethlehem his city: for there is a yearly sacrifice there for all the family.

7. If he say thus, It is well; thy servant shall have peace: but if he be very wroth, then be sure that evil is determined by him.

8. Therefore thou shalt deal kindly with thy servant; for thou hast brought thy servant into a covenant of the Lord with thee: notwithstanding, if there be in me iniquity, slay me thyself; for why shouldst thou bring me to thy father?

9. And Jonathan said, Far be it from thee: for if I knew certainly that evil were determined by my father to come upon thee, then would not I tell it thee?

10. Then said David to Jonathan, Who shall tell me? or what if thy father answer thee roughly?

11. And Jonathan said unto David, Come, and let us go out into the field. And they went out both of them into the field.

12. And Jonathan said unto David, O Lord God of Israel, when I have sounded my father about to morrow any time, or the third day, and, behold, if there be good toward David, and I then send not unto thee, and shew it thee;

13. The Lord do so and much more to Jonathan: but if it please my father to do thee evil, then I will shew it thee. and sent thee away, that thou mayest go in peace: and the Lord be with thee, as he hath been with my father.

14. And thou shalt not only while yet I live shew me the kindness of the Lord, that I die not:

15. But also thou shalt not cut off thy kindness from my house for ever: no, not when the Lord hath cut off the enemies of David every one from the face of the earth.

16. So Jonathan made a covenant with the house of David, saying, Let the Lord even require it at the hand of David's enemies.

17. And Jonathan caused David to swear again, because he loved him: for he loved him as he loved his own soul.

Golden Text: A friend loveth at all times. Prov. 17:17.

POINTS FOR EMPHASIS

- I. Loyalty.
 1. The covenant of friendship.
 2. Their separation.
 3. A friend to the end.
- II. Saul's Hostility.
 1. Jonathan intercedes for David.
 2. The last interview.
 3. Death of Saul and Jonathan.
 4. The Song of the Bow.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

Our lesson today is a character study. A vivid contrast between a selfish personality with that of one possessing the divine traits of trueness, and loyalty. While all three, David, Jonathan, and Saul, had strong personalities the thing that caused them to be so different were those attitudes and traits by which they allowed themselves to be moulded. Hatred, envy, and jealousy are traits that come from Satan; and the one that entertains them will surely suffer loss. As a person, either young or old yields themselves unto the Lord, imbibing, absorbing, and partaking of His divine nature, we are certain to see those beautiful traits as were manifested in our lesson by Jonathan and David. Do not be satisfied to study only the printed portion for today; but study farther. Look into their lives. Study the motives that prompted their actions and consider the outcome of their lives.

Men with worldly ambition may erect magnificent memorials and monuments in honor of a noted man, but I am convinced that there was never a more beautiful monument towering high above the common levels of mankind than those exemplified in our lesson for today. Some lessons to take note of are: The trueness and loyalty of Jonathan and David. How David spared Saul's life, thus manifesting God's love. Sometimes God permits people to be at our mercy to see what we will do about it. Contrast the ending of these men's lives.

May the good Lord help us to profit by others' failures and also be encouraged by their successes.

Sunday September 25, 1938.

DAVID: TRIUMPHANT FAITH

Daily Readings and Meditation
Sept. 17-25.

- M. God the provider. Ps. 23:1-6.
- T. God the defender. Ps. 27:1-6.
- W. David anointed. 1 Sam. 16:10-13.
- T. David awaiting God's time. 1 Sam. 26:7-11.
- F. David enthroned. 2 Sam. 5:1-5.
- S. David's benediction. 2 Sam. 23:1-5.
- S. Promises, mercy, judgment. Ps. 101:1-6.

Printed Portion..... Psalms 23; 27:1-6.

Psa. 23:1. The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

2. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.

3. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

4. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

5. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

6. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Psa. 27:1. The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? the Lord is the strength of my life;

of whom shall I be afraid?

2. When the wicked, even mine enemies and my foes, came upon me to eat up my flesh, they stumbled and fell.

3. Though an host should encamp against me, my heart shall not fear: though war should rise against me, in this will I be confident.

4. One thing have I desired of the Lord, that will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to enquire in his temple.

5. For in the time of trouble he shall hide me in his pavilion: in the secret of his tabernacle shall he hide me; he shall set me up upon a rock.

6. And now shall mine head be lifted up above mine enemies round about me: therefore will I offer in his tabernacle sacrifices of joy; I will sing, yea, I will sing praises unto the Lord.

Golden text: The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. . Psa. 23:1.

POINTS FOR EMPHASIS

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

The Lord is (present tense) my (personal) shepherd. David was convinced that he was one of the Lord's sheep and expresses the Lord's shepherd care over him and his welfare. Notice his great faith in his shepherd to supply his future needs, "Shall not want." After he was satisfied with the Lord's care, he would lie down to rest with his surroundings such as he could yet observe plenty of good things around him to feast upon, "Waters were plenty to quench his thirst." When his soul was troubled, the great shepherd restored his soul's rest and peace. Though wicked paths were on every side, the Lord led him in paths of righteousness for His name's sake, whose name should be exalted to highest honor. He realized that when he should walk through the low scenes of death, though the shadow of death was over him, he had no fear of evil, because the Lord was with him, his word and spirit would comfort him. While his enemies were present he had the pleasure of feasting with the Lord. His head was anointed with the oil of joy; his cup of joy ran over. Hence the goodness and mercy of the Lord would follow him and his dwelling would be in the house of the Lord forever.

In the twenty-seventh chapter, we again see the word "is." (present tense.) "The Lord is my light." God had given David a spiritual vision of how he should walk in His light, and was his salvation or complete deliverance. He had no need of fear, for his life's strength was in and from the Lord.

If the Lord be for us, who can be against us? The hardest things that can come upon us to hurt us can but fail. How many of us can, like David, be confident of success though many more than our own strength pitch battle against us?

The secret of the Lord is how he loves and cares for those who trust Him. The Lord would set him (David) on a rock, a resting place in Christ, his view was going to be above his foes. Therefore, because of all this, David would offer his sacrifice of joy and will sing praises unto the Lord.