

# FAITH AND VICTORY

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HAVE FAITH  
IN GOD



A PAPER  
FOR ALL  
CHRISTIANS

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## Two Houses

Our bodies are just houses,  
And guests abide within—  
We're either housing Christ, the Lord,  
Or entertaining sin.

Since that first Christmas Evening  
The Lord has just been able  
To find two types of houses here—  
The "Inn" and lowly "Stable."

The keeper of the "Inn" invites  
And welcomes guests galore;  
And tho' his rooms seem occupied,  
He oft makes room for more.

But Jesus knocks for entrance—  
Ah, watch him then assume  
A pseudo-apologetic air,  
Then plead, "I have no room."

Christ seeks room in the "Stable."  
And tho' it is quite bare  
Of furnishings and cozy rooms,  
He finds a welcome there.

Thank God, for lowly "Stables"  
Not ruled by human pride,  
Where there's room in a sin-cursed world  
For Jesus to abide!

—Geneva Bailey.

## The Church Of God Its Organism

"But now hath God set the members everyone of them in the body as it pleased him." 1 Cor. 12:18.

God never makes mistakes. When He places one in His body, He places it where it can best work for Him. Since He is doing the placing, there can not be friction because each member is tempered together. One may be a preacher, another a teacher, and another a deacon or what ever God calls him to do. God places him in that position with grace to conduct

himself for God's glory. Oh, the beauty of this peaceful harmony—each member working under divine guidance without any friction. "In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit." Eph. 2:22.

This text clearly proves that the body of Christ is composed of those in whom the God of heaven dwells through His Spirit. Can this be said of the man made churches?—surely not. The Church of God is different in all respects. First, the members of Christ's body all have the same care for each other so that when one member suffers, all the members suffer with it. Can you say the different denominations have the same care for each other?—surely not! The different officers placed by Jesus himself in His body function under the leadership of the Spirit of God; hence, pastors, evangelists, prophets, teachers, etc. all work as the Spirit leads, and each one being led by the Spirit of God never clash or get out of order so long as they obey the Spirit's demands; but each is held responsible for the duties of his place or calling. Jesus, being the head (Col. 1:18), issues orders through His Holy Spirit to each officer in His body; and each obeying, working in the position in which he is placed, represents the handiwork of God—His Church.

### Its Class Book

Every church has a class book in which its members' names are enrolled. The Church of God also has a class book in which its members' names are enrolled, but it is different from the man made church class book. As soon as a child is born (saved) its name is recorded on the family register—"And the Lord shall count when he writeth up the people, that this man was born there." Psalms 87:5-6.

"Notwithstanding in this rejoice not that the spirits are subject unto you; but rather rejoice because your names are written in heaven." Luke 10:20. How wonderful, to have our names recorded in heaven's Book, and to know it is written there! Many have their names written on earthly class books without any knowledge of salvation; but no name is written in God's class book, and no member is added to the Church of God without a spiritual birth. Sin removes our names from heaven's book,

for the same Bookkeeper who records our names at birth, erases them when we sin. We are kept in His name (St. Jno. 17:11-12). Just one family, one name, all names are kept on the same class book. This cannot be said of Babylon (confusion) with its multiplicity of churches, class books kept by carnal man here on the earth as recorded by Jer. 17:13.

There will be some books opened at the great Judgment Bar of God, and each one there will be judged according to the Books. And another Book will be opened (the Class Book) which is called the Book of Life where all the saved have their names enrolled and will receive their reward accordingly. Rev. 20:12-13.

Let us compare the Church that Jesus built with any other, then we can readily see the difference. The church that Jesus built contains all who are saved, all who have entered at the door, all the Holy Spirit filled, all who are going together in perfect harmony, all who, by the grace of God, are living free from sin. Jesus' blood cleanses from sin when we enter through Him (the door); but when men take members into their churches, many sinners are admitted. All agree that there are good and bad in all churches. I will admit God has a few in the different churches that are really saved, but God is calling His people out of those cages. (Rev. 18:1-4. 2 Cor. 6:17). Every really saved soul will gladly flee as soon as he hears the call: "Come out of her." If he keeps a clear vision of the beautiful Church that Jesus built, he will never go back into bondage again. It is the privilege of each member in the body of Christ, or His Church to see eye to eye and be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment, all speaking the same thing; according to Paul's advice to the Corinthian Brethren. (1 Cor. 1:10.)

The wise man said, "Who is she that looketh forth as the morning, fair as the moon, clear as the sun, and terrible as an army with banners" Song of Sol. 6:10. Solomon saw the vision of the pure church in its pristine glory— "My dove, my undefiled is but one. She is the only one of her mother." When you look at a company of Spirit filled saints, you see the visible Church here on earth, part of the family having crossed over, and part here on earth waiting for the coming of Jesus to take the remaining part of the family home to their mansions in glory. (St. Jno. 14:3.)

When Jesus comes in the clouds, it will be to catch up his pure church; and not to set up some kind of a Millennial reign. (1 Thess. 4:15-18). In Eph. 5:27 Paul tells the kind of a church which he is going to take back. "That he might present it to himself a glorious church (the only kind he purchased) not having spot or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish." Reader, can you not see by looking over the organism

of the Church—the purity, oneness, the same care, tenderness, and trueness to each other—characteristics which truly make it without spot and blameless? John, on the Isle of Patmos, caught a glimpse of the pure Church and compared it to the Bride, the Lamb's Wife. (Rev. 21:9-10) and in verse 10 it is shown as a great city "The holy Jerusalem descending out of heaven from God." Notice John was carried away in the spirit to a great high mountain before he could see it in all its transparent glory and beauty—out of every quagmire, no miasmatic air on the mountain. "In the last days it shall come to pass, that the mountain of the house of the Lord shall be established in the top of the mountains, and it shall be exalted above the hills; and people shall flow into it." Micah 4:1. —E. M. Zinn.

## Eternal Security

There is a teaching in the world today that if a soul is once saved or "born again" it can never be lost. It is hard for me to understand how intelligent people can believe such a theory, much less to believe that the Bible teaches such a thing.

Consider the Hebrews whom God had called as a chosen people, and read the commandments and instructions which God gave them, and you will find that they were to have life and be in favor with God on the condition that they continue to obey Him and do His commandments. Otherwise, they would be cut off. We read in Joshua 24:20, "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." In 2 Chronicles 15:2, the Prophet said, "If ye seek him, he will be found of you: but if you forsake him, he will forsake you." God never forsakes man first; but when man forsakes God, He will forsake him.

I have heard well-meaning preachers say, "The Lord is married to the backslider." This is a sad mistake as a backslider is one who is in sin and dead in trespasses and sin. The Lord's wife is not a dead wife; but every member in His body has life from heaven in his soul. Peter calls us "lively stones." They use the scripture in Jeremiah 3:14 where the Prophet says, "Turn, backsliding children, saith the Lord, for I am married unto you." Notice, he says, "Backsliding." One can be backsliding and not be backslidden. There is a going back before the death takes place in the soul and the Lord is married to us until the death takes place and we are backslidden. Paul tells us plainly in Romans seventh chapter that a woman is free from a dead husband. Even so, God is free and not married to one in trespasses and sins, for they are dead; therefore, you can get no "Eternal security" out of this scripture. There is no place in

the scriptures where God says that He is married to one that is backslidden.

Jesus says, "For many are called, but few chosen." Matt. 22:14. To be saved or have salvation means that one is forgiven of all transgressions and his heart cleansed from all the pollution of Satan. Then he is in favor with God and is called to follow Jesus. He must bear his cross or he cannot be His disciple. (Luke 14:27). He is saved and knows it. He will continue to be saved just as long as he is faithful and obeys God. In this saved state he is on probation and will only get into heaven as he continues faithful to the end. This is according to scripture: "But Christ as a son over his own house; whose house we are, if we hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm unto the end." Heb. 3:6. "For we are partakers with Christ if we hold the beginning of our confidence steadfast unto the end." Heb. 3:14. "And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake; but he that endureth to the end shall be saved." Matthew 10:22. "And if children, then heirs; heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together." Romans 8:17. "And to him that overcometh, and keepeth my works unto the end, to him will I give power over the nations." Rev. 2:26. "To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne." Rev. 3: 21. "Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city." Rev. 22:14.

We get into heaven on conditions of being faithful to observe and do, and have no hope held out to us otherwise. According to the above scriptures, all saved people are on probation now. They are being tested and proven here in this world where the devil is loose and are amid a multitude of temptations. Therefore, saved people are exhorted to "Put on the whole armour of God that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. Eph. 6:11. When people get saved, they are then called to follow the Lord in the self-denying, crucified route; and if they prove faithful unto the end, then God will choose them to dwell with Him in eternity; hence Jesus says, "Many are called but few are chosen." Many run well for a season but when temptation comes and they are being led on in the crucified way they turn back and walk no more with Him. Many begin to love the world and the praise of men and just drift on with a profession and will never be chosen to dwell with Him. They love to have men speak well of them; but Jesus says, "Woe unto you when all men shall speak well of you: for so did their fathers to the false prophets." Luke 6:26.

We have often said it from the pulpit, and now write it unto you that a profession of religion will

avail nothing for you at the judgment. You will have to have the real life of Christ dwelling in your soul. The question should always be with you; not what did you have, but what do you have now? You might profess to belong to the "Church of God" which is the correct name, and yet be void of the Spirit of Christ, or lose out through neglect and never be chosen to dwell with Him.

"Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man. For God will bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good or whether it be evil." Eccl. 12: 13, 14.

The great apostle Paul said, "But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection; lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway." 1 Cor. 9:27.

Webster says a castaway is one who is cast away or off or rejected; a reprobate, which is a sinner; a lost man.

Brothers and sisters, the only safe place for any saint is to be wholly separated from this old world and to have supreme faith in God—continually choosing the Lord; continually saying yes to God; continually giving up to Him and having in our hearts: "Thy will be done." —Fred Pruitt.



### PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for Sister Lily Warner. She is a widow and has a family of five children. They all have a breaking-out. Pray that the Lord will heal them.

Pray for Mary E. Henry of Batesville, Ala., c. o. George Grant; and also for her afflicted husband. She is among strangers and wants means to get back to her people at Republic, Ala. which is 174 miles. I have given her address so if any one wants to help these poor saints, you have the opportunity granted you. If you write her, she can tell you more about her circumstances.

Pray for Sister Effie Benjamin's husband who has the Sugar Diabetes.

Pray for Sister Polly William's daughter who is confined in the asylum at Bentonville, Ark. If some ministers near there are led to go visit and pray for her, it would please the mother very much. Her mother lives at Cherry Valley, Ark.

Pray for S. M. Carve of Mo. His hearing is bad. Ask God to restore hearing to Him.

Pray for Sister Carrie Dunlap of Blytheville, Ark. She is blind and has been preaching the gospel for many years. She is in very deep trials at present.

Pray for Bro. Thomas Decker of Ind. who is in poor health. He is a dear child of God.

Please pray for G. W. Coffee of Texas who is badly afflicted in body. He loves the Lord and His cause.

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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

Christmas day will soon be here again and many people are wondering what to get as presents to send to their friends. In this December issue of the **Faith and Victory** paper, you will find a list of articles which will be good and appropriate for this occasion. Please get your order in at once so as to avoid the Christmas rush when the mail is congested and orders will be delayed in getting to their destination.

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Since we sent out the "Three Month Subscription blanks" in the Nov. issue of this paper, we have been receiving many lists filled out with subscriptions and we are sure that many more of our readers want to send in lists. Perhaps some will want to send in another list. So we are inserting a subscription blank which has space for twenty names and addresses. You will have until the 20th of Dec. to get these subscriptions into our Office, then the papers will begin with the January issue. Let us do all we can for souls while it is day. This is the Lord's work and He wants you to be a co-laborer with Him. Notice the different premiums on the blank which we offer for twenty names and addresses. We will send you a beautiful 1939 Scripture Text Calendar for 40 names and addresses and \$2.00 enclosed. Please do some real missionary work for God and send them in now.

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The Revival meeting which Brother T. Z. Lawson of Newcastle, Indiana held here at the chapel, closed Sunday night October 30th. It was a meeting that will long be remembered by the saints at this place. It was not necessary for him to preach a week or ten days to get the saints ready for a revival meeting for we had all been praying for the revival and some began to go to the altar the second night after Bro. Lawson came and began to preach. There was some one at the altar nearly every night of the meeting. Some came to get saved and others for the baptism of the Holy Ghost. Some in the congregation here felt the need of a deeper work of grace in their soul, and came to the altar and definitely got what they desired of the Lord.

Bro. Lawson preached the Word straight and clear with power and demonstration in the Spirit, and the Holy Ghost did His office work by convicting and drawing souls to Christ. Some received the witness of the Holy Ghost while sitting in their seats listening to the preaching of the Word, and others cleared up with the Lord at home. Seven were at the altar the last night of the meeting, and all received their hearts' desire as the saints gathered around and continued in prayer to God for them. A number of souls received the second definite work of grace in their souls during this meeting. When the old time gospel is preached by one whose heart is filled with the love of God, it will be weighty upon souls and

the Holy Spirit will work with it, bringing souls to the blood for salvation and cleansing.

May the Lord bless Bro. Lawson and cause his labors to be very fruitful as he walks humbly with God is the prayer of the saints here.

We have a very precious congregation of saints here at Guthrie and many of them are manifesting the meek and humble spirit of Christ. They love the old time truth and separation from the world and all its follies and revelry.

### PASTOR NEEDED

The Saints Chapel at Richwood, West Virginia is in need of a pastor. Bro. George Peek, the former pastor, has felt the Lord would have him take up evangelistic work. The saints are few in number here and are not very well off financially, but are willing to help support a true minister of God that will give his time in building up the work here. We would prefer a man, or man and wife, both living saintly lives, neat and clean, and in the order of the Lord in every respect.

If anyone feels led of the Lord to answer this request, please write Bro. and Sister Thomas Spaur, Craigsville, West Virginia, or Sister Olive Keene, Box 21, Richwood, West Virginia.



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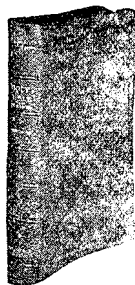
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### MEETING REPORT

The Boley, Okla. Camp Meeting has come and gone. The Lord blessed in the meeting. Souls were saved, sanctified, and healed. The expense of the meeting was cared for.

Many ministers were present: some State ministers and some out of State. Bro. S. T. Walker of Pasadena, Calif. and Bro. C. Z. Stonecypher of Hastings, Neb. were here. The Word went forth with power. Seventy or more saints took part in the ordinance service at the end of the meeting.

All the saints seem to be more encouraged to press the battle on.

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### MEETING REPORT

Silver City, Okla.—Dear Bro. Pruitt and Saints scattered abroad: Greeting in much holy love. This leaves us saved, sanctified and satisfied to go the Lord's way. I feel burdened to give a report of the meeting held here recently. The meeting started the

first of Nov. and ended the thirteenth. Four were saved and the saints were much encouraged. There was a large attendance of both colored and white. The Word of God went forth with much power. Bro. L. L. Jackson preached as never before. Sister Jackson from Okmulgee and Sister Childs of Huffman were with us from Friday until Sunday.

Pray for the work in this place.

Your brother,

Enoch Jones.

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#### ASSEMBLY MEETING NOTICE

The Church of God assembly meeting will be held at Guthrie, Okla. at the saint's chapel, located on 6th and W. Warner Sts., beginning Dec. 23, 1938, and will be in session through the Holidays. All are invited to attend these meetings. If you want help for soul or body, the Lord will be present to save and to heal. Ministers from all over the state of Okla. will be present to preach the Word, and some from other states are expected.

This is a State Meeting and all the congregations and saints everywhere are expected to help in this meeting. If you have money or food stuff for this meeting, send it to Faith Pub. House and it will be used for the meeting.

We are expecting a glorious meeting as usual, and the Lord will have the preeminence in this meeting, as the saints will have no man-rule, neither will they acknowledge any who want to "lord it" over God's heritage. Come and enjoy the feast of good things given of the Lord in this meeting.

The saints here will try to take care of all who come. Those who come should be sure to bring bedding with them; such as, quilts, blankets and pillows. Straw and ticks will be furnished.

#### OBITUARY

Bro. A. E. Shiffler of Darjeeling, India passed away July 27, 1938. He had been a missionary in India for many years.

In 1903 he had a clear call from God to go to India. He started from Denver, Colo. with only a few dollars in his pocket and strangers handed him his fare from New York on to Bombay, India. He had more money when he landed there than when he started. The wonderful presence of God went with him to the end of his journey. He was almost 84 years old when the change came. He wept over the thought of leaving his people—the Indians, and then he prayed, "Jesus take me home."

Many times he would walk from Darjeeling to Tibet over very dangerous roads and enter Tibet at the peril of his life.

His last letter to Bro. and Sister Wetzel was a warning to those few who were standing to be true to God. In the hottest furnace he would manifest the fruits of the Spirit.

Bro. Shiffler, the Missionary, is gone; but his

"works do follow him." Many will cherish memories of this saintly man. "Precious, in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints."

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We have received word from California that Bro. A. Kriebel has passed on to his reward. He was an old time minister of the gospel and has been preaching the Gospel of Christ for many years. Many of our readers are no doubt personally acquainted with this dear man of God, for he has travelled much and ministered unto the needs of many in different states and cities.

**TRACTS WANTED**—"Little Foxes" and "Thou Art Inexcusable" by Ethel or Mrs. Edw. Meadows. Any one mailing one or both to given address will receive later tracts in return.

#### BUY THE TRUTH AND SELL IT NOT

When we buy something, we must have something to give to pay for it. If we have any idols or habits which are not pleasing to the Lord, we must give them up for the truth and for the sake of our souls. The Lord says, "Cleanse yourself from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God." It is good to love God enough that we fear to displease Him. Brother Paul gave up all things and counted them but loss that he might win Christ. We must be so given up to the will of God that He can have His own way with us, and make us free from everything that will hinder us in this race. We should love the truth to the extent that we would gladly give up any habit or custom that which would hinder perfect obedience to God's will. We should have it settled to do this at the cost of our natural life. With this decision, God would be able to deliver us from anything that would hinder.

—J. W. Sell.

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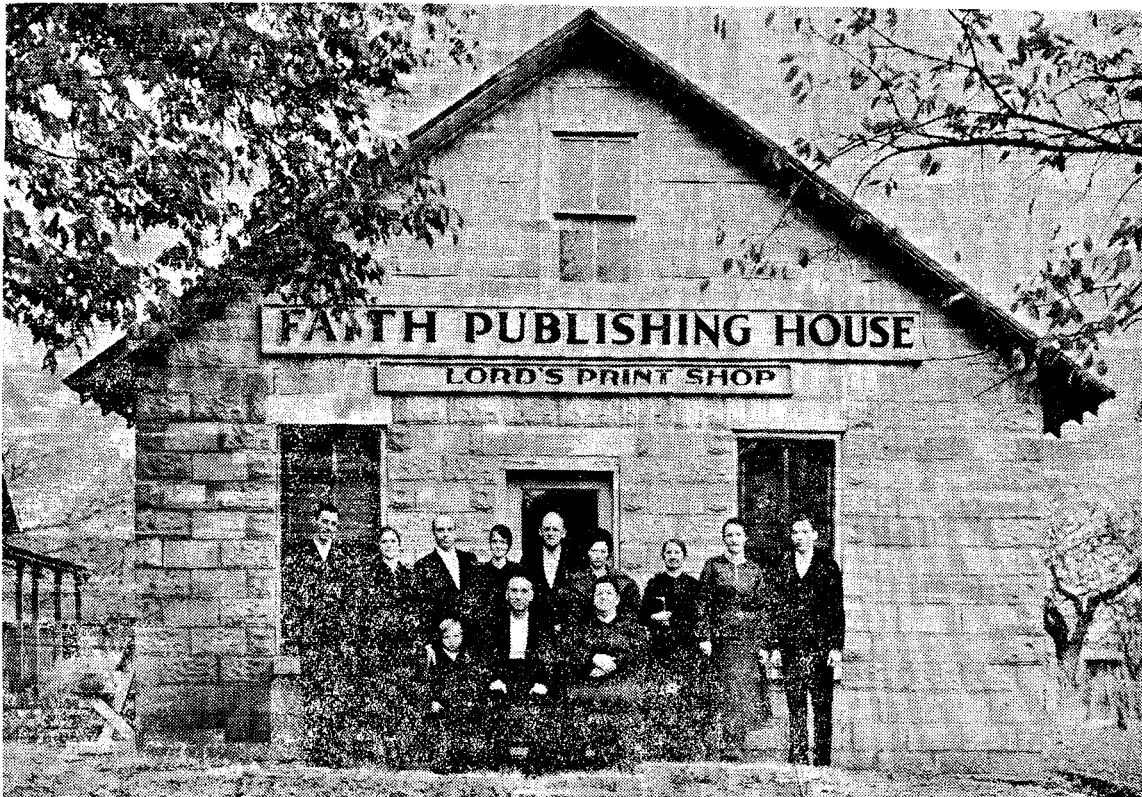
Madisonville, Tenn.—Dear Bro. and Sister Pruitt: I write you in Jesus' name. There was much good done here in the meeting which Bro. and Sister Key held. Seven claimed salvation, and Bro. Key baptized seven. Husband got saved and was baptized. So you see the meeting was a blessing to my home. I surely thank the Lord for sending Bro. and Sister Key here. They are real saints of God.

My sister, who is in the asylum, said she wanted the saints to pray for her deliverance from that place. I took Bro. and Sister Key with me to see her, but the doctors would not let us pray with her. They wouldn't even let them see her. But that won't hinder the Lord from healing her. They can't stop the mighty hand of God from touching her body. Praise His holy name, He can work and none can hinder.

Yours in Christ,

Rosa Cook.





Workers at the "Lord's Print Shop"

Standing, from left to right:

No. 1. Willie C. Murphey was born and reared in La. He has been associated with Faith Pub. House for several years. For a year or more he operated the Linotype Machine. At present, he has a position with the "Masonic Home Printing Co." of this city. He is saved and sanctified and is still much interested in the printing of the Gospel. He helps with the work here in different ways.

No. 2. Frances Edna Pruitt, who is now twenty years old, and has been helping in the printing work since she was old enough to fold papers and tracts. She is saved and sanctified and interested in the Lord's work. She operates the folding machine, writes addresses and does other work in the Printing Shop.

No. 3. Lawrence Daniel Pruitt. He has been saved ever since he was fourteen years of age. He has been operating the Linotype machine since he was fourteen. Much of the time while he was in school and also in college he would do the type-setting on the machine after school hours and on Saturdays. He attended one term of "Linotype School" in New Orleans, La., and at present is Linotype operator for the "Co-operative Publishing Co." of this city. He is very much interested in the Lord's printing work, and keeps the Intertype Machine in order, does some of the proof reading and edits the Young People's

Page. Standing by his side is Mae Bell, his wife, and in front of him is their son, Byron, who says that he is going to work for Grandpa when he gets big. Mae Bell helps in wrapping, folding, and mailing out of the paper and other work when she can.

No. 4. Brother O. C. Porter and his wife, who live here in Guthrie. They are devoted saints of God, and are much interested in the furtherance of the Gospel. He taught school for a number of years, and at present is engaged in the retail grocery business. He edits the "Bible Lessons" each month for the **Faith and Victory** paper and orders charts and cards for the Sunday Schools.

No. 5. Sister Mary Roethler lives here in Guthrie and is greatly interested in the Lord's work. She is always ready to help along in every way that she can. She was a Catholic when God wonderfully saved her and sanctified her nature. She has been helping us to fold and wrap the **Faith and Victory** paper each month for a number of years and also does other office work.

No. 6. Sister Geneva Bailey, whom God has saved, sanctified, and called into His work. For a number of years she taught school in the Rocky Mountains of New Mexico. She has left the world to follow Jesus and at present is "Intertype Operator" here in the "Lord's Print Shop." She is filling a

very important place here in the Lord's work.

No. 7. Frank Edward Pruitt is our youngest son and is now twenty years old. He operates the printing presses and does nearly all the printing at present. He is also getting started in the developing of pictures, which work he likes.

No. 8. Sitting down in front is your servant, Fred Pruitt and his wife to whom the Lord has intrusted the care and operating of the Faith Publishing House. Years ago we covenanted with God to be true to Him unto the end and to let Him lead us by His Spirit. We need your prayers continually as the responsibility is great and the opposition to real Bible truth is seemingly increasing.

Wife does a large part of the correspondence, looks after the addresses for the paper, helps with the wrapping and mailing, besides nearly all the house work, washing and ironing. She is a very busy woman. Pray for her. She loves the Lord and the cause.

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Boley, Okla.—Dear Readers of the **Faith and Victory**: I believe it is the Lord's will for me to write my testimony for the paper. I am saved and living for the dear Lord. Some of my loved ones have gone to rest with Jesus, and I mean to see them again. I know I must work out my own soul's salvation here in this world. The Lord is burdening my heart to do church work. I am working with my hands and am hindered to a certain extent. Pray that I may be free to do what the Lord has for me to do. I need more boldness to go forward and work for the Lord and I want more knowledge and understanding as to how I should gain it. The Lord is helping me to be more humble so that I can please Him.

C. A. Allen.

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Hazelgreen, Mo.—Dear Brother Pruitt: I have been intending to write to you ever since we came home from Monark Springs, but just put it off.

I guess you remember the night of July 28th when you and Bro. White prayed for me to be delivered from the tobacco habit. I want you to know I appreciate your help and thank God that it is done. I still feel that I need help from God on other things that I need to overcome. I want you to pray that God will give me just what I need. I want an experience with the Lord that I can never doubt. I have a longing desire for the Baptism of the Spirit or whatever it is I need to bring me closer to the Lord.

A friend, Walter McDaniel.

(Editor) Dear saints, pray earnestly for Bro. McDaniel, for he is very much in earnest about doing God's will.

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Forest City, Mo.—To all the Dear Saints: Greetings in Jesus' precious name. The grace of the Lord

Jesus Christ, and the Love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost be with you all. Glad I can report victory in my soul. The Way is growing brighter all the time. The Lord is ever near to comfort and encourage us. Truly we find His grace sufficient for every trial. We are standing on the promises of God, and are glad we have learned to trust Him for everything. We find Him always true to His Word. Be encouraged, dear saints of God. Though trials may be many, yet we can say with one of old, "Our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory." Every trial or affliction which God permits to come upon us is for our good, and is working for us an eternal weight of glory. Men of this world will endure almost anything for the honor that the world gives; surely we can joyfully bear light afflictions for a moment, when it brings eternal benefit to us. May the Lord encourage every heart to be a real example of the Life of Christ—not watching others; but keeping our eyes on Jesus and living like He lived.

This verse of song is a real encouragement to me:

"Life is short, and oh how fleeting!  
All that find His grace to save  
Have not time to watch the others—  
To their faults become enslaved.  
Keep your eyes so fixed on Jesus,  
Do His will and orders too;  
Loose from others, hold to Jesus;  
Stay with Him, He'll stay with you."

How true! We have no time to watch for the faults of others; but will do well to watch our own lives and keep them pure. 'Tis sweet to know that if we stay with Jesus, He will stay with us. We can feel sure of one friend who will always be true to us, if we will be true to Him.

May the Lord help us to stay loose from every thing that would hinder our walk with God. Just a few more days and the journey will be completed, and a Crown of Life will be ready for all those who are ready for it.

I desire the prayers of all the saints, that I may be just what God would have me be, and fill my place in the body of Christ. The Lord bless all is my prayer.

Your humble Sister, Susie Whipple.

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Kansas, Ohio—Dear Bro. Pruitt: Greetings in Jesus' name. God bless and prosper you in your soul and in the work you are doing. Hope some time I can be at your place and see all the faithful workers. I surely enjoy the good things that I read in **Faith and Victory**. I'm sorry it isn't a weekly paper. It seems so long between times.

I ask your prayers, for we surely are in a time when it takes all to stand.

Your Brother in Christ, John C. Whicker.



# « Young People's Section »

## "MY GRACE IS SUFFICIENT FOR THEE" (2 Cor. 12:9.)

Dear Lord, when my pathway is rugged and steep,  
And my feet are bleeding with thorn wounds so deep,  
In the midst of the conflict, O, let me say:  
"Thy grace is sufficient each step of the way."

Though billows dash over me—wave upon wave—  
I look unto Jesus, the "Mighty to save,"  
Who softly whispers, as I press on my way:  
"My grace is sufficient, each hour of the day."

Tho' storm clouds may gather, and foes may be strong,  
By His help I can sing the victor's glad song.  
Over hills and valleys, by night or by day,  
His grace is sufficient o'er all the long way.

—Mrs. Susan Boyd.

## EDITORIALS

The threats of another world war are by no means past. It is merely postponed a few days, or perhaps years, as world armaments are rapidly increasing, and then, if the Lord prolongs time, it will strike with much greater destruction and dreadfulness than we can imagine. Centers of population everywhere will no doubt witness the scenes of war. The problem of war not only faces civilization as a whole, but it comes before God's people. The facts cannot be ignored. It will affect us if God permits time to go on. The saints will be persecuted. Their devotion to God will be tested, and no telling how far the persecutions will go.

War means all that Jesus did not stand for. He is the author of peace, and of course, God's people will follow the teaching of Jesus of non-resistance. Young saints especially will need Divine guidance and grace to endure that which will be ultimately thrust upon them.

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Some preachers and editors of today believe one should not teach doctrines of the Bible about which so-called Christians differ, but deal only with those subjects on which they agree. Is this belief and practice correct? What is the greatest need when God's people are confused on any doctrine? The answer is clear that there should be a distinct, clear-cut exposition of the subject by the Word of God, regardless of conflicting opinions of men. The thing worth while is to discern the truth on all lines and not to withhold it from the people because it has been a subject of controversy. The real truth is needed all the more where there is a difference, and

he who blows the trumpet of warning should not give an "uncertain sound."

Jesus, in His commission to his disciples, told them to "Go ye therefore and teach all nations, . . . teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you," but inserted no clause forbidding them to teach the truth on any subject where there was a difference of opinion. Then there was the promise: "And, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." Matt. 28:19, 20. Workers of God, when you go forth "teaching them to **observe all things**," then you can claim this promise.

The Apostle Paul declares that "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is **profitable** for doctrine, . . . that **the man of God may be perfect**, thoroughly furnished unto all good works." So we see that all of God's Word is necessary that "the man of God may be perfect."

Very often the truth concerning the unity of God's people separate from human denominations, and the present call of God for His people to declare their freedom from every sectarian wall which prevents full fellowship with other children of God is withheld from those who need it most. This truth is so greatly opposed by the denominational world and sometimes not clearly discerned by God's people, that preachers fail to be definite; and as a result, they gain support and influence from the denominations. Yet the souls who may have gotten saved are left to starve to death among the hills of Babylon.

God desires, as taught by the Apostle Paul, (Eph. 4:13, 14) that His people should "all come into **the unity of the faith**, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, into a perfect man, into the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ: that we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive." People will surely never come to the unity of **the faith** when left a prey to all false doctrines that are abroad in the land. The editors of **Faith and Victory** stand committed to the publication of the whole truth as revealed by the Holy Spirit through the Word of God. —L. D. P.

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Boley, Okla.— Dear Saints Scattered Abroad: This leaves me saved, healed, and encouraged to serve God. Truly, I can say with David: "The Lord is my Shepherd: I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pasture" etc. A few Sundays ago, Bro. Johnnie Johnson of Tulsa, Okla. was with us and held meeting for a few nights. The Word went forth with power. Everyone was made to rejoice in

the God of their salvation.

Pray for me that I may be, in this life, what  
His Word demands of me.

Ora Allen.

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## Take Heed Unto Thyself

The Apostle Paul, in referring to the different congregations where he had been preaching the Kingdom of God, said: "I have not shunned to declare unto you all the counsel of God." Acts 20:27. He also said for the ministers first to take heed unto themselves, and then to all the flock over which the Holy Ghost had made them overseers, and exhorted them to feed the Church of God which He had purchased with His own blood.

Those days seem to have been days of drifting and taking up with wrong things and ministers speaking perverse things to draw disciples away after them. Paul warned them and said that after his departure, grievous wolves would enter in among them, not sparing the flock.

It seems to me if there ever was a time in the history of the Church when ministers needed to take heed unto themselves and not be decoyed away after wolves in sheep clothing and following after perverse teachings, it is now. The wolves and perverse teachers certainly have gotten into the flocks and played havoc on all sides, for we see cliques, clans, companies, and bunches separated by clever, crafty designers and deceived souls which in turn deceive others. We see so much of this being done and yet there is more of it being done and more trying to be done.

As a minister of God and one who has been called to preach the "Kingdom of God" and to declare the truth that makes men free, we are burdened of the Lord to sound a warning to the saints every where to keep your eyes on the Lord and follow Him, not any man or company of men, no matter how clever he or they seem to be. There is only one safe place for a saint, and that is entire separation from this old world and its lovers, even though at one time they were true preachers; for many of them begin to love the world and the praise of men and bring in perverse teachings to have a following and to decoy sheep away from the true fold of God.

Satan has many ways of working to divide, separate, and scatter the flock; but he has two ways by which he seems to have the most success. One, is to get an influential minister puffed a little until he loves the world and its praise. He becomes backslidden in heart but makes a very strong profession, and makes it a point to let folks know that God is very close to him and is using him in a very special way. Thus, he slyly and cunningly weaves his influence over the meek and humble, honest and sincere

sheep of the flock. If possible, he will get them to look to him as their special guardian and sole spiritual advisor.

We hear quite a lot these days about being "broad minded." There is a broad mindedness in Christ, but it is far from the broad mindedness which is meant by those who use the word so much. This word is very common among the slimy, compromising people, and it is uttered from the heart which is filled with a "Love the world" spirit. It means for you to be liberal and with enough worldly broad mindedness to allow this or that thing which the carnal, lustful professor of religion delights in.

If you will not compromise and go after the world, Satan will try to get you to become fanatic and extreme, and with illness in your heart, begin to take delight in using the Word to club, frighten, and crush precious souls. By having unrighteousness in your heart and knowing the truth, you will hold the truth in unrighteousness and continually cause trouble in congregations—going around more like a roaring lion than a meek and humble minister of God. Such a minister will, through fright, get some sheep under their awful influence, and looking through their glasses will be unable to discern and see the true humble children of God. They keep their "bell" of false teaching ringing in their ears so loudly that they cannot hear the voice of the true Shepherd. Thus, the slaughter of souls goes on and many are defiled, crushed, and lost because of Satanic influences.

Some years ago when some ministers were rising up and leading individuals and congregations into compromise by putting on worldly adornments, sanctioning and having programs and systems in congregations, and separating themselves from colored saints; God sent His voice from heaven through one of His humble ministers and said, "It is a down right compromise of the devil."

Old Satan is trying to work some of this false teaching off on the true saints again as there has been some whispering around of colored and white saints pulling apart. I am persuaded that such teaching has very little foundation and is no doubt hatched up by clever designers to frighten and create suspicion and to bring about the very thing that is grievous and repelling to every true saint of God. The Scriptures teach that God's people are all one, and God is no respecter of persons. One saint is just as dear to a true child of God as another, regardless of their race or color. Personally, I have great Godly love in my heart for the dear colored saints—just the same as for white saints.

We are going to have another assembly meeting here at Guthrie during the holidays, and the colored folks are all invited. They are just as welcome as the white. We shall be greatly disappointed if they

do not come and feel that it is God's meeting and their meeting and exercise the liberty that God gives them. We have been acquainted with a number of colored ministers for years, and we love them with the Love that God puts into our hearts for the redeemed. There is Bro. Ulysses Phillips of Dover, Okla., Bro. Manual Speers of Oklahoma City, Bro. Crawley, Bro. M. J. Phillips of Boley, Bro. G. W. McMillan, and the Okmulgee and Tulsa ministers and others which we could mention with whom we have sweet heavenly fellowship and would not for a moment separate from them as long as they stand true to God as in the past. We do not have fellowship with those spirits that work in men who want to manage everything and everybody and think what they say ought to be law for all, whether they be white, colored, brown or yellow.

It has been reported to me that some of the saint congregations in Oklahoma have, or want to have, programs or other entertainments to hold the young people and keep them coming to meeting. They want to be "broad minded." God says in His Word: "Strait is the gate and narrow is the way which leadeth unto life; and few there be that find it." Broad minded people of this type are on the broad way that Jesus says leads to destruction. Personally, I do not know of any congregation of true saints that has or endorses programs for the young people. If any are tempted in this way and would show the right kind of broad mindedness, they would know that young people of that sort do not need programs, but a continued red-hot, hell-fire revival to awake them and the preacher from their dead state. Get them alive in the Spirit and the good preaching of the Word, praying, singing spiritual songs, and spirit born testimonies would be an abundance of entertainment to keep them keen to come to meeting. Shame on any minister that would resort to any worldly method. I feel like saying as one said years ago: Programs and kindred methods are "A down right compromise of the devil."

Another thing I want to mention is concerning adultery. I verily believe that some are letting down and easing up on this ungodly thing. I have heard that it has been taught among us that a minister ought not to have but one wife, but that it might be different with others. They use the scripture in the third chapter of 1 Tim. to try to pull this thing over the saints. Paul said that a "Bishop must be blameless the husband of one wife." When there are so many scriptures in the Bible that teaches plainly that to have more than one wife is adultery, we should get the thought of the writer in this verse and not try to make it contradict the teaching of Jesus and Paul's former teaching in the seventh chapter of Romans, and then give license for a saint to have more than one living companion. This letter

was directed to Timothy, a young minister, and Paul no doubt spoke it, or wrote it, to him in this way so he would be sure not to choose some "hanger-on" in the congregation who was in double marriage and was putting himself forward.

And, Brethren, that endorsing and giving way to "Life Insurance" is another slimy compromise move; and will, if endorsed or silence is held on the subject, weaken faith in God and open the door for many other compromising things. All Scriptures which teach you to have faith in God and to put your trust in Him is against it. To insure your life in earthly companies, shows no faith in God at all; but does show the contrary. It shows a full lack of confidence in God to care for you. It is depending on the arm of flesh. "Cursed be the man that trusteth in man, and maketh flesh his arm, and whose heart departeth from the Lord." Jer. 17:5. He goes on to say that a man of this kind "shall be like a heath in the desert, and shall not see when good cometh; but shall inhabit the parched places in the wilderness, in a salt land, and not inhabited." Read the sixth chapter of Matt. and see how clearly Jesus teaches us to "take no thought for the morrow." He tells us, when speaking of our needs, that our Father knoweth that we have need of these things. People who insure their lives fearing that God will not supply somewhere in the future are showing no confidence in God, but in man. A large portion of the teachings of Jesus will mean nothing to the man who insures his life and puts his trust in the "arm of flesh." Brethren, if we teach people to have faith in God, let us be an example of truth to them. A feigned faith is guile and hypocrisy.

Yours in defense of a clean Gospel, Fred Pruitt.

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Chicago, Ill.—Dear Bro. and Sister Pruitt: We are on the winning side with Jesus—much opposition, many trials, but He keeps us in perfect peace. When we see so many who claim Jesus and deny the Word, we wonder what we can do.

I am so glad the dear ones in prison are getting the tracts, and glad we have a little part in it. I am much interested in that work.

Otto Bold's last message to the church is wonderful.  
—Sister C. Dravis.

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Natchitoches, La.—Bro. and Sister Pruitt, and All Faithful Workers in the Great Gospel: I send greetings to you in the name of the One who keeps us. Praise His name! I am not tired of living for the Lord. He has my heart running over with joy amid so much trouble. That is why I cannot let go of His hand.

I enjoy reading the "Faith and Victory" and the tracts which you sent me. It is very encouraging to

read of the wonderful progress in the Camp Meetings.

May the Lord ever strengthen the work as needed is my prayer, and bless all the workers. Please remember me when you have tracts as the Lord directs. There is a real drought on for the gospel here. Pray much for me, that the Lord will keep me pliable to do His will. Sidonia Benjamin.

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Seminole, Okla.—Dear Bro. and Sister Pruitt: I am greeting you in Jesus' name. I am yet saved and determined to go all the way. The dear Lord has been so good to me. He has driven the nights away and has been a perfect Star in my path way. He has healed me, and I praise His dear name.

Your saved sister, Annie Miller.

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Chillicothe, Ohio—Dear Bro. and Sister Pruitt, and all the Dear Saints Scattered Abroad: Holy greeting in Divine love, and may the Lord ever lead you in "Green Pastures, and beside Still Waters," and may the days that lengthen into the tomorrows bring new joys in the manifold Grace of Our God.

We are happy to be still able to report victory in our souls, knowing that our sins have gone on before us to Judgment, and that we are on praying terms with the Saviour—being led by His Holy Spirit and kept by His sustaining Grace as we travel upward and onward.

Sweet memories of the good Camp Meetings we were privileged to enjoy at Monark Springs, Mo., and Guthrie, Okla., and Newcastle, Ind. still linger in our hearts. The meeting of the dear people of God from the different localities and the fellowship of the Spirit can't be told by pen. Some we had not seen for nineteen years and many we had never met before. It was pulling on our heart strings to say good-bye, for we realized some, no doubt, we would never meet again till at the Judgment. Our hearts go out in appreciation to those that labored so hard and faithful that we from a distance might have a place to gather together where we could be edified, one of another. Only those who really have the cause of God at heart, know what sacrifices are made to bring about Camp Meetings, or in fact, all meetings.

While we were in the west, Husband had some sore trials with his stomach, but through the faithful prayers of the saints, the healing touch from Heaven fell and we were able to get back to Ind. But there he took seriously sick again, and many of us feared the end had come. But night and day the precious saints kept fasting and praying and our God again sent the healing Hand. It was marvelous in our sight to see what the good Lord did for him. To the natural eye, it did not look like the Lord could ever put flesh on his bones. I saw more of the working of the Body of Christ than ever before, when brothers and sisters knelt in tears in our behalf, truly manifesting the Spirit of Love for the one suffering.

All was done for our comfort that could be done and we are sure the Lord will reward every one.

After our return home, more tests awaited us, for Husband had one test after another and still needs your prayers. The trouble seems to have settled in his side and the pain seems more than he can bear at times.

Then on Sept. 14th I fell and broke my arm at the wrist and the bones in my hand. "Then was the broken bone test." But our faith did not waver. We took it to the Lord and He eased the pain. Soon the bones began to knit. Some said I would never use the hand again, and others said it would always be crooked and stiff; but not so with our God, for today I can dress myself and comb my hair and the swelling is almost gone, and is coming straight like the other one. Praise our God for ever and for ever! I know it is through Divine Power and the prayers of the saints that I will not be a cripple. "What a mighty God we serve!"

The Dayton and Greenville saints drove over—some more than a hundred miles—to cut wood for Husband. How thankful we are to them and the dear Lord.

In closing, we desire the prayers of all the saints that our last days be our best, and that we be an honor to God and a blessing to you all.

Yours in the service of the Master, Lula Strong.

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Winchester, Ind.—I received your card saying you had received the addresses and money. I received the premium, and I have gotten so many blessings from it. The dear Lord has saved me since I started taking the paper, and I would love to see every home have it. I have received many blessings from it. Thank the dear Lord. —Mrs. Lester Brown.

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**Sunday, December 4, 1938**

### THE SIN OF LYING

#### Daily Readings and Meditations

**Nov. 28 to Dec. 4.**

M. The Ninth Commandment Ex. 20:16.

T. Gehazi's Sin 2 Kings 5:20-27.

W. God Hates Falsehood Prov. 6:15-19.

T. The Sin of Lying Acts 5:1-11.

F. Truth Telling 1 Samuel 3:10-18.

S. The True Children of God John 8:42-47

S. The Blessedness of Truth Telling Ps. 24:1-6.

**Printed Portion.....Ex. 20:16; Matt. 15:19, 20; John 8:42-47; Eph. 4:25.**

Ex. 20: 16. Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour.

Matt. 15: 19. For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies:

20. These are the things which defile a man: but to eat with unwashen hands defileth not a man.

John 8: 42. Jesus said unto them, If God were your Father, ye would love me: for I proceeded forth and came from God; neither came I of myself, but he sent me.

43. Why do ye not understand my speech? even because ye cannot hear my word.

44. Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.

45. And because I tell you the truth, ye believe me not.

46. Which of you convinceth me of sin? And if I say the truth, why do ye not believe me?

47. He that is of God heareth God's words: ye therefore hear them not, because ye are not of God.

Eph. 4. Wherefore putting away lying, speak every man truth with his neighbour: for we are members one of another.

**Golden Text:** Behold, thou desireth truth in the inward parts. Ps. 51:6.

#### POINTS FOR EMPHASIS

##### I. Definition for Lying

1. In word

##### 2. In deed

##### II. The Source of Lying

1. In the Garden of Eden

##### III. Why Men Lie.

1. The wrong in lying
2. The outcome of lying
3. White and black lies (?)

##### IV. The Cure for Lying

1. The good tree
2. The corrupt tree

#### COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

Lying is one of the devil's forces that is running at large today. If men will lie under oath with the penalties of the law facing them, how much more so, without constraint in both business and social life. Lying consists of more than merely uttering words for actions and deeds that deceive are also lies.

**Out of the Heart**— Jesus said, To eat with unwashen hands defileth not the man." As in the case of the other commandments, Jesus went back of the evil acts to the source from whence the evil came. How true are the words: "keep thy heart with all diligence for out of it are the issues of life." Truly, we must keep our hearts clean from every evil thought or desire. A thought to retaliate or misrepresent or even exaggerate is one of the little foxes that spoil the vines. How true is the scripture which says, "Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh!" The only way we can be fully cleansed from all evil is to have the blood of Jesus Christ applied to our hearts, and then it will be an easy matter for us to "speak the truth in Christ and lie not." "A good man out of the good treasure of the heart bringeth forth good things: and an evil man out of the evil treasure bringeth forth evil things."

A lie is "a falsehood uttered or acted for the purpose of deceiving." If a man utter an untruth which he himself believes, he makes a mistake; but does not tell a lie. On the other hand, an action which conveys a false impression is deceiving, and if we intend to deceive, it becomes a lie.

There are many ways in which we may lie. Abraham said, in regard to Sarah: "She is my sister." While this was a true statement, yet it was a lie because the impression he wished to make was that she wasn't his wife. She was his half-sister.

Discuss with your class, the particular problems that confront them in their every day life.

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**Sunday, December 11, 1938**

### THE SIN OF COVETOUSNESS

#### Daily Readings and Meditations

**Dec. 4 to Dec. 11.**

M. The Tenth Commandment Ex. 20:17.

- T. The Sin of Covetousness Luke 12:13-21.  
 W. A Root of All Evil 1 Tim. 6:6-10.  
 T. Greedy for Position Matt. 20:20-28.  
 F. Judas Sells His Friend Matt. 26:14, 15.  
 S. Ahab's Covetousness 1 Kings 21:1-20.  
 S. Warning Against Greed Prov. 28:16-25

**Printed Portion** .....Ex. 20:17; Luke 12:13-21;  
 1 Timothy 6:6-10.

Ex. 20:17. Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's wife, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that is thy neighbour's.

Lk. 12:13. And one of the company said unto him, Master, speak to my brother, that he divide the inheritance with me.

14. And he said unto him, Man, who made me a judge or a divider over you?

15. And he said unto them, Take heed, and beware of covetousness: for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth.

16. And he spake a parable unto them, saying, The ground of a certain rich man brought forth plentifully:

17. And he thought within himself, saying, What shall I do, because I have no room where to bestow my fruits?

18. And he said, This will I do: I will pull down my barns, and build greater; and there will I bestow all my fruits and my goods.

19. And I will say to my soul, Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease, eat, drink, and be merry.

20. But God said unto him, Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee: then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided?

21. So is he that layeth up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God.

1 Tim. 6:6. But godliness with contentment is great gain.

7. For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out.

8. And having food and raiment let us be therewith content.

9. But they that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition.

10. For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.

**Golden Text:** Thou shalt not covet. Ex. 20:17.

**Practical Truth:** An inordinate desire for worldly goods is detrimental to spirituality and contentment of mind.

## POINTS FOR EMPHASIS

- I. God's Commandment
  1. Covetousness—A Costly sin, is a curse, is destructive.
  2. The parable of the rich fool
- II. Contentment
  1. True gain
  2. Spiritual contentment
  3. The danger of riches
  4. Beware—the love of money

## COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

To covet is to desire, but the sense in which the term is usually connected causes us to think of greed and worldly gain.

Our lesson today, the last of the Ten Commandments, is the highest of all for it pertains to the heart and forbids unlawful desires. A covetous spirit is the cause of many sins and crimes. The essence of the word in the commandment is not to desire our neighbour's possessions, but covetousness today shows itself in greedy desire for worldly possessions in general. Jesus said, "Take heed and beware of covetousness for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of things he possesseth." In leaving the ideal pattern for our lives, Jesus did not surround himself with material things. The person possessing much of this world's goods makes a poor example for us to have our children pattern after. It is not an absolute proof, but is an evident fact that there is a weakness, or leanness which dulls the spiritual hearing to that still small voice which enables one to behold the sad condition of humanity today.

In contrast to covetousness is contentment. **Choose God or mammon!** How is covetousness like a mirage in the desert?

As the small particles of silt deposit at the mouth of a river clog the channel, endangering navigation and finally stopping it; so also, striving after and accumulating wealth gradually clog the soul until the spirit of God cannot have free course and spiritual life is endangered.

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**Sunday December 18, 1938**

## CHRIST'S NEW COMMANDMENT

### Daily Readings and Meditations

**Dec. 11 to Dec. 18.**

- M. Christ's New Commandment John 13:34, 35  
 T. The Supreme Commandment Matt. 22:34-40.  
 W. Love to Enemies Matt. 5: 43-48.  
 T. Jesus Teaches Neighborliness Luke 10:25-37.  
 F. A Brotherly Spirit Acts 8:26-39.  
 S. The Golden Rule Luke 6:27-38.  
 S. Love, the Way of God 1 John 3:18-24.

Printed Portion.....Matt. 5:43-48; 22:34-40;  
John 13:34, 35; 15: 12-14.

Matt. 5:43. Ye have heard that it hath been said, Thou shalt love thy neighbor and hate thine enemy.

44. But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you;

45. That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust.

46. For if ye love them which love you, what reward have ye? do not even the publicans the same?

47. And if ye salute your brethren only, what do ye more than others? do not even the publicans so?

48. Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect.

Matt. 22:34. But when the Pharisees had heard that he had put the Sadducees to silence, they were gathered together.

35. Then one of them, which was a lawyer, asked him a question, tempting him, and saying,

36. Master, which is the great commandment in the law?

37. Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.

38. This is the first and great commandment.

39. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.

40. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

John 13:34. A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another.

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

John 15:12. This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you.

13. Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.

14. Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you.

**Golden Text:** A new commandment I give unto you, that ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another." John 13:34.

**Practical Truth:** Love is the fulfilling of the Law.

### POINTS FOR EMPHASIS

#### I. Love, the Law of Perfection

1. Traditional law  
Love to friends—Hatred to enemies.
2. Jesus' law  
Love enemies, bless those who curse

do good . . . —and pray.

3. Our love to God  
Our love for each other.  
Loving as Jesus loved.

### COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

Many of our lessons have been in regard to our duty and love to God; but this lesson teaches us our duty one to another. Notice the quotation: "Ye have **heard** that it has been said, love thy neighbour and hate thine enemy." It doesn't say that it is written; neither does this imply that it is a standard. Some Jewish tradition had taken it for granted that if you love your neighbour, you should hate your enemy.

Some are preplexed as to the meaning of love.

When Jesus said, "Love one another," he also said, "As I have loved you." Jesus had a divine compassionate love for those who crucified him, but for those disciples who left all to follow him he had a tender affectionate love that can only be had by perfect fellowship.

How close is practical application of this lesson. Love your enemies. Be ready to do anything to get them saved. Have good will to all men. The New Testament law of love far exceeds the "Thou shalt not."

Think on the words: **Love, Bless, Do good, and Pray.** This is not tongue service alone, and can only be rendered from a heart that has been regenerated and saturated with the love of God. Jesus says that we are his friends, if we do **whatsoever** he commands us. That whatsoever, means that our lives must be completely yielded unto Him; that our **will** is absorbed in His will; and that we do all things to His glory.

Sunday December 25, 1938.

### GOD'S GREAT LOVE

#### Daily Readings and Meditations

Dec. 18 to Dec. 25.

- M. The Birth of Christ. Matt. 2:1-12.
- T. God's Gift to All John 3: 16-24.
- W. Manifesting Our Love John 14:15-21.
- T. Honoring God by Our Gifts Mark 12:41-44.
- F. Sharing God's Gift Matt 28:18-20.
- S. God's Love for Us. 1 John 4:7-16.
- S. The Reign of the Prince of Peace Isa. 9:6, 7.

Printed Portion .....Matthew 2: 1-12.

Matt. 2:1. Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem,

2. Saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him.

3. When Herod the king had heard these things, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him.

4. And when he had gathered all the chief priests



and scribes of the people together, he demanded of them where Christ should be born.

5. And they said unto him, In Bethlehem of Judaea: for thus it is written by the prophet,

6. And thou Bethlehem, in the land of Juda, art not the least among the princes of Juda: for out of thee shall come a Governor, that shall rule my people Israel.

7. Then Herod, when he had privily called the wise men, enquired of them diligently what time the star appeared.

8. And he sent them to Bethlehem, and said, Go and search diligently for the young child; and when ye have found him, bring me word again, that I may come and worship him also.

9. When they had heard the king, they departed; and, lo, the star, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was.

10. When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy.

11. And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold, and frankincense, and myrrh.

12. And being warned of God in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed into their own country another way.

**Golden Text:** God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth on him should not perish, but have eternal life. Jno. 3:16.

**Practical Truth:** Christ desires our homage and the best that we can give.

This is the last lesson of another year. As the best is usually served at the last of a meal; so, also, the dessert of our year's lessons is for today. The truths and privileges set forth in this lesson have been at reach for years and centuries, yet by the help of God, we intend to reap benefits far exceeding any we have experienced heretofore.

Truly, we find ourselves at a loss for language to emphasize the importance of these truths. As we briefly mention a few of the important facts, do not be satisfied to stop your study there; but let the spirit of the Lord lead you on out into the deep things of God, into green pastures and beside still waters that we have never beheld before.

#### **The World in Need of a Saviour.**

The events of time center and group themselves around the coming of our Lord. Time is reckoned to and from this great event. Before Christ, all hope pointed forward; and since then we look back to that day.

Think of the condition the world was in at Christ's coming. If in this modern time, when Na-

tions profess to be Christian Nations with churches on all sides, sin and wickedness abounding; what must it have been in the dark ages, when for 400 years people had not heard from God. Truly, He was a light to a sin-cursed and darkened world.

What is Christmas to us? Christmas commemorates the birth of our Saviour. Should we not all be joyful and happy? We have received "the good tidings of great joy." "Glory to God in the highest, peace on earth good will to all men." Because others abuse Christmas, gives us no reason not to love and appreciate it.

#### **Where is He?**

We may well ask ourselves today, "Where is He?" Has He risen from the dead? Some say that He hasn't. The wise men were seeking for Him. How blessed it is to seek the Lord. Let us give heed to every holy impulse which leads us to seek the Lord. Meditate upon the many personal invitations from the Lord to seek, also upon the result and reward. Where is He? Christmas reminds us that He came into the world 2000 yrs. ago, but does our hearts assure us that He is still in the world today, to lead guide, redeem, and to give everlasting life?

#### **Good and Evil Opposing and Combatting**

Wasn't it mean in Herod to try to kill the infant, Jesus? Is Herod not living today, in a sense? Men oppose Christ, put Him out of their lives, cast him aside. What does Christ say in regard to the treatment of His little ones?

#### **The Star**

What a beautiful symbol of spiritual success and power! To how many was the star a message? The Bible tells us about the day star dawning in our hearts. As we allow this star to shine through us will it not lead others to Jesus and thus to heaven?

#### **No Room—The Manger—The Lowly Way**

Does this not speak a message to your heart? As Joseph knocked that evening at the Inn door and was turned away because there was no room; so, also, Jesus is knocking at the heart's door today; but many have their hearts so full that there is no room. Had they found room, surely, the inn-keeper would have had an honorable guest; so, also, if we will open unto Christ, we will find a guest that far surpasses any thing this world can afford. No time—no room in the hearts of men and also in many churches of today. How little room and time is found for Him by some saints. Christ is so great He cannot abide in the little corner of your heart.

#### **The Tragedy of Turning Christ Away**

Consider the Gifts and also the message the wise men had for the people. What is our message? Can we say we have found the Christ?