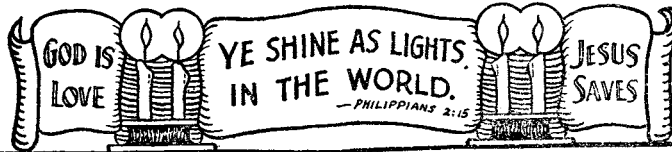


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THIS IS THE VICTORY THAT OVERCOMETH THE WORLD, EVEN OUR FAITH. — I JOHN 5:4

HAVE FAITH
IN GOD



A PAPER
FOR ALL
CHRISTIANS

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Through The Portals

We have entered through the portals
Of another happy year,
Pressing onward in our journey—
Hearts filled with hope and cheer.

Knowing not what we'll encounter,
Nor what the year will bring;
But we know that we shall conquer,
And the victor's song shall sing.

So with courage we press onward
In the name of Christ, our Lord;
He has promised to go with us,
If we keep His holy Word.

We would not try to make the journey
Through the Year in our own might;
But we follow our Commander,
Who will ever lead us right.

Battles fought—there may be many,
But we'll wear the victor's crown;
And the trophies that we gather,
At the Master's feet lay down.

Defeated, shall we be? No! Never!
Determined, we are sure to win
In the name of the Jehovah,
Till this happy year shall end.
—Ulysses Phillips.

New Things

We read in the precious word of God, "He hath put a new song in my mouth, even praises to our God" (Psa. 40:3.)

Our blessed Saviour having come to this earth, a new born King, many years ago, to give gifts unto men; it seems to be his delight to give us many new things.

Anything new truly is something we haven't had before. Hence, the Saviour's birth was and is a new birth; and to receive Him, is to be made a new creature in Him, (Praise His name!) to live for him a new life right here in this present world. Hence we read: "And they sung as it were a new song before the throne, . . . and no man could learn that song but the hundred and forty and four thousand which were redeemed from the earth." (Rev. 14:3) Praise His name forever!

Here are more of the new things he has promised:

"To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the hidden manna, and will give him a white stone, and in the stone a **new name** written, which no man knoweth saving he that receiveth." (Rev. 2:17)

And again he saith, "Put off the old man with his deeds, and put on the **new man** which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him." (Col 3:9, 10) Now, this happy New Year will bring us whatever we bring to it. Truly so.

She comes to bless, to bring success,
To crown our lives with happiness;
But if her blessings we ignore,
When she is gone, she comes no more.

—G. W. McMillian.

THE ANALOGIES OF THE BIBLE, THE BOOK OF ALL BOOKS

We stand in awe when reading the wonderful words of Jesus. As He speaks from nature of the birds of the air, the sparrow that falls to the ground, the lily of the field, God's care is seen in all His gracious words. And the floods, the angry waters—a picture of retribution; wind, which is a symbol of the Spirit in its regenerating power; the pearl of great price is salvation; the wheat and tares, the sheep and goats foreshadows judgment; the barren fig tree personifies false professors; the mustard seed, and the yeast are analogies of the rise and growth of the Kingdom of God; the members are salt to save, and lights to shine; and in parables: the sower, the fishermen—figurative of Christ and His ministers; He is our Bread, Water, and Shepherd.

He in His life and death takes the opposite of what He wants us to be and enjoy. He was made the Son of Man that we might become the Sons of God; He was born in a manger that we might have a Mansion; He became human that we might be partakers of His divine nature; He became poor that we may be rich; He had no home that we might have an Eternal Home; He became a servant that we might be Kings and Priests; He became sin that we might be righteous; He was condemned that we might not be condemned; He became weary that we might have rest; He was wounded for our transgressions that we might have eternal forgiveness; He bore our chastisements that we might have Peace with God; He bore our stripes in His own body that we might be healed; He was cut off that we might be made nigh; He was stripped that we might be clothed; He became a curse that we might inherit the Blessing; He was forsaken that we might be loved; He died that we might live; He lives that we might not die (the second death); He went into the realm of darkness to bring us into light; He was rejected that we might be accepted; He was silent that we might testify of Him; He cried, I thirst, that He might give us Living Water; His foot-steps were heavenly that we might walk in His steps; He sanctified Himself that we might be sanctified; on the cross he said, It is finished, that we might finish the work He gave us to do; He went into glory that we might follow him there; He is interceding for us that we might intercede for others; He went to prepare a place for us, and he wants us ready to occupy when He comes after us. Dear saints, are we ready? God help us to fight the good fight of faith.

— G. E. Harmon.

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An Open Letter

Dear Brother:— May God bless your soul and give you true knowledge of the scriptures is my prayer.

I have received your letter, dear brother, and I can see that you have imbibed some wrong teaching concerning the Holy Scriptures.

In the first place you are laboring under a mistake when you think that we are keeping Sunday for the Sabbath as taught back under the law and spoken of by the Lord in various places in the "Old Testament" which pointed forward to Christ.

We do not pretend to keep the "Jewish Sabbath" on Sunday, although many organized sects which are an Image to the Beast do that in a way. We keep Sunday as the "Lord's Day" as the Disciples did after his resurrection. When He was bringing in the "New Testament" they began to meet together on the first day of the week (John 20:19, 26), and we find in different places in the New Testament

where they were meeting together on the first day of the week (Acts 20:7; 1 Cor. 16:2). John was in the spirit on the Lord's Day when he received the "Revelation" from God (Rev. 1:10)

The Catholic Beast power no doubt ~~does try~~ to keep the Jewish Sabbath on Sunday and they do many other things which show a lack of knowledge of the scriptures. They sprinkle infants and many of the harlot daughters (Rev. 17:15) which are an image of the beast do so, also.

The Seventh Day Advent man-make church seem to almost hang their hope of heaven on keeping the "Jewish Sabbath." They are strict to keep Saturday as under the law, but they are an image to the beast and have his mark by being humanly organized.

The Jews were very strict in keeping the literal Sabbath and many other outward ceremonies did they keep, but Jesus told the disciples, "Except your righteousness shall exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven" (Matt. 5:20). He told the Lawyer that the greatest commandment was to love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, mind, soul, and strength and thy neighbor as thyself, this do and thou shalt live (Luke 10:27, 28).

Jesus came not to destroy the law and the prophets but to fulfill. When we get into Christ, he becomes our law and fulfills the law and the prophets. He brings his peace and rest right into our souls and we are continually keeping the literal day sabbath rest as the rest that Jesus brings in fulfilling the law and the Jewish Sabbath; also the day that God rested on the seventh day.

Paul tells us in the 4th chapter of Hebrews how when we believe in Christ we enter into his rest. In the third verse he says, "For we which have believed do enter into rest." Thank God for the soul rest that fulfills the literal sabbath day rest. He goes on to speak of God resting the seventh day from all His works. He also says, "If Jesus (in the margin it is Joshua and should be translated Joshua) had given them rest, then he would not afterward have spoken of another day." Joshua is the one that led the children of Israel into the Caanan land across Jordon, but they did not find that soul rest there so he speaks of another day, which refers to Jesus, the rest giver. He says, "For he that is entered into his rest, he also has ceased from his own works, as God did from His." When we get into God through Christ we cease from our works and just let his righteousness work in and through us even as God did from His on the seventh day. He ceased his labor on that day and so we cease from our labors when we get into Christ through belief as God did on the seventh day. People do not enter into this sabbath rest of the soul because of unbelief. Read Hebrews 4:6.

My dear brother, we that are in Christ through

believing Him, enter into His rest and are great sabbath keepers as He fulfills the law and the prophets and we keep our covenant with God by keeping the Holy sabbath day—a continual rest and feast. Praise God's holy name!

I have two tracts on this subject which I will send to you. They are free to all who ask for them.

Your blood-washed brother, Fred Pruitt.

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The Sabbath

“Testimony of the Fathers”

Seventh Day Adventist leaders have sought to further their cause by stating that the Popes changed the Jewish Sabbath to the observance of the first day of the week. Again, they would aver that it was Constantine the Emperor who did this. They have even offered \$1,000 to any one who could prove otherwise; but recently they are silent on the challenge, for as a result of the historical investigation which has been stirred up, their contentions have been completely upset.

Here are the testimonies of six Church Fathers on this point, all of whom, but Augustine, lived before the reign of Constantine:

Ignatius of Antioch, a disciple of John, who survived him only a few years, said in 101 A. D.:

“Those who were concerned with old things have come to newness of confidence, no longer keeping Sabbaths but living according to the Lord's Day, on which our life as risen again through Him depends. Let us no more Sabbathize.”

Barnabas in a letter dated at the beginning of the second century, wrote:

“We keep the eighth day with joy on which day Jesus also arose from the dead.”

Irenaeus, Bishop of Lyons, who had associated with the Apostles, stated in 167:

“On the Lord's Day every one of us Christians keeps the Sabbath.”

Clements of Alexandria wrote in 194:

“The old Seventh Day has become nothing more than a working day.”

Tertullian said in 200:

“The Lord's Day is the holy day of the Christian Church. We have nothing to do with the Sabbath.”

Augustine, about 400 A. D., declared:

“The Lord's Day was established by Christ. The Lord's Day was by the resurrection declared to Christians, and from that very time it began to be celebrated as the Christian festival.”

—The Evangel.

“HARDEN NOT YOUR HEART”

We are living in a time when the devil has succeeded in blinding the minds of many people to the real truth. He has so bound about them the chains of iniquity and unbelief that they fail to realize the awful peril which they are in. Many people today have experienced God's salvation, but have turned from Him and rejected His love. What has been the result? Their hearts have become hardened. It is dangerous to harden your heart against the Lord. There is great danger in trifling with God and refusing to hearken to His voice. “He that being often reproved and hardeneth his neck shall suddenly be destroyed and that without remedy.” Many people are sinning away their day of mercy. God has said, “My Spirit shall not always strive with man.” (See Gen. 6:3, and Gal. 5:16-17.)

It makes my heart sad to see precious souls going on in sin. They don't seem to stop even for a moment to consider where they are going to spend eternity, or how soon they will be called away.

—Geo. F. Angermeir.

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ENTREATING

Dear Lord bless all

The lonely folks,

Bless those in grief and pain;

If there are some

Who don't like me,

Lord bless them all the same.

Lord, fill their life

With joy and peace

Each moment of the day;

And if they do

Not know Thee, Lord,

Please teach them how to pray.

Lord, help them all

To stand the test,

And treat their neighbors square;

And when in need

Of strength and love,

To go to God in prayer.

Lord, bless their homes

And give them strength

To work for you each day;

And if they do

Not know Thee, Lord,

Please teach them how to pray.

—Cecil Brown.

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"Work on, work on, nor doubt, nor fear.
 From age to age this voice shall cheer:—
 Whate're may die or be forgot,
 Work done for God, it dieth NOT."

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EDITORIALS

We shall soon be entering into another year—a year filled with opportunities unknown to us now. When we speak of opportunities, most people think we have reference to opportunities for financial gain or other coveted fleshly ambitions. The opportunities which we have in mind are opportunities of doing good, of extending the Kingdom of God among men, and of giving of earthly substance so we will be laying up treasures in heaven, where moth doth not corrupt nor thieves break through and steal.

When we look over the past year and consider the year's work, we are comforted in our hearts with the knowledge of having labored faithfully in the work wherein He has called us to labor. The tracts and papers filled up with the Gospel have been going forth from the "Lord's Print Shop" in a steady stream all through the year; and hardly a week passes but what we receive letters telling us of how God has blessed the contents to the good of some precious soul; and, now and then, a soul will declare with boldness that the Lord saved them through receiving the truth and light by reading the tracts and papers. This is a great comfort to us and all the workers here at the office, as we know that our labors are not in vain in Him.

We have fully decided and have a deep determination to do all we can for the Lord and precious souls as long as He keeps life in this mortal body. We are looking forward to the New Year with a welcome, being ready with all of our heart to be a "Worker together" with the Lord in getting the truth to souls, both by the printed page and from the pulpit.

This January paper may reach you a few days before the first day of the New Year, and we pray that the contents may be a blessing to your soul. We truly pray that God will bless each and every reader during this New Year of 1939, that He will prosper you in soul, body, and other-wise, and make you a great blessing to all with whom you come into contact.

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The year of 1938 has been a year of much toil and labor here in the office for us. We have been confined here in the work almost all the year with the exceptions of a trip to Minneapolis, Minn. for only a week or more; and a call out to south-western Colorado to pray for a sick man and his family; and a week at the National Camp Meeting at Monark Springs, Mo. The Lord knows what is best and we are glad to please Him, whether it is here in the printing shop, or personal work or public work in other places. His will is our will. During the year the Lord has lifted a great burden by answering prayer and giving us another Type setting machine

in place of the old worn-out Linotype. Not only has He given this machine, but has enabled us to get many other smaller things which were needed in the print shop. Just now, at the closing of the year, He has supplied the means for a "Saw Trimmer" to be set up in the shop. The machine has been ordered from a Michigan firm and will likely be here and set up doing work in the "Lord's Print Shop" before Christmas Day. Thank the Lord!

Continue to pray for us and all the workers here in the "Lord's Print Shop."

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The article written by Bro. Otto Bolds is now in tract form. We have printed three thousand of them. If you want a few of them to use, you may let us know. We also have a number of new tracts lately printed. We send a sample of the tracts to those who ask for them and send some postage. These little silent "Preachers" are doing much good. They go, and just continue to go, and tell their story to rich and poor alike. You should be active in doing good while the Lord lets you live in this body. There is no better way of doing personal work for Jesus than taking a bunch of good tracts and handing them to souls, and in this way introducing the subject of salvation and eternal things. You will have a chance then to talk to them personally about their souls. God will give you grace and strength for this work as you seek Him and move out by faith in God.

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Bro. Durias Gibson and family of Springfield, Mo. have been spending a few days at Guthrie visiting saints and relatives. The Lord used him in giving us some precious truths from the word of God on Sunday night. They left Wednesday for Clovis, New Mex. where he will pastor the little flock at that place. Bro. Stephenson, who has been acting as pastor, feels led to be in Evangelistic work.

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In this paper you will find the obituary of Sister Carrie Winn who was the wife of G. W. Winn of Guthrie. They had lived together in married life for seventy-one years. Sister Winn was eighty-eight years old and had lived a devoted life to God from her childhood. She was known all over the State of Oklahoma, and in many other states as she traveled in the gospel work. She was a Pillar in the Church of God, a Mother in Israel, and will be missed greatly by the saints of God and by loved ones in the flesh. Her end came in a very peaceful way—she just went to sleep in Jesus. She was sitting in a rocking chair talking of the goodness of God. She felt weak and wanted to lie down, so her loved ones fixed her a cot to lie on. She got up and walked to the cot and lay down. She said the Lord would come for her and bring a band of happy angels along to

carry her to heaven. She was praying and told the Lord if He wanted to take her that she was ready to go. About ten minutes after lying down on the cot, she quietly passed away to be with Jesus.

Her husband, G. W. Winn is ninety-one years old and is very feeble in body. He has been a minister in the Church of God for many years and he needs your prayers. His wife's departure was quite a shock to him, but the Lord is sustaining. Continue to pray for Bro. Winn.

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NOTICE

We have the 1938 Issue of the **Faith and Victory** paper bound together and covered with a good paper cover. There are eleven copies of the paper, beginning with with January 1938 and ending with the December number. We are posting these bound volumes out to any address in the U. S. for 35 cents each.

Send and get a volume of these papers for yourself and have some of them sent to your friends. Send out the glad tidings, the gospel of Christ.

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MEETING REPORT

Hoffman, Okla.—Dear Bro. Pruitt and Readers of **Faith and Victory**: Greetings in much holy love. We are saved, sanctified, and encouraged to follow the Lord. The meeting which lasted from the 14th to the 20th of Nov. was blessed of the Lord and a great help to us. Bro. Ulysses Phillips, Bro. Crawley, Bro. McMillian, and Bro. L. L. Jackson preached the Word with much power. We saints rejoiced together with a hearty amen to the Word. No one got saved, but many came for prayer for healing and were helped. Other ministers and saints of Okmulgee attended the meeting, also Bro. Enoch Jones.

Dear ones, I mean heaven at any cost. I am still praising God for the wonderful healing which He did for me through your prayers.

—Sister L. C. Chiles.

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PRAYER REQUESTS

Pray for Bro. Ernest Griffith of Pa. who is afflicted with bad stomach trouble.

Please pray for Sister Fink of Ill. who has a growth in her side, and also ask the Lord to save her husband.

Sister Holt of Georgia asks the saints to pray that God will heal her body, and that she will have strength to live closer to Him.

Bro. L. F. Brown, an aged saint of Shawnee, Okla. asks the saints to pray for him. He is afflicted in body.

Sister Nowak of Wisconsin asks prayer for the healing of her body and the salvation of her husband, and healing of his body. They live far from any saints and need your prayers.

Sister Rosa Cook of Tenn. asks prayer for her husband who is suffering from a large lump under his arm. The pains run to his heart.

Pray for Bro. Garret Joostburns of Holland, Mich. who is afflicted with Ulcers of the stomach.

Pray earnestly for Sister Neva Buchanan's husband who is 66 years old. He has a serious form of heart trouble and is unsaved. Also pray for her unsaved son. They live in Cherry Valley, Ark.

Pray for the healing of Mrs. A. Jenkins of Madisonville, Tenn. She has faith to believe that God will relieve her of her great suffering and she does not resort to remedies. Also pray that the Lord will help her son to overcome the smoking habit, and save him. He earnestly desires this, but has not been able to get the victory.

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NOTICE

We have received word from Sister Ellen Chandler of Fallis, Okla., that while at prayer meeting her house burned down and all the contents. She is a poor widow and this means a big loss to her. If any of the saints feel led to help her in this time of need, it will be greatly appreciated and God will bless you. She would like to build her house back. You can send your offerings directly to her. Address: Sister Ella Chandler, R. Fallis, Okla.

Obituary of Sister Carrie Winn

Carrie Jefferson Winn was born in Thomas County Georgia, December 28, 1851. She was married to G. W. Winn Dec. 4, 1867. This union was blessed with twelve children, thirty grandchildren, and twenty great-grandchildren. She leaves her husband, four sons, and one daughter: Anna Willhoite and S. S. Winn of Guthrie, Okla.; G. K. Winn of Oklahoma City; R. W. Winn and C. C. Winn of Okland, Calif. Seven children preceded her in death.

She was converted when a child at the age of twelve years and accepted the full truth over forty years ago, and went forth laboring in the work of the Lord in an active way until the end came.

She has been married to G. W. Winn for 71 years, and has been a devoted wife and mother, living a clean Christian life. She was respected and loved by all who knew her. Among the saints of God, she was known as Mother Winn.

The funeral service was conducted by Fred Pruitt and Bro. Ulysses Phillips. Saints and friends from all over the state were present at the service. The chapel was much too small for the crowd that gather-

ed to pay their respects to this devoted and departed saint of God.

Text: Job 23:11, 12. "My foot has held His steps, His way have I kept and not declined."

William King was born in the state of Tenn. and was reared in Ky. In 1878 he was married to Miss Mittie Parham and after a few years he and his young family moved to Oklahoma Territory, and was numbered among its pioneers.

The deceased was kind, courteous, and possessed a rare agreeableness which made him appreciated by his neighbors and many friends. He was by nature a hardy and determined person until weakened by illness and advancing years. He expressed a hope in Christ to neighbors who came to pray with him a few days before the end; which came quietly 7:45 p. m. Nov. 22.

The first union was blessed with nine children, three of which survive. Later in life he was united in marriage to Miss Leanna Nolh. To this union was born nine children; six surviving. Thus, to mourn his passing are nine children: six sons and three daughters; eleven grandchildren two great-grandchildren; a brother; two sisters; other relatives; and a host of friends.

The funeral service was conducted by Fred Pruitt near Dover, Okla.; and the body was laid to rest near that place. Text: Psalms 90:12: "So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom."

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LOVE

This precious subject is burning upon my heart, and I pray God that He may enable me to bring it forth in a way that it will be a blessing to both saint and sinner; for surely, this old world is starving for this blessed experience, which is the mainspring of happiness. What is the cause of divorce cases in our courts? What is the cause of wars? What is the cause of division and separation and trouble among God's dear children? What is the cause of heart-broken husbands, wives, fathers, mothers, and children? What is the cause of that husband speaking harsh cutting words to his beloved wife? What is the cause of that wife trying to rule and usurp authority over her husband? What is the cause of that preacher, or preachers, bringing in man-rule, or becoming lords over God's heritage, and exalting self? ANSWER—Is it not for the lack of real love in the heart? I am quite sure the love of God in us will cause us to speak kindly to husband, to wife, to father, to mother, to children, to our brethren, and to all whom we meet.

Why? Because God is love, and wants us to love

one another. He loved us so well that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have eternal life—Jno. 3:16. Then if God so loved us, we ought to love one another—1 Jno. 4: 11. "Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of Judgment" (17th v.). In the very beginning, it was in the mind of God to create something to honor and love Him for His great handiwork. So He made man in His own likeness and in His image, and breathed in him the breath of life; and man became a living soul—Gen. 1:26-27; 2:7. And God being love (1 Jno. 4:16) put that love in the heart of man. But after he did this, He looked upon man and saw that he was incomplete. He said that it was not good for man to be alone, so He took a rib from man's side and made him a helpmeet. She was bone of his bone, and flesh of his flesh, and he loved her. He took her to wife, and God married them—Gen. 2:18-25. But after the fall, the accusing spirit of Satan came in (and that same accusing spirit is in the world today). Why? Because of iniquity abounding, the love of many has waxed cold—Matt. 24:12. But I do thank God, He has brought about a plan whereby man can be brought back into the Adamic experience, where he was in the creation. Then my brethren, these things being so, how careful we should be that we do not lose our our first love and be found with a picking, fault-finding spirit.

As I am writing on this wonderful subject of love, I desire to begin with the home life. If our home living is in perfect harmony with the Word of God, we are not likely to have much trouble elsewhere. Husband, do you love your wife as Christ loved the church? (Eph. 5:28; 1 Pet. 3:7) When was the last time you told her you loved her? Then after you told her that, do you act like it? If you live in a timber country, do you keep her plenty of wood split to cook with? or do you just go off, and leave her all that to do with the dinner to prepare, and may be a big washing to do, and a lot of little folks to care for; and you come in and begin to grumble or rail at her for being so slow about getting dinner ready? Why not go lay your arms around her and say, "Darling, I am very sorry I did not split your wood this morning. Now may I help you? What may I do?" If you would do that, don't you think you might win her confidence, and make her believe you loved her after all?

This makes me think of a brother at Clovis, N. Mex. where we were holding meeting last summer. I preached one day on the duty of husband and wife to each other. This brother went home and said, "Well, that sermon hit me all over today and I find I am short and I'll have measure up." He went to the store to buy bread for dinner and while there he bought his wife a nice box of candy. He came home and began to help her with the meal by peeling

potatoes and doing other things.

Now, brethren, if any of you are guilty of such things, I trust you will be as honest as that dear old brother and begin to measure up. I am quite sure if your wife will do her part, you will have a home of love—a heavenly home here on earth.

—H. W. White.

A CHRISTIAN HOME

Some of the principal things it takes to make a Christian home are to be honest, trustworthy, and obedient. Our parents of today who are Christian, should be more respected for their religion than they are. We young people should start looking on the right side. In our conversation, let our words be true, but few. The trouble today is that we talk too much and half of it is not true. We that are Christians should keep ourselves pure. To do this we will have to keep our hearts with all diligence. Let us endeavor to be more obedient to our parents in the future than in the past. We have a Christian Sunday School teacher and appreciate her teaching.—Pauline Thompson. (A little girl fourteen years of age.)

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Hammond, La.—To the dear Saints scattered abroad, again we greet you in the precious name of Jesus, after such a long silence, through the columns of this paper:

We are glad for the privilege of telling you that we are still serving the Lord who has done all for us, not because of our worthiness but because he loves us. It seems sometimes we have more for which to thank Him than any one else; and if He never did anything else than save our souls from sin, it will take all eternity to praise Him. But we are so thankful that the healing of the body is also included in the atonement, and many times we witness His healing power in behalf of the sick. It is a glorious privilege to trust Him for our healing. Many of the dear saints in our vicinity have been healed of numerous diseases to our knowledge.

We are still plodding on, doing the little that we can for the salvation of souls and the encouragement of the saints. The congregation here at Hammond, also the one near Kentwood, and another near Lorange, La. are doing nicely. Now and then one is added to our number, and how anxious we become for them to be true to the Lord. Then again, once in awhile one falls out of the ranks, and how grieved we then feel, and would bring them back if we could. But sometimes at a later date, they return to the fold. Also, the Lord blessed in raising up a little congregation of saints out of Batchelor, La., about 100 miles from here. They are young in the cause, except Sister Emma Jackson who has resided there and lived a saved life for a number of years, and they need our

prayers. Sister Katherine Simpson of Loranger was along when the meeting was held and is doing what she can to keep them encouraged through her ministerial labors. Another good meeting that we enjoyed was at Madisonville, Tenn. where a few saints had been living for the Lord and doing what they could in His service, hence the Lord blessed their efforts by giving us eight souls to be added to the number, which now makes a nice number in that country. We just returned from there Nov. 5. After a good meeting and sweet communion with the dear saints, it is so difficult to leave them to battle alone against the enemy.

Our camp meeting held this summer was also good. Bros. G. E. and Eugene Harmon attended and gave much encouragement through the preaching of the Word. After this we attended the National Camp Meeting, where our souls were fed and encouraged and we met a great number of saints, many of whom we had never met before. We see no reason why the National Camp Meeting cannot be a success every year. It is the will of the Lord for His children to be one and when we see it so manifested in a meeting, we know that the Spirit of humility is reigning. Of course, there was some opposition. We are now looking forward to our winter meeting which is to begin on the night of Dec. 25, and are praying that real and lasting good may be accomplished—the kind that will last for all eternity. Oh! we want to see souls dig deep, until they strike the Rock, and come forth with a real possession of His grace to overcome the wicked one. It is not only a means of encouragement to the individual who is living a life of victory, but others are influenced thereby. On our return from Madisonville, Tenn. we stopped at Athens, Tenn., where Sister Audrey Buttram had lived for a number of years, a truly devoted life to the Lord, and she came with us south to Hammond, to make her home with us as long as the Lord leads. We enjoy having her with us for surely the Spirit of the Lord is the controlling force in her life. Since we first knew her, we appreciated her as a consecrated saint of God, and count it a privilege to have her with us. She stayed with her parents and cared for them until their death. Her father passed away last April, which left her alone in her home, and she felt now that the Lord could use her out in His work. Pray for us, that we may continue in His work, faithfully performing that which He assigns us until He calls us from labor to reward. We love you dear saints, and with His grace expect to spend eternity with you; for surely the Church of God is made up of the same kind of material that is found in heaven. Praise the Lord!

—Ray and Katherine Key.

PUNISHMENT AND HELL AWAIT SINNERS

Some poor souls say they don't believe in hell because God is a merciful God and would not make such a place. Yes, he is a merciful God; but there is a real hell—a lake of fire. God does not want us to go there; but if we don't obey His Word, we are sure to find out that there is such a place.

Following are some New Testament Scriptures on hell: Matthew 13:30—"Let both grow together until the harvest: and in the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, Gather ye together first the tares, and bind them in bundles to burn them: but gather the wheat into my barn." Verse 39, 42—"The enemy that sowed them is the devil: the harvest is the end of this world. The Son of man shall send forth his angels and they shall gather out of his kingdom all things that offend, and them that do iniquity; And shall cast them into a furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth." Verses 49, 50—"So shall it be at the end of the world: the angels shall come forth and sever the wicked from among the just. And shall cast them into the furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth." Matt. 25:41—"Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels." Verse 46—"And these shall go away into everlasting punishment; but the righteous into life eternal." Mark 9:43, 44—"And if thy hand offend thee, cut it off: it is better for thee to enter into life maimed, than having two hands to go into hell into the fire that never shall be quenched: where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched." Luke 12:4—"And I say unto you, my friends, Be not afraid of them that kill the body, and after that have no more that they can do. But I will forewarn you whom ye shall fear: Fear him, which after he hath killed hath power to cast into hell, yea, I say fear Him."

Dear people, you who believe that there is no hell, I could give you more Scriptures on this line, but I think this is enough. It would take too much space to tell you all the New Testament says about hell. "Search the scriptures, for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me"—John 5:39.

—Rosa Cook.

San Bernardino, Calif.—Dear Brother Pruitt: Greetings to all in Jesus' name. We are still strong in the Lord who bound us with divine love, praise His name! I have some friends who have asked me for the little book entitled "A Religious Controversy" by Chas. E. Orr. If any one has this book and has finished with it, I will be very glad to receive it that others might read it, and receive a blessing. We must let our light shine.

—Mr. A. G. Bradis.

352 E. Monterey, San Bernardino, Calif.

◆ « Young People's Section » ◆

The Way The Sail Is Set

I stood beside the open sea;
 The ships went sailing by;
 The wind blew softly o'er the lea;
 The sun had cloudless sky.

Some ships sailed eastward, some sailed west,
 Some north, some southward trend.
 How can ships sail this way and that?
 But one way blows the wind.

An old sea-captain made reply
 (His locks with salt-spray wet):
 " 'Tis not the wind decides the course;
 'Tis way the sails are set."

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I stand beside the sea of life;
 The ships go sailing by;
 The winds blow fair from heaven's land;
 No clouds bedim the sky.

But one sails eastward, one sails west,
 One north, one southward goes;
 How can ships sail this way and that
 With selfsame wind that blows?

A voice made answer to my soul:
 " 'Tis not how blows the gale;
 Each voyager decides the goal
 By way he sets the sail." —Selected.

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EDITORIALS

Time is swiftly bearing us onward. Another milestone marks the end forever of the year 1938. We are passing across the stage of time from the cradle to the grave into what?—Long eternity! Each year marks a point nearer the end of time for each one of us. This thought should solemnize our hearts.

Opportunities that were lost during the past year can never be regained. Our life story will be read just like we lived it. When we as young saints take a retrospective view of the old year and its activities and perhaps see wasted energies, talents, and time, it should create a desire to take a firmer hold on God for grace and strength to fill our place in the Body of Christ during the new year.

The blessings of the past year have been many

upon God's people. There have been greater spiritual blessings—the good camp meetings, increased unity of God's people, many coming out of confusion, and a return to the truths of God's word. Not only has the work of God in general moved forward, but the Lord has supplied His "Print Shop" here at Guthrie with much-needed equipment so that clean gospel literature may be published faster and in greater quantities.

There are great possibilities for every child of God in the work of the Lord for the coming year. Do not bury your talents, but increase them by using them.

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It is true that we are all creatures of influence. We are being influenced, and we are having an influence. We influence more by example than by words. If we say one thing and act another, we shall find our actions speaking more loudly than our words. If we love God with all our hearts, that love will influence another to love Him. If we are spiritual, we cause those we converse with to desire to be more spiritual. We should be full of faith that our strong faith may help others to have more faith.

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Nothing costs so little that is worth so much as kind words. You can speak them.

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If the Lord permits, the Oklahoma Christmas Assembly Meeting will be in session by the time this issue of the paper is put in the mail. Saints and ministers from over the State and perhaps other states, will have come to the meeting. We are expecting and believing for another spiritual feast—saving, sanctifying, and healing. —L. D. P.

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THE REWARD OF GIVING

There was a man who had a few thousand dollars. He had no wife or children. This man professed to be wholly consecrated to God. He never gave any of his money only a little occasionally to some one upon whom he was dependent or from whom he expected to receive as much or more in return. He eased his conscience in this matter by saying to himself, "I will arrange it so that the Lord's work shall have money when I am gone. I will give it all to God then." Is this the giving that God rewards? No, it is not. To hold on to anything as long as you can and when you can not hold on to it any longer then

give it to God, is not Christian giving. This man's money was legally his. He never gave away that to which he had a legal right. When he dies it would legally go to his nearest relative. He gave God only what was legally another's. God has no reward for such giving. Those who love God will not wait until they have no longer any need before they give something of what they have to God. This is living for self. Young folks, you can not build up a beautiful character without self-denial. —C. E. Orr.

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To the Dear Young Saints; Greetings in Jesus' precious name. I am glad I can still report victory in my soul over sin and all the works of the devil.

I feel impressed to encourage you by passing on to you a few thoughts which the Lord gave me, about "Pressing." We, as saints of the Most High, realize as never before that the press is on, and we are pressing as never before. Why? We have something in view, something we see and know we shall enjoy when we reach the place toward which we are pressing. While visiting the State Fair in September, this press was pictured to me. There were many things to be seen and the crowd was very thick in places. When I entered the Fair ground, I could see the Grandstand, but from the looks of what I had to go through, I began to feel doubtful of getting there. The thought came to me, "You have to press." The nearer I got to the Grandstand, the harder I had to press—the thickest crowd was between me and the Grandstand, but I could see it and I was determined to get there. My youngest daughter was with me. She seemed almost too heavy to carry so I had her by the hand, pulling her through the crowd. The people knocked her about and stepped on her feet so much that I began to feel for her, knowing she could not press like I could. She needed my help and my encouragement. I picked her up in my arms, then I could press much better. It was a help to me and the child also. The expression on her face changed from one of discouragement to one of joy. As long as I held her hand, she was a hinderance to me in pressing, for she was out of line with me, and I had to continually watch her.

Dear ones, let us get a spiritual lesson from this. As we near the Grandstand toward which we are pressing, the press becomes harder and we must pick up the slack. We can't have anything hanging out of line that would cause us to look back.

I also received a good thought as I picked up the child who had been pressing as much as she could. There are many dear little weak saints who are struggling and pressing with all the knowledge and understanding they have to follow those who are strong. They need help, lest they give up and go

down under the struggle alone. Let us gladly share the burden of others just as our Saviour did, and perhaps we can prevent some weak one from being overpowered by the devil. (Read Romans 15:1-2). Jesus showed His love to weak struggling ones by healing those who were sick, opening the blinded eyes, binding up the broken-hearted and helping the oppressed. He went everywhere doing good. Let us be like Him who is our all in all. And again I exhort you to **Press on**. —Carrie Woods.

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—NOTICE—

Middleton, Ind.—Dear Bro. Pruitt and Saints: Greetings in Jesus' name. May God's richest blessings be on you always is our prayer. We are all well and enjoying health, thank God. Those of us who are saved are enjoying salvation better than ever in these perilous times. God spoke to us a few weeks ago and told us to go to Anderson and ask a Sister Mann to have prayer meeting. I obeyed, and now we have a small place for worship where we hope to see some of the wonders of God performed. We need your prayers and the prayers of all the saints. We are having an all day meeting Sunday, Dec. 4, 1938 for the purpose of getting the saints together, and have united prayer for Anderson. There are many who are too hot for the cold formal places, but unless they are fed soon I am afraid they will go hungry to the starvation of their souls. If you feel led, mention this to the other saints and ask them to first pray, then, if God leads, write to us, and to the saints, or to any whom they may know at Anderson. This is surely a misty place; almost dark with false doctrine. Thank you in advance, for we know you will pray with us. We are also asking God to send the Evangelist to us whom He can use for a revival in the near future.

Preaching service and prayer meeting is being held at 2343 Baldwin Ave., Anderson, Ind. All are invited to meet with us at this place.

—Wm. Pearson, Middletown, Ind.

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Topeka, Kansas—Dear Readers of **Faith and Victory**. In the name of Him that loved us and washed us in His own precious blood. I believe it is the will of the Lord for me to write my testimony for the paper. Sweet memories of the good Camp Meeting I was privileged to enjoy at Monark Springs Mo. and the wonderful Truth that went forth, yet linger on my heart. How glad I am for faith in these dark days. I am thinking of the words: will there be any faith when Jesus comes? Oh, how glad we can be that Jesus is the same yesterday, today and for ever. I truly love the Lord and the cause.

Your saved sister,

Birdie Wagoner.

Dear Bro. Pruitt and Co-Laborers at the Office: May the richest blessings of God's beloved Son rest and abide with all of you, is my earnest prayer. It is so blessed to be blessed with the gift of salvation. God is love. With God's love shed abroad in our hearts as a gift by the Holy Spirit, I can know that my sins are judged according to the truth of God's Word: "Sanctify them through thy word, thy word is truth." I am dead to all malice and all evil speakings with this glorious experience of no condemnation. I feel like fighting the good fight of Faith and laying hold on eternal life. I feel that I am able to profess a good profession before many witnesses. Thank God! I can now look for that blessed hope and the glorious appearing of my Saviour Jesus Christ who gave Himself for us that He might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto Himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works, as new born babes desire the sincere milk of the word that I may grow thereby. This is just a foretaste of our Saviour's graciousness to us. The desire of my heart is to judge myself by and according to the word of God, that I may not be found wanting at the glorious appearing of King Jesus at His second appearing. I need your prayers.

Your Blood-washed brother, James E. Morris

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Wharton, Ark.—Dear Brother Pruitt: I haven't written to you since I was sick last May. I am glad I can tell you that the Lord raised me up for which we thank and praise Him. We also thank you for your help.

We are sending one dollar for which send twenty Faith and Victory papers for three months. We want them to use in Sunday School, and hope they will be a blessing in other ways.

May the Lord ever bless all of you in his work. We need your prayers. —Henry Steel.

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Heltonville, Ind.—Dear Bro. and Sister Pruitt: Greetings to you in Christ's name. We are happy to report victory in our souls. This has been a glorious time to have meetings here. Souls have been getting saved. Pray that God will give much help.

We have no church building in which to worship. We have been having services at our dwelling. God has moved upon the heart of our unsaved neighbor to donate and deed us ground upon which we can build a "Church of God" building.

There are more blessings we are looking forward to. We are praying that God will send the money in, so we can soon put up the building. If any of the saints can give us an offering, please send it to the following address. We will surely appreciate it, and God will bless. Stanley G. Hawkins, Minister of the Church of God, Heltonville, Ind. Route 1.

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OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL

How does this title appeal to you, or would it be more fitting to say, "The Sunday School?" Can it be that men and women who have been redeemed by the precious blood of Jesus, who are filled with the Holy Spirit of God, do not find a place for Sunday School in their lives? No, but because they do not put the proper value upon the souls of men, they become indifferent and the study of the Bible with it's life-giving truths are replaced with things of the world. Many of the old saints who have been holding forth the words of Life to the lost are passing on—especially in the last few years. What are we going to do about it? Do not our boys and girls and young people need to be established more and more in the truth? May the Lord help us as the New Year is coming on to be at our best in His service, filled with the love of God, willing and ready for every good work.

How is our Sunday School getting along? The purpose of it is to win souls to Christ and help establish the young ones in the truth. Do we as teachers and Superintendents have the cause at heart as we should? Have we lost sight of the goal and are merely teaching facts? Let us ask ourselves a few

questions: Has the Lord placed the burden of the class upon our hearts or did we just receive the larger number of votes at election? Do we feel the responsibility of standing before the living and the dead? Is our testimony that of years past or are we now experiencing the sweet presence of the Holy Spirit leading, guiding, and fashioning our lives? Am I doing my utmost to prepare and qualify myself for my calling? Do I know the difficulties and problems that confront my pupils? Do I contact my pupils individually to pray with and advise them? Do they confide in me? Do my pupils absorb that missionary spirit that will reach out and bring in new pupils to the class? Am I bringing forth and explaining the desired point or do I make a suggestion, and allow the pupils to grasp the truth and bring forth the illustration or point desired? Do I realize that if my pupils do not get saved while they are young, that they probably never will be saved? If Johnny or Mary are absent from class, do I let them know that I missed them and was sorry about the absence? Am I so kind and gentle that when a new pupil comes to the class they will want to come back? Many, many are the things that we, as teachers, must keep in mind.


We earnestly desire the prayers of the saints, because we realize that the opportunities of the teacher are unlimited, and that one single impression upon the mind of a child may change the course of its entire life and determine the eternal destiny of that child. So may each of us keep humble, that the Christ, the Teacher of all teachers, may inspire us.

—O. C. Porter.



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Sunday, January 1, 1939

PETER CALLED TO SERVE

Daily Readings and Meditations

Dec. 25, 1938 to Jan. 1, 1939.

- M. Becoming Acquainted with Jesus John 1:35-42.
- T. The Call of Peter Luke 5:1-11.
- W. Willingness to Serve Luke 5:27-32
- T. The Need of Helpers Matt. 9:35-38
- F. Divine Partnership John 15:7-16
- S. Refusing to Serve Matt. 19:16-21
- S. Worthy of the Call Eph. 4:1-13

Printed Portion.....John 1:40-42; Luke 5:1-11.

John 1:40. One of the two which heard John speak, and followed him, was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother.

41. He first findeth his own brother Simon, and saith unto him, We have found the Messiah, which is, being interpreted, the Christ.

42. And he brought him to Jesus. And when Jesus beheld him, he said, Thou art Simon the son of Jona: thou shalt be called Cephas, which is by interpretation, A stone.

Luke 5:1. And it came to pass, that, as the people pressed upon him to hear the word of God, he stood by the lake of Gennesaret,

2. And saw two ships standing by the lake: but the fishermen were gone out of them, and were washing their nets.

3. And he entered into one of the ships, which was Simon's, and prayed him that he would thrust out a little from the land. And he sat down, and taught the people out of the ship.

4. Now when he had left speaking, he said unto Simon, Launch out into the deep, and let down your nets for a draught.

5. And Simon answering said unto him, Master, we have toiled all the night, and have taken nothing: nevertheless at thy word I will let down the net.

6. And when they had this done, they inclosed a great multitude of fishes: and their net brake.

7. And they beckoned unto their partners, which were in the other ship, that they should come and help them. And they came, and filled both the ships, so that they began to sink.

8. When Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, Depart from me; for I am a sinful man, O Lord.

9. For he was astonished, and all that were with

him, at the draught of the fishes which they had taken.

10. And so was also James, and John, the sons of Zebedee, which were partners with Simon. And Jesus said unto Simon, Fear not; from henceforth thou shalt catch men.

11. And when they had brought their ships to land, they forsook all, and followed him.

Memory Verse: "Come ye after me, and I will make you to become fishers of men." Mark 1:17.

POINTS FOR EMPHASIS

- I. Peter as a Disciple of John the Baptist.
The meeting of Jesus and Peter.
- II. The Miracle
The call—The response
- III. The Need Today
The call—Our response.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATIONS

We sometimes overlook the strong influence which John the Baptist exerted in the early training of some of the leading disciples of Jesus. Two of his earnest young disciples were the first two disciples of Jesus. The text implies that both Andrew and the unnamed disciple (quite evidently John, the son of Zebedee) each brings his brother to Jesus. It is also implied that these two (Peter and James) and the two (Philip and Nathaniel) that are invited the next day to follow Christ, all had been diligently following John the Baptist and learning from him.

Christ divided his time between the multitudes and his disciples. The miracle which he performed while on his fishing expedition with Peter was a great lesson to Peter. He told the Master he had toiled all night and took nothing; but at His word he would let down the nets. When he drew in the nets and found so many fish in them he fell at Jesus' knees and worshiped Him. The cry that rent the heart of Peter as he uttered it, was: "Depart from me: for I am a sinful man, O, Lord." The miracle that Jesus had performed caused Peter to realize that he was in the presence of a mysterious person who was divine. It caused him to discern the sinfulness of his own life as he had not before realized it. Peter did not desire to be separated from Jesus, even though he cried: "Depart from me." This was his agonized manner of confessing his unworthiness to remain with Jesus. Here again, the character of Peter is unveiled. It takes a strong man to realize and confess his own weakness. Peter was in the mood to be fashioned according to the design of Jesus. "Have Thine own way, Lord; Thou art the Potter, I am the clay. Mold me and make me after Thy will."

Sunday, January 8, 1939

PETER COMMENDED AND REBUKED

Daily Readings and Meditations

Jan. 1 to Jan. 8.

- M. Peter Recognizes His Lord. Matt. 16:13-16.
 T. Christ Commends Peter Matt. 16:17-20.
 W. Peter Rebuked Matt. 16:21-25.
 T. Winning the Approval of Jesus Matt. 10:34-42.
 F. The Faith of the Centurion. Matt. 8:5-13.
 S. Intolerance Rebuked Luke 9:51-55.
 S. The Pre-eminence of Christ Col. 1:9-18.

Printed Portion **Matt. 16:13-25.**

Matt. 16:13. When Jesus came into the coasts of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, saying, Whom do men say that I the Son of man am?

14. And they said, Some say thou art John the Baptist: some, Elias; and others, Jeremias, or one of the prophets.

15. He saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am?

16. And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God.

17. And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven.

18. And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

19. And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.

20. Then charged he his disciples that they should tell no man that he was Jesus the Christ.

21. From that time forth began Jesus to shew unto his disciples, how that he must go unto Jerusalem and suffer many things of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised again the third day.

22. Then Peter took him, and began to rebuke him, saying, Be it far from thee, Lord: this shall not be unto thee.

23. But he turned, and said unto Peter, Get thee behind me, Satan: thou art an offence unto me: for thou savourest not the things that be of God, but those that be of men.

24. Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me.

25. For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it.

Memory Verse: "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God."

POINTS FOR EMPHASIS

- I. Peter as a Follower of Jesus.
A complete surrender necessary,
- II. A Good Confession
The building and stability of His Church.
Misinterpretation of these Scriptures.
- III. The Approaching Death
The protest and rebuke of Peter.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATIONS

In our study today we find Christ entering the last year of his ministry. While He was preparing the disciples to carry on the responsibilities that he soon would lay down, at the same time he was manifesting to the world how His life and example could be duplicated by those that were willing to yield unto him. In response to the teachings and miracles of Jesus, the people came in throngs. Their hopes that Messiah had come were towering high, but the penetrating words of Jesus exposed the wretched condition of their hearts; and also, when Jesus refused the honor of men in that he would not allow them to crown him as their king, his popularity collapsed. The Nation turned against him. The leaders with deadly hatred in their hearts were seeking his death. Then, thank the Lord, as he turned to the disciples and asked, "But whom say ye that I am," we hear "The Good Confession"—"Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God." Note the commendation: "Blessed art thou." What an immense bundle of good contained in such a few words! In answer, Jesus addressed Peter, Thou art Peter, and upon this rock—on Christ Himself, the one that Peter had just confessed—He should build His Church. Had Christ meant to build the Church on the Apostle Peter, surely the Apostle would have known it. In Acts 4:11, Peter plainly states that Christ is that Rock. In regard to giving Peter the keys to the kingdom, must have meant that he was to be used at Pentecost to unfold unto the people more completely the plan of salvation. Together with the commendation from Jesus came the rebuke. No doubt, Peter was feeling good until Jesus foretold of his death.

Sunday, Jan 15, 1939

PETER SEES CHRIST'S GLORY

Daily Readings and Meditations

Jan. 8 to Jan. 15.

- M. On the Mount with Christ Luke 9:28-36.
- T. Eye Witnesses of His Majesty Matt. 17:1-8.
- W. The Father's Witness John 8:12-20.

- T. The Vision of the Glorified Rev. 1:9-18.
- F. Visions and Task Luke 9:33, 37-43.
- S. The Power of Prayer Matt. 14:22-32.
- S. The Prayer Perfect Luke 11:1-4.

Printed Portion **Matt. 17:1-9, 14-18.**

Matt. 17:1. And after six days Jesus taketh Peter, James, and John his brother, and bringeth them up into an high mountain apart,

2. And was transfigured before them: and his face did shine as the sun, and his raiment was white as the light.

3. And, behold, there appeared unto them Moses and Elias talking with him.

4. Then answered Peter, and said unto Jesus, Lord, it is good for us to be here: if thou wilt, let us make here three tabernacles; one for thee, and one for Moses, and one for Elias.

5. While he yet spake, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them: and behold a voice out of the cloud, which said, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased: hear ye him.

6. And when the disciples heard it, they fell on their face, and were sore afraid.

7. And Jesus came and touched them, and said, Arise, and be not afraid.

8. And when they had lifted up their eyes, they saw no man, save Jesus only.

9. And as they came down from the mountain, Jesus charged them, saying, Tell the vision to no man, until the Son of man be risen again from the dead.

14. And when they were come to the multitude, there came to him a certain man, kneeling down to him, and saying,

15. Lord, have mercy on my son: for he is lunatic, and sore vexed: for oftentimes he falleth into the fire, and oft into the water.

16. And I brought him to thy disciples, and they could not cure him.

17. Then Jesus answered and said, O faithless and perverse generation, how long shall I be with you? how long shall I suffer you? bring him hither to me.

18. And Jesus rebuked the devil; and he departed out of him: and the child was cured from that very hour.

Memory Verse: "We beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father." Jno. 1:14.

POINTS FOR EMPHASIS

- I. The Mountain Top Experience
Come ye apart to be with Jesus
- II. Christ Transfigured
Moses and Elijah

Peter's zeal
The cloud—the Voice.

- III. Benefits from Interviews with Jesus
Ourselves strengthened
Others benefitted

COMMENTS AND APPLICATIONS

As in last week's lesson, we continue to be benefitted by the experiences of Peter with his Lord. We enjoy to read about them and meditate upon them, but best of all we, ourselves, can have personal experiences with our Saviour. On one occasion it was said of Jesus: "Behold, how he loved him!" We are very conscious of the fact that Jesus truly loves us. We feel His tender love and care over us daily. We note that Jesus had special instruction and experiences for some of His disciples because of the greatness of the task they were to perform. Peter being so inspired by these experiences was able to stand before rulers and kings and boldly declare that they had crucified the Christ of the Bible. The occasion of Moses and Eliiah represents the Law and the Prophets. Great and glorious indeed, were they, but the voice from the cloud spoke: "This is my beloved son in whom I am well pleased, hear ye him." The Sonship was sealed. To no one should they hearken save to Jesus. His words are final. He alone has eternal life. Read Acts 1:9; Jno. 12:28; and Matt. 3:17. God spoke by his prophets in former times; but has in these last days spoken unto us by His Son. Let us not cease until we have personal contact with Jesus that he may put life and power in our every-day living which will enable us to do His biddings.

Sunday, January 22, 1939

PETER DENIES HIS LORD

Daily Readings and Meditations

Jan. 15 to Jan. 22.

- M. The Evening of the Denial Luke 22:14-30.
T. Peter's Denial Foretold Luke 22:31-34.
W. Peter's Rashness John 18:1-11.
T. Peter Denies His Lord Luke 22:54-62.
F. Denying Our Lord Today Luke 6:46-49.
S. Christ Sympathizes with the Tempted
Heb. 4:12-16.
S. "It is the Lord" John 21:1-14.

Printed Portion.....Luke 22:31-34, 54-62.

Luke 22:31. And the Lord said, Simon, Simon, behold, Satan hath desired to have you, that he may sift you as wheat:

32. But I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not: and when thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren.

33. And he said unto him, Lord, I am ready to go

with thee, both into prison, and to death.

34. And he said, I tell thee, Peter, the cock shall not crow this day, before that thou shalt thrice deny that thou knowest me.

54. Then took they him, and led him, and brought him into the high priest's house. And Peter followed afar off.

55. And when they had kindled a fire in the midst of the hall, and were set down together, Peter sat down among them.

56. But a certain maid beheld him as he sat by the fire, and earnestly looked upon him, and said, This man was also with him.

57. And he denied him, saying, Woman, I know him not.

58. And after a little while another saw him, and said, Thou art also of them. And Peter said, Man, I am not.

59. And about the space of one hour after another confidently affirmed, saying, Of a truth this fellow also was with him: for he is a Galilaean.

60. And Peter said, Man, I know not what thou sayest. And immediately, while he yet spake, the cock crew.

61. And the Lord turned, and looked upon Peter. And Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said unto him, Before the cock crow, thou shalt deny me thrice.

62. And Peter went out, and wept bitterly.

Memory Verse: "Let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall." 1 Cor. 10:12.

POINTS FOR EMPHASIS

- I. Satan's Desire for Everyone.
- II. Fall and Conversion Foretold.
- III. The Fall
Self assurance
Following afar off
Warming by the enemy's fire
- IV. The Lord's Look
- V. Peter's Penitence

COMMENTS AND APPLICATIONS

Satan is a greedy fellow in that he desires every soul. As in the case of Job and Peter, he desires to sift the righteous on the screens of trial and temptation that they might adhere to some of his allurements or untruths and be driven away and burned with the chaff. The words that impress us are: "Let him that thinketh he standeth, take heed lest he fall." We remember from last weeks study that Peter was blessed with heavenly blessings, enjoying the closest fellowship with Jesus and in our study today he went down **Down DOWN**—following afar—ashamed—denying—cursing and swearing,

While there is one road leading to Christ, yet there are many well trodden roads that lead from Him. The devil is more than a match for us in our own strength, so it is only as the grace and power of God comes in that we are able to stand.

REMEMBER:

Regardless of the close walk and communion we had with Christ, we are still human and subject to temptation;

Because Christ was tempted, he has mercy and sympathy for us;

Because He yielded not to temptation, He has power to help us;

Jesus knows us better than we know ourselves;

Following close to Jesus is the best protection against temptation and sin;

If you have fallen and given up, Christ is standing with outstretched arms entreating you to come;

The devil is a **HARD TASKMASTER!**

Sunday, January 29, 1939

PETER DECLARES HIS LOVE

Daily Readings and Meditations

Jan. 22 to Jan. 29.

- M. Peter Finds Forgiveness Luke 24:28-35.
 T. Peter Confesses His Love John 21:15-17.
 W. The Renewed Commission John 21:17-19.
 T. Peter Enjoying Devotion to Christ 1 Pet. 2:11-21.
 F. A Service of Love Luke 7:36-50.
 S. "The Greatest Thing in the World" 1 Cor. 13.
 S. Proving Our Love John 15:12-21.

Printed Portion John 21:11-19.

John 21:11. Simon Peter went up, and drew the net to land full of great fishes, an hundred and fifty and three: and for all there were so many, yet was not the net broken.

12. Jesus saith unto them, Come and dine. And none of the disciples durst ask him, Who art thou? knowing that it was the Lord.

13. Jesus then cometh, and taketh bread, and giveth them, and fish likewise.

14. This is now the third time that Jesus shewed himself to his disciples, after that he was risen from the dead.

15. So when they had dined, Jesus saith to Simon Peter, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me more than these? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, Feed my lambs.

16. He saith to him again the second time, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, Feed my sheep.

17. He saith unto him the third time, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me? Peter was grieved because

he said unto him the third time, Lovest thou me? And he said unto him, Lord, thou knowest all things; thou knowest that I love thee. Jesus saith unto him, Feed my sheep.

18. Verily, verily, I say unto thee, When thou wast young, thou girdedst thyself, and walkedst whither thou wouldest: but when thou shalt be old, thou shalt stretch forth thy hands, and another shall gird thee, and carry thee whither thou wouldest not.

19. This spake he, signifying by what death he should glorify God. And when he had spoken this, he saith unto him, Follow me.

Memory Verse: "If ye love me, ye will keep my commandments." John 14:15.

POINTS FOR EMPHASIS

- I. Meeting in Galilee
Fruitless night's labor
Day break and Jesus
- II. Obedience to Jesus Brings Success
Jesus invites, Come and Dine.
- III. Confession of Love.
Denied three times publicly
Confessed three times publicly
- IV. Peter's Martyrdom Foretold.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATIONS

Let us keep in mind while studying this, that Jesus is dealing with a man that had gone wrong. Peter had denied, therefore he must confess. Christ's pardon is full and free, yet a wrong must be undone. When we have the Spirit of Christ, we are always ready to take back and help restore any that have erred.

Verse 5— Have ye meat to eat? Answer: No. Many disciples today are overlooking the table spread with an abundance of good things and feeding on scanty pastures—read Psalm 23.

Verse 12—Jesus has the table spread and invites, "Come and dine." Trust in God, count your blessings, partake of the heavenly food, be a stalwart Christian, and do work for Jesus.

Verse 14—The third time that he appeared to the disciples together— as a group.

Verses 15, 16, 17—The salutation this time was Simon, not Peter, the rock. Peter must build again. No doubt the repentance had taken place before, probably at the tomb or before.

It is good not to fall, but it is much worse not to return. One said, "I will arise and go to my Father." If any one who reads this lesson has given up or are not enjoying salvation as they once did, apply this lesson unto your heart. Remember, Jesus sees and is eagerly longing for you to come and embrace his great love.