

# FAITH AND VICTORY

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

HAVE FAITH  
IN GOD



A PAPER  
FOR ALL  
CHRISTIANS

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## Encouragement

Arise, ye hoping, trusting bands;  
He's graven you on His palms—His hands.  
For sooner would the planets fall  
Than He'd forsake His child at all.

Fast set your focus on His throne:  
He'll stamp you there His very own;  
For He wanted so much to save your soul  
That He gave His life to make you whole.

While yet in sin, He died for you—  
More, by His blood He'll take you through.  
Obey and trust Him, He's full of love.  
His life's blood bought your home above.

Don't you see the love that flowed  
To pay the debt for sin, you owed?  
His precious body by murders slain,  
That you eternal peace might gain?

Did ever love so freely flow  
To pay the sordid debt we owe?  
Greater love can any give,  
Than give their life that others live?

This Jesus did, as oft we've seen,  
When yet our souls were so unclean  
With none to save us from despair  
Christ intervened to catch us there.

You can't GET away from Christ your Lord,  
When you've kept His word in full accord;  
For He married you, to end your strife.  
Can you think of Christ—He'd leave His wife?

So rest in Him, an obedient soul;  
And expect some day to reach the goal  
E'en midst the wrath of heaven's ire,  
Tho fiercely burns the Judgment's fire.

—J. H. Pierson.

## A Dream

"The Prophet that hath a dream, let him tell a dream; and he that hath my word, let him speak my word faithfully." Jer. 23:28.

Some time ago a sister had a dream, which she told in my presence, which also made quite an impression on my mind; hence I thought it might be interesting to pass it on.

In her dream, she in company with some others went to the house of worship. The door of entrance slid up and down somewhat on the order of a window. Only one person could be admitted at a time. When one would enter, the door would drop back down. There was a hole or opening at the bottom of the door, just large enough to allow one's head to go through. A sister that was in the company tried to go in after some one before the door closed down again, but it came on down and forced her to bow to the bottom as the others, with her head in the opening at the bottom of the door. As she continued to try to enter, she heard someone on the inside say, "Press!" She began to press. The voice again said with a little more emphasis, "Press!" She began to press harder. The door flew up in an instant, the sister entered, and the door again came down like a flash. These same operations continued: every one that entered had to kneel and press.

The sister that had the dream said in her vision it came her time to enter, so she bowed and placed her head in the opening and heard a voice from within say, "Press!" She began to press and try. The voice again said, "Press!" She began to press harder. The voice with still greater emphasis said, "PRESS!" and as she pressed with all her strength, the door flew up and she entered; and the door closed as before. In the middle of the floor there set a large bowl of blood and the saints were standing around the bowl looking at the blood and weeping, with their heads bowed. Someone asked where the blood came from. A voice answered, "This is the blood that Jesus shed to redeem His people from sin." At that moment the saints be-

gan to leap and shout and praise God. The sister also was leaping and shouting and woke herself shouting and praising God.

Truly, this is a pressing way. It is an humble way, a knee way.

Jesus said in His doctrine: "The law and the prophets were until John: since that time the kingdom of God is preached, and every man presseth into it." Luke 16:16.

Paul said that he was "persuaded that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared to the glory that shall be revealed in us." Dear saints, be encouraged to press on through the trials and tests of life. The struggle will soon be over and we shall wear the victor's crown. Press! Press!! PRESS!!! till Jesus says, "Arise my fair one and come away."

—Ulysses Phillips

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### CHRIST THE LIGHT

Isa. 60:1 says, "Arise shine for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee;" Jno. 1:4—"In him was life, and the life was the light of men." This is the same light which Isaiah saw. John saw it and we can see it. Psa. 119:105 says, "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path." This means that the Light shineth to all who believe. John 1:5—"And the light shineth in darkness and the darkness comprehended it not." Verse 9—"That was the true light which lighteth every man that cometh into the world." 5:35—"He was a burning and a shining light" 2 Cor. 4:6—"For God who commandeth the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ." Jesus said (Jno. 9:5), "As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world;" and (Jno. 8:12) "I am the light of the world, he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life." Eccl. 11:7 says, "Truly the light is sweet." Matt. 5:14—"Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid." Verse 16—"Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in heaven." 1 Jno. 1:7—"But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship one with another and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin." I cannot see how all these hundreds of denominations are going to get cleansed when they will not have fellowship with each other. Jesus said in John 12:35—"Yet a little while is the light with you. Walk while ye have the light." Verse 36—"While ye have light, believe in the light, that ye may be the children of light." Let us walk in the light and let our light shine, for Jesus is our light here and will be in heaven. He promised us that He would go to prepare a place

for us that where He was there we should be also; and we shall be heirs and joint-heirs with Jesus Christ. Rev. 21:23—"And the city had no need of the sun neither of the moon to shine in it for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof." Verse 24—"And the nations of them which are saved shall walk in the light of it." Verse 25 says that the gates will not be shut at all by day, and there shall be no night; so the gates will never be closed, Hallelujah! Rev. 22:5—"There shall be no night there and they need no candle neither light of the sun for the Lord God giveth them light and they shall reign for ever and ever. As the poet sings:

"In the city where the Lamb is the light,  
In the city where there cometh no night  
I've a mansion over there,  
And when free from toil and care  
I am going where the Lamb is the light."

W. T. Luke.

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### GOD IS LOVE

Yes, everyone loves to hear about the love of God and heaven. Are we willing to "line up" and meet conditions? One fellow who had seen the love of God manifested daily was not satisfied, wanted more, disobeyed, hid a wedge of gold, and because of this one act the whole nation came near being lost had it not been for courageous Joshua (Josh. 7:21). The God of love commanded that the trouble maker be stoned to death because God is just and must be obeyed for our good.

God of love created the fertile valley of Sodom, but man abused His goodness: the result was, it had to be destroyed with fire and brimstone, because God never goes into partnership with Satan. In answer to faithful Abraham's prayer, Lot and his daughters were delivered, but Mrs. Lot did not heed the orders to "not look back" and consequently, turned to a pillar of salt—God means what He says.

God of love told Noah to get ready for a terrible disaster. Yes, for 120 years he warned the wicked, godless crowds to repent, but they laughed it off. The result was, they were all caught like rats in a trap. When they were floating around with the lions and rattle snakes, it was too late to repent. Noah and wife, and his sons and their wives were safely in the ark. The prophets warned the people, the God of love permitted the faithful messengers to be martyred. They stood the test and a crown and everlasting bliss is prepared for them. Do we love God in return enough to be willing to go through persecution? He gave His only Son to redeem us from sin and everlasting despair. "God so loved the world" Jno. 3:16. Or do we think, if we join some man-made sect, pay some hireling preacher, (or cheat the poor fellow who is to be pitied) get by some way, and then be lost where the worm dieth not and where the

fire is not quenched? God is love, God is just. It is not His will that you be lost.

To Jesus turn with all your heart. Make all wrongs right; and, like Enoch, then walk with God.  
—Marie Pauline Sass.

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**FELLOWSHIP, ..WHAT IS IT?**

“Companionship; partnership; the state ‘of being one’” (which means love for and delight in). There are many kinds of fellowship. Some fellowship their own Sect and no other—like some kind of matches which will not strike fire only on their own box. Then there is fraternity fellowship. But the kind we wish to consider is the fellowship of the Spirit, or Christian fellowship. Man makes denominational and fraternity fellowship; but God makes the fellowship of the saints (Acts 2:41-47). This kind causes saints to “Continue (together) stedfastly in the apostles’ doctrine.” And they continued daily with one accord, “Praising God;” and souls were added to the Church daily. All we need to do to have fellowship, is to “walk in the light as he is in the light” (1 John 1:7). Every true saint will fellowship the Spirit of Christ wherever they meet it. Some may not see things clearly on some lines; but if they keep humble, the Spirit of Christ in them will lead until we all come into the unity of the Faith; for the measure of our light is the measure of our responsibility. There are many things which we cannot fellowship: “unbelievers; unrighteousness; and infidels.” Sometimes there are those who come in among us who have a real sweet Spirit that we fellowship; but they are or may be practicing and wearing things that we cannot fellowship. Therefore, we can not have absolute fellowship. So if we find it safe to take Christ as our example, He did not fellowship a “hireling ministry” neither can we. Peter did not fellowship the putting on of adorning (unnecessary articles of apparel or dress), neither can we. Now we shall see what Paul says in Rom. 16: 17, 18: “Now I beseech you Brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned, and avoid them.” Everybody knows there are two extremes; viz., catering to the world, and extreme fanaticism. Both have left the doctrine which we have learned. One of the old ministers said to Brother Orr: “We admit the pendulum has swung much too far to the world, but we are expecting it to swing back.” “Well, when it swings back perpendicular, you will find me standing right there,” said Bro. Orr. Now some honest souls are coming back. Others are wanting to come, but say, “You want us to do all the coming.” To such, we would say, “Why not? you did all the going.” Shall we hinder souls from coming on one side by catering to the other side or vice versa? No, no!

And now, Brethren everywhere, let us lift up the

standard right where Jesus left it; for He said, “And I, if I be lifted up; will draw all men unto me.”

Now a few facts from my own experience: We have in the past year traveled over 12000 miles to Camp Meetings in the east and middle west and went up the Pacific Coast as far as Canada; thus meeting many ministers of the Church of God from nearly every state in the Union. And with few exceptions, they see this all-important question eye to eye. The result: many souls came home to Zion “With songs and everlasting joy on their heads.” Sugar-coated religion will never get the world to heaven; but like the little child, they will lick off the sugar coat and spit out the piece. While on the other hand, a harsh, hold-down spirit will gender strife and every evil work.

Yours for a clean work,  
G. E. and Sadie E. Harmon.

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**NOTICE**

We have (through our Grandmother) become heir to a most beautiful plot of land for a Camp ground. It is just six miles from Hartsville; and we have a fine large spring of water, plenty of wood, and straw available. This is a fine country for all kinds of vegetables and fruit from June till frost, which is never earlier than middle of October. Woods growth is mostly long leaf pine, oak, hickory, and dogwood. We have dew-berries and strawberries in April and May; and garden peas, cabbage, and onions. We also have nice private conveniences for bathing in summer and for fishing.

We are anxious to hear from any saints who are in perfect harmony with the truths taught by Bro. D. S. Warner, and would come or help some one else to come and have a Camp Meeting here in August after Camp Meeting at Monark Springs. And in case any one should become interested in coming here to live, there are plenty of lots for sale right at this Camp ground or anywhere nearer town, and Hartsville is noted for its enterprises where jobs are available any season of the year.

We are anxious to get the work established here and hope to hear from some interested ones soon.  
Yours for the advancement of God’s Kingdom,  
Mary J. Jones, R. 4 Box 195, Hartsville, S. C.

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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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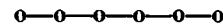
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## EDITORIALS

The Lord is blessing the printing work here very much, and the readers of the **Faith and Victory** paper are giving evidence of the blessings of God upon them as they walk in cleanness with Him. We have been receiving many articles and good testimonies which we appreciate very much. We are putting quite a number of them in this paper, but we do not have room for near all that have been sent in. So if your article or testimony does not appear in the paper, you will know that there was no room available. We regret very much to have to leave out some good articles and testimonies; but remember, dear ones, we are doing the very best we can to edit the paper to the glory of God. Pray for us and the workers here at the office, as we are very busy people for the Lord. Ask God to bless and supply the needed wisdom, knowledge, and means to keep all phases of the work up properly, and that He will be pleased, and that many precious souls will be brought into the Kingdom of God.



The winter Assembly Meeting here at Guthrie was well attended and was a very precious meeting. Some souls were saved, some sanctified and bodies were healed by power divine. The enemy was not able to make any disturbance worth mentioning, and the saints were graciously fed from Heaven's abundant store house. The ministers taking the pulpit had messages from heaven and our souls just feasted and feasted. There was much rejoicing in the camp of the saints, and if there was one who attended the meeting that was disappointed and not blessed, I have failed to receive any knowledge of it. The preaching was with great power, authority, and demonstration of the Spirit; and the love of God flowed from heart to heart.



It seems that many people do not have a clear, distinct knowledge of what the "Church of God" really is. Most people seem to think that they must belong to some humanly organized so-called church, and in so doing they yoke themselves up with unbelievers and with foul spirits and are caged up with unclean and hateful birds. (See Rev. 18:2.) There is a vast difference between man's union and the unity and oneness of God's little ones. Recently I heard a minister showing up the difference between the union of humanly organized churches and the unity which the divine organized Church possesses. He had seen a picture of a group of different animals. There was a mule, a lion, a bear, a wolf, and a hog. They all had their tails tied together. They were kicking, scratching and growling. The mule had kicked at a lamb, barely missing his head. The other picture represented Jesus and His divinely organized and governed Church, which showed Jesus with some lambs in His arms and the sheep all following along,

peaceful, happy, and contented. Unless the carnal animal nature is destroyed out of man, he will cause much trouble trying to follow along with the true saints, the sheep of His pasture which is the Church. Sheep will not thrive on goat food, no matter how much it may seem like the genuine; for goats will want weeds, old dirty rags, and paper to chew on. We have a beautiful picture of the Church of God, showing those who inhabit it and those who do not, in the 35th chapter of Isaiah. He speaks of it as a Highway of Holiness, and he says that the unclean shall not pass over it. No lion shall be there, nor any ravenous beast shall go up thereon. They shall not be found there; but the redeemed shall walk there. He goes on to tell that the Ransomed of the Lord shall return and come to Zion (A metaphor for the Church) with songs and everlasting joy upon their heads: they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away. What a beautiful picture of the redeemed, and divinely organized and governed Church of the living God, which is the pillar and ground of the truth (1 Tim. 3:15). It will be easy for redeemed souls to flow into this divinely organized Church, if they would separate from this old world, from man-made so-called churches, and the false doctrines of blind leaders.



Jesus said, "Except a man be born again, he cannot see the Kingdom of God." John 3:3. In looking over Christendom, we are made to wonder at the few that give evidence of really seeing the Kingdom of God. Very many are like the Jews that crucified the Lord, they are looking and expecting Him to come and set up a literal Kingdom. Pilate understood very plainly that Jesus was a King (John 18:37)—not going to be, but was then. In verse 36 He told Pilate that His Kingdom was not of this world; in other words, the Power and Authority He had of being a King did not originate in this world, it was from heaven. Hence, in the Gospels and the Epistles, it is spoken of as the Kingdom of heaven and also the Kingdom of God. The two terms are used interchangeably in the Scriptures. When Pilate was to release a prisoner, he asked the Jews if he should release the "King of the Jews;" and they all cried, "Not this man, but Barabbas." They would not acknowledge that Jesus was a King. When Pilate brought Jesus forth and was in the Judgment seat, he said to the Jews, "Behold your King;" and again he said, "Shall I crucify your King?" When they did crucify Him, Pilate wrote a title and put it on the cross which read: "JESUS OF NAZARETH, THE KING OF THE JEWS." The Jewish people saw it and was displeased about it, and wanted him to change it and write: "He said, I am King of the Jews." Pilate was firm in his belief and would not change it. Many, yes very many, professed christians today are saying by actions and words: "I will not

have this man to reign over me" (Luke 19:14); but they are looking for Him to come and set up a literal Kingdom where their fleshly ambitions will be gratified, even as the Jews were and are.

One who is really "Born again" and has entered into the Kingdom of God is at present reigning with Christ on the earth, and enjoys this peaceful, happy reign. John the Baptist knew that Jesus was a King, and said to the people, "Repent ye, for the Kingdom of heaven is at hand." Matt. 3:2. When Jesus began to preach, He told the people to "repent, for the Kingdom of heaven is at hand" Matt. 4:17. Again in Mark 1:15, when He was preaching the gospel of the Kingdom of God in Galilee, He said, "The time is fulfilled, and the Kingdom of God is at hand: Repent ye, and believe the gospel." The Kingdom was not to be in the future sometime, but He said that the time was fulfilled, and the Kingdom "is at hand" now. Jesus made a very strong statement of His power as a King just before He ascended, for He said to the disciples, "All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth." No King could have any more power than that. Why do not people act like Jesus has all power in heaven and in earth? The only reasonable answer is: they do not accept Him as King, and will not let this man reign over them, and thus they continue under the influence and power of the kingdom of darkness, the prince of the power of the air in this world.

Paul tells us that God has "delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the Kingdom of his dear Son." Col. 1:13.

#### NOTICE

Bro. J. H. Pierson of Valeene, Ind. is gifted of God for writing poetry and articles on the Scripture; and he is very much hindered in this work for the Lord because he has no Typewriter, and he has not the necessary means to buy one. If any of our readers has a typewriter that is in good working order which they are not using, I am sure that God will bless and reward them if they would send it to Bro. Pierson. Or it may be that some one who has some of the Lord's means would buy a typewriter and send it to Him. I am personally acquainted with him and know him to be a dear child of God, and what you do for him will be as unto the Lord. You will notice that he has a poem on the front page of this paper and also an article in this paper. His address is: J. H. Pierson, Valeene, Ind. Pray for him and do as the Lord directs.

#### NOTICE

Brother and Sister A. G. Duncan of El Paso, Tex. desires any saints who may be passing through El Paso to stop and visit them. Their phone number is: Main 7190J, address: 1313 N. Ochoa St. They would be glad to drive to the station and get you, if you are traveling on the train.

### PRAYER REQUESTS

Sister Lula Wishon of Mill City, Ore. desires the saints everywhere to unite in prayer for her boy who is confined in the Asylum. This mother is broken-hearted and very lonely. This boy is her only earthly comfort and support.

Bro. W. W. Crawley asks prayer for his son who is badly afflicted.

Bro. Bert Steele of Ark. wants the saints to pray for him. He is afflicted in body.

Pray for G. P. Ivey of Ga. who is suffering with a severe cold and asthma.

Pray for the healing of Sister Buchanan of Ark. who is severely attacked with tonsil trouble.

Sister Daisy Tyree of Prairie Grove, Ark. desires the saints to pray earnestly for the healing of her baby which is very sick. The inside of her mouth is all sore insomuch that she can not eat, nor hardly drink.

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### MEETING REPORT

The Holiday Assembly meeting of California began Dec. 23 and continued until the New Year. The Lord gave victory from the very beginning. An atmosphere of real freedom was felt in the preaching and the Spirit conveyed the Word as it was preached to the hearts of both saved and unsaved, so that about nine or ten got saved and about that many or more were sanctified. Among the number that got saved was a man 74 yrs. old, and at the same time another man and some younger ones settled it with God, and found the Lord precious to their souls. The real fire of God came down and set the camp afire and many of the saints leaped for joy. Waves of glory filled the camp. It was surely a time of rejoicing. All the expenses were met and cared for.

Two were baptized in the watery grave, which so clearly manifested a real death to sin and also represented a new life hid with Christ in God; risen to walk in newness; dead to this old world.

The four following ministers, having proven themselves, were ordained to the ministry by the laying on of hands: Sister Nellie Paulos of San Bernardino, Calif., Sister Brown from the same place, Sister Walker of San Diego, Calif., Bro. S. L. Fingerle of Whittier, Calif. Besides those that were ordained, the following ministers were also much used of God in the proclamation of the Bible truths. The Word of God was certainly preached as close as we ever heard it. Each one present will testify that the unity of the Spirit (Holy Spirit) could be felt, which gave unbounded freedom and fellowship and made the preaching easy and at the same time powerful, thank God. Brethren from Bakersfield, Calif.; Bro. Z. E. Francisco, Geo. E. Harmon and Bro. Eugene Harmon of Glendale; S. T. Walker of San Diego and the writer; Sister Robinson, the Pastor of the Los Angeles con-

gregation, who is doing a wonderful work there in that large city; Bro. L. E. Davey of Duarte, Calif. Some time back he had an automobile accident. Later he was badly afflicted, but God has so helped him that he was able to come to the Assembly and do some good preaching.

Brethren, we are standing together for the old time truths and are much encouraged to move on and do more for Jesus and the cause. As we begin the new year, we are planning for greater things from God, and desire your prayers to this end. One noticeable thing was the feeling of Brotherly love that existed among white and colored saints, which so filled each heart that there could be no room for any prejudice.

—E. M. Zinn.

The Assembly Meeting of the Church of God at Okmulgee closed Dec. 4, 1938. It was a glorious meeting, seemingly ordered by the divine inspiration of God. The true Word of God was preached with power by day and night and our souls were made to rejoice in the God of our salvation, for the presence of God there illuminated our hearts. Much good was done: one was sanctified; two young ladies, three young men and several children were saved; and several were healed. Ministers present: Bro. U. Phillips was here throughout the meeting; Bro. Sam Barton, W. Crawley, and Bro. M. Spears were here the greater part of the meeting; and several other ministers were present and saints also from other Assemblies.

—Sister S. Griffin.

Neosho, Mo.—To All the Saints Scattered Abroad: It has been some time since I have written you. I feel it is good to do so. We are moving along forward with a fixed purpose to gain heaven. Pray for us. Since the National Camp Meeting here last summer, wife's health has become poorly. Her heart is causing her much distress and trouble. Remember us in your prayers. The Lord has answered prayer often for wife and has given relief; but she does not recover. The Master is giving us some of the best meetings here at the little chapel we have enjoyed for a long time. The place is filled with His sweet presence, so the best is yet to come, thank God!

It has been about six months since the starting of the National Camp Meeting here at Monark Springs last year, which was a glorious time for all the saints that were here. We are even expecting more blessings and power to be manifested the coming season. The National Camp Meeting will begin July 16th, continuing two full weeks or longer if the Lord leads. We trust all the saints, and sinners too, will be here on time to start feasting with us from Father's table.

As to the plans of preparations for the meeting; that is, the finance, it was decided upon at the last year's Business Meeting to add a kitchen on the

present dining room which was built last year. This addition is necessary in order to accomodate the large crowds. It is now time to begin building the kitchen, in order to have it finished some time before the beginning of the meeting in July. Last summer the building work continued till the beginning of the meeting and the responsibility of the meeting came on us and found us worn out in body, which we hope will be prevented this coming season. The work of building the kitchen with some other repairs on the springs can be finished before summer, should the means find its way here soon. There has been much improvement added to the camp ground since last summer and the saints will enjoy their camping, etc. better the coming season. Some bridges have been built near the east end of the grounds, which is a good thing. Hence the springs will need some work done on them as to have them entirely sanitary. We have already done some of the work as the Lord has permitted. We thought it good to give you some information as to the situation. May the Lord bless you one and all in doing your duty toward His cause. Some later reports will be published in regard to the preparations.

—John Strech.

(Ed.) Each of us should feel the responsibility of fixing up the Camp grounds for the National Camp Meeting to be held there this coming summer. We should pray for this work to be done and all that can, should send in an offering to help along. Let us not be neglectful about this matter, but send in our offering soon so he can get the work done long before the day arrives for the camp meeting to begin.

Means for the work and the meeting should be sent to Bro. John Strech R. 5 Neosho, Mo.

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#### OBITUARIES

Charles Albert Bucklin was born November 30, 1868 at Krestline, Kansas; and departed this life December 17, 1938 at Tulsa, Oklahoma. Age 69 years and sixteen days.

He was united in marriage to Miss Bell Rora-brough April 29, 1897 at Neosho, Mo. To this union were born four children, all living.

He was converted at Brandville, Mo. in 1914 at the Church of God and remained true until death called him home.

He is survived by the wife, Mrs. Bell Bucklin of Tulsa; one son, Charles Bucklin; three daughters: Mrs. Ethel Decocq of Purdy, Mo; Mrs. Mary Cornett of Tulsa, Okla.; Miss Lodema Bucklin of the home; and one adopted sister, Mrs. Ida Adams of Neosho, Mo.; and nine grandchildren; besides friends and neighbors.

106 years ago Dec 25, 1832 in the little town of Newbern, N. C. a baby boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. John Dawson whom they called Anthony. He lived there until he grew to manhood, later moved to Texas

where he married Mrs. Ester Issler in 1868. Fourteen children were born which they loved and cherished: seven boys and seven girls. Later they moved to Oklahoma. He confessed a faith, and united with the saints in 1922. There he served his time for the church and family. He was a faithful and loyal servant to the Church, and was loved by everyone who knew him. He is not dead, just asleep. In his passing Thursday morning, Dec. 15, 1938 at 1.40 o'clock, he leaves to mourn their loss: 3 daughters; 3 sons; 11 grand children; 5 great-grandchildren, and a host of relatives and friends.

He has gone to greet the morning sun.

He has gone from laughter and care;

But God has come to let him slumber there.

The Funeral Service was conducted by Brother J. B. Sowell. The text used was in Matt. 25:6; Amos 4:12—"Behold the bridegroom cometh, go ye out to meet Him." Also remarks by Brother Wm. Bray and Elder Cooksie Wm. Knight.

Alberta Phillips was born Feb 4, 1888 in Mississippi near Holly Springs, the daughter of M. J. and M. A. Phillips; and departed this life to be with her Lord Jan 1, 1939: age 50 years, 10 months and 28 days.

At the age of twenty, she was united in marriage to Elwood Harris. To this union were born six children, one died in infancy.

She was converted in the C. M. E. church at an early age. Later she received the light and the truth and lived a faithful Christian life unto the end. She labored faithfully to bring her children up in the fear of the Lord. She was a faithful and loving mother, loved by all who knew her—the church and neighbors. She bore her suffering with much godly patience. She fought a good fight and finished her course. We are sure our loss is heaven's gain. Her presence will be greatly missed.

She leaves to mourn their loss: her father, M. J. Phillips; two daughters; three sons; three sisters; three brothers; and many relatives and friends.

Soldier of Christ, well done.

Rest from thy loved employ.

The battle fought, the victory won

Enter thy Master's Joy.

Funeral service was conducted by Bro. S. T Walker. Text: St. John 9:4.

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Elizabeth Jane Hanna Carpenter was born in East Baton Parish, La., Nov 23, 1845 and died Dec. 30, 1938. A husband and five children preceded her in death. She leaves five grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, and a host of relatives and friends. Although she lived to a ripe old age, it made our hearts sad to give her up, for truly she was a Mother in Israel.

Sis. Carpenter was a true christian from childhood. Thirty years ago she heard this truth preached. She accepted it, and has trusted the Lord fully for soul and body until the last. She lived in Baton Rouge with a granddaughter and her husband, who were good and kind to her. They would bring her over to Hammond to our meetings when she was able to come. She did love the people of God. It did her so much good to be in our meetings. She loved her Bible but her eyesight was almost gone, and in answer to her prayer, God took her before it was entirely gone. Her granddaughter took her to a relative to spend the day. They came home early in the afternoon. Grandma got her Bible, read a little while, and was sitting by the fire when she took sick. This was five o'clock. They phoned here to Hammond for prayer. At 10:45 the same evening, the Lord took her home. She was praising the Lord for all His goodness to her until the breath left her. She wanted to go.

Funeral service was conducted by Bro. Oscar Williamson and Bro. O. B. Wilson Jr. "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints."

Our loss is Heaven's gain.

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Tulsa, Okla.—To All the Saints Scattered Abroad: I greet you in Jesus' dear name. Today finds me still saved and determined to follow Jesus all the way. I haven't been so well in body this winter and need your prayers very much.

Dear saints, I want you each one to enter into fasting and prayer the second Sunday in February (Feb. 12) for a dear brother whom we have been visiting. He is saved but has been sorely afflicted for over six years. He has lain in one position for four years with all his joints stiff and can't move at all. He is also blind and is losing his hearing. He says God will sometime send someone to pray the prayer of Faith in his behalf. Let us all ask God to help us to know what it would mean if we were in his place. Let us all pray for his burden. God is able to raise him up.

Let us pray for God to send forth more laborers, for truly the harvest is ripe and the grain is beginning to fall. Let us make haste for the Master expects us to bring in of the sheaves.

Sister Hettie Barton.

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Jefferson, Oregon—Beloved Saints of God, and Faith and Victory Readers Everywhere: This beautiful Lord's day, I greet you in the lovely name of Jesus, that name we love so dearly, the name that Angels love to sing. I can truly say, "The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; he leadeth me beside still waters" my spirit doth rejoice in God, my Saviour, for He that is mighty hath done great things for His people; (holy is His name) and His mercy is

on them that fear him from generation to generation.

Brethren, when I consider what we have gone through in the last twenty years—the many tears that have been shed, and broken hearts among God's dear children because of the miserable compromise and catering to the world on one hand, and the awful crushing hold-down spirit on the other (Psa. 137:1-5)—truly we can say, God hath shewed strength with his arm and the ransomed of the Lord are returning and coming home to Zion with songs and everlasting joy upon their heads. Oh, beloved, my heart is filled with joy and thanksgiving to behold the little ones coming, coming.

I can truly say I do rejoice for the happy privilege that wife and I had of going east last summer, and being in those Camp Meetings and meeting with so many of God's dear children. I want to say it was worth more than money to us. While Satan was on the scene, yet I do thank God for the victory He gave. And truly, this has been a blessed winter in the Assembly Meetings. Bro. and Sister Harmon wrote us that they had a most precious meeting in Los Angeles, and Bro. Pruitt wrote they had a glorious meeting in Guthrie, and I can truly say God gave us a very precious Assembly meeting in Mill City, Ore. Not many were there, but God was with us in mighty power and victory. It was a little bunch that had been under the J. W. Bethel spirit; but thank God, they came clear and clean for truth, and we have utmost confidence in them. God did wonderfully bless, and two souls were delivered from the power of Satan, and all were much encouraged.

Now brethren, let us all strive together for the unity of the Spirit, in the bond of peace.

Love to all the holy brethren, H. W. White.

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Hoquiam, Wash.—Dear Bro. and Sister Pruitt: Greetings to you in Jesus' name. I wish to add my testimony to those of the Faith and Victory. I am still saved from all sin. I am thanking God for all His many blessings to me that mark the path of this life. I am now growing old and am deprived of many things; but, praise God, I still have Jesus and He is all I need. Praise His holy name, He has healed me of the rheumatism. Now I am up. May God bless each one of you dear saints who prayed for me. Oh, God, I pray that healing and comfort abide with those we love, who are in sorrow and sickness. Make them brave and hopeful. Help us to be patient and sympathetic with all who may need our help. If we have wronged anyone, give us the grace of repentance and confession. May this day bear the divine mark in the calendar on earth and in heaven. I leave my prayer where all prayer belongs, in the shadow of the cross. Amen.

Your Blood Washed Brother, T. J. Spaur



# ◆ « Young People's Section » ◆

## OPPORTUNITY (Paraphrased)

Master of destinies am I.  
On my path, fame and fortune lie.  
My course is on, and up, and straight;  
Yet passes every human's gate.

Sleeper, awake; from feasting flee;  
Arise at once and follow me.  
For they that follow where I go,  
Succeed and conquer every foe.

But they that wait or hesitate  
Always arise when it's too late;  
Seek me, and earnestly implore—  
I answer not, I come no more.

I come no more; and too, be sure  
Daily I'm knocking at your door.  
And if you wish to conquer sin,  
I bid you rise, and fight, and win.

Weep not for chances lost, that drown  
In spilt milk wasted on the ground:  
I bury the dead past with the dead,  
To serve the present age instead.

I stand by all that say, I can,  
Without respect to men or man.  
But they that doubt and shut me out  
May never know my whereabouts.

If idle, sleeping, base, corrupt;  
I come to bless and wake you up.  
Your Saviour then I sure will be—  
Only arise and follow me.

—G. W. McMillan.

## EDITORIALS

The Christmas Assembly Meeting held during the holidays at the local chapel began and ended with victory. The messages of truth were mostly directed to the Church—a message of inspiration and encouragement.

The meeting was so well attended that plans were made for the purchase of a larger building to accommodate the anticipated increase in attendance of future meetings.

The young people's service began at 4 o'clock each afternoon. This also was well attended, and

proved a source of many spiritual benefits. Young people from out of the state—Kansas, Missouri, and California—were also present.

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God's people are represented as a "building" and each member in particular is represented as a "lively stone" in that building. The Apostle Paul, writing to the early church, said: "Ye are God's building." In the construction of a building, the starting point is the laying of the foundation. Who or what is the foundation proper of God's church? Is it the foundation stones? Let us see. "For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ." Paul says the saints of God "are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone." These texts show that the apostles are the foundation stones, and that Christ is the foundation proper upon which the foundation stones rest. Christ is not only here represented as the foundation, but also the chief corner stone, that He may be "all and in all." We ordinarily think of a foundation as the stones which are laid for a building. But the real foundation is that soil or rock beneath the foundation stones. Jesus said to Peter, "Upon this rock I will build my church and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." Thank God, the foundation proper of this building is not sandy, but it is the Rock, Christ Jesus.

Jesus, while here on earth, gathered material, laid the foundation stones and began building His church just as He said He would. The coming of the Holy Ghost on the day of Pentecost put the church in operation as a soul-saving organism. Thousands of "lively stones" were placed in this beautiful building by the Lord in the morning era. The centuries of darkness and cloudiness have passed, and Christ is still building His church. Some one might say that the church is already built. In one sense it is complete and in operation, but from another point of view it is in the process of being built or under construction, because Christ is still adding members to His church. The door of mercy is now open, and will not be closed until Christ's second advent to judge the world.

A building is built from the foundation upward. One stone is placed upon another, and the walls rise higher and higher. Let us notice the order and placing of some of these stones in this beautiful structure. There were the Christian martyrs of the early church; such as, Stephen, James, and Paul. (Even when they were killed they did not lose their membership in the church of God.) Next were the

martyrs of the pagan persecution. During the dark ages the fires of persecution were lighted by Romanism. The sixteenth century brought the names of Protestant reformers; such as, Martin Luther and others. Later came the Wesleys, then on up to the nineteenth century reformation with such names as Warner, Sarah Smith, and Wickersham.

According to the prophecies, we are living in the evening time of the gospel dispensation. If the early church represented the morning time or foundation, then the evening time would represent the roof or that part which marks the completion of the building. In this shaking time, brother and sister, no doubt, God is in the act of placing the timbers for the roof. Yet whatever may be the plan of the Master Architect, you and I must be sure that we are in the building somewhere. —L. D. P.

Tulsa, Okla.—Dear Bro. Pruitt: And to all the dear saints all over the world, greetings in Jesus' dear name. I feel that it is the Lord's will for me to write my testimony. I am still saved and encouraged to trust the Lord all the way. I have the same decision down in my heart today to serve God and trust Him for healing and everything that I need as I had the first day I got saved.

I feel that God wants us young saints to live for Him and trust Him as well as the older saints. We are all lively stones in the building of God's tabernacle. I don't believe that God has any dead stones in His building. The world today is so wicked and filled with sin of all kinds that both old and young saints will have to keep their loins girded with love, peace and goodness to keep themselves unspotted from the world.

On September the 11th I took very very sick with my side. I was told by many that I had a very serious attack of appendicitis. This was my first spell of sickness since I have been saved. I have had many light afflictions, but this was the first time I really realized what it means to trust God in sickness and health; however the affliction did not excite me in the least, because I had counted the cost over two years ago. Although I was offered many kinds of medicines and remedies, I had unshakable confidence in God and rested on His precious promises. When I was told I had appendicitis, it did not move me. I told my husband no matter what the complaint was, God was able to heal it and I was going to give him the case. I was in bed nearly a month. I sent for the ministers to come and pray for me. They came many times laboring night and day, and without a remedy of any kind, the Lord healed me. I am much encouraged to serve the Lord and do what I can while it is day. "When night cometh no man can work." "I will take heed to my ways that I sin not with my tongue and keep my mouth with a bridle while the wicked is before me" Psa 39:1. Pray for me that I keep the victory. Theresa Wright.

## IDOLATRY

Much has been said on the subject of idolatry, and there is room for more to be said and still keep within the bounds of timely warning. There is a great need for the truth on this line; which, after all, has been much neglected. I surely feel the Lord leading me to proclaim some truth about this thing which God bitterly detests. In Joel 2:1 we read: "Blow ye the trumpet in Zion and sound an alarm in my holy mountain: **let all the inhabitants of the land tremble: for the day of the Lord cometh, for it is nigh at hand.**"

Dear saints, we feel like, true to the command, somebody needs to pick up the trumpet (God's truth) and sound a cutting blast with it on this subject. There appears to be comparatively few people who realize how much God hates idolatry. And probably a still smaller number who know how prevalent it is. It was the one great stumbling block of literal Israel that provoked God's great father-heart to wrath throughout their history and brought upon them curse after curse. When we examine idolatry in the light of God's holiness, His rightful authority, and that He is the Creator and Owner of all things and deserves more respect than man is able to give Him at his best, we can scarcely conceive of a grosser insult one can offer to the great, pure, righteous God than to be a promoter of idolatry. It is usurpation of the most treasonable type. To uphold idolatry, is to uphold the devil. He is the instigator of it; thus trying to steal the worship and adoration that belongs to God alone. To think of the devil, the ruler of the infernal regions, the very embodiment of rottenness, falsehood, and iniquity the constant enemy of God and the destroyer of man's soul, trying thus to steal God's glory, puts idolatry in a horrible light. Many people rejoice because old Dagon, the abomination of the Philistines, fell from his pedestal before the Ark of God and broke off his head and his hands; and are disgusted with the endless gods (idols) with which the poor deceived millions of India and China are accursed, who evidently do not realize that our own supposedly enlightened land is infested with the **most stealthy and hideous form of idolatry that can befall a nation.** It is that secret form of idolatry that is hiding itself away in the affections of mankind. Otherwise enlightened nations—our own very conspicuous among the number—are verily cursed with this sneaking, hideous form of idolatry in countless forms of idols **hidden away in the heart.** To many a person their fine car is their idol; that is, their god—the Lord so regards it. Thou shalt have no other gods before Me (Ex. 20:3). Likewise, the radio, the fine house, fine furnishings, jewelry, worldly honor, love of the world, and **anything that**

men won't give up for the Lord (tobacco is a large one) becomes an idol to them, for they hold to that and esteem that more than they do the Lord of heaven, the one and only God. Thus it is easy to see that man is cursed with many a secret god. If the reader will read the following scriptures, he will see how God hates idolatry: Ex. 20:5; 22:20; 23:13; Deut. 27:15; 1 Cor. 10:7, 14.

We may see God's punishment for the same by reading the following: Deut. 17:2-5; Rev. 14:9, 10 and 21:8.

The desecrating regard the Philistines had for the Ark of God while it was in their country swept away a multitude of the bodies of the Ashdodites, but the desecration of the real ark of God of the gospel age, Jesus Christ, by the hideous present day forms of idolatry is sweeping and will sweep away countless souls and bodies into endless woe!

—J. H. Pierson.

## CORRESPONDENCE

Yorkshire, Ohio—To the Dear Blood Washed Saints and Office Workers at Faith Publishing House: Greetings in Jesus' dear Holy name. May God bless every one of you in every way is our prayer. We are safe at home with victory in our soul over self, the world and the devil. We have had the blessed privilege of holding a revival meeting at Springfield, Mo. for Bro. R. M. Porter and his precious humble little flock for which he is affectionately caring. We began the meeting Dec. 4th and continued until Thursday night the 22nd. Sister Opal Williams of Dayton, Ohio helped us in the meeting and was used of the Lord in her messages of love and truth. Also Bro. Miles and Sister Porter of Carthage were with us, and both of them were used of the Lord. The word of God went forth in the demonstration and power of God. While we were disappointed because more sinners did not attend the meeting, yet one precious soul wept and prayed through and gave evidence of receiving the saving grace of God that satisfies the soul. We found Bro. Porter and family devoted to the welfare of the saints there. We found the work clean for the whole truth. Though only one was saved, the Church was blessed and comforted. We were privileged to be in a number of the homes of the saints and found them walking in the example of their dear pastor. May God continue to overshadow them with His wings of love and care. Some were healed and some tests of faith came. Sister Pope's son was sick and passed away 3½ hours after we left for the Guthrie Assembly; but he gave evidence to satisfy that he found the Lord just before his departure, which was a great comfort to us all, and especially to his sainted mother. Let us remember her in our prayers that God will bind up her bereaved soul to our comfort, help, and satisfaction.

We met Brother Pruitt and family and were kindly taken care of in their home. We had the

privilege of seeing the press and folders in operation and to help fold a few of the January issue of **Faith and Victory** papers. While at the Guthrie Assembly we were privileged to meet many precious saints. Love and sweet harmony presided throughout the meeting. It is just like the body of Christ in Ohio. They had such care and respect for each other. I was so pleased to see how the ministry as a whole preferred each other—no rushing to get into the pulpit. It seemed each one that delivered the message was the right one, and we would hear from heaven as the lightning of God's Spirit flashed the message to the heart of the one to deliver it, and the thunders of God's word pealed forth. Down came the showers of rain in our hearts until the whole Assembly seemed like a watered garden. We truly did loathe to leave that place and as we took our leave one of another on Thursday night, many of the dear saints put an offering in our hand to help us on our way. May God bless every one of them. They live in our hearts without respect of person. We were glad to see the sister ministers fill their places so well and have the same liberty as the brethren. When any one took the pulpit, we felt like helping them with our prayers all we could. I was privileged to talk with Bro. Pruitt on some things of importance to me which was very satisfying to me as well as comforting.

In conclusion, I am still laboring for the Lord. I was quite weary in body when I got home. I found wife able to be up and still improving. Sister Nottingham, who had hoped to be in our company whom we left sick, was healed and able to be about. Her heart is weak, if she over-taxes her strength. Remember her in prayer. I solicit your prayers that God will come down in the deep of my heart and soul that I may be all God would have me be every moment of my life. I am as ever your Blood Bought and Blood Washed Brother in Christ—All for the glory of God and the good of souls. Amen.

J. W. Foster.

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Cortez, Colo.—Dear Bro. and Sister Pruitt, and all the Dear Saints: I send greetings in Jesus' dear name and may God's richest blessings be on you always is our prayer. We are happy in Jesus and have victory in our souls. The desire of my heart is to do a good work for Him, and oh how happy I would be to see souls saved the Bible way. I look on this old sinful world and see so many lost souls and I would be so happy if I could do something to bring them to Christ. Oh, how we need a minister here. Pray that God will give much help to get us a minister. Also pray for the Sunday School here that there be much good done, and pray that the Lord will save my children so we can meet them in heaven. Continue to pray that the Lord will heal my husband, if that is His will.

I wish to thank all the dear saints that have sent things for us, and also those who have helped us with money. I know that the dear Lord has blessed them for it already. Thank you for the Scripture text calendar. I love to have them in my home, because they help the children.

Pray that the dear Lord will supply the things we need in this life, and that there be a way for me to get some money to pay for my washing machine which my husband got for me before he became afflicted. They are going to take it from me and I need it so badly. It will take \$95.00. I know God will bless anyone who will help on this.

—Mrs. Jeff. Belveal.

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Los Angeles, Calif.—Dear Saints of God, My Beloved Brothers and Sisters in the Lord: I want to write and thank you one and all for your remembrance of us and your offering which you sent form the Guthrie, Okla. Assembly Meeting. Of course, it was very much needed, and as I know so many of you and love you so dearly, you can never know how happy it made me to know you still remembered me and wanted to help me bear my heavy burden. I wish I could tell you how I felt when dear Sister Anna Marie Miles, Bro. Pruitt's daughter, came in and said, "Papa took up an offering for you at the Assembly Meeting," and gave me the money as proof of your love. I wanted to laugh and cry and pray all at the same time, and ask God to make me worthy. May our God richly reward each one of you, is my prayer.

Our blessed Lord has been very good to us in husband's sickness. Many times it has looked as if I could no longer get him the food he needed. Then our Father would speak to one of His dear children, and someone would hand me a dollar. Not so very long back when much in need, the congregation at Oklahoma City sent an offering. Once last summer the Lord told a dear Brother in the Los Angeles congregation that we were in need, and he came at once. For many years I have trusted the Lord for healing, for strength to go pray for the sick, for means to go preach the gospel; but never before have I learned to so completely trust Him for all things—for our needs supplied from day to day, for strength to care for my poor helpless husband so long. It is marvelous how He gives me strength to turn him from one side to the other day and night with almost no sleep. Our God is wonderful. Husband is very helpless and so stiff and so nervous, but he often says, "My trust is in God." Every day he says he wants to go home and be with Jesus. I have him committed to God. Will you dear saints pray the good Lord to deliver him from this affliction in the way that He sees best? I don't get to go to meeting much because of husband being sick, but enjoy them so much when I do go. The saints here

are very precious—just like they are in Oklahoma. I do thank God for the oneness of God's people, and the care they have one for another. I am not discouraged, but still fully decided to go all the way with Jesus.

Your blood washed sister, Essie McDonald.  
4441 Alger St. Los Angeles, Calif.

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New York—Dear Bro. Pruitt: My fondest wish for the "Lord's Print Shop" in this New Year is: An unlimited increase in its publications throughout the world; because I know it will be to the honor and glory of God.

If there is a "Church of God" assemblage here, please give me the address. I am in New York City proper, 215 East 103 St. —Ella Hemphill.

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Sweet Water, Tenn.—Dear Brother and Sister Pruitt: In Jesus' name, I will write a few lines. I am saved and sanctified, and doing all I can to bring others to Christ. There are many scriptures that are of great comfort to me here in this isolated place. Some are: "Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God;" "Cast all your cares upon me;" "Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness for they shall be filled." We don't trust in man for our healing, but we trust in God alone. I have been saved about eleven months and sanctified since Christmas. Husband got sanctified at home just a little over a week ago. Praise our God! Let us not forget all of His benefits. Pray for us that we will be faithful until Jesus calls for us, because we intend to make heaven our home.

Yours in Christ, Mary Sue and Kenneth Jenkins

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Pleasanton, Calif.—Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ: Some one has been sending me your **Faith and Victory** paper for which I wish to say, Thank you, and God bless you always. I certainly have enjoyed them; especially the Jan. issue on the Sabbath article. I would love to have your free tracts on the same. Have noticed too, an expression you use: "Saved and Sanctified." Now I know I'm saved, but please explain the "Sanctified" part. Is it not the same as the "Baptism of the Holy Spirit?"

Sincerely yours in Christ, Mrs. Hazel Starr.

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Natchitoches, La.—Bro. and Sister Pruitt and All the Faithful Ones in Christ Jesus: I will testify to the glory of God for the relief that He has given to my eyes since prayer went through for them. I want to honor and thank the Lord for His goodness to me, for I know that it was His healing power.

Continue to pray that I may love him with all my soul, mind and strength.

Your sister in the One Body, Sidonia Benjamin.

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**Daily Readings and Meditations**  
**Jan. 30 to Feb. 5.**

- M. Witnesses for Christ Acts 1:6-11.
- T. The Day of Pentecost Acts 2:1-13
- W. Peter's Sermon on Pentecost Acts 2:14-18
- T. Result of Peter's Preaching Acts 2:36-42
- F. Guided by the Spirit Acts 11:1-8.
- S. Encouragement to Worship Heb. 10:19-25
- S. Blessings of the Sanctuary Psa. 84:1-12

**Printed Portion.....Acts 2:12-13; 36-41.**

Acts 2:12. And they were all amazed, and were in doubt, saying one to another, What meaneth this?  
13 Others mocking, said, These men are full of new wine.

14. But Peter, standing up with the eleven, lifted up his voice, and said unto them, Ye men of Judaea, and all ye that dwell at Jerusalem, be this known unto you, and hearken to my words:

15. For these are not drunken, as ye suppose, seeing it is but the third hour of the day.

16. But this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel;

17. And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams:

18. And on my servants and on my handmaidens I will pour out in those days of my Spirit; and they shall prophesy:

36. Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ.

37. Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do?

38. Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

39. For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call.

40. And with many other words did he testify and exhort, saying, Save yourselves from this untoward generation.

41. Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls.

**Golden Text:** "Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord of hosts." Zech. 4:6.

**Practical Truth:** Deeds and words prompted by the Spirit of God will accomplish something for God and His cause.

**POINTS FOR EMPHASIS**

- I. Preparation for Service
  1. Realization of our inefficiency
  2. Knowing the will of God concerning us
  3. Seeking and receiving the needed help
- II. Astonished by God's Workings
  1. Boldness—power—authority
  2. Message—Christ—repentance
  3. Result: The Church established in earth and on earth.

**COMMENTS AND APPLICATIONS**

The last commandment of our Lord given to the disciples just before He ascended was: "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." On the day of Pentecost the disciples began their career of preaching, in obedience to this command. We admire the boldness that comes with Holy Ghost anointing which triumphs over every man-fearing spirit. No doubt there was plenty of opposition present—those who had denied, persecuted, and crucified the Saviour—yet the gospel prevailed and the result was the establishing of the Church.

Notice that they began to speak as the Spirit gave them utterance. When the Word goes forth accompanied by the Spirit, it will accomplish that for which it is sent. As wind and fire are very destructive natural forces, so also, the Holy Spirit of God coming into the soul destroys every evil thing and cleanses the temple which is our bodies.

Verses 16-18 affirm that the events that were occurring were in fulfillment of prophecy. Every believer in this gospel dispensation, not only has the promise of the forgiveness of sin, but also the gift of the Holy Spirit.

No one can make a success in the Christian warfare unless he seeks for, and receives the Spirit of God to lead and guide him through his pilgrimage on earth.

**Sunday, February 12, 1939**

**PETER HEALS A LAME MAN**

**Daily Readings and Meditations**  
Feb. 5 to Feb. 12.

- M. Healed in His Name Acts 3:1-10.  
T. The Energy of Faith Acts 3:11-16  
W. The Way of Salvation Acts 4:8-12  
T. A Workman for the Lord 2 Tim. 4:1-8  
F. Sharing Our Material Blessings 2 Cor. 8:1-5.  
S. Kindly Consideration for Others. Matt. 12:1-8  
S. Testimony of Jesus' Works. Matt. 11:1-6.

**Printed Portion** .....Acts 3:1-10; 4:8-12.

Acts 3:1. Now Peter and John went up together into the temple at the hour of prayer, being the ninth hour.

2. And a certain man lame from his mother's womb was carried, whom they laid daily at the gate of the temple which is called Beautiful, to ask alms

of them that entered into the temple;

3. Who seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple asked an alms.

4. And Peter, fastening his eyes upon him with John, said, Look on us.

5. And he gave heed unto them, expecting to receive something of them.

6. Then Peter said, Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee; In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk.

7. And he took him by the right hand, and lifted him up: and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength.

8. And he leaping up stood, and walked, and entered with them into the temple, walking, and leaping, and praising God:

9. And all the people saw him walking and praising God:

10. And they knew that it was he which sat for alms at the Beautiful gate of the temple: and they were filled with wonder and amazement at that which had happened unto him.

4:8. Then Peter, filled with the Holy Ghost, said unto them, Ye rulers of the people and elders of Israel,

9. If we this day be examined of the good deed done to the impotent man, by what means he is made whole;

10. Be it known unto you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom ye crucified, whom God raised from the dead, even by him doth this man stand here before you whole.

11. This is the stone which was set at nought of you builders, which is become the head of the corner.

12. Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.

**Golden Text:** "But Peter said, Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have, give I thee." -Acts 3:6.

**Practical Truth:** We may not have much silver nor gold to offer, but we can have something more lasting—Kind thoughts are good; kind words are better; kind deeds are the best.

**POINTS FOR EMPHASIS**

- I. The House of God a Good Place to Go.
  1. God places opportunities before us.
  2. Be ready with the message of good tidings
- II. Satan Opposes the Good Work
  1. Boldness and steadfastness against evil
  2. The Name of Jesus
  3. Humility—Self not on exhibition

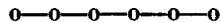
**COMMENTS AND APPLICATIONS**

We have a good setting for our study today—

on their way to the house of God where prayer was wont to be made. Attending prayer meetings and worshipping the Lord is doing those things well pleasing in His sight.

**Opportunities:** It was far from being an accident that Peter and John contacted the cripple beggar that morning. May God help us to take advantage of opportunity that comes our way. May we be so in touch with heaven that we will have that to give which will encourage some one, and point them heavenward.

We notice that the healing was done in the name of Jesus of Nazareth. If more emphasis were placed on "The Name Jesus," we feel that there would be more healing done than there is. "There is none other name given among men whereby we must be saved." Peter insisted that the people look not on them as though they had done the healing. Humility is that part of the foundation upon which our relationship with God depends. More humility means more power, more assurance, and truly more glory to God.



Sunday, February 19, 1939.

## BEVERAGE ALCOHOL AND ITS SOCIAL PERILS

Daily Readings and Meditations  
Feb. 12 to Feb. 19

- M. Alcohol and Youth Eccl. 11:9-12  
T. Selfish Indulgence Amos 6:1-6  
W. The Obligation to Ourselves 1 Pet. 2:11, 12; 4:1-5  
T. Alcohol and Poverty Prov. 23:20-32  
F. A Nation Weakened by Alcohol Isa. 5:8-13.  
S. Personal Abstinence Jer. 35:1-10.  
S. Chastain Liberty 1 Cor. 8:9-13.

Printed Portion .....Amos 6:1-6; 1 Pet. 2:11, 12; 4:1-5

Amos 6:1. Woe to them that are at ease in Zion, and trust in the mountain of Samaria, which are named chief of the nations, to whom the house of Israel came!

2. Pass ye unto Calneh, and see; and from thence go ye to Hamath the great: then go down to Gath of the Philistines: be they better than these kingdoms? or their border greater than your border?

3. Ye that put far away the evil day, and cause the seat of violence to come near;

4. That lie upon beds of ivory, and stretch themselves upon their couches, and eat the lambs out of the flock, and the calves out of the midst of the stall;

5. That chant to the sound of the viol, and invent to themselves instruments of musick, like David;

6. That drink wine in bowls, and anoint themselves with the chief ointments: but they are not grieved for the affliction of Joseph.

1 Pet. 2:11. Dearly beloved, I beseech you as strangers and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul;

12. Having your conversation honest among

the Gentiles: that, whereas they speak against you as evildoers, they may by your good works, which they shall behold, glorify God in the day of visitation.

4:1. Forasmuch then as Christ hath suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves likewise with the same mind: for he that hath suffered in the flesh hath ceased from sin;

2. That he no longer should live the rest of his time in the flesh to the lusts of men, but to the will of God.

3. For the time past of our life may suffice us to have wrought the will of the Gentiles, when we walked in lasciviousness, lusts, excess of wine, revellings, banquetings, and abominable idolatries:

4. Wherein they think it strange that ye run not with them to the same excess of riot, speaking evil of you:

5. Who shall give account to him that is ready to judge the quick and the dead.

**Golden Text:** "It is good neither to eat flesh, nor to drink wine, nor anything whereby thy brother stumbleth." Rom. 14:21.

### POINTS FOR EMPHASIS

- I. A Grave Problem Confronting Us.
  1. What are we going to do about it?
  2. Condemning intemperance is not a remedy.
  3. Ignorance brings indifference, which in turn brings inactivity.
- II. Spiritual Perils at Hand Today
  1. Same application as given above
  2. Desire for Spiritual things destroyed
  3. Spiritual growth retarded

### COMMENTS AND APPLICATIONS

Again, today's lesson is in regard to temperance. While we study this lesson quite often, yet the perils confronting us are becoming more difficult, bold, and dangerous.

We hear one inspired prophet crying out from the dark ages that for lack of vision my people perish. What vision do we have today? Many of the saints are going back. A great number are settling down to a life of self satisfaction and indifference while Satan is surrounding our new converts, our children, and many who were once established with His cunning devices and evil influences. Just as the quick sand rapidly ensnares and lays firm hold upon its victim that uncautiously passes that way; so also, Satan is proceeding to lay hold upon those around about, dragging them down to a devil's hell; and yet how few are they that are burdened enough for souls to attend a mid-week prayer meeting, or visit the one that is cast down.

We generally think of intemperance as drinking too much whisky, and how with disdain we view the most terrible sight—and surely it is bad, and his influence detrimental—yet the professed Christian

(and possibly they might be saved) is so intoxicated with the things of the world and so full of self that they parade through church forms with a high head, doing God much more harm than the man in the ditch. The person that is drunk thinks he is all right and that those things about him are going around in a whirl, while in reality, the trouble is in himself. So also, a spiritually unbalanced person thinks that others are seeing things wrong and are practically immune to such an idea that something might be wrong with themselves. The Word says, "Be temperate in all things." May the Lord help us to have willing hearts and live by all the Word of God.

Sunday, February 26, 1939

### PETER IN SAMARIA

#### Daily Readings and Meditations

Feb. 19 to Feb. 26.

- M. The Gospel in Samaria Acts 8:14-16, 25.  
 T. Jesus and the Samaritans John 4:27-42.  
 W. Jesus Cleanses the Temple John 2:13-22.  
 T. The Limitations of Money Acts 8:18-24.  
 F. The Fulfillment of Vows Eccl. 5:1-7.  
 S. Religion Undefined Jas. 1:19-27.  
 S. Sincere Worship Mal. 1:6-14.

Printed Portion ..... Acts 8:14-25.

Acts 8:14. Now when the apostles which were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent unto them Peter and John:

15. Who, when they were come down, prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Ghost:

16. (For as yet he was fallen upon none of them: only they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.)

17. Then laid they their hands on them, and they received the Holy Ghost.

18. And when Simon saw that through laying on of the apostles' hands the Holy Ghost was given, he offered them money,

19. Saying, Give me also this power, that on whomsoever I lay hands, he may receive the Holy Ghost.

20. But Peter said unto him, Thy money perish with thee, because thou hast thought that the gift of God may be purchased with money.

21. Thou hast neither part nor lot in this matter: for thy heart is not right in the sight of God.

22. Repent therefore of this thy wickedness, and pray God, if perhaps the thought of thine heart may be forgiven thee.

23. For I perceive that thou art in the gall of bitterness, and in the bond of iniquity.

24. Then answered Simon, and said, Pray ye to the Lord for me, that none of these things which ye have spoken come upon me.

25. And they, when they had testified and preached the word of the Lord, returned to Jerusalem, and

preached the gospel in many villages of the Samaritans.

**Golden Text:** "Come ye, buy and eat; yea, come, buy wine, and milk without money and without price."

**Practical Truth:** It is the duty of every christian to carry the Gospel to the people.

#### POINTS FOR EMPHASIS

- I. Philip Evangelizes Samaria.
  1. Persecution following Stephen's death
  2. Philip goes to Samaria.
  3. Saints scattered preaching Jesus
- II. Samaria Receives the Word
  1. The work of the Holy Spirit
  2. Sanctifies believers.
  3. Reproof to sinners
- III. Character of Simon
  1. Receives the Word
  2. Yields to Satan
  3. Hope of forgiveness

#### COMMENTS AND APPLICATIONS

In today's lesson we have a vivid picture of the morning Church in the midst of a sinful world, functioning under the leadership of the Holy Spirit just as God would have it function today. We find souls being added to the Church and signs following the Word.

The Gospel in Samaria— After Stephen's death, Saul continued to waste the Church by persecution and taking to the prison. "They, therefore, that were scattered abroad went about preaching the Word. Philip went down to the city of Samaria and preached unto them the Christ. Thus Samaria received the Word, and Peter and John were sent to instruct them concerning the Holy Ghost.

Jesus and the Samaritans— While Jesus sat at Jacob's well resting, the Samaritan woman met Him and returned to her people, inviting them to come, see a man who told her all things that she had done; saying, "Can this be the Christ?" Many believed on Him because of her word. Jesus had gone that way sowing the Gospel seed and thus they were ready to receive the word of God from Philip.

The Holy Spirit is a rebuker of all sin. Thus, when Simon yielded in wishing to receive the Holy Spirit for mercenary purposes, the Spirit was present to rebuke him. Let us not be too quick to criticize Simon because he immediately was sorry for his thoughts.

True worship of God is offering our best in talent, strength, and possessions. He gave His best for us, and is not pleased with a remnant of our devotion, when most of it has been given to worldly interests.

Lesson of March 5, 1939.

**PETER PREACHES TO GENTILES Acts 10:30-48.**