

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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To Parents

Little children, their eyes bright with wonder look on
In this world of sorrow they trod on and on;
Their eyes bright with wonder they watch people work
They know not the danger in corners that lurk.

Their life must be molded, now what shall it be?
Their eyes bright with wonder, now what shall they
see?

A home filled with sunshine or darkness and greed?
Oh parents, take warning, your children you lead.

Now parents, take warning; now parents, take heed!
Your footsteps they follow, don't sow dangerous seed.
Their eyes bright with wonder, they watch you and me
And have you considered just what they may see?

Be a Godly example, and control yourself well
Keep step for your children and save them from hell
Be sober, be viligant, and beware where you go!
Your children are watching you closely, you know.

And if you should fail them, and lead them astray,
Some day you will meet it and hear Jesus say:
"I gave you those children that you might guide them
to me,

But they failed in your life the right pattern to see.

Yes, you tried to teach them of God's holy way,
But your deeds spoke louder than all you could say."
So, parents, don't fail your daughter or son
That you may be found guiltless when your work
here is done.

—Era Rosalie Coke

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Objections Answered

Objections to a sinless, life and sanctification as a second work of grace answered:

For want of space we will answer just a few of the many objections. In 1 Kings 8:46 (for there is no man that sinneth not); also, Eccl. 7:20 (for there is not a just man upon the earth, that doeth good,

and sinneth not)—These words were spoken about 1,000 years before Christ came to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself Heb. 9:26. Yes, says one, but what about this scripture: "There is none righteous, no, not one?" We will find this recorded in Rom. 3:10: "As it is written." Now turn to Psalms 14 where it was written, and whom was Paul talking about? "The fool hath said in his heart there is no God." "They are corrupt, they have done abominable works, there is none that doeth good." Well, the fools are not all dead yet. Again, "Why callest thou me good? there is none good but one, that is God" Mark 10:18. In an independent sense, there is none good. It is God's salvation in us that makes us what we are. Again, "If we say we have no sin (in the singular), we deceive ourselves." This was spoken to babes in Christ who had not yet attained to the experience of full salvation. This is recorded in 1 Jno. 1:8. Now read verses 3 and 4; also chapt. 2:1. John calls them "little children." This sin in the 8th verse is in the singular, meaning the inherited or adamic sin that all have until sanctified. But, says another, how are you going to get around this scripture: "He that sayeth he liveth and sinneth not is a liar and the truth is not in him?" Now the trouble we find in this scripture is we don't seem to find it in the New Testament at all. Evidently, someone in staggering around to find a scripture to uphold their sin-I-must belief, has got the 6th and 8th verses mixed. The 6th verse reads thus: "If we say we have fellowship with him and walk in darkness, we lie."

Now, to those who do not believe in a second work of grace, and knowing the disciples received a wonderful blessing on Pentecost but claim they were not saved before Pentecost; please go with me to the 17th, chapter of John for proof that they were saved before Pentecost—they are not of the world. 6th verse: "I have manifested thy name unto the men which thou gavest me out of the world." Now read the 14th and 15th verses: "The world hath hated them because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world." Three times He says: "They are not of the world." If they were not of the world, they

must have had some inward change which changed their relationship to the world. If they were not of the world and not Christians, what were they? A man is said to be of the world until he is adopted into God's family, after which he becomes a citizen of another commonwealth. We think this testimony of Jesus located them very definitely. Then again, these people—sinners, did you say?—well, "they kept his word" and that is more than many professors do. I should love to meet a bunch of sinners like that, wouldn't you? "They kept his word," and in the 12th verse He "kept them." Kept from what? from sin. I'm sure no one would think Jesus "kept them in sin." None of them is lost but the son of perdition"—meaning Judas. Therefore, we must conclude by the 3rd, 7th and 8th verses that they had "eternal life." By reading Matt. 16:13-17, we find that God had revealed to some of them that Jesus was "the Christ, the Son of the living God." Now, as none of the above named scriptures could apply to sinners, we are bound to admit they were saved before Pentecost, and they certainly received another experience on Pentecost. Why will some folks disbelieve sanctification? Jesus believed in it or He would not have asked the Father in the 17th chapter of John and 17th verse to "sanctify them through thy truth, thy word is truth." But some say that stopped with the early disciples. But Jesus tells us in verse 20: "Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word." That takes in me. But some will say, how can one be born of the Spirit before the spirit was given? (which was on Pentecost). To such, I would say, the Spirit was in the world from the creation, Gen. 1:2. Pentecost only marked the inauguration, when He (the Holy Ghost) took the reigns of the government. It may be said, there has been three dispensations: the Father's, the Son's, and the Holy Ghost's. So we are now in the latter. This is the spiritual land of Canaan. Read Gal. 3:29. "If ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise." What was the promise? Read Gen. 17:8: "All the land of Canaan." The literal land of Canaan was only a type of the "everlasting possession." Oh, if all the children of God could realize the value of the promise in God's will, "even our sanctification" (1st Thess. 4:3), and that we are "heirs to the promise" (Gal. 3:29), I am sure all would probate their claim.

I used to think that Canaan
Was some where up on high,
Where I perhaps might go
Whene'er I came to die.
But when I came to Jesus
And at His cross did bow
I got salvation through the blood,
And I'm living in Canaan now.

Now notice, there is a difference between being

born of the spirit, John 3:3-7, and being baptized by the Holy Ghost, Matt. 3:11, which was fulfilled on Pentecost. Now to confirm the promise of our inheritance of the land of Canaan, read Luke 1:73-77: "The oath which he swore unto our father Abraham." Now turn to where this is recorded in Gen 17:7, 8. This spiritual Canaan is up in a high mountain (see Ezek. 34:14). There God will feed us, up where the air is pure, not down in the swamp which breeds malaria mosquitoes, and frogs. Mosquitoes are "back-biters, frogs are croakers. They thrive down there but are not found on the mountain. I like the bill of fare up here better. In Egypt it was "onions, leaks, and garlick;" in the wilderness it was manna three times a day for 40 years. No wonder they got tired of it. It was only intended for their journey of about two weeks, if they had obeyed God. But now we are out of Egypt, past the wilderness and into Canaan, where milk and honey flow.

Another question: "If John preached that when Jesus came He 'would baptize with the Holy Ghost' (which he did), why did the disciples at Ephesus say they had not heard whether there be any Holy Ghost?" (Acts 19:2). One version reads thus: "We did not so much as hear whether the Holy Ghost was given" (yet). They heard John preach it but did not know it had come yet, but when they believed Paul's teaching, they received it: this is the baptism of the Holy Ghost as an abiding comforter. John 14:16, 17, before Christ and the Holy Ghost were in the world, "holy men of old spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost." Zacharias, Elizabeth, and John the Baptist were filled with the Holy Ghost, preparatory to the work which God called them to do.

—G. E. Harmon.

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IN HIS LIKENESS

"And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness . . . So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them. And God blessed them, and God said unto them, be fruitful and multiply and replenish the earth . . ." Gen. 1:26-28. When it came into the mind of God to have a people (which is our way of expressing it) it was His will that that people should be like Himself; so He in accordance to His own plan and will created man in His own image or likeness. But we find according to holy writ; also, history and observation, that man has been subjected to changes. Man, being a creature, has since the creation been under the law of the Creator. As long as he lived in obedience or in subjection to the ordinance of God, he retained the image or likeness of God, and God had pleasure in him and conversed with him. Man also enjoyed the presence of his Maker; but when he disobeyed the command of God, a great change came into the life, soul, mind, and

heart of the man, and his future was blighted and his hopes lost and shattered. He was without God and hope in the world. God looked down from heaven and saw the deplorable state of man, and said, "Mine own arm brought salvation down." He spoke by the mouth of the prophet: "He shall send them a Saviour and a great one, and he shall deliver them." Man was lost; he had gone into the dump, so to speak, and needed to be renovated or made anew. Isaiah gives us a graphical picture of the deplorable state of a lost and ruined people in the following expression: "The whole head is sick, and the whole heart faint, from the sole of the foot even unto the head there is no soundness in it; but wounds, and bruises, putrifying sores: they have not been closed, neither bound up, neither mollified with ointment." Isa. 1:5, 6. Jeremiah looked upon the scene with a prophetic eye and cried in a lamentable voice: "Is there no balm in Gilead? is there no physician there?" Jer. 8:22a.

Bound by the enemy, suffering under the loathsome disease of the leprosy of sin, and living in the fear of death, a ray of light pierced the darkness in the days of Zacharias when he broke forth with a song of inspiration, saying, "Blessed be the Lord God of Israel; for he hath visited and redeemed his people, and hath raised up an horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David; As he spake by the mouth of his holy prophets, which have been since the world began: That we should be saved from our enemies, and from the hand of all that hate us; To perform the mercy promised to our fathers, and to remember his holy covenant; The oath which he swore to our father Abraham, That he would grant unto us, that we, being delivered out of the hand of our enemies, might serve him without fear, In holiness and righteousness before him all the days of our life." Luke 1:68-75.

We see then, that God's redemption was to deliver fallen man and restore him back to the image or likeness of himself. He says, "Be ye holy for I am holy!" —Ulysses Phillips.

Eternal Security

There is a very dangerous, delusive doctrine being taught by spiritually blind preachers, and is being accepted by many honest people as their hope for eternal salvation. The devil doesn't care what you base your hope on, just so the foundation is built on sand and will fall flat at the judgment bar of God. The plan (God's plan, not my plan) of salvation through Christ was, and is, to save His people **from** their sins (Matt. 1:21; 18:11), and all who repent, confess, etc. have the promise: "He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." (1 John 1:8.)

Then we have the promise of the gift of the Holy Ghost, Who gives us power to live **above** the sins of this sinful world; yes, soberly, righteously, and Godly, praise God!

Too many people are expecting to live soberly, righteously, and Godly in the next world; but they believe (and practice, too) that they cannot get rid of sin in the heart while here on earth; therefore, they must obey the "old man," sin in the body, and sin more or less every day, and still retain, or have saving grace in their hearts. Do you know, dear deceived soul, that you are trying to serve two masters? Read Matt. 6:24, please, and you will find out that you cannot serve, or obey, two masters at the same time.

Well, I imagine that I hear some one say that we must have sin in the flesh to buffet us occasionally and keep us humble, and feel our weakness and dependence upon God, so that we will not get exalted above measure. If that is true, the devil is the most humble creature in the world, for he is the author of all sin and full of all unrighteousness. Grace and love will keep us humble. Many believe, in a way, that we must be born again—be made a new creature, old things pass away, and all things become new—but all do not become new while we are living. Dear one, all the change of life or body that you will get after death and at the resurrection will be a change from the natural, fleshly, mortal body to an immortal, spiritual body—not a change of heart or sinful nature, not victory over sin; but victory over death and the grave. Your sins must go on before-hand. Many people stand firm on Jer. 17:9, but step over Ezek. 18:31, Matt. 5:8, Matt. 12:34, and many other plain scriptures. The Word of God says that "whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin," and "whosoever sinneth hath not seen him, neither known him."

I am fully convinced that the most dangerous and deceptive doctrine that is being taught is that one can sin and at the same time be saved by grace and never can be lost. The only Eternal Security that I can find is through the blood of Christ and "Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord (Heb. 12:14), and **IF** we hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm unto the end." Heb. 3:6b.

—C. S. Wyatt.

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McDonald, Kans.— Dear Saints: Greetings in Jesus' name. We have been home one week today. Time is passing and we are passing with it, but we are encouraged to press on and fight the battle against sin. I am thankful that I was permitted to attend the camp meeting. The many good truths that I heard in the sermons will go with me through life.

Sis. M. K. E. Koehler.

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From age to age this voice shall cheer:—
Whate'er may die or be forgot,
Work done for God, it dieth NOT."

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Editorials

Since we sent out the July Faith and Victory paper, five of the Lord's servants from Guthrie—Frances Pruitt, Eldora Creel, Geneva Bailey, Clark Porter, Jr., and the writer—motored to southern La. to attend the camp meeting at Hammond. The Hammond Camp Meeting was a meeting much blessed and owned of God. It started off good and ended good. The Lord worked very much during the meeting, and many bodies were healed by power divine, souls were saved, and believers sanctified. The ordinance services of the Lord's Supper and Feet-washing were well attended. Bro. Key baptized a number who were saved during the meeting.

Our company remained in that country after the Camp Meeting and helped in meetings near Loranger, and Kentwood, La. The meeting at Loranger was well attended and the interest good. Some were saved, some healed, and the saints were encouraged. The meeting near Kentwood was a very precious meeting. God gave much liberty and power in teaching the truths of the Bible. The attendance was extra good, and much interest was manifested, and God brought conviction on many souls. Some were sanctified, and quite a few souls saved. It was said that people attended this meeting who had never been accustomed to attend meeting any where. Most of the time the building would not hold the people. The brethren built a brush arbor, but on account of the rain, it could not be used all the time. Our company certainly enjoyed this blessed meeting and the precious association of the saints there.

We arrived home on the first day of August, and the Church of God State Camp Meeting began here at Guthrie on the fourth of August, so we were soon in the midst of this meeting. There were ministers here from California, Nebraska, Missouri, and La. The meeting was attended by many ministers from the state of Oklahoma, also; making twenty-five ministers in all. The meeting was conducted in good order, and much good was done in the saving of souls and sanctifying of believers. There was an unusual amount of healing done by the Lord. The saints rejoiced again and again as the precious truth of the Bible was taught by the power and anointing of God. Ninety-four took part in the ordinance of the Lord's Supper and Feet-washing. Some followed the Lord in baptism on the last Saturday of the meeting. It seemed to us that the meeting was much better this year than last in every way. May God so work that they will continue to be better.

Bro. G. W. Winn, who lives here in Guthrie and is in his 91st year, was able to attend nearly all the services of the meeting. This was quite an encouragement to all who have known of his continued sickness during the winter and spring. Requests for prayer had gone out for him far and near. Many times

it seemed that his end had come, but God had mercy and so healed him that he was well enough to be in the Camp Meeting services. Bro. and Sister G. E. Harmon of Glendale, Calif. were with us in this meeting, and were very much appreciated. God used them in the meeting. They are getting aged and seem to think that they may not be able to make another trip East, but we are all praying that God will spare them and use them many years yet.

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There has been a question brought to our mind concerning saved people drinking beer, fermented wine and hard cider. It seems to me that the thoughts of the awful misery and woeful conditions existing in many homes where one or more of the parents are overcome with the drink habit should be enough to cause any one to refrain from touching intoxicating liquors whether saved or unsaved. This should not be a question among saved people for they should know it would be wrong to use it even in a temperate way because the word of God teaches us to "Abstain from all appearance of evil." 1 Thess. 5:22. This scripture alone should be enough for any real God-fearing man or woman to cause them to cease from such things.

In Proverbs 20:1 we read: "Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging; and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise." In Proverbs 23:31 we read again: "Look not thou upon the wine when it is red, when it giveth its colour in the cup, when it moveth its self aright." There is wine that is fermented which is intoxicating, and there is sweet wine which we call grape juice. The sweet wine or grape juice is good for food, and there is no harm in drinking it. This sweet wine was used much in Jesus' time for food. He turned water into wine at the marriage supper, and the governor of the feast pronounced it the best wine. Far be it from any one to accuse Jesus of making fermented wine.

"If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are." 1 Cor. 3:17. We, as the saints of God, should not take any thing into the body that would poison or defile, not even in a small measure. Tea and coffee are said to have poison in them that is injurious to the body, and saints should not indulge in such things, or any thing else that injures the body. Even over-eating is sinful, and is contrary to the spirit and life of Christ in the soul. We should keep our conscience tender toward God that His pleasure continue upon our souls. Those who have no light and knowledge upon these things, or those who have seared their consciences would have no conviction of wrong in these matters; and, no doubt, would wrest some scriptures from their proper meaning to try to justify themselves in indulging their fleshly lusts. God forbid, that we should cease to walk circumspectly before the Lord!

It is with much regret that it seems necessary to write some concerning the recent paper that was so freely circulated among God's little ones which was called "Reformation Echoes," the contents of which echoed the beginning of the compromise rather than the restored Church. The using of the hat band to justify the wearing of the neck tie is not a new thing, but such illustrations were used by the early compromisers of the Gospel Trumpet movement when they were propagating the "Liberty of Conscience" doctrine, which soon became "Liberal Conscience" propaganda, which has caused the sickening condition of its present identity.

It is true that we as the children of God need to have much patience, long suffering, and forbearance with those who come among us that have not light and knowledge on many truths, but when it comes to teaching and endorsing worldly ways and habits that drift dear innocent souls to the world, it becomes a serious matter with "Watchmen on the walls of Zion" who have the burden of souls upon them and the welfare of the future Church at heart. It seems that there is a number among us who have drunk of that "Worldly Trend" spirit and they have much to say about legalism and fanaticism to justify themselves in taking up and endorsing worldly ways. It is decidedly wrong for any one to take up with or endorse worldly ways and habits just because some abuse the truth or hold it in unrighteousness. God will not justify us in such actions. Those who now are beginning to endorse and take up with these little "no harm" things (as they call them) would, if it were possible to present to them the picture of the result of such teaching twenty years hence, throw up their hands in horror, no doubt. God forbid, that we should be a partaker with them of this future state.

The current of the world is strong and saints need no encouragement to go that way, they seemingly drift easily; but all these things need to be reproved and a stand taken against them by all lovers of the truth, lest our children and young saints begin to dress in the fashions of the world, and the future congregations represent the "Harlot Daughter" rather than the Church which is without spot or wrinkle.

We wish to warn the saints again against the worldly current which is affecting so many in this present "shaking" time. Unless the saints cease to drink of such, it will darken their vision, and soon many grosser things will not seem so bad, causing both the teacher and those who are taught to lose their souls. Be wise and take heed unto thyself.

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When men organize themselves together and call themselves churches, they make an image to the Beast, and soon become no better in the eyes of God

than the "Mother of Harlots." God showed John, while on the Isle of Patmos, that the "Mystery Babylon" "has fallen, and has become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird." Rev. 18:2. John also heard a voice saying, "Come out of her my people, that ye be not partaker of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues." Dear readers, this is an awful thing to get caged up with "Unclean and hateful spirits where devils inhabit." Let us not drift into such a condition, but keep clear from all the rubbish of the world and live with an "eye single to the glory of God."

I am fully persuaded that the only safe place for us, is to keep absolutely and completely separated from this old sinful world lest we be found on the broad way to destruction with only a profession of Christ.

James says, "Whosoever therefore will be a friend to the world is the enemy of God." James 4:4. If we put on adornments (unnecessary articles of dress) and fix ourselves in the fashions and fads of the world, we will please the worldly minded and are manifesting friendship to their pride of life and pride in the heart.

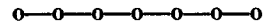
John says, "Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him." 1 John 2:15. Read 1 Peter 3:3, 4, and 5; also, 1 Tim. 2:9 and 10. With all these inspired scriptures facing us we should be very careful how we take up with wrested scripture teaching which licenses us to partake of the world and its ungodly ways.

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Jesus said, "And I say 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." Matt. 16:18. He did not mean that he would build it upon Peter, but upon Christ, the Rock, who is the Son of the Living God. Those that really believe from the heart that Christ is the Son of the Living God will be saved and become a member of His body which is the Church. Eph. 1:23; Eph. 2:20; and Eph. 5:30.

We are not taught in the Bible to join any man-made body; but only "join ourselves to the Lord in a perpetual covenant." Jer. 50:5. The man-made, organized bodies called churches are sects, and they separate and divide all saved people who may join them and they cannot see and function in the visible, divinely-organized working body of Christ which is the Church in this world. God's will is that all saved people be one even as Christ and the Father are one. The Bible teaches us that they are many members, but one body (1 Cor. 12:20). Verse 25 teaches us that there should be no schism in the body; Eph. 4:16, that the members are fitly joined

and compacted together; Col. 2:2, that the family is knit together in Love; Eph. 2:20, 21, that we are builded together and fitly framed together; Eph. 2:6, that we are raised up together; and, thank God, 1 Thess. 4:17, that the whole family will be caught up together to meet the Lord in the air. Yes, dear reader, the Bible always teaches that His people are together. Jesus prayed that the Father would keep them in His name; and "God" being His name, His children are called "The Family of God, the Church of the Living God which is the pillar and ground of the truth" (1 Tim. 3:15). People who talk very much about the invisible church are either in sects, or are becoming sectish in spirit. In this shaking and sifting time, many are calling themselves the Church of God that are sectish in spirit, for the scripture is being fulfilled which is recorded in the fourth chapter of Isaiah which reads: "And in that day (Gospel day) seven women shall take hold of one man, saying, We will eat our own bread, and wear our own apparel; only let us be called by thy name to take away our reproach." They want their own doctrines, and the portions of Scripture that suit them, and the name "Church of God" (which is the Bible name for the Church) because they discern this is the true name and they do not want to be looked upon as bastards or illegal children. Satan is doing his utmost to hide the visible Church of the living God from the view of seeking souls, but the true Church is shining in the world just the same, and those who are earnest enough in their search, and willing and obedient enough can find it. They can abide in it and suffer with Jesus in this world, and go home together with the bride, the Lamb's wife. Rev. 21:10.



The printing work at the "Lord's Print Shop" is getting under head-way again since the summer camp meetings, and we are expecting much more printing to be done and more literature to be sent out than ever before as the Lord is adding two more helpers to the printing force, and is strengthening the plant for operation in other ways. Our hearts' desire is just to be clay in His hands for the furtherance of the Kingdom of God among men. To embrace, believe, and practice the clear truth of God's Word is what makes men and women free from all sin and gives them power to reign with Christ in this present world. Satan is a conquered devil to those who are the possessor of Christ in the soul. We ask the saints everywhere to pray for us and also ask God to supply us with funds to keep all parts of the work up so the Gospel can go forth by the printed page and reach every truth loving soul in the United States and other countries. The tracts, papers, and booklets are being sent out in a steady stream, and many a soul that has been crushed and bruised by the power of the wicked one has found release and

comfort in Christ as they believed the gospel found in these little "Silent Preachers." Let each one be doing something to help along the work and thereby share in the reward that is sure to come to the faithful.

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OBITUARY

Sister Hattie B. Mullins, wife of Bro. R. W. Mullins, was born in Nashville, Tenn. March 18, 1873. She passed away June 7, 1939 at Sitchfield, Ill. while visiting friends and relatives with her husband and little grandson.

She was united in marriage to Bro. R. W. Mullins Dec. 14, 1891. They have lived near Chino, Calif. the past thirty-four years. Besides her husband, she leaves one daughter, Mrs. Martha Marke, a little grandson, Robert Marke, both of Chino, Calif., one sister, Mrs. J. C. Hill, and two brothers, Boss Wiles, and John Wiles, all of Nashville, Tenn.

She has been a member of the Church of God for many years, honored and loved of all.

A short poem written by her own hand, which was read by her request, makes clear to all her faith in God, and her hope of heaven. The poem follows:

MOTHER'S REQUEST

I have just stepped out
Of this tenement of clay,
And gone to live with Jesus
In the land of perfect day.

Oh, I hate to leave you dear ones—
Love's ties are strong you know—
But I hear my Saviour calling,
And to Him I sure must go.

But you all can come to see me
In my mansion fair,
And won't it be a meeting
When you all come over there?

Please, do not disappoint me,
I'll look for you, don't you see?
Then we can live together
Through the long Eternity!

The portion of Scripture that Sister Mullins requested I should read at her funeral if I should out live her, is found in 2 Tim. 4:6-8, which is as follows: "For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith:"

"Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing."

The funeral was conducted by Brother J. W. Youngblood.

Philipp, Miss.—Dear Saints: May God bless you all, is my humble prayer. We lost one of our dear little children Aug. 15th, 1939. He was drowned in the lake near our house. Wife and I were unsaved at that time but we are praying and God has saved us both. We have five more children. I ask all of you to have special prayer for us, for we are isolated from other saints.

Here is the obituary of our boy:

James Leslie Hilbun was born July 6, 1931 and was drowned August 15, 1939. Our darling boy has gone to glory and we mean to trust God so we can meet him there and be with him in Eternity.

S. N. Hilbun.

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National Camp Meeting Report

To The Saints Scattered Abroad, Greetings:

The National Camp Meeting of the Church of God, held at Monark Springs, Mo., from July 16 to July 30 closed with victory for God and His people. The meeting started with a spirit of love and unity and harmony, and this spirit continued all through the meeting. Not for years have so many saints expressed themselves as being so satisfied with the spiritual aspect of a meeting as did the saints attending this meeting. The Spirit of God was truly present and the love shown one another turned our minds back many years, and made us feel that God was truly working again as He did in years gone by.

The ordinance services were held the last Saturday of the meeting, after many of the saints had taken their departure, but even then there were twelve baptized, and 108 took part in the ordinances of Feet-washing and the Lord's Supper. Usually about 35 ministers attended the Minister's Meetings.

The preaching of the Word was under the anointing and inspiration of the Holy Spirit, and the old-time truth of the Gospel was heard without compromise or fanaticism. Souls were saved, believers were sanctified, the sick were healed, and devils were cast out during the meeting.

As no offering is made to visiting ministers let me urge on each congregation the need of supplying their pastor with the necessary means so that he can attend the meeting next year. What he hears and the messages he receives from attending such a meeting will more than repay the cost of sending your pastor to the meeting next year.

Start praying and preparing now for the next meeting. Set aside means, provisions and the like.

During the time of this meeting the school busses are idle, and for a small sum many congregations could hire a school bus to bring them all to the two weeks meeting. In this way the burden would be small on each one.

—C. C. Carver.

Financial Report of National Camp Meeting

Amounts Paid Out

Groceries	\$264.23
Meat	69.00
Drayage	9.00
Electric bill	11.71
Electric fixtures	19.21
Rent on women's tent and tabernacle	65.00
Total	\$438.15

By the close of the meeting this total cost was met by free-will offerings with the exception of \$19.25 which is yet due for rent on the large tabernacle. By faith, we see this bill paid within a few days.

John Strech, Treasurer.

NATIONAL CAMP-MEETING INFORMATION

During the business session of the Camp Meeting at Monark Springs, Mo. it was decided that the meeting for next year would be held July 14 to 28th inclusive, 1940. A very precious meeting was enjoyed this year, and we are expecting a better one next year. The following members were elected as a committee to take care of the business affairs for the coming year: Bro. Sam Barton, Chairman, of Tulsa, Okla.; Bro. Allen, Bro. Wyatt, Bro. Hague, Bro. J. Strech, treasurer, Neosho, Mo.; and L. D. Pruitt, secretary, Guthrie, Okla. It was recommended that each congregation in all the States have a treasury for the National Camp Meeting, and from time to time the offerings should be sent to the Secretary in order that a sum sufficient to meet the entire expenses would be on hand when the meeting begins. A small offering from every saint would take care of it nicely.

Here is some good news. In a special manner the Lord appears to be opening a way for the saints in general to have their own camp ground at Monark Springs. In the past we have been using the public park there, and on which we built a nice dining hall. Now Bro. Strech has found about four acres, partly timbered, located on the corner of a section on the opposite side of the road north from the park. This is the best location in the community outside of the park, and we can still use the dining hall in the park as it would not be over 500 feet from the new proposed location. Bro. Strech secured a 90-day option on these grounds, the cost to be \$500 cash.

At the Oklahoma Camp Meeting at Guthrie, Bro. Strech laid the proposition before the saints and it met with hearty approval. At once the saints of Oklahoma voted to donate \$250 cash on purchasing the grounds. Then a consecrated Sister offered to loan the National Camp Meeting Committee \$250 for a year without interest. With the blessings of the Lord and the arrangements completed, the deal for the grounds should be closed about the 1st of

September, this year.

As this is a National Camp Meeting, every saint in every state should feel that they have an interest in these grounds and the proposed improvements. In order to retire the debt on the grounds and to finance the building of a permanent pavilion or tabernacle, improving the grounds, etc., the committee has proposed to sell leases on plots or sites on which the one who leases may build a cabin. Native lumber is cheaper, and it would not cost so much to build a cabin. There will be space for at least fifty cabins, besides sufficient space for tents and camping. These plots will be about 24 by 27 ft. The leases sell for \$10 and they will run as long as the grounds shall be used for camp meeting purposes, subject to the provisions specified in the contract.

If you want to lease a plot of ground or desire further information, write to the secretary, L. D. Pruitt, 611 W. Mansur, Guthrie, Okla., sending a self-addressed, stamped envelope for reply, and as soon as a diagram and the terms of the contract have been formulated and printed, these will be mailed to you.

L. D. Pruitt. Secy.

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Utica, Pa.—Dear Bro. and Sister Pruitt, and all the dear ones there: Once more I send loving greetings in His dear name. I hardly remember what I told you about my fall, but I do know, dear brother, that God did answer prayer, for I never had another pain of rheumatism after you dear ones prayed for me. I certainly do thank the dear Lord and all who prayed for me. I am still here and happy in my home. I am in my 91st year, and doing what I can for the dear Lord's cause, finding one here and another there that is seeking to know the way of the Lord more perfectly. I am glad to show others what God has shown me. I am hearing from a dear sister whom I have not yet met, but she plans to come and see me.

—Lois McKay.

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Shawnee, Wyo.— Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ: Prayer moves the arm that moves the universe. "Before they call I will answer, and while they are yet speaking I will hear."

I found the above verse true. When I was sick, after we had planned to go to Mo. for a few weeks where my people live, I asked the Lord, "When will I be able to go to Mo., like 15 or 16?" He put the very dates in my mouth. I was healed completely before the 15th but we didn't leave until three days later. My husband and mother weren't ready. "And all things whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive." Matt. 21:22. May the Lord help the saints far and near to be courageous and strong. Have good courage for the Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest.

—Mrs. Chas. Reese.

◆ « Young People's Section » ◆

Let Us Do Some Kind Deed

Let us here do some kind deed
To cheer a traveler on,
Let us here sow some good seed
That souls for Christ be won.

Let us say some loving word
To bind a heart that's sad—
Show him the way of Christ our Lord,
The One who makes us glad.

Let us, like the good Samaritan,
A stranger help along,
Who has met with tribulation
In a battle hot and strong.

Let us breathe a word of prayer
For lost souls all around,
For those who have no fear or care
And those that sin has bound.

Let us stay so close to God
That Christ-like we may be,
And in His footsteps let us trod
Until Eternity.

Let us be true and faithful
While in this world we stay—
Ever do some deed of kindness
As we walk the narrow way.
Olive A. Phillips.

EDITORIALS

The camp meeting season will soon be past again, and the saddest of all is that some unsaved souls who heard the gospel message, felt the convicting Spirit and rejected the opportunities to seek the Lord, will have to say, "The harvest is past, the summer is ended and I am not saved." How miserable and wretched it is to be lost without God and without hope in the world. Each time the wooings of the Spirit are turned aside, the heart grows harder, and there is a warning which rings out, "My spirit shall not always strive with man." May the Lord in mercy extend more opportunities.

At the Monark Springs, Mo. Camp Meeting the young people had their own services each day. These were well attended, and the Lord anointed for singing, prayer, testimony, and exhortation. It was a time of inspiration and feasting to all. Likewise, at the Oklahoma Camp Meeting at Guthrie, the young

people's services proved to be very profitable and uplifting. Thank God, for young people who have definite testimonies for the Lord, and for those who are moving out into special work for the Master. There is a place in the world's harvest field for every one. Have you found yours?

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Let us walk down through God's art gallery and here we pause to look at a picture painted by the Apostle Paul over nineteen hundred years ago. It portrays conditions in the last days—the time in which we are now living. The description reads: "This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, traitors, heady, high-minded, lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God; having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away." Surely we know that this picture is not overdrawn. The "form of godliness" is capturing many people today, and in order for us to keep alive in God, we must heed the command, "From such turn away."

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Every one who is saved from sin and walking in the light of truth is owned of the Lord, even though he may find himself in a sect or denomination for lack of more light. Yet it is not and has not been God's plan for His people to be left scattered and divided by the walls of sect Babylon. Therefore, those in sects are not and cannot be in a normal condition until they obey the "voice from heaven" and come out into the one body, free from every Babel yoke.
—L. D. Pruitt.

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Springfield, Mo.— To the Dear Saved Young People: We are truly thanking the dear Lord for His many blessings to us, for keeping us saved and on the winning side for Jesus.

Bro. Lawson just closed a meeting here from which we received much good. Several were saved and thirteen followed the Lord in baptism. Truly, the Lord is drawing His people together. It makes our hearts rejoice when we see how easy Jesus can move things out of the way that is hindering confidence, when we get humble before Him. No doubt, many knew there was trouble between Bro. Porter and us, but Jesus has moved it all away, and restored confidence for which we are all thankful.

We ask an interest in your prayers that we will do all we can for Jesus.

Yours for Jesus, Hattie Davis.

P. S.—Since writing this, Jesus has wonderfully touched my body and healed me. Only Jesus can see the thankfulness of my heart to the ones that have been praying for me. Just thank Jesus for answering prayer, and pray that I will be a useful vessel for Him. H. D.

CORRESPONDENCE

Butler, N. J.—Dear Saints of God: I am a member of the Gospel Trumpet Church of God assembly here. Mrs. B. Montress comes to visit some of the dear old saints at Bloomingdale, N. J. (joining Butler) and I had the pleasure of meeting her several years ago. She is, at this writing, visiting Sister Brandow and I saw her at the Church of God services this past Sunday night. She gave me the May, 1939 copy of the **Faith and Victory** paper, with all the healings in it. I like the paper so much that I am sending you 25 cents for a year's subscription of same.

I also want you to do me a favor. I have been ill for two years and I have been anointed several times by my pastor, and have written to E. E. Byrum of the G. T. Church of God, and others have prayed with me, and I get worse instead of better.

I am seriously afflicted, and the doctors say that I must be operated on or die; but I have been healed of several other serious things in the past, so I believe if you will put my request in the **Faith and Victory** paper and agree with me and Sister Montress for complete healing, God will verify His promises in Jas. 5:14, 15, Mark 6:13; 16:15 18.

I see the one Body, the Church of God. Pray for us here, that we may all measure up to all that God requires of us.

Your Sister in the Truth, Mrs. Hattie Vail.

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Hot Springs, New Mex.—Dear Saints of God: Your tracts and papers prove real Bible truth, and are, indeed, many blessings.

After I was converted, I asked God to lead me among saints who were **preaching and living all the Bible**. I searched for two years in vain among churches of the sectarian world, then when I found God's church and God's saints, they were preaching, teaching, and living the way the blessed Holy Ghost led me. Do I rejoice! Oh, brethren, I cannot receive all the blessings it seems. Please, let us as saints pray for one another.

Yours for souls in every land, Everett D. Miller

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Akron, Ohio—Dear Saints of God: Greetings.

We are still saved and encouraged to follow Jesus all the way. The Lord is blessing us here, and encouraging our hearts, and healing in our midst. One brother was healed of ptomaine poison, which he took about 2 a. m. and was completely healed

about 6 p. m. His voice faded to a whisper. Many came in and made the expression that he was leaving fast. But our trust was in God, and we were expecting His power to be manifested among the people.

We have a sister in our congregation that was very low the first of the year with a complication of afflictions. Nothing could stay on her stomach at times. It seemed as though she was passing away, but the Lord had mercy on her and her family. She is up now, gaining strength and flesh. She is doing fine and rejoicing in the Lord for His goodness to her.

Brother Jones had a nervous break-down and collapse of memory. He got very low. Many came in expecting him to go at any time, but the Lord healed him.

The first of last year I had a paralytic stroke on the left side. It struck me on Friday evening. The saints came and had an agreement of prayer on Sunday and I went to meeting that night. But my face was not normal for a while, but today the Lord has perfectly healed me, for which I thank Him.

The Lord has also healed many other cases of sickness in our midst. We strictly trust Him for our healing without the use of drugs. We are living each day with our faces set against evil, and are determined to live a holy life until the Lord calls us.

Your sister, Cordelia Jones.

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Guthrie, Okla.—Dear Young People:

There is surely great peace in knowing that our sins are forgiven, our hearts made pure, and our names written in the "Lamb's Book of Life." It is such a shame that the majority of our contemporaries are so blinded by the pleasures of life that they turn a deaf ear to the pleadings of the Lord. Our carnal minds desire many things that seem so hard to give up; but when we come to Christ and He gives us His mind and pure hearts in exchange for our carnal minds and sinful hearts, it is not hard to give up those things which are an abomination unto Him. Then we can say with the Psalmist: "In thy presence is fulness of joy; at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore."

Praise the Lord, He has changed my mind, heart, and the course of my life completely! I have been very slow in comprehending lessons which the Lord wanted me to learn; but He has been a patient and merciful teacher, willing to instruct me over and over again. It seems that He has not spared time nor expense in my first few years of training in His school. I am especially thankful for the good camp meetings, revivals, individual instruction from older saints, and the fellowship of the few faithful young saints. Let us pray for each other.

Your sister in Christ,

Geneva Bailey

The Reformation Movement

Following are some of the doctrines of the Church of God which were taught by dear Brother Daniel S. Warner and other pioneer ministers of the Reformation Movement, under the inspiration of the Lord and the blessed Holy Spirit:

They taught the sin and evil of sectism, and denominationalism, showing that God was not pleased with His people being thus scattered and divided in spiritual Babylon. The time had come and the dear Lord began to send His messengers (ministers) preaching the gospel of unity—undivided Christianity, calling them out of the places where they had been scattered, to remain only in the one Family (church of God) in which they became full members when they were spiritually born of God. "Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, said the Lord," (2 Cor. 6: 17.) Read Eph. 3: 15, Acts 20: 28. The ministers of the true church of God teach equality of the ministry—no big I and little U. "Be not ye called Rabbi," Rev. or D. D., "for one is your Master, even Christ; and all ye are brethren," (Matt. 23: 8.) There is no man-rule or conferences in the church of God to send or say where the ministers should go to preach. No sending the uneducated to the hills and the backwoods, and the educated to the city. This is a work that the Lord and the blessed Holy Spirit looks after. The ministers of the Lord go where and as the Lord leads. They preach the message that the Lord gives them. No need of a Ministerial Committee at Camp Meetings and Revivals where there is more than one minister to say who shall preach, and what they shall preach. The true church of God does not have them. Each is obedient to the Lord and the blessed Holy Spirit. The one that the Lord leads gets up and gives the message. The Lord's ministers are a consecrated ministry,—not a hireling ministry, not preaching for money, but the salvation of souls. The hireling careth not for the sheep. John 10: 13. There is no public begging, soliciting money, or collections carried on in any of the meetings of the true church of God. All the finances are carried on by free-will offerings, gifts and donations. The ministers and the members of the church of God are not of the world, even as Jesus said that He was not of the world. John 17: 16. Not conformed to the world, in its fashions, fads, styles, adornments and revellings, but are a transformed people. Rom. 12: 2. The ministry and laity both are a plain, decent, modestly dressed people, a consecrated people unto the Lord. They are a saved people from a life of sin and sinning, by virtue of the atoning, and cleansing blood of Jesus. Rev. 1: 5, 1 John 1: 7, Eph. 1: 7. "He (or she) that committeth sin is of the devil. Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin." (1 John 3: 8, 9). Salvation in this

life is by two distinct works of grace. First, justification, which is accomplished by forsaking, confessing and repenting of one's sins. Second, sanctification, by which one's heart is cleansed from the carnal nature, (sin in the heart) by the reception of the Holy Ghost. In this work the heart is purified. "And God, which knoweth the hearts, bare them witness, giving them the Holy Ghost, even as he did unto us; And put no difference between us and them, purifying their hearts by faith" (Acts 15: 8, 9). "Blessed are the pure in heart," (Matt. 5: 8). "Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life" (Prov. 4: 23). The kind of life one lives is the indication of the kind of heart one possesses. When one receives the baptism of the Holy Ghost it does not cause him or her to act unseemly, (1 Cor. 13:5) does not cause one to jerk, dance, jabber in some unintelligible sound, fall on the floor or ground and wiggle. Such acts are not the work of the Holy Spirit. He is an intelligent, decent, orderly person of the Godhead. "Let all things be done decently and in order" (1 Cor. 14: 40.) The members of the church assemble themselves together in services at the appointed places. Heb. 10: 25. Sing hymns, pray, testify, exhort, preach and praise the Lord. The true church of God does not use instrumental music in its services. The worship is to be in Spirit and in truth. John 4: 23, 24. An instrument has no spirit to worship the Lord with. So should not be used in worship. Music is for entertainment. The church of God services are not for entertainment, but to worship and serve the Lord in song, prayer, praise, exhortation and preaching the Word. The gospel of Christ is to convict and attract sinners to Jesus for salvation. Eph. 5: 19. says, "Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord." Col. 3: 16 reads: "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom: teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord." 1 Tim. 2: 8 reads: "I will therefore that men pray every where, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting." The true church of God does not believe in women bobbing their hair. 1 Cor. 11: 15 reads: "But if a woman have long hair, it is a glory to her." It is a sin for a woman to bob, wave, or marcel her hair, and those that do so are following a proud, vain, sinful style of the world, and the Lord is not pleased with such. Rom. 12: 2 reads: "Be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind." Women members of the true church of God are shamefaced, and adorn themselves in modest apparel, that does not indecently expose their person. They do not wear transparent clothing. They wear their dresses long enough, top and bottom,

with sleeves, neat without adornments. They do not wear fancy or tight high heeled shoes, but dress plainly and for service and comfort, and to glorify the Lord. They do not use lipstick, rouge or paint. Read of one woman that painted. 2 Kings 9: 30, also her fate in verses 33 to 36. Also, Jer. 4:30 reads: "And when thou art spoiled, what wilt thou do? Though thou clothest thyself with crimson, though thou deckest thee with ornaments of gold, though thou rentest thy face with painting, in vain shalt thou make thyself fair." But the true saints, the members of the church of God do not indulge in such things, neither do they adorn themselves with jewelry of any kind, nor neck ties, tie pins, or any other token of a proud heart. They are a plain, humble, holy people. "Isa. 62: 12 reads: "And they shall call them, The holy people, The redeemed of the Lord." The members of the true Church of God are saved from all sinful, abnormal or hurtful habits. They do not use tobacco in any form, or snuff, do not drink strong drink, nor take dopes, nor drink coffee nor tea. 1 Cor. 10:31 reads: "Whether therefore ye eat or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God." In sickness they pray and trust in the Lord, instead of resorting to doctors and drugs, or going to hospitals. They call for the elders of the church (ministers), and let them pray over them anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord, and the prayer of faith heals, and the Lord raises them up —unless it is the time for the Lord to take them.

There are three ordinances that the Lord instituted in the church. First, Baptism in water (by immersion only.) It is for believers—those that have forsaken and repented of their sins, and have been born again. Mark 16: 16. The second is Feet-washing. John 13: 1-5. He gave the members the example for them to follow in the 14th and 15th verses. The third ordinance is the communion, or the Lord's Supper. Matt. 26:26-30. These ordinances are some of the things that the Lord has commanded the church to observe and are to continue until the end of the world. Matt. 28: 20. The members are commanded to greet one another with an holy kiss. 1 Cor. 16: 20 (not promiscuously) but the brethren greet the brethren, and the sisters greet the sisters. "Greet ye one another with a kiss of charity" 1 Pet. 5: 14. Read 2 Cor. 13: 12. and 1 Thes. 5: 26. The members of the church of God are to Love one another, not in word; but in deed and in truth. 1 John 3:18. "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples if ye have love one to another." John 13:35.

Many more scriptures could be used to show the true church of God, its love for the Lord, and the members for each other, but this will suffice.

Your blood washed brother, Ashford Newell.

"Come And See"

"And I saw, and bare record that this is the Son of God. Again the next day after John stood, and two of his disciples; And looking upon Jesus as he walked, he saith, Behold the Lamb of God! And the two disciples heard him speak, and they followed Jesus. Then Jesus turned, and saw them following and saith unto them, What seek ye? They said unto him, Rabbi, (which is to say, being interpreted, Master,) where dwellest thou? He saith unto them, Come and see. They came and saw where he dwelt, and abode with him that day: for it was about the tenth hour. (John 1:34-39) Many come today, and see where He dwells and shake their heads and go back. They feel they can never pay the price of separation from worldly associates, and decide to take their portion in this little, short life here in sin, and hereafter go out into eternal, outer darkness. God has nowhere promised, an easy way, or ever compromised the terms of His salvation, which He has laid down in His plain, simple Word. There is no such thing as God compromising at man's notions, traditions, and sins; and stepping back part of the way to meet man's terms on his own sinful grounds.

Come and see! My dear friend, there is something that appeals to my soul in this language. It would be well for every soul to "come and see" where He dwells today and **decide to stay with Him**. O, blessed habitation! where Jesus stays is precious, even if one just has barely enough to keep soul and body together. We know that so often in this vale of tears that "where Jesus dwells" means painfulness, weariness, suffering, (2 Cor. 11:24-27) scarcity of food and clothing, persecution, misunderstanding, and many other like things; but the sweet comforting influence of God's Spirit upon the soul is worth more than the fulness of all earth's substance, saying nothing about an eternity of sweet peace with God.

Dear soul, you, by all means, owe it to yourself to search in the good Book at once and see "where Jesus dwells," duly considering the immeasurable blessings of dwelling with Him in both time and eternity in contrast with the sufferings incident to dwelling with Him in this little short earthly pilgrimage.

—J. H. Pierson.

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Pray for Sister Emma Williams of Kansas who is suffering with deafness in one ear and has a very bad popping noise in her head that is very annoying.

The Church of God Camp Meeting at Dover, Okla. will begin on the first of September and last until the 10th. Write to Bro. Ulysses Phillips of Dover, Okla. for particulars about the meeting.


NOTICE

Bro. Cleo Murry of Dayton, Ohio is badly afflicted in body, and his eyes are very weak, hence he is unable to do much work. Please pray for him. He has a lot in Dayton but has no money with which to build. He should have a small house on this lot so he could have a home. The saints at Dayton will do all they can toward supplying and building a small house on it for him. If any of our readers have some means which they would give to help build a house, please send it direct to Bro. Cleo Murry, W. 3rd and Upland Ave., Dayton, Ohio. The Lord will certainly bless and reward you for this ministering.

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ISAIAH: A LIFE DEDICATED TO GOD

Sunday, September 3, 1939

Daily Readings and Meditations
Aug. 28 to Sept. 3.

- M. Seeing the Lord's Glory Isa. 6:1-5.
- T. Hearing the Lord's Call Isa. 6:6-8.
- W. Seeking the Lord's Message Isa. 6:9-12.
- T. Receiving the Lord's Commission Ex. 3:9-12.
- F. Obeying the Lord's Command Acts 26:19-23.
- S. Following the Lord's Guidance Mark 2:13-14.
- S. Yearning to Worship the Lord Psa. 122.

Printed PortionIsaiah 6:1-13.

Isa. 6:1. In the year that king Uzziah died I saw also the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up, and his train filled the temple.

2. Above it stood the seraphims: each one had six wings; with twain he covered his face, and with twain he covered his feet, and with twain he did fly.

3. And one cried unto another, and said, Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory.

4. And the posts of the door moved at the voice of him that cried, and the house was filled with smoke.

5. Then said I, Woe is me! for I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips: for mine eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts.

6. Then flew one of the seraphims unto me, having a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with the tongs from off the altar:

7. And he laid it upon my mouth, and said, Lo, this hath touched thy lips; and thine iniquity is taken away, and thy sin purged.

8. Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I; send me.

9. And he said, Go, and tell this people, Hear ye indeed, but understand not; and see ye indeed, but perceive not.

10. Make the heart of this people fat, and make their ears heavy, and shut their eyes; lest they see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their heart, and convert, and be healed.

11. Then said I, Lord, how long? And he answered, Until the cities be wasted without inhabitant, and the houses without man, and the land be utterly desolate,

12. And the Lord have removed men far away, and there be a great forsaking in the midst of the land.

13. But yet in it shall be a tenth, and it shall return, and shall be eaten: as a teil tree, and as an oak, whose substance is in them, when they cast their leaves: so the holy seed shall be the substance thereof.

Golden Text: "Here am I, send me." Isa. 6:8.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

The Prophet— We know very little concerning Isaiah prior to the vision. He was an outstanding citizen of Judah. He was prominent in both social and religious affairs. The church and state were closely connected, hence he contacted the kings.

The Book—It is very universal and far reaching in application. We marvel when we see how accurate his prophecies were fulfilled in his writings. We have rich treasures brought forth concerning the work and coming of the Saviour.

The Nation— Isaiah witnessed Jerusalem in prosperity and also was still living when it tottered and fell. He also saw Israel carried away into captivity and lost.

The Vision— How is our vision today? Do we see the Lord the same tender, loving Saviour as He was, or has judgment slightly changed our vision? Is the Church the same clear, visible structure as it was, or does it appear hazy and mostly invisible?

Does the work of the Lord seem as necessary as it once did, and does it appear so terrible for souls to remain in sin and darkness headed for the eternal burnings? Surely, the people perish for lack of vision. The change is not in these things just mentioned, but in the one that sees them thus. A pair of colored glasses will make everything around us appear different. May the Lord help us to walk in the light that our vision be not blurred.

Response to the Call— "Here am I, send me" was Isaiah's answer. What is ours? The disciples of Jesus left all to follow Him. May the Holy Spirit of God touch and quicken our souls that we might see clearly the actual conditions that exist.

HEZEKIAH: A KING WHO REMEMBERED GOD

Sunday, September 10, 1939

Daily Readings and Meditations

Sept. 4 to Sept. 10.

- M. A Ruler Who Remembered God 2 Kings 18:1-6.
- T. A Call to Remember God 2 Chron. 30:6-9.
- W. Remembering God 2 Chron. 30:13-22.
- T. Joy in Remembering God. 2 Chron. 30:25-27.
- F. Time to Remember God Eccl. 12:1-7.
- S. Remembering the Lord 1 Cor. 11:23-26.
- S. "I Will Never Forget" Psa. 119:89-9*.

Printed Portion 2 Chron. 30:13-22.

2 Chron. 30:13. And there assembled at Jerusalem much people to keep the feast of unleavened bread in the second month, a very great congregation.

14. And they arose and took away the altars that were in Jerusalem, and all the altars for incense took they away, and cast them into the brook Kidron.

15. Then they killed the passover on the fourteenth day of the second month: and the priests and the Levites were ashamed, and sanctified themselves, and brought in the burnt offerings into the house of the Lord.

16. And they stood in their place after their manner, according to the law of Moses the man of God: the priests sprinkled the blood, which they received of the hand of the Levites.

17. For there were many in the congregation that were not sanctified: therefore the Levites had the charge of the killing of the passovers for every one that was not clean, to sanctify them unto the Lord.

18. For a multitude of the people, even many of Ephraim, and Manasseh, Issachar, and Zebulun had not cleansed themselves, yet did they eat the passover otherwise than it was written. But Hezekiah prayed for them, saying, The good Lord pardon every one

19. That prepareth his heart to seek God, the Lord God of his fathers, though he be not cleansed according to the purification of the sanctuary.

20. And the Lord hearkened to Hezekiah, and healed the people.

21. And the children of Israel that were present at Jerusalem kept the feast of unleavened bread seven days with great gladness: and the Levites and the priests praised the Lord day by day, singing with loud instruments unto the Lord.

22. And Hezekiah spake comfortably unto all the Levites that taught the good knowledge of the Lord: and they did eat throughout the feast seven days, offering peace offerings, and making confession to the Lord God of their fathers.

Golden Text: "Turn us again, O God, and cause thy face to shine: and we shall be saved." Psa 80:3.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

Drifting— How easily does a dead log float down stream! How natural and certain does a severed portion of a tree die!

Symptoms of Spiritual Decay, Drift, and Death

1. Indifference—not punctual at services, and irregular attendance at the house of God.
2. Lack of interest for souls of the lost.
3. Losing confidence in God's people.
3. Questionable and "no harm things"—not so bad after all.
4. A poor appetite for hearing and reading the Word of God.
5. Sacrifice in giving, not so easy.

May the Lord help us to examine ourselves on these lines and, by God's grace, move forward.

As the courage and inspiration of Hezekiah became contagious and caused a revival throughout the

land; so, also, each of us has an influence that in turn is affecting those around us.

MICAH: A MESSENGER OF SOCIAL JUSTICE

Sunday, September 17, 1939.

Daily Readings and Meditations Sept. 11 to Sept. 17.

- M. Social Justice Spurned by Rulers Micah 3:1-4.
- T. Social Justice Slurred by Prophets Mic. 3:5-8.
- W. Social Justice Slighted by People Mic. 3:9-12.
- T. God's Requirements Mic. 6:6-8.
- F. Aspects of Justice Ex. 23:2-7.
- S. Administration of Justice 2 Chron. 19:5-10.
- S. Trust God and Do Good Psa. 37:1-6.

Printed PortionMicah 3:1-12;6:6-8.

Mic. 3:1. And I said, Hear, I pray you, O heads of Jacob, and ye princes of the house of Israel; Is it not for you to know judgment?

2. Who hate the good, and love the evil; who pluck off their skin from off them, and their flesh from off their bones;

3. Who also eat the flesh of my people, and flay their skin from off them; and they break their bones, and chop them in pieces, as for the pot, and as flesh within the caldron.

4. Then shall they cry unto the Lord, but he will not hear them: he will even hide his face from them at that time, as they have behaved themselves in their doings.

5. Thus saith the Lord concerning the prophets that make my people err, that bite with their teeth, and cry, Peace; and he that putteth not into their mouths. they even prepare war against him.

6. Therefore night shall be unto you, that ye shall not have a vision; and it shall be dark unto you, that ye shall not divine: and the sun shall go down over the prophets, and the day shall be dark over them.

7. Then shall the seers be ashamed, and the diviners confounded: yea, they shall all cover their lips; for there is no answer of God.

8. But truly I am full of power by the spirit of the Lord, and of judgment, and of might, to declare unto Jacob his transgression, and to Israel his sin.

9. Hear this, I pray you, ye heads of the house of Jacob, and princes of the house of Israel, that abhor judgment, and pervert all equity.

10. They build up Zion with blood, and Jerusalem with iniquity.

11. The heads thereof judge for reward, and the priests thereof teach for hire, and the prophets thereof divine for money: yet will they lean upon the Lord, and say, Is not the Lord among us? none evil can come upon us.

12. Therefore shall Zion for your sake be plowed as a field, and Jerusalem shall become heaps, and the mountain of the house as the high places of the forest.

6:6. Wherewith shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before the high God? shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves of a year old?

7. Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, or with ten thousands of rivers of oil? shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?

8. He hath shewed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?

Golden Text: "What doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?" Micah 6:8.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

Remembering God— Hezekiah was the son of King Ahaz — a most worthy son of an unworthy father. Hezekiah did those things that were right in the Lord's sight, while his father had done those things that were not right. Some of the tribes were taken into captivity while the other had turned to idolatrous worship.

Hezekiah was only twenty-five years old, yet he soon swept idolatry from the country and opened the temple doors for worship again.

Forgetting God does not mean to dismiss God from our minds entirely, but neglect shows that worship does not have the first place in our hearts. Failing to heed the still small voice will soon cause trouble in our experience.

We have three principles in today's study that are very important, and it would be well to give careful thought.

Justice— Who is it that would ask justice at the hand of God? If justice were meted unto us, torment would be our eternal doom. But He suffered, the just for the unjust. Although we were guilty and the punishment was duly ours, yet mercy intervened and we went free.

Mercy— Another beautiful attribute of God's goodness is mercy. While some have more mercy than others, yet it is God-given and can only be manifested by those who have realized their need for and sought after it, and obtained it to their satisfaction.

Humility— When an individual realizes that he is guilty before God, and if justice were meted, destruction would be his ruin, then he pleads for mercy and God for Christ's sake has mercy upon him and blots out all his transgressions.

These experiences, in turn, causes a man to see how weak man is and how dependent upon God he is; thus working another beautiful grace within his soul, which is humility.

“Do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with thy God.”

ISAIAH: FORTELLING THE BIRTH OF THE MESSIANIC KING

Sunday, September 24, 1939.

**Daily Readings and Meditations
Sept. 24 to Oct. 1.**

- M. Light in the Darkness Isa. 9:1-7.
- T. A Friend of the Oppressed Isa. 11:1-5.
- W. The Righteous King Psa. 72:1-7.
- T. A Refuge from the Storm Isa. 25:1-5.
- F. A Leader Undiscouraged Isa. 42:1-4.
- S. God Giveth Power and Strength Isa. 40:27-31.
- S. Zion's Happy Future Isa. 5:5-10.

Printed PortionIsa. 7:14; 9:1-7; 11:1-5.

Isa. 7:14. Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.

9:1. Nevertheless the dimness shall not be such as was in her vexation, when at the first he lightly afflicted the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, and afterward did more grievously afflict her by the way of the sea, beyond Jordon, in Galilee of the nations.

2. The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light: they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined.

3. Thou hast multiplied the nation, and not increased the joy: they joy before thee according to the joy in harvest, and as men rejoice when they divide the spoil.

4. For thou hast broken the yoke of his burden, and the staff of his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, as in the day of Midian.

5. For every battle of the warrior is with confused noise, and garments rolled in blood; but this shall be with burning and fuel of fire.

6. For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

7. Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this.

11:1. And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots:

2. And the spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord;

3. And shall make him of quick understanding in the fear of the Lord: and he shall not judge after the sight of his eyes, neither reprove after the hearing of his ears:

4. But with righteousness shall he judge the poor, and reprove with equity for the meek of the earth: and he shall smite the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips shall he slay the wicked.

5. And righteousness shall be the girdle of his loins, and faithfulness the girdle of his reins.

Golden Text: “His name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The Mighty God, The Everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.” Isa. 9:6.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

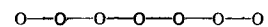
The prophet Isaiah truly foretold many things concerning the Lord's coming and work. The fulfillment of prophecy is a direct proof that the prophecy was inspired of God.

Who would attempt to predict who will be our president one hundred years from now and those things concerning his birth, life, and death as Isaiah did of our Saviour?

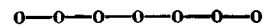
The living Word of God is inspired, thus making it supernatural—a Book above books, as Jesus was a Man above all men.

At the time of this prophecy, King Ahaz was quite uneasy and afraid to trust God, so he was looking to the heathen countries of the east for aid. Ahaz was of the family of David and the rule was not to depart from the Davidic line, yet this wicked king could not have faith that God would fulfill His promises. God sent Isaiah to assure the king that he need not fear his enemies to the north.

Verse 2— Thank the Lord for that light, strength, and inspiration which fills our souls as we ponder the blessed truths of prophecy. Let us each one walk in the light while we have the light lest great darkness come upon us.



Next Quarter we shall study in the Gospel of Matthew a series of lessons on the Life of Christ. These will be rich in soul food and encouragement. **Oct. 1st, 1939: The Infancy of Jesus, Matt. 2:13:23.**



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