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God is Merciful

The first six verses of the sixth chapter of Hebrews is much misunderstood by many people. Many teachers will use these scriptures, wresting them from their proper meaning to bolster up some wrong conceived idea they have on some other portions of God's sacred word.

In writing to Timothy Paul exhorts him to "rightly divide the word of truth" 2 Tim. 2:15. It is possible to use scriptures out of their place and by this method cause the scriptures seem to teach that which the inspired writers did not mean at all. When scriptures relating to the same subject are linked together properly they make plain meaning to many scriptures which otherwise alone would be hard to understand.

The first verse says, "Leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on to perfection." He does not mean that we should cease to believe, teach and do them but we are not to just dwell on them which might be termed only the milk of the word and think by knowing and doing them that this is all that God requires of us but the thought is to "Go on" and eat the meat of the word, go on to perfection, become strong, settled and established in God so that the life of Christ can shine brightly through you to the saved and unsaved, be sanctified wholly, made perfect in love, receive the Comforter which is the Holly Ghost, taste of the Heavenly GIFT, and be made a partaker of the Holy Ghost, yea, drink deep of the word of God and receive knowledge of the world to come and if you continue in this state you would be so wrapped up in God that His life would be your life and you could have the desire of your heart, for His desires would be vour desire.

When in a justified state we learn that water baptism is commanded and we obeyed that command, and we also learned that John the forerunner of Christ baptised with water; we also know that the ministers laid on hands when ordaining elders and that they anointed us with oil and laid their hands on us and the Lord would heal our bodies, and we knew that the dead would be resurrected and we knew that the judgment was coming where all men would be judged and separated, the righteous to life eternal with God

The 23rd Psalm

The Lord is my Shepherd-not was yesterday-My present salvation, my comfort, my stay. His being my Shepherd infers I'm His sheep; So its my place to follow, and His place to keep. My Master, wisdom, my knowledge is He, He's never expecting great wonders of me; But this one thing truly I must not disdain: I must be obedient, if heaven I gain.

Not once shall I want, blessed promise divine-Or lack any good thing, and O, it is mine. He maketh me in His green pastures to lie With hunger abated, the still waters by. But does He expect e'en the fattest of sheep To just remain lying, or get up to eat? My soul is restored, as He said, He will do. For He is the Good Shepherd faithful and true.

He ever will lead me in paths that are right He walketh no other, by day or by night 'Tis surely for "His sake" He leadeth me there-Created for Him, yet His glory I share. Yea, tho in His presence, death's valley I cross No evil befalls me, I suffer no loss For He is the Master of death's dark domain, And this is enroute to the home I would gain.

His rod and His staff are a comfort to me, I know He will use them if need there shall be, If I in my ignorance, should wander or stray, Subjecting myself to the foes by the way. When weary of travel a table is laid-Surrounded by enemies! am I afraid? My head He anointeth with rivers of joy, I hold out my cup and He runneth it o'er,

His goodness and mercy shall follow me on As I follow Him to that country beyond, Confiding, and trusting, and seeking His will. The journey is pleasant, tho ever up hill. Ah, soon I shall dwell there securely at home The journey forgotten, the way whence I come, Adoring and praising, in mansions above My wonderous Redeemer, Shepherd of Love.

-Ethel Meadows

and the wicked to damnation in the flames. That is not sufficient alone. We should go on to perfection, set our selves apart for God's sacred use so He could seal us with the Holy Spirit of Promise Eph.1:13. When God sends the Comforter into our hearts it is God's seal upon us that all men may know that we are His property, His "purchased possession" Eph 1:14 until the day that the body is changed and fashioned like unto His glorious body. Phil.3:21.

When one has gone on to perfection and received the sanctifying grace of God and become settled and established in Him they are much more able through God to overcome the enemy and being in this state the possibilities of backsliding is eliminated to a large extent. The fourth and sixth verses teach us that when one is in this state and should fall away that it would be impossible for them to be renewed again unto repentance, and goes on to say, "Seeing they crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh and put Him to an open shame."

If we just take these scriptures alone we might be led to believe that if a man got away from God after being sanctified wholly no matter in what way or the cause, it would be impossible for him to get back to God any more.

Let us get the true meaning of this inspired writer. Consider what it means to "Crucify afresh to themselves the Son of God and put Him to an open shame." It is possible for men to backslide through the deceitfulness of Satan and being under pressure and in perplexing circumstances and yet not crucify afresh to themselves the Son of God and put Him to an open shame.

Let us read some more about this by the same inspired writer in the tenth chapter of Hebrews begining at the 26th verse. "For if we sin wilfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins." So we learn by this that it is a wilful sinning and not transgressions through severe trials and temptations.

We will quote the 29th verse, so we can see and learn what it means to crucify afresh to themselves the Son of God and put him to an open shame. "Of how much sorer punishment, suppose ye, shall he be thought worthy, who hath trodden under foot the Son of God, and hath counted the blood of the covenant, wherewith he was sanctified, an unholy thing, and hath done despite unto the Spirit of grace."

There are souls that back-slide under severe trials or hard complicated circumstances that have never done despite unto the Spirit of grace or counted the blood an unholy thing, and have walked -with regret and sadness in heart that can repent and get forgiveness by being willing to pay the price, making their consecration deeper than before.

We often meet up with souls that one time had a real sanctified experience and proclaimed the gospel and then got entangled and through many temptations went back for years and afterwards repented and God forgave them and they were restored again and God would use them again to preach his word.

There is no contradictions in God's word if it is properly understood and linked together by the dictation of the Holy Spirit. He is a merciful Father and deals right and just with his weak dependant creation. He knows that our frame is only of dust. ---Fred Pruitt.

DIVORCE-MARRIAGE (Continued from Oct. issue.)

3. Another night I saw in my dream a large white boat at sea, (which I believed represented the safe **Bible** way) but I had left this boat, and taken a little narrow skift (which I believed represented that **one** isolated passage of Scripture, Matt. 19:9, which is the only passage in the Bible that seems to give grounds for divorce-marriage) and was rapidly drifting away from the large lifeboat. And as I drifted, my little boat became uncontrollable and rapidly leaped on over the angry, turbulent waves until it gradually began to sink, and I went down to a watery grave. I awoke with a sense of God's displeasure on divorcemarriages beyond the power of description.

But as I wanted to be sure, and not make another mistake, I decided to still keep the matter before God, so as to obtain His clear, unmistakeable leadings.

I want to say right here, strange as it may seem, God kept His blessing on my soul, for He knew I wanted to know His will, and would do it. Hence the patience He had with me, in convicting me of the wrongness of this matter, was something marvelous. The great trouble was this, it was such a legalized sin among almost all classes, even the strictest and most devout people of earth (with a few exceptions), that it was difficult to renounce and go against their smooth words and plausible arguments on the subject. I plainly saw if I took the way God was holding up I would have to take a dead stand against the majority of preachers and holiness teachers of our day. Another thing that made it so difficult to take the way the spirit was holding up was I did not want to be a "turncoat," i. e., I had known this light on the divorce subject before, and was led by shallow teachers to renounce it; I had to take His clear, uncompromising way, no matter what men or devils would say. It is better to turn a thousand times and be right, than never turn and be wrong.

4. Another night, in my dreams, I saw myself joined arm with arm with my second wife, walking down a wide brimstone road in hell, and as we passed a large vestibule I saw throngs of voluptuous men all dressed in black, and wearing silk hats. They were all keeping time to a band of music and waving college banners, and singing this chorus:

"In hell at last! In hell at last!

And earth and all her pleasures past. In hell at last! In hell at last! For aye and aye the die is cast."

And in front of these men were about a dozen large black swine (the emblems of filth and uncleanness), all cringing to the music. In this, God showed me that I had followed the sensual, unclean, flesh-indulging multitudes of earth, into this divorcemarriage business. At this I awoke with that awful picture burning in my brain, and that hellish music ringing in my ears.

But as it meant so much to make another public confession, and say I had made a mistake by remarrying, while my former wife lived, I thought perhaps these were only **dreams**, and I had better pray some more before I made, what seemed such a fatal step. So I decided to spend some more days in fasting, and some more all-nights in prayer before God, to know the unmistakable truth about this matter.

5. One day, as I stood all alone in the parlor of a friend's house, in an eastern city, (while contemplating taking up this awful cross) it seemed as though a glorified spirit decended, and sang the following chorus to me. (I never heard the words or the tune until then):

"Heaven is cheap at any cost,

Do gain its ports or all is lost;

For earthly gain is only dross

And naught's of value but the cross."

And with this song there seemed to come volleys of exhortation from Wesley, Fletcher, Pollok and millions of glorified saints saying to me, "Gain heaven's port at any cost!"

After this invincible message I was not only convinced that the divorce-marriage was wrong, but also **thorougly convinced** that we had to separate fully. We saw one woman die in this divorce trap. She was a good Christian woman, and professed holiness too, but we have never seen such a distressed, forlorn, God-forsaken looking being before or since.

O, friends! we cannot afford to take any doubtful position in regard to eternal welfare. Preachers and people can reason us on to a false track, and into hell, but they cannot reason us out. So my advice to every one is, take the clear track to heaven. Of course it may be the most unpopular, and with lots of persecution, but after all, it is the safest way to the pearly gates.

J. M. Humphrey

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Osyka, Miss— Dear Bro. Pruitt: I promised the Lord if He would heal Robert Nelson (our 3 year old son) I would testify to it through the paper.

His long seige of sickness began March 2nd with a high fever. The Lord removed it in answer to prayer, but it soon returned again. He was a very sick baby. He had a cough, fever, and could retain very

little nourishment. This condition lasted until July 4th, at which time he was scarcely more than a skeleton. Many prayers went up to God for him, and it was a great trial to see the affliction linger on. The saints prayed for him at the Hammond, La. camp meeting and he gradually improved but was not completely well altho' we constantly looked to God for his healing.

We had some things that had to be moved out of the way before the Lord could work in a definite way. Seemingly, the Lord had overlooked these things for some time but had decided to call a halt. We surely got a hard whipping. My testimony to the world is: get everything cleared away which stands between you and God, then call upon Him and He will surely hear. The Lord was patient with us for a long time, and, thanks be unto God, Robert Nelson is well. His general physical condition is good, and he is heavier than he was before getting sick. He is getting to the place where he enjoys life again. The Lord gets all the glory. He taught us some valuable lessons during this trial and surely it was a trial!

When he was so sick a person admonished me about what my duty was concerning my little boy, and the Lord gave me this scripture: "Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man." (Eccl. 12:13).

Our baby took sick. She had a high fever, stomach trouble, erysipelas and boils on top of her head. The erysipelas began at her ankle and spread upward. It was over half way to her knee. We called in the saints to pray for her one afternoon. The Lord healed the fever and erysipelas that evening and stopped the stomach trouble, but some of the boils remained on her head. They are not completely healed yet, but she is much better, for which we thank the Lord.

I expect to serve the Lord to the end.

Pray for us. —Orris Lea.

Tullahassee, Okla.—Dear Saints of God, Greetings: I am still saved and encouraged to serve the Lord, and to obey His word. He is my all, bless His name. He keeps me saved and walking in the light, He has done so many things for me, and oh, what joy and peace it is to serve God.

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Your sister, Clara Montgomery.

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Bro. and Sister Key of Hammond, La. are on an evangelistic tour and have held a blessed meeting at Anthony, Kans. and also were here at Guthrie and held a two weeks' meeting in the saint's chapel which was greatly owned and blessed of God. The attendance was good, especially the last week of the meet-Oh, how God did pour his truth through these ing. clean vessels and out to the people. The saints were in great rejoicing and our souls just feasted on the precious truths of his word. At present, Oct., 17th. they are holding meeting at Lahoma, Okla. and expect to go from there out into the Panhandle of Okla. and then on to Colo. and to Kansas city, Mo. before going on to their home in southern La.

They are real anointed ministers of God and have a clean life back of their preaching. We are sure that God will richly bless them as they labor on in His Vineyard.

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We have been ask the question: Why did Jesus have to come, suffer and die to save people if God could save them before the death of Jesus?

The fact is Jesus was with the Father before this world was created as we read in Rev.13:8; that the Lamb was slain from the foundation of the world. He was with the children of Isarel when they came out of Egypt for they all drank of that Spiritual Rock that followed them: and that Rock was Christ. I Cor. 10:14. Jesus told the Pharisees, "Before Abraham was, I am." John 8:58.

When Adam and Eve sinned by breaking the command of God they discovered themselves naked. Nakedness denotes guilt and sin. So God slew some animals, shed blood and covered their nakedness with the skins: the blood pointed to Jesus who was to be slain. When we cover under His innocent blood. our sins are hid and forgiven and we are righteous; clothed with righteousness.

God told Adam that the seed of the woman would bruise the Serpent's head. (Gen. 3:15) which pointed to Jesus who was to come and deliver us from the Serpant's bite, Satan's defilement. Heb. 10:14. When John the Baptist saw Jesus he said, "Behold the Lamb of God which taketh away the sin of the world" John 1:29.

Jesus was the Messiah that was to come and He came in the fleshly body, was crucified and slain and though faith in his blood the sin nature in man is destroyed and the true believer has Satan under his feet, who is the deceiver of men.

People in Moses' time offered up blood sacrifices by slaying animals (Heb. 10:1) Which pointed forward the blood sacrifice that Jesus would make for the purpose of destroying sin out of our hearts. As they offered these blood sacrifices with faith in the coming Messiah they were forgiven of transgressions but having a sin nature they would sin again and have to offer a blood sacrifice again and again. Gal. 3:21. It was not merely the keeping of the law that saved them because the scripture teaches us that they were unable to "bear those commands." Acts 15:10 It was not merely the killing of the animals that saved them, (Heb. 10:4,) but it was the faith they had in Christ who was to come (which the sacrifice pointed to)that freed them from past transgressions.

There were many of them that offered up blood sacrifices that failed to get forgiveness because they had no faith in the coming Messiah, mixed no faith with their works. All the prophets spoke of the coming of Christ that would give rest, freedom from sin to God's people and this should have created faith in them but it seemed not so with many for Isaiah says, "Who hath believed our report? And to whom is the arm (Christ) of the Lord revealed?" Isa. 53:1. After this he goes on and prophecies unto the people, giveing them a word picture of the crucificion of Jesus, of his sufferings and what it would do for those that believed. They were saved by faith in Christ, by looking forward to Him being slain for sin as their works of offering blood sacrifices pointed to Him. Their works did not do it but their faith with their works.

"Faith without works is dead also." James 2:26. And works without any faith would be dead works. Faith and works go together to bring forgiveness and the peace of God in our souls. Jesus was always a Saviour of man but when He came in the flesh and gave his life and blood it was for the purpose of destroying the sin nature out of man so he could serve God in the beauty of holiness (the law made nothing perfect, Heb. 7:19), and all holy people would constitute His spiritual body in this world, would be built together and become an habitation of God through the Spirit. Eph. 2:22.

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Brethren, we are living in very perilous times and we should not allow the enemy to drift us away from the real truth of the Bible by cleverly wrested preaching or writing. God has saved us and put His Spirit in us that we would keep yielded into his hand so we will be real lights in this dark world by keeping ourselves unspoted and clean from this old sinful pleasure-loving world. We should not adorn our person to please the lust and pride of professors who are becoming blind through the desire of fame, love You look in God's of money and worldly honor. "Holy Bible" and you will note that the declarations of God's word is generally positive and clear-cut and this is for the purpose of bringing assurance to our souls and causing us to be strong in faith so we will be clear bright shining lights in the world. There is some preachers and writers that do "strad-They take a subject and straddle back dling" work. and forth on it so much that after they get through they have not give out any clear light and souls are left in confusion while they drift on in compromise, while the teacher keeps covered up under the pertended love of God.

Jesus says, "If ye love me. keep my commandments." John 14:15, and again in the 23rd verse He says, "If a man love me he will keep my words."

In the eighth chapter of John he says, "I am the light of the world, if any man follow me he shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life." Again, in 1 John, first chapter and 7th verse we read, "But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellow ship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin." Do you see how positive these declarations are? If we come out into the blazing light of the gospel and then later on begin to endorse and put on or take up with things that the Lord saved us from it is a sign that the soul is becoming darkened again and that true light is growing dim with us. By drifting we are breaking fellowship with those in the clear light.

Years ago I am told that some people used a cup of grease with a wick in it which they lit to have light in the house. Later on they got Coal oil lamps which gave much better light, and later they installed the electric light which is very bright indeed. When folks begin drifting, adorning their person, and catering to the fashions and fads of this old sinful world, then their light becomes like those going back to the coal oil lamp or the old grease wick, and in time is apt to flicker out and become one with the dark sects, creeds, and isms that are filling the earth. Jesus warns us about getting into darkness. "If the light that is in thee be He said. darkness, how great is that darkness." It is pitiful to see souls who once had clear light drifting toward the world and at the same time stoutly declaring that they are growing in light, or have more light or new light. The fact is the more true light you have, the farther you will separate in spirit and conformity from this old sinful world and the less you will be harmonizing with them and the less you will be loved by them. The world will love its own. The more you fix up like those that are drifting and excuse and condole their pet sins, the more they will like you as a religious leader and the more following you will have. It seems that there are so many religious teachers and writers that have "itching ears" and they find out just about what to preach or write to please most of the people and so they get their messages accordingly . The leaders of this "Reformation" that have drifted so far and corrupted the name of the church with the world had their small beginning and led a great host of souls into darkness, formality and worldly wisdom. You talk with them today and they will declare that they are holding and teaching the same doctrines and say they have more light or new light. More light from the true God will never lead people toward the world in living, in words, or deeds, nor in human organizations nor in personal adornments, or fashions, or fads which the world delights in.

The more true light you have from God and manifest it the less the world and worldly minded profes-If you have true light from sors will love you. heaven and Christ is abiding in your soul it will cause you to keep sweet and be patient and in heavenly love and compassion you will bear insults and with tenderness and yet with firmness you will teach those that oppose the truth and be firm and true to the living God. In other words you will be honest with yourself, honest with God and honest with all of his creatures whether they be friend or foe-bearing and suffering with the weak and faltering and you will love the souls of those that are drifting insomuch that you will instruct plainly and

teach clearly so they would have a chance to see and recover themselves from this current that is pulling so many into darkness.

Again, we feel burdened to warn all lovers of the truth to steer clear of being a partaker with religious leaders who are putting darkness for light and are cleverly hiding under the pretended love of The true love of God in the soul will cause one God. to bear and fore-bear and suffer, forgive and deal with much tenderness with those that are weak or have got into error, but at the same time will not endorse and pet them in wrong. The truth will seem to be "a hard saying," harsh and even sometimes cruel to those who do not have it in their heart The only safe place for any saint of God to obey it. is to keep separated in spirit and in outward harmonizing as much as possible with this old determined sinful perishing world and its ways.

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OBITUARY

John Roe McDonald was born Feb. 13, 1875 in Barton County, Georgia. When just a boy, he went to Texas. He was married to Essie Birmingham Oct. 13, 1902. To this union was born one daughter, Ruth. He passed from this life Sept. 18, 1939; age 64 years, 7 months, and 5 days.

He leaves his wife, daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Edd Turner and three grandchildren, all of Glendale, Calif.; a sister, Mrs. Bettie McKinley of Wanette, Okla.; five nephews; three nieces, and other relatives and friends.

For many years he had been a child of God and a faithful worker for the Lord. He suffered a long time but trusted God to the end. About his last words to be understood plainly were, "I am still in the race, thank God."

Funeral services by G. E. Harmon. Text: Job 14:1 and Thess. 4: 13-18.

Bro. C. B. Detwiler of Kans. asks the saints to pray for him. He has Prostrate Glands.

ASSEMBLY MEETING

The Hammond, La. Assembly Meeting will begin Monday night, December 25, 1939, and will continue as long as the Lord leads. This meeting will be held for the benefit of God's people and all those who love the truth. All who can come will be welcome and will be cared for.

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I have figured up the cost of printing a thousand booklets of the Gospel of St. John and find that we can fix up a thousand of them for fifty dollars. This would include paper, cover and ink and would allow us some for our labor so we could keep the shop running. At this price the booklets would be produced at five cents each, postage paid which would keep any one from ordering a large quantity to sell for personal gain. We could send them out free and give them freely to all who need them.

I expect to set this up in nine point Type so it would be clear for folks to read. I notice that so many of the cheap Testaments on the market have such small type that not many take the pains to read hem.

If any of our readers have fifty dollars they would like to invest so the poor could have the gospel. We shall be glad to print up these booklets and circulate them to the needy. We are in touch with nearly all the penitentiaries and reform schools and I would like very much to get the gospel to them in this way.

If you cannot go into these places personally you can furnish the means and send the gospel to the poor. This is a great work, a great need and wonderful investment to get treasure in heaven.

If you are interested write us today.

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Mark 12:29, 30 31.

"And Jesus answered him, The first of all the commandments is,

Hear, O Israel; The Lord our God is one Lord:

And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart,

and with all thy soul,

and with all thy mind,

and with all thy strength:

This is the first commandment.

And the second is like, namely this,

Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. There is none other commandment greater than THESE.

CAMP MEETING REPORT

The camp meeting at Dayton, Ohio was a real success from start to finish. A sweet spirit of unity and fellowship prevailed among the saints that was noticed by those who came among us. There was a little discord the first Sunday when a false teacher who lives here in Dayton, came to the meeting and undertook to advocate the wearing of the tie and some other things that are taught against by the saints. We had to publicly renounce him, and later advise him to leave the camp ground in order to protect the weak saints. The meeting was well attended. Ten states were represented. The word of God was preached with boldness on all lines. The weak saints were made strong and others were made to see the truth as the "trumpet was sounded." This camp meeting has surely been a wonderful help to the work in this city. The expense was \$149 and the income \$157. Nine visiting ministers were present, and 43 took part in the ordinance service.

Please pray earnestly for the work here at Dayton. This was the first camp meeting which has ever been held here, but it was such a great success that hopes for a good future work is bright; but we need the prayers of all the saints. All saints and true ministers passing through Dayton will find a welcome here. Our place of worship will be found at 18 South Western Ave., which is one-half block south of Third St. Take Drexel street car, get off at Wesern Ave., and go one-half block south. Prayer services Fri. night and preaching services Sunday morning and Sunday night—Bro. Cleo. Murry.

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Saul or Paul

Many people today who call themselves Christians are persecuting the church that Jesus built as in Matt. 16:15-18: "He saith unto them, but whom say ye that I am? And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the son of the living God. And Jesus answered and said, unto him, Blessed art thou Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven. And I say unto thee, Thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." Jesus teaches in these verses that he would build his church upon this rock, which is Christ. He was not going to build his church upon Peter as it may seem to the carnal minded people. Jesus told Peter that flesh and blood had not revealed it unto him, that he (Jesus) was the Christ, but "my Father which is in heaven."

Jesus has now built his church. Acts 8:3: "As for Saul, he made havock of the church, entering into every house and hailing men and women committing them to prison." We have a large number of Sauls

in the world today who are persecuting the church of God as Saul did. Acts 9:1-5: "And Saul yet breathing out threatenings and slaughter against disciples of the Lord, went unto the high priest, and desired of him letters to Damascus to the Synagoges that if he found any of this way, whether they were men or women he might bring them bound unto Jerusalem. And as he journyed he came near Damascus. And suddenly there shined round about him a light from heaven; And he fell to the earth and heard a voice saying unto him, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me? And he said, who art thou Lord? And the Lord said I am Jesus whom thy persecutest; it is hard for thee to kick against the pricks." We see here the people Saul was mistreating were the people of Jesus. Jesus asked Saul why he was doing this. Saul did this ignorantly thinking he was doing God service. But Jesus told Saul it was He whom he persecuted. I would to God that he would show the Sauls of today better.

I Tim. 1:12: "And I thank Christ Jesus our Lord who hath enabled me, for that he counted me faithful; putting me into the ministry." We find that after Saul's conversion that he was called Paul and he was thanking Christ Jesus for counting him faithful and putting him into His ministry. In I Cor. 15:9, we find that Paul says; "For I am the least of the apostles, that am not meet to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the Church of God." Here we see plainly who the people were whom Paul had persecuted. We know people were whom Paul had persecuted. We know God's people are a "pecular people, zealous of good works." Gal. 1:13: "For you have heard of my convesation in time past in the Jews' religion how that beyond measure I persecuted the Church of God and wasted it." Many of the Sauls of today are in some religion or other persecuting the church Jesus built as Saul did. Some of the Pauls of today are ministers of God. Acts 20:28: "Take heed therefore unto yourselves and to all the flock over which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the Church of God which he hath purchased with his own blood. Paul was teaching the people whom he had persecuted, telling the overseers or ministers of the Church of God to take heed unto themselves and to the flock over the which the Holy Ghost hath made them overseers. The ministers of God oversees the flock where the Holy Ghost directs and not where they might receive the most money for they don't teach for filthy lucre. Jesus hath purchased the Church of God with his own blood, by dying and spilling his precious blood on the cross, that you and I could be Pauls and not Sauls.

—Everett Hilbun.

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Homewood, Ala.— Greetings to you in the precious name of Jesus. I praise the Lord for salvation, and for being a member of the blood bought church. I read an article in the Faith and Victory concerning this church and oh, how it did make my heart rejoice. I had been longing to hear something about this Bride of Christ, the Lamb's Wife, ever since it had been written on my heart and I am so glad that we can bear witness with what we read concerning this Church and Kingdom of God on earth. I have been teaching on this nearly three years. The Lord revealed this Church, New Jerusalem, to me I was so glad because I had prayed to be a member of God's Royal Family.

I would like to receive some encouraging words from you all, as we are living here in a wicked place where there are many false leaders. Pray for me.

l hope to receive some words of comfort. —Viola Woods.

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Pottstown, Pa.-Faith Pub. House, Brethren:

"Peace be unto you." Some time ago I promised to give you a report. Here it is for the month of August: Literature distributed: tracts 2855, Testaments 21, Gospels 344, Psalms 12, hours spent visiting 214, houses prayed in 73, visits made 1293. Best of all, I had 43 conversions during this month that I know of. It is needful, however, to do a great deal of praying.

According to the promises of God to again bless the world and Christianity, man has absolutely failed to meet God's conditions. How can God bless the world? If we come to Him he will in no wise cast us out.

Please send some tracts to combat false creeds. I would appreciate your co-operation in the Lord's work. —T. V. Gelbach.

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Dear Brother Pruitt:-- Greetings in Jesus' name. The coming Christmas night at two o'clock I will be ninety-three years old. I am nearing the end of my Nearly sixty-one years ago I gave my heart way. During this time I have tried to and life to God. live to please my Creator. Forty-three years ago I met the Warner people and they were teaching the Bible more truthfully, and they lived what they preached and I begun to see eye to eye with them and we were of one mind and one soul. We become knit together by obeying God's word. I am still knit together with the old time saints; no broken threads, no unraveling of the righteous garment. I cannot fellow-ship the spirit that brought in the neck-tie move, the life insurance move and the legalized adultry, which is the coming curse of the coming age that we will have to stand against.

I have greatly enjoyed the contents of the last papers. The best act of my life was giving my soul body and spirit to my redeemer. God bless the **Faith and Victory** paper and its co-workers.

----T. G. Conkle.

« Young People's Section » •

Keep Pulling Up The Road

Up the road of life, my brother, You'll find the very best Of everything worth living for, And in the end sweet rest; Then set your face just like flint, And get beneath your load; With courage like a hero brave Keep pulling up the road.

You'll find a lot of hindrances, A lot of stumbling-stones, And voices of discouragement

Will speak in thunder tones; But keep your eves upon the goal.

Make this your mighty goad,

- And with your faith in God above Keep pulling up the road.
- The best and greatest of all men For centuries and ages

Have stood against the mighty foes To gain eternal wages;

So if you'll go the way they trod, You'll have on you bestowed

The victor's crown some blessed day— Keep pulling up the road.

There'll be some flowers on the way You'll have some sweet repose,

As you will have some resting spells Among your bitter foes;

But the best is coming soon Keep pulling up the road.

And be a pilgrim heaven-bound— If you will bear your load

Rejoice and pray as you move on, And reach a helping hand

To other pilgrims on the way Who may not understand

That they must fight if they would win A crown in God's abode

And be a soilder true till death— Keep pulling up the road.

Oft'times you'll feel like turning back; The storms will rage around;

The clouds and fog of dire despond, About you may abound;

But know that God sits on His throne In heaven's blest abode,

And He will reach His mighty hand To help you up the road.

EDITORIALS

"When Jesus expired upon the cross, he said. It is finished.' The price of our redemption was fully paid. He went down into the grave and conquered death, 'and was raised again for our justification.' Rom. 4:25. He ascended to heaven in triumph, sent the Holv Spirit to awaken, quicken and sanctify: and thus execute the perfect salvation he had purchased upon the cross. He commissioned a perpetual living ministry to publish his salvation to "every creature," in all nations, even to the end of the world. 'To declare, I say at this time, his righteousness: that he might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus.' Rom. 3:26.

"Nor did he leave a hint in their commission, or anywhere else in his word, that lays a foundation for any other day of salvation but the present. But through his ministry he gives all men this promise and fair warning: 'He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be dammed.' Mark 16:16. Thus, no opportunity of salvation was ever to be extended to Adam's race beyond the present gospel of Christ."

Christ is the governor of his House, for we read, "But Christ as a son over his own house; whose house are we, if we hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm unto the end." Heb. 3:6. God's people is Christ's house in which He dwells through the Holy Spirit. It surely means meeting certain requirements in order to remain a part of that glorious House. We might have been his house ten or forty years ago, but how is it today? Have we drifted from the Bible landmarks, or are "we holding fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm unto the end?"

At this writing(Oct. 18th) a revival meeting is in progress at Shawnee, Okla. carried on by young From Guthrie the following young saints people. have gone to help throughout the meeting: Sisters Geneva Baily, Frances Pruitt, Bros. Hyrum Ray and It is reported that the Lord is Willie Murphey. blessing the services, and one is saved and others have expressed their desire to be saved. We are praying and believing for a fruitful revival. If immediate results are not seen, remember the seedgospel—is being sown and will yield fruit in time to come. One sows and another reaps, for his Word will not return unto Him void.

Hennessey, Oklahoma— Dear saints: greetings in Jesus' dear name. I feel led to add my testimony to the others in **Faith and Victory** paper. The Lord has been helping me this year and keeping me saved. I am determined to keep saved the rest of my life.

Dear saints, I truly believe the Word of God with all my heart. The word says in John 7:38, "He that believeth on me as the scripture has said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water."

The saints at Hennessey are all encouraged to stay in the fold to work on for the dear Lord. The campmeeting season is over now. I enjoyed what meetings I attend this year. Hennessey had the first meeting of the season and it was good: all expences was met and the Lord wonderfully blessed in the meeting. Dear saints, we can have our choice to go on with Jesus or go back to the world. Let us choose Him all the time. I am asking the Lord for things and he is giving me the desire of my heart. Praise the dear Lord. Yours in the one body.

-Thomas Davis.

CORRESPONDENCE

Paterson, N. J. Dear Bro and Sister Pruitt Greeting of love in Jesus dear name.

I praise the Dear Lord for what he means to me. I am so glad I learned to trust him for both soul and body. As he is able to keep that which is committed unto him.

I praise him more than ever to night for raising a people up to stand true to him and fight the good fight of faith and preach the word in its fullness. As the little paper Faith and Victory is so plain any one can understand. So many will say they don't understand the Bible when they do read it but through your writing and others in the paper any one can understand it for it is Bible. Praise God.

I pray that you will be able to send forth the message for many years through the paper and tracts if the world stands that long. Yours in his love.

-Mrs J. H. Brooks

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Elsa, Texas-Faith Publishing House.

Dear ones in Christ: I thank God for His wonderful plan of salvation. It is free for all; and those who receive the cleansing of the blood and the gift of the Holy Spirit are blessed indeed. I am glad to get "Faith and Victory" each month as the articles do me so much good. I especially liked the article on the need of the Holy Spirit. I know it is true. It is years since I have been in any meeting of God's people and would like so much to hear good straight Gospel Sermons. I was sanctified some years ago but feel my need of a fresh out pouring of the Holy Ghost. Pray that God will richly bless my soul according to it's needs. I am weak in body but in much better health ever since you prayed for my healing last March. I haven't had a sick day since. I know my dear husband is trying to live for God but he has many discouragements. Please pray for him and my children who are surrounded by evil associates at school and at work. I visited Sister Mary Leeper Sunday Oct. 1. She is much better and was wearing shoes on her swollen feet for the first time in quite a while. I heard her testify to a neighbor woman of God's healing power. What a blessed God we serve.

I pray God will bless and prosper you and keep you true and be guided by His Spirit and Word. In Christian Love — Lovina Eberle.

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Hastings, Nebr. Dear Editor: I feel almost compelled to write to you to let you know how I enjoy reading your wonderful paper Faith and Victory. I have at this time recieved my third copy through some Christian friend sending it to me. May God bless the one richly who has done this kindness to me. I was wonderfully converted at the age of 20 years. Later drifted back into sin and for all most 19 years. I lived a miserable backslidden life; but, thank God in 1913 I was more Awakened by the spirit of God that I was lost and on my way to a Devil's hell so I begin to seek God in the best way that I new how. It happened we moved to a locality where we came in contact with the Free Methodist. Well Glory to God after I repented the Lord had mercy on me and restored the joy of this salvation to my unworthy soul. Amen, Then we moved to a Nazarene community. After worshiping with them for ten years I came in contact with the so-called Church of God, the Gospel Trumpet people. But after reading the article on the Reformation Movement in the Sept. issue Faith and Victory by Ashford Newell, I can see very clearly they too fall short of the old time doctrine. Thank God for a Gospel that will open our eyes to see the real way that leads to heaven.

God promises that where two agree as touching anything He will do it. I believe that, so I send this request: I have been told that there is a band of saints at Neosho, Mo. Would you please pray that the way may be opened for me to locate in that locality? Please. May the Lord bless you and your work.

Your humble brother in Jesus, James A. Dyer.

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Clovis, N. Mex.— To the Dear Saints Scattered abroad Greetings.

This afternoon finds us still striving to make heaven our home at the last. As we travel on in this strait and narrow way it grows sweeter and brighter as we near the perfect day.

The trials and tests we meet up with, as we go through them (not around) are only stepping stones to draw us closer to Christ.

Our hearts' desire is that we may show forth more of that humble sweet Spirit of Christ as we go along this Christian way. The Lord wonderfully blessed us and provided a way that we could attend the Monark Springs, Missouri National Camp Meeting this summer and truly our Souls were blessed by hearing the many good sermons go forth, and meeting with so many of the dear saints from far and near, filled our hearts with joy. On the last Friday of the meeting we were called to go to Springfield Mo to be

meeting we were called to go to Springfield, Mo. to be with Mother, as she was suffering so terribly with sugar diabetis. We were there with her a little over three weeks, She still needs the prayers of all the dear saints. She feels she is nearing the end of her life's journey.

On our way back to New Mexico we came by way of Guthrie, visited some relatives, and were with the saints on Wednesday night at prayer meeting there. We enjoyed it very much. The testimonies were so much encouragement. We returned to Clovis, August 25, and found Bro. Harmon here holding a few nights meeting. The Lord truly used him in preaching some straight truths. The Saints are much encouraged.

The September Faith and Victory Paper has been much encouragment to us, as we read the editorals our hearts said amen to it all. Surely and truly we are in the drifting age. People are drifting and leaning to the world just as far as they dare to, yet professing to be saints. Oh, it is sad to see the young women. They don't bob their hair but they will curl it, or fix it in waves till it looks like it is bobbed—"Without natural affections" II Timothy 3:3. Some may not know to fix their hair that way is wrong; but we must shun the very apperance of evil.

Some may say that to fix our hair plain and Saintly will look too old fasioned; but let us go by the Bible not our own ideas for it is our pattern.

Now read St. John 17:16 "They are not of the world even as I am not of the world." We are a "peculiar people zealous of good works" 1 Peter 3:3; "whose adorning let it not be that out ward adorning" (or fixing).

Oh, how much the Lord does want us to be real examples so people saved or unsaved can look upon us, and say "These are real saints of God, in action, deeds, and truth." Dear saints, we do not want one draw-back or stumbling-block in our lives, for any one to be able to point to; for truly we are living in an evil time. If ever there was a time the saints needed to let their lights shine the brightest it's now.

Please pray for us that we ever keep in this clean way for God, we are yours standing for the faith once delivered to the saints.

> ---Darius and Evelyn Gibson 0---0---0---0

Cortez, Colo.— I feel led to testify through the Faith and Victory paper and tell how the Lord has been working with me, all along in my life.

When I was a little girl only eight years old I would see my dear old mother do things that I thought Jesus would not do. I would say, mother what if Jesus would come tonight and see you doing that. When I went to school the children would fight me because I would not do as they would do what I thought was wrong. Jesus would comfort me.

I did not get to go to school much for I was sick all my life. I could not read but I would go to meeting as I loved to hear things about Jesus. I wanted a home in heaven with my dear Lord. I did not have a praying mother but the Lord took me through it all.

When I was fifteen years old I was married and I got a man that wanted to play cards. I knew that the Lord did not want me to do that. Oh, how the devil would work in our home, it was sin all the time. It was sure hard for me all along the way. The Devil worked hard to get my soul but I would think of my home in heaven and the Lord for I wanted to be with Him. My heart was broken because I knew that we could not go to heaven and live as we were.

The arrival of our baby girl made us both happy. When she was about seven years old my husband got a phonograph with some sacred hymn records. My heart was broken when he was killed. My home was also broken up. I was left with five children. The dear Lord would come to me when we were singing hymns and would comfort me, and we would have prayer before going to bed. Two of the children were in school. Before they went to school each morning, we would sing and have prayer. We were happy for I knew that the Lord would take care of them and us. I could not read the Bible, did not know what was in the dear book. The Lord was good and taught me to read in the Bible. Praise his dear name.

I was married again and my husband left me and I did not hear from him for eight long months. He wrote and wanted me to come to him and I was with him for three months when he wanted to put the children in a home some where as he would not keep them. I did not know what to do as I did love my children. I thought it would kill me to part with them but they had to go and the Lord comforted me. I thought he would be good to me then but nothing I could do would make him care for me and my heart was broken. I knew not what to do and the devil was working so hard to get my lost soul. I did not know how to pray to the Lord to get help. I was not saved. My little boy was very sick one night and I was reading Bro. Pruitt's book, "God's Gracious dealings," and Jesus broke up my heart and I got down before God and praved Him to save my soul. I would get up and read again but for tears I could hardly see. My heart was so broken that all I could do was cry and pray. I kept it up all night long and praised God. He saved me from my sins that night. I went to work to make all my wrongs right and Oh, how the devil would work in our home. My husband would say things to me that would break my heart. I would pray for him that God would save him. I told the Lord I would not give up until He saved my husband.

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I praise God tonight that we are both saved and sanctified and we are going all the way with Jesus and make heaven our home. All the saints pray that my dear ones will be saved so I can meet them in heaven. I am praying for lost souls. I want to know how to serve Him better and to do all I can to get souls to Jesus. I want souls to be ready to meet him when he comes. Your sister in Christ.

-Mrs. Jeff. Belveal.

-0---0---0---0 Glendale, Calif .-- Dear saints of God: As it would take me so long to answer the many sweet comforting letters received since my dear husband passed from this life to glory, I want to thank you for them and also the offerings to use for the funeral I am sure our God will richly bless each expense. one and I am glad to tell you that the expenses have all been paid through those offerings. What a mighty God we serve, and what dear children he has Truly, it pays to trust to bear each others burdens. God all the way. While there is truly a vacant place since God called dear husband away; but the dear Lord heard the prayers of the saints and gave me strength to care for him to the end, praise our God. I love the Lord with all my heart. I mean to do all I possibly can for Him untill he calls me home to my dear companion and all the dear saints gone on before, and best of all to be with my dear Lord who purchased salvation for us all with his own precious blood.

Your blood washed sister. -- Essie McDonald.

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Neosho, Mo.— To all the saints scattered every where: God bless you one and all. I thought it good to let you know how precious the Lord has been and is yet good to us. He is graciously keeping me saved day by day. I find it wonderful to live for God and do his will. I thank Him this morning for the help I have gotten in my afflictions the past five weeks both to my soul and body. I have received many rich and comfortable blessings. I have been able to sink into Him as never before, well, thank God.

While I have been suffering day and night for thirty-seven days, I still press my way on. However, I do not suffer so intense as I did the first week of this affliction; but I have still a lot to bear. Please keep praying. I suffer much more at night than in Let come what may I have it settled the day time. to trust Him all the way. He has done too much for me and I'll not shame his name in failing to keep my I know one thing, he will not allow trust in Him. any thing to come upon me more than he gives me grace to bear. I will bear this suffering until the answer comes through prayer. I am looking for healing every hour. I am in the same mind as the three Hebrew children. If he does not deliver I will not bow down to the puny arm of man. You all know I have preached very firm on faith. I shall

live it as I have preached it from the word of God.

The devil said to me, "Now, what will you do, I have you bound." I told him he could do nothing without God's permission and this is mine and the Lord's business. Well, thank God I am on the way. I still insist we should be on the war path against the powers of darkness; walking not by feeling but by faith in him.

Well, you preachers, preach the truth right on. I will be with you soon, Lord willing. Do your best and the Lord bless you each one. Yours for truth.

—John Strech.

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Madisonville, Tenn.— Dear Bro. and Sis. Pruitt and all the workers at the Lord's Print shop, Greeting in Jesus' dear name: May God bless you all in needed ways is my prayer. This leaves me still saved and encouraged to press on and do all I can for lost souls. Truly, "the harvest is great, and the labourers are few pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest."

I had the blessed privilege of attending the Dayton, Ohio camp meeting and the Newcastle, Ind. camp meeting being the first camp meetings I was ever in; and oh, how my soul was blessed to meet the dear saints. May God bless them all is my prayer. After the New castle C. M. Bro. Foster, Bro. and Sis. Notingham came home with me. We had a two weeks' meeting which was much blessed of the Lord. Dear saints, if you ever prayed for a congregation, pray for us here; for the devil is trying to tear down and destroy the flock. Pray for me as the Lord has called me to preach the word and I need your prayers that I always be that little vessel that can be used to His glory, May God bless you all is my prayer. I sure am glad Bro. Hyrum Ray is with you, he is a dear saint of God. Yours in the one true way. -Rosa Cook.

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Charlottesville, Va.—Dear Bro. and Sister Pruitt, and all the dear Brothers and Sisters and Friends that read the **Faith and Victory** paper; Greetings in the dear Lord's name: I am still on the victory side, fighting in the army of the Lord. I have been saved twenty-three years this past June. I have been to what was called a camp meeting, but they were all mixed up in division. I have always prayed to go to a camp meeting where people are like the Bible requires them to be. So, praise God, I found it this summer. I had the wonderful privilege of attending the camp meeting at Dayton, Ohio.

It was truly a heavenly place. They were all together in one spirit. I got so much help in every way. I would see a crowd talking and would go by to see what they were talking about, and they would be talking about the dear Lord. There wasn't anyone talking about others, glory to God,

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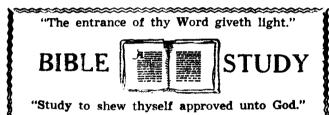
Just as soon as I came home, the devil sent one of his preachers to my house to tell me the dear people of God were anti-brethren and sisters. He said they were extreme fanatics, and said he tried to work with them, but couldn't. I told him they were the only people that were serving God by His precious word. I told him that I diden't care to hear him talk about God's dear people. I also told him that he was in division. His name was Mr. Hawley from New York. He was one time trying to be with the true saints. Truly, this is God's only way.

Pray for me and my family. I'm the only one saved in my house. Laura Powell.

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RIGHTEOUSNESS IN THE KINGDOM

Sunday, Nov. 5, 1939.

Daily Readings and Meditations Oct. 30 to Nov. 5.

- M. Righteousness in the Kingdom Matt 5:17-20.
- T. The Rule of Love Matt. 5:38-45.
- W. Right Living Before God Matt. 6:1-8.
- T. Love our Enemies Luke 6:27-38.
- F. Christian Duties Required Rom. 12:9-21.
- S. Sharing with Strangers Luke 10:30-37.
- S. The Universal Prayer Matt. 6:9-15.

Printed Portion......Matt. 5:17-20, 38-45; 6:1-4.

Matt. 5:17. Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil.

18. For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled.

19. Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven: but whosoever shall do and teach them, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

20. For I say unto you, That except your righteousness shall exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven.

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38. Ye have heard that it hath been said, An eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth:

39. But I say unto you, That ye resist not evil: but whosoever shall smite thee on thy right cheek, turn to him the other also.

40. And if any man will sue thee at the law, and take away thy coat, let him have thy cloak also.

41. And whosoever shall compel thee to go a mile, go with him twain.

42. Give to him that asketh thee, and from him that would borrow of thee turn not thou away.

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

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

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

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6:1 Take heed that ye do not your alms before men to be seen of them: otherwise ye have no reward of your Father which is in heaven.

2. Therefore when thou doest thine alms, do not sound a trumpet before thee, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may have glory of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward.

3. But when thou doest alms, let not thy left hand know what thy right hand doeth:

4. That thine alms may be in secret: and thy Father which seeth in secret himself shall reward tnee openly.

Golden Text: "Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect." Matt. 5:48.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

Verses 17-20 show Jesus' attitude toward the Old Testament law. It was the duty of God's people to keep the law until all be fulfilled in His Son, who, "is the mediator of a better covenant." He completes the law by giving his people grace to love the Lord with all their heart, soul, mind, and strength, and to love their neighbor as themselves; for, "On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets." This is the love of which Paul spoke when he said, "Love is the fulfilling of the law." Many well-meaning people seek to please the Lord by living an outward moral life and doing good deeds. This is Phariseeical or self righteousness which is only as filthy rags in God's sight. To have a righteousness which exceeds the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees one must be born again and get the righteousness of Christ in his soul.

Verses 38-45 seem like "hard sayings" to many people and are ignored and deemed "unnecessary" even by professing Christians; but remember "Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven." The Lord never told us to do a thing that he did not expect us to do; and he never asked us to do a thing that he would not give us the grace to do.

A good summary for verses 1-4 is: "Whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God." Jesus said, "How can ye believe, which receive honor one of another, and seek not the honor that cometh from God only?"

How does your life compare with the standard set forth in today's lesson?

PUTTING GOD'S KINGDOM FIRST

Sunday, Nov. 12, 1939.

Daily Readings and Meditations Nov. 6 to Nov. 12.

- M. True Treasure Matt. 6:19-25.
- T. God's Kingdom First Matt. 6:26-34.
- W. Solomon's Wise Choice I Kings 3:4-12.
- T. The Danger of Riches Mark 10:23-31.
- F. Service in the Kingdom Luke 5:1-11.
- S. Contentment Is Great Gain I Tim. 6:6-11.
- S. God's Care for Us Psa. 40:1-8.

Matt. 6:19. Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal:

20. But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through and steal.

21. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

22. The light of the body is the eye: if therefore thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be full of light.

23. But if thine eye be evil, thy whole body shall be full of darkness. If therefore, the light that is in thee be darkness, how great is that darkness!

24. No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.

25. Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment?

26. Behold the fowls of the air: for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet our heavenly father feedeth them. Are ye not better than they?

27. Which of you by taking thought can add one cubit unto his stature?

28. And why take ye thought for raiment? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin:

29. And yet I say unto you, That even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.

30. Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which to day is, and to morrow is cast into the oven, shall he not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith?

31. Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or What shall we drink? or Wherewithal shall we be clothed?

32. (For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of these things.

33. But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

34. Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof.

Golden Text: "Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness." Matt. 6:33a

"Said the Robin to the Sparrow,

'I should really like to know

Why these anxious human beings Rush about and worry so.'

Said the Sparrow to the Robin,

'Friend, I think that it must be That they have no Heavenly Father Such as cares for you and me.' "

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

Why should we lay up treasures in heaven; not upon earth?

1. Earthly treasures are vain and fleeting; but

heavenly treasures will last for ever.

2. "For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also." God is a jealous God. "Son give me thine heart."

3. Greed for earthly gain causes spiritual darkness.

4. It is impossible to love worldly gain and God at the same time: "If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him."

Christ left these instructions for all of his disciples. Christians should be very careful to set their affections above, that the worship of the "golden calf" will have no allurement for them. How dangerous it is to desire riches, seeing they so easily gain our affections which belong to God only:

Our eyes must be single; i. e., our only aim and purpose in life must be to do all to the glory of God. When we forget this and begin to allow our affections to be contaminated by worldly ambitions and secular profits, our vision of spiritual and heavenly things becomes blurred and the light which was in us becomes darkness. As our love for worldly gain increases, our love for God decreases; we can not serve God and mammon (riches or worldly gain).

"Therefore," or because of this (it being an impossibility to serve two masters,) "take no thought for your life," etc.

Why should we not let the cares of life disquiet our minds?

1. God gave us our life, surley He will provide those things necessary to perserve it if we use the powers and faculties which He has given us and humbly trust Him.

2. Would God care for the fowls and animals and neglect his children? No.

3. It would be vain and unprofitable for man to labor if God should withold his blessings.

4. Anxious concern will not help to clothe man. God's people need not worry about their clothing. Verse 28-30 show God's concern for all that He has created, even for those things of very little value.

5. Anxiety comes from lack of faith. "What shall we eat? What shall we drink? what shall we wear? Where shall we live?" are enquiries which engage the whole attention of those who know not God. Christians have a higher calling than that.

6. The business of our salvation should occupy all of our time: "Seek ye first the kimgdom of heaven." Note the promise which follows.

If we give ourselves to God it is His business to provide ways for us to be fed and clothed. God has no lazy people; but we have no right to be anxious about such things.

"For after all these things do the Gentiles (unsaved) seek," should be a rebuke to us along this line. Should we let our affections be set upon the same treasures as those "who are without hope, and without God in the world," or do we strive to gain greater treasures than these?

WARNINGS AND PROMISES

Sunday, Nov. 19, 1939.

Daily Readings and Meditations

Nov. 13 to Nov. 19

M. Warnings and Promises Matt. 7:1-6.

- T. Living by the Golden Rule Matt. 7:7-14.
- W. Warnings Against Covetousness Luke 12:13-21
- T. The Promise of Grace II Cor. 12:1-10.
- F. God Keeps His Promises Heb. 10:19-25.
- S. Wise and Unwise Builders Matt. 7:24-27.

S. The Righteous and the Wicked Psa. 1:1-6.

Matt. 7:1. Judge not that ye be not judged.

2. For with what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged: and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again.

3. And why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye, but considerest not the beam that is in thine own eye?

4. Or how wilt thou say to thy brother, Let me pull out the mote out of thine eye, and, behold, a beam is in thy own eye?

5. Thou hypocrite, first cast out the beam out of thine own eye, and then shalt thou see clearly to cast out the mote out of thy brother's eye.

6. Give not that which is holy unto the dogs, neither cast ye your pearls before swine, lest they trample them under their feet, and turn again and rend you

7. Ask, and it shall be given you, seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you.

8. For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.

9. Or what man is there of you, whom if his son ask bread, will he give him a stone?

10. Or if he ask a fish, will he give him a serpent?

11. If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask him?

12. Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them: for this is the law and the prophets.

13. Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction and many there be which go in thereat:

14. Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.

Golden Text: "As ye would that men should do to you, do ye also to them likewise." Luke 6::31,

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

The first part of today's lesson is often misapplied. Many sinners and professed Christians who do not bear the fruits of a Christian life, quote this scripture in an effort to convince Christians, who try to show them their need of salvation, that they have no right to judge the condition of their souls. The Bible contains many proofs that we know our brothers and sisters in Christ.

Jesus was speaking to hypocrites who would try to reform or condemn others when they did the same or worse things themselves. A picking, fault-finding spirit is the first sign that one is backsliding.

"First cast out . . . then thou shalt see clearly."

One cannot instruct others in the way of life if he is in the way of death. If everyone seems to be doing wrong, you need to inspect "self" in the light of God's word. When God pronounces you clean, then you can, with a merciful attitude, help others to clean up for God.

Verse 6— Jesus spent much time with the multitudes; teaching, feeding, and healing them; but he would not answer Herod who "was desirous to see him of a long season, because he had heard many things of him; and he hoped to have seen some miracle done by him." Herod only wanted to be entertained and would only have trampled the "pearls" (message of salvation) under his feet. The Gospel was given that sinners might hear and be saved; and should only be spread with this end in view.

Verses 7-11—Jesus exhorts us to pray earnestly and fervently to God who is willing and able to "fulfill the desire of them that fear him."

Verse 12, "The Golden Rule"—It is impossible for human beings to practice this rule until they have been "born again" and possess the Spirit of Christ.

Verses 13, 14— In order to be saved, one must repent and forsake sin and turn to God. This is indeed a strait way to every unregenerate mind. It is a deplorable fact that people are so fond of sin that they choose to keep it and remain on the broad way which leads to destruction rather than to let the blood of Jesus cleanse them from all sin so they can get on the narrow way which leads to life. "Few there be that find it;" but fewer there be that "endure unto the end."

THE WORKS OF THE MESSIAH

Sunday, Nov. 26, 1939

Daily Readings and Meditations. Nov. 20, to Nov. 26.

M. A King Who Served Matt. 8:1-13.

T. Ministering to Human Needs Matt. 8:14-27.

W. Calming the Sea Mark 4:33-41.

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T. A Paralytic Healed Matt. 9:1-8.

F. A Ruler's Daughter Cured Matt. 9:1-8.

S. Thanksgiving for Deliverance Psa. 116:1-8.

S. The King Anointed to Serve Isa. 61:1-3.

Matt. 8:14. And when Jesus was come into Peter's house, he saw his wife's mother laid, and sick of a fever.

15. And he touched her hand, and the fever left her: and she arose, and ministered unto them.

16. When the even was come, they brought unto him many that were possessed with devils: and he cast out the spirits with his word, and healed all that were sick:

17. That it might be fulfiled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying, Himself took our infirmities, and bare our sicknesses.

18. Now when Jesus saw great multitudes about him, he gave commandment to depart unto the other side.

19. And a certain scribe came, and said unto him, Master, I will follow thee whithersover thou goest.

20. And Jesus saith unto him, The foxes have holes, and the birds of the air have nests; but the Son of man hath not where to lay his head.

21. And another of his disciples said unto him Lord, suffer me first to go and bury my father.

22. But Jesus said unto him. Follow me: and let the dead bury their dead.

23. And when he was entered into a ship, his disciples followed him.

24. And, behold, there arose a great tempest in the sea, insomuch that the ship was covered with the waves: but he was asleep.

25. And his disciples came to him, and awoke him, saying, Lord, save us: we perish.

26. And he saith unto them, Why are ye fearful, O ye of little faith? Then he arose, and rebuked the winds and the sea; and there was great calm.

27. But the men marvelled saying, What manner of man is this, that even the winds and sea obey him

Golden Text: "Jesus of Nazareth . . . went about doing good." Acts 10:38.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

Jesus said to his disciples, "He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also." Are we representing Christ and his works as we should in faith? in hope? in trust? in patience? in humility? in service to others?

How have we answered the call of Jesus to follow Him? Have we left all to follow him withersoever he goes or have we said, "Let me first meet the demands of this temporal life?"