

FAITH AND VICTORY

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

HAVE FAITH
IN GOD

GOD IS
LOVE

WE SHINE AS LIGHTS
IN THE WORLD.
— PHILIPPIANS 2:15

JESUS
SAVES

A PAPER
FOR ALL
CHRISTIANS

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Would You Worship The Christ?

"This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoureth me with their lips; but their heart is far from me." Matt. 15:8.

"Man looketh on the outward appearance, but the Lord looketh on the heart." 1 Sam. 16:7.

King Herod declared he would worship the Christ,
Though his heart on destruction was bent;
But he failed to get even a glimpse of the Child,
For God knew his murderous intent.

All you who would celebrate Christmas this year,
There's a lesson in his fate for you:
You needn't feign worship if your heart isn't right,
For Christ will be kept from your view.

You proud hearted people—church members and all—
Who worship to seek honor of men,
You may deceive people, but Christ you'll not find,
For God knows your motive within.

You who love pleasure more than you love God,
How vain is your folly and mirth!
Your parties in gayly decked halls may allure,
But such does not honor His birth.

Crowds may go shopping, great feasts may be spread,
But when it's all over, what then?
Heartaches, disappointments, and large bills unpaid—
But Christ was not found in the din.

—G. A. B.

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THE CHURCH OF GOD AS FORESHADOWED BY SOLOMON'S TEMPLE

"Son of man shew the house to the house of Israel that they may be ashamed of their iniquities, and let them measure the pattern" Ezek. 43:10. "Upon the top of the mountain the whole limit thereof round about shall be most holy, behold, this is the law of the house" verse 12. And David said, "Holi-

ness becometh thy house, O Lord, forever." Paul said, "If I tarry long that thou mayest know how thou oughtest to behave thyself in the house of God which is the Church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth" 1 Tim. 3:15. So the house of God is the Church of God. Solomon's house is said to be a type of the Church of God which was built by Christ through the apostles, with the Holy Ghost sent down from Heaven on and after Pentecost, 1 Pet. 1:12. Jesus said, "On this ROCK, I will (future) build my church and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it" Matt. 16:18—Jesus, the foundation; Paul laid; and others built thereon, 1 Cor. 3:10:12. Solomon's temple, or house, was built 970 B. C. and stood about 416 years until 587, when it was destroyed by the Babylonians, 2 Kings 25:89. The Israelites were captives in Babylon 70 years, after which they were released by King Cyrus, king of Persia. 42,360 Jews were set free and returned to Jerusalem to build again the temple under the leadership of Zerubbabel about 534 B. C., Ezra 3:8-10. This temple stood till Herod's time, but since it was dilapidated, he commenced to rebuild about 20 B. C.; but it is said it was not finished until about A. D. 26, and destroyed by the Romans under Titus, A. D. 70. These three temples were erected on the same mountain, Mt. Moriah.

We will now return to the building of Solomon's temple under Zerubbabel. Read Haggai 2:9: "The glory of this latter house shall be greater than the former, and in this place I will give peace, saith the Lord of host." History says the latter house was inferior to the first in structure, and the reason the latter was to be more glorious was because of the presence of the Lord. Solomon's temple as a whole was a double type: it was more glorious than Moses' temple, or house, as it was built in Canaan (which is illustrative of sanctification) while Moses' house was built in the wilderness (which could only represent justification, and Christ laying the foundation on which to build his church). Joshua going into Canaan was a type of Christ going into heaven for our sanctification, for no one was sanctified wholly before. Now read Heb. 3:1-6: "For this man (Christ Jesus) was counted worthy of more

glory than Moses." 2nd verse: "and Moses, verily was faithful in all his house." 5th verse, "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. 6th verse. So this latter house, typified by Solomon's house, hath more glory than Moses' house, or the former house. Now turn to Isaiah 65:17: "For behold I create new heavens and a new earth and the former shall not be remembered." Everything prior to this new creation will be forgotten, done away. "Hear oh earth" (God's people) they have a heavenly experience, Heb 9:23. "Let the heavens be glad and let the earth rejoice," I Chron. 16:31. God was not satisfied with them so He wants a new people with a new experience, which He calls Jerusalem in Rev. 21:2, new Jerusalem in Heb. 12:22, heavenly Jerusalem. "But be ye glad and rejoice forever in that which I create, for behold I create Jerusalem a rejoicing and her people a joy." Salem means peace, and Jerusalem means Jew's peace. Now, it might seem to some that Solomon's temple, being a type of the Church of God, that the latter house would mean the church in the evening time would be more glorious than the morning or apostolic church; but not so. Solomon's temple was destroyed, foundation and all, while the foundation of the Church of God "standeth sure." It never was, neither can be destroyed, read Ezra 3:10. The builders under Zerubbabel laid the foundation, but this temple being destroyed does symbolize the church of God, in that Israel being captives in Babylon, the Church also was driven into the wilderness: but when she was brought out by the Holy Ghost ministry she came out the same church, foundation and all. So the church, or house in this Holy Ghost dispensation is more glorious than the former. Solomon, David's literal son, built the Father a house; Christ, David's spiritual son, built his Father a house, and he will turn it over to the Father at the end, 1 Cor. 15:24. Saints of God, let us move up. I fear we are not yet up to the apostolic standard (house) much less "more glorious." They laid down their lives for the cause of Christ, sold their possessions and put everything into the work of the Lord—their lives as well as their money. This they did in the beginning and establishing of the church. This was not laid down as a standard of the church, as some think that we must sell all and lay it down at the apostles' feet. Now whose feet? Echo says, "Who?"

There is one more thing which I wish to mention. Solomon's temple went up without the sound of a hammer, which is a type of the church. Every blood-washed member will fit into the house without any hammering or knocking. There is no use trying to hammer crooked people to make them fit in for they are not in to begin with. Let us be careful how we use the hammer (Word). God's

house (church) is visible. It is only invisible when some join a sect or to those who do not live a saintly life. The church constitution will be found in the 18th chapter of Matt. verse 20: "For where (the divine location) two or three (divine agreement) are gathered (divine drawing) together (divine unity) in my name (divine authority) there am I (divine presence) in the midst of them (divine center)." Christ is the hus-band, that binds together. The church is not tied together, but bound by cords of love, thank God. So we will not compromise with anything or person that does not teach and practice things which we have learned from the beginning.

—G. E. Harmon.

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The Watchman's Voice

"The watchman shall lift up the voice" Isa. 52:8. "I have set watchmen upon thy walls, O, Jerusalem, which shall never hold their peace day nor night" Isa. 62:6. "Son of man, I have made thee a watchman unto the house of Israel: Therefore hear the word at my mouth and give them warning from me" Ezek. 3:17. "But if the watchman see the sword come and blow not the trumpet, and the people be not warned, if the sword come, and take any person from among them, he is taken away in his iniquity: But his blood will I require at the watchman's hand" Ezek. 33:6. We note that next phrase says, "with the voice **together** (not apart) shall they sing." The next text tells us that on the walls of Jerusalem, house of Israel, or church of God, is the place where their voices will echo the divine truth together; because, as the prophet Ezekiel says, the Lord has called them, and they receive what they preach from him; because, as he (the prophet) says, they know what it will mean to them if they fail to blow the trumpet.

Now, just a few things the watchman says for us to do—Listen: We hear the warning: "Come out of her my people" Rev. 18:4. Some may say, "Why?" Because she (Babylon) is fallen and the angel declared she had become inhabited with devils, foul spirits, a cage of unclean birds (v. 2). Some may ask, "What is Babylon?" Without doubt, it is the combined ecclesiastical powers of Catholicism and Protestantism. Then she is a mass of humanly organized churches—religious systems where God's people have been scattered. "Come out of her, my people." Others may say, "Why?" Because in Babylon they have taken the commandments of men instead of the Word of God, and the pure gospel cannot be enforced there. The worldly minded unconverted professor has the same equal right as those who are saved: and, in most instances, has the pre-eminence in the leadership. Then God's people should come out of Babylon, because the Holy Spirit is

denied His place as Ruler and Guide of God's people, and man rules instead. Then, too, God's people should come out of her because God's people are a separate, peculiar people, and in the cages of men they have to be mixed up with the unclean, lewd, proud, covetous, money lovers of the mostly unsaved congregation with which they are affiliated. Then God's people should come out of Babylon because she is not their home (or mother). Zion, and the heavenly Jerusalem is your home, your abode, and in Zion alone will you find the holy and pure, and the spiritual joy and uplift that satisfies the longing soul. Then heed the call and flee for your life. Babylon is fallen because the word and Spirit have been driven out, and the world and all its ways permitted to come in. Come out and **stay out!** Babylon may reform her plans, call herself the Church of God; but as long as time lasts, Babylon will be Babylon, and Zion will be Zion, the New Jerusalem. "But ye are come to Mount Sion (Zion) and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem and to an innumerable company of angels to the general assembly and church of the first born, which are written in heaven" Heb. 12:22, 23. Are you in Mount Zion? If not, Come! Surely, if you are a child of God, you do not want to stay down in Babylon, and be as the children of Israel, weep your spiritual life away, never able to sing the songs of Zion that thrill the heart to overflowing; but instead, losing and wasting your life by the rivers of Babylon, your harps of joy hang on the weeping willow tree; in other words, you no more hear the straight unadulterated word of God, and your soul is dying for lack of spiritual food. Then come to Zion. The prophet says "And the ransomed of the Lord shall return and come to Zion with songs and everlasting joy upon their heads. They shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away." Isa. 35:10. The prophet, through inspiration of the Holy Ghost, says, "the ransomed of the Lord shall come." You may say you are not going that way. Well, probably not; but just remember, he is talking to the ransomed of the Lord, and he (the prophet) says, "They **SHALL** come." Then, too, they receive something: they shall obtain joy and gladness. Well, some say, "I have never received that joy and gladness yet." Just remember who he is talking to, and where they must get before they receive the joy and gladness. They must be in Zion, and with the ransomed of the Lord. Oh, Glory to His name! I am so glad I am there! Then, too, he says, "Sorrow and sighing shall flee away." I am so glad, praise His name, that that is true. When once we are delivered out of Egvpt's bondage and Babylon, we have nothing to look back to. We are no longer under the heavy task masters, and burdened down under heavy burdens hard to be borne: but we are in Mount Zion, the Church of God, the pillar and ground of the truth. (1 Tim. 3:15).

Almost all of the true saints in sect Babylon are longing and looking for more spiritual liberty and freedom in the Gospel, and they are coming from all the places where they have been scattered. God's plan for rebuilding Zion has now come and her watchmen feed the dear flock on the pure word of God, and they are abundantly satisfied with the fatness of his house. Then, children of Zion, return. Let the crown of victory and glory rest upon you evermore. Amen.
—Bro. T. Z. Lawson.

This whole conception of God's invisible church on earth is a superstition of the dark ages. Visibility is a natural characteristic of the Church of God. Though organized by the invisible Spirit, she is composed of men and women who are as visible now as they were when they were in the kingdom of darkness.
—D. S. Warner.

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Meeting Report

The meeting recently held in the hills of southeastern Oklahoma, near Cloudy, Okla., was a precious meeting. The Lord anointed and gave liberty to proclaim the old time gospel that works godly sorrow upon souls and brings them to repentance. Cloudy, Okla. is about two hundred miles from Guthrie, and the meeting was seven miles east of Cloudy, near Little River. It was held in what is known as the Kerns Ranch School house. There was a company of seven of who went; namely, Bro. George Stephenson, Bro. W. C. Murphey, Sister Geneva Bailey, Bro. Roy Jennings and wife, Bro. Hyrum Ray, and Bro. Fred Pruitt.

Some of us (four brethren) rented a cabin on the river bank. There was no stove in it, so we slept in the cabin and cooked our food over a camp fire. We had to row a boat across the river (about fifty yards) and walk almost a mile to get to the school house where the meeting was held. We would be willing to do any way to get the truth to precious souls. The Lord has done so much for us that we feel indebted to all men, and want to do all we can to get men and women saved.

We had a chance to give out much literature, which we believe that God will use to get truth to men and women. The Lord may send us back there again. We always have it in our heart, "Thy will be done." There are some precious souls in that place. The children took great interest in the meeting as Sister Geneva Bailey taught them the things of God. We are praying for those dear people. God wants to save men and women in that settlement. His eyes doth see every one. Brethern, pray for them and us.

Bro. John Strech of Neosho, Mo. is not entirely well, suffers some yet. Pray for him.

cease to inhabit or walk in the midst of them and they would be left with a name but with no heavenly light—there would only be darkness and cold formality. There is great danger of churches of God in this day becoming grievous to the Lord by drifting; letting in worldliness; loving and petting along those who have unholy actions, with a desire for numbers and remuneration; fellowshiping sectarians; endorsing questionable things to retain the good-will of human beings rather than fully pleasing God and bearing the reproach of the cross.

The majority of these seven churches spoken of in Revelation were doing some things that were grievous to the Lord and his righteous anger was kindled against them, and he was threatening to remove himself from them.

They were generally at fault and far from being the example of the true Church of God. The warnings given to them are for the churches today, for Satan through his agents is bringing into the assemblies of the saints things that will undermine faith and corrupt, and in time bring the wrath of God upon the whole body. Let us take heed and beware and shake loose from this Satanic octopus.

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All true saints should earnestly contend for unity and so teach and conduct themselves that the oneness would be manifested that Jesus prayed for in the 17th chapter of St. John. He said, "Holy Father, keep through thine own name those whom thou hast given me, that they may be one, as we are." The Father's name is God, so they should be named "Church of God," "Congregation of God," or "Family of God." Paul calls it the "Church of the Living God." 1 Tim. 3:15; and in Ephesians 3:14 he says, "For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named."

Jesus not only prayed for his disciples to be one; but he also prayed for us to be one; for in the twentieth verse he says, "Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word." We have believed on Him through their word or writings, hence we are included in his prayer. If we love Jesus we should manifest it by doing all we can to be one with his children by keeping separate from the world in spirit and in truth; not conforming to its ways and endorsing those that do, but rather reprove such in the spirit and meekness of Christ.

It seems that so many today cannot see any farther than the present existing circumstances with them and their church, and act and teach as though it were the best that God has, and because many are along with the visible church who are just mere professors, they speak much about the invisible church as sectarians do; thus they drag the pure, clean Church of Jesus Christ down on a level with

the rubbish that is found in sect Babylon which John the Revelator saw fallen, and had become a habitation of devils, and a hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird. (Rev. 18:2.) He heard the voice from heaven say, "Come out of her my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues. Rev. 18:24. Also, read Isa. 13:19 to 22. A type of the present Babylon which she will represent more and more as time goes on is found here.

There is not one single scripture in the Bible that teaches God's redeemed children to be separate and divided, and there is only one thing which we are taught to join. It is in Jeremiah 50:5, which reads: "They shall ask the way to Zion with their faces thitherward, saying, Come, and let us join ourselves to the Lord in a perpetual covenant that shall not be forgotten."

When we get into Christ through repentance and faith, we become "New creatures," and old things have passed away. (2 Cor. 5:17.) We are all reconciled to God by Jesus Christ and become one body. We are taught against any cism in the body, for all of the "new creatures" make up the body of Christ, the Church of the living God. Peter says, "Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ." 1 Peter 2:5. Paul says, "And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, (not on the apostles and prophets, but on their foundation which is Christ) Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone; in whom the building, (his children) fitly framed together, groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord, in whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the spirit." Eph. 2:20-22. We are knit together (Col. 2:19); compacted together (Eph. 4:16); perfectly joined together (1 Cor. 1:10); raised up together and made to sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus (Eph. 2:6). It is plain to see that God does not allow for any divisions; but it is always TOGETHER. John saw the "New Jerusalem" coming down from God out of heaven, adorned as a bride for her husband. (Rev. 21:2). Thank God, we are that "New Jerusalem," for our life in our souls came down from God out of heaven, and that life living in us makes us heavenly here in this world. We are in the world but not of the world. He is coming for his bride some day and we will be caught up together to meet the Lord in the air, so shall we ever be with the Lord. (1 Thess. 4:17). Glory to God in the highest! His people are always together. If the life of Christ is in your soul and having his way, you will not be a partaker of the world nor endorse confusion and division. Brethren and sisters, let us not forget what manner of persons we are; that we be as Jesus was—do always those things that please the Father.

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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

In the last issue of the Faith and Victory paper we made mention of printing some "Gospels" of St. John to have to send to the jails, penitentiaries, and reform schools, also to the poor and needy. We are thankful to say that some have responded and fifty-six dollars have been received thus far for this purpose. We are setting type to print the booklets, and while we have the type set and are printing these booklets we would love to be able to print several thousand of them as they will be in great demand. Calls are coming in already for these Gospels. Surely, more of our readers have fifty dollars of the Lord's money that they would like to use in this way. God says, "Blessed is he that considereth the poor, the Lord will deliver him in time of trouble." Read the first three verses of Psalm 41. In Prov. 19:17, we read: "He that hath pity on the poor lendeth unto the Lord; and that which he hath given will he pay him again." Surely, you could not do a better deed than to get the Gospel of St. John to these many poor and needy souls. Those souls in the penitentiaries are bound both physically and spiritually, and this Gospel of St. John will certainly bring light and comfort to them. God's Spirit works with his Word and makes it a living reality to the hungry and thirsty; bringing light, comfort, peace and assurance. We shall be expecting more help in getting these Gospels of St. John to these needy souls. This is truly a good investment, for it will be of eternal profit. Let us act now while we have this golden opportunity.

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When John was on the Isle of Patmos for the word of God and the testimony of Jesus Christ, he was in the Spirit on the Lord's day and Jesus appeared unto him and said, "I am he that liveth, and was dead; and behold I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death." Rev. 1:18.

He was in the midst of seven candlesticks, and he had seven stars in his hand. In verse twenty he tells us that the seven candlesticks represent the seven churches, or the people that congregated at the several different places of worship. Jesus was in the midst of them; in other words, he governed there as much as they allowed him to govern and rule. The seven stars represented the angels or messengers of these congregations, or pastors of each place of worship. In reading the first verse of the second chapter of Revelation, you will note that he held the stars in his hand; in other words, the messengers or pastors. He could hold them in his hand or cast them down at his will. He was grieved with the church at Ephesus and he had somewhat against them. He told them to repent or else he would come unto them quickly and would remove the candlestick out of its place. In other words, he would

We appreciate very much the many "Three Months" subscriptions our readers have been sending in since we sent the blanks out in the November issue of the Faith and Victory paper. It will be a pleasure to us to send out the glad tidings of the Kingdom of God to so many precious souls through the winter months. We are desiring that you send more and more, for we feel sure that some have not done any thing toward getting names and addresses for the paper as yet. We are sending out blanks with this issue so those who have sent can send again and others who have neglected this important matter will also be stirred of the Lord to do a little toward getting the gospel to precious eternity-bound souls. We should make the Lord's business first and do all we can to please Him who is keeping life in this body. To have our minds on this work and doing something for souls will be sowing to the Spirit; and Paul says, they that sow to the Spirit will reap life everlasting. We are praying that God will stir many more of our readers to cooperate with us in getting this truth to men by the printed page. The Lord has a "Print Shop" here with machinery and workers to print and send forth the gospel, and He is expecting every "blood-washed" soul to function in their place in the body and thereby make it possible for the gospel by the printed page to reach the great masses of the people who are on the broad way to destruction and are sure to be lost unless you and I who are saved throw out a life-line of hope to them, that they too, might be saved.

Paul said that he was indebted to all men. We who are saved today are just as much indebted to our fellowmen as Paul was. We owe them the gospel so they can get saved and share with us the "joys of salvation," escaping the flames and brimstone of an eternal hell, and be with us in the bliss of heaven. When you pray, ask the Lord if He will let you send in twenty names and addresses so you can share the joy of getting the gospel to needy souls. I feel sure he wants you to do this. We shall be expecting to hear from you before the time expires. The blanks filled out should reach us before the twentieth of December. The subscriptions are six cents each for three months, or one dollar for twenty names and addresses for three months. Your choice of five different premiums for sending the twenty names. Read the offer on the subscription blanks sent to you in this paper.

ASSEMBLY MEETING REPORT

The Assembly Meeting at Akron, Ohio was a success from start to finish. The attendance was good and the Word went forth with power and authority from heaven. The saints were much encouraged. The ministers that have attended all the camp meetings and assembly meetings at Akron say this was the best meeting that has ever been

held in Akron. Bro. and Sister John Strong and Sister Nellie Johnson from Chillicothe, Ohio, Sister Rosie Dillahunty, and Bro. S. L. Burke from Tulsa, Okla. were there besides the home ministers. We enjoyed a real feast of good things for our souls.

Yours for the whole truth, S. L. Burke.

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Guthrie State Assembly Meeting

The Church of God State Assembly Meeting will be held at Guthrie, Okla, in the saint's chapel at West Warner and Sixth Sts.; beginning December 22nd 1939, lasting ten days. This is the usual holiday meeting that brings joy to the hearts of the saints when they can meet together and speak to one another of the things concerning the "Kingdom of God" and the one aim and purpose of His dear children. The "Church of God" is ORGANIZED by the HOLY SPIRIT and every member is placed in the body as it pleases Him. There are no other people in the world that so fully represent the Church of the living God as the dear saints that function in the body, where He has set them, in meekness and humility of heart. The assembly meeting at Guthrie has long been noted as a place where God pours out His blessings on the assembled saints and causes great rejoicing in the Camp of Israel's God.

All are welcome to attend this meeting and share with us the good things that God will give. The saints at Guthrie are in good spiritual condition and are manifesting the oneness that Jesus prayed for in the 17th chapter of St. John. Trouble makers will find it hard to drive wedges among the true saints of God, and such are not invited to this meeting unless it is for the purpose of repenting and clearing up with God and the saints.

The saints here at Guthrie will try to find places for all to sleep while at the meeting, but you must bring your blankets and pillows as bedding in the winter time will be scarce. Straw will be furnished.

The meeting will be run on the free-will offering plan. Those desiring to help in the meeting may send money and provisions to Fred Pruitt at 920 W. Mansur Ave., Guthrie, Okla.

A large body of ministers from over the State and from other states are expecting to be present to proclaim from the pulpit the unadulterated word of God that makes God's people one in soul and in Spirit, making them a visible working force, working together for the purpose of exalting Christ, the King of kings and Lord of lords.

Come and be with us in this meeting.

Sister Effie Miller of Sennath, Mo. asks the Saints to pray for her sister who is very bad sick. She also uses cigarettes and needs prayer for her soul.

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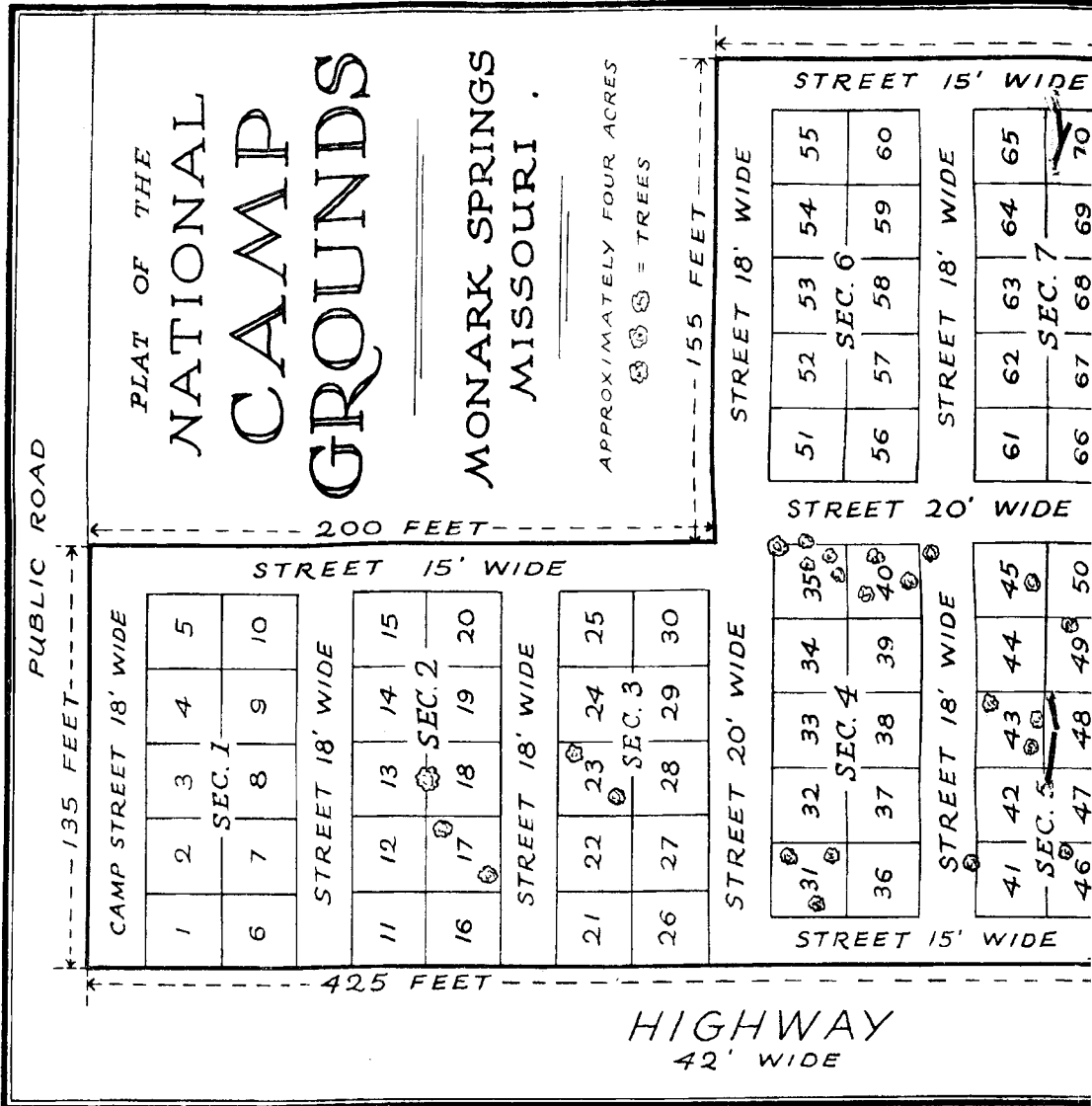
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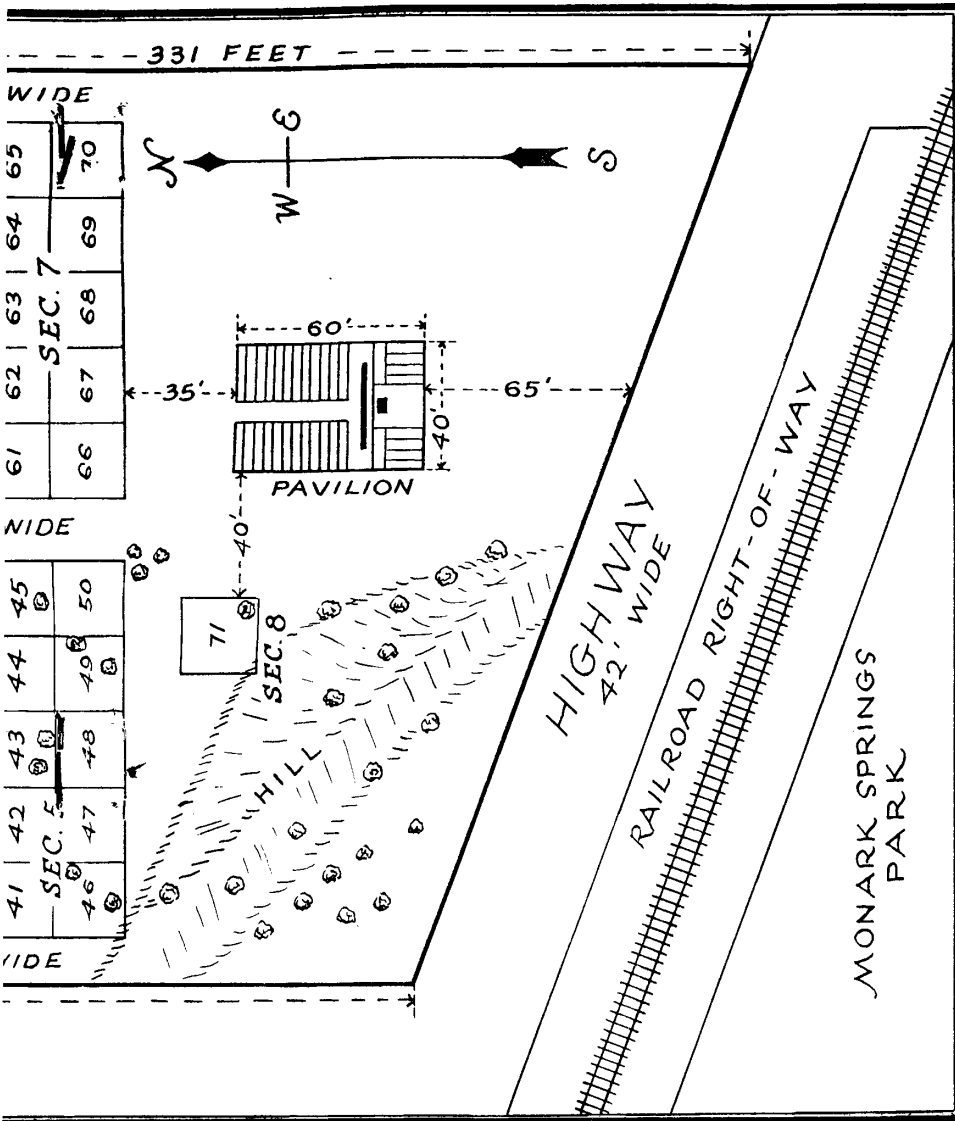
EXPLANATION

TOPOGRAPHY—The entire ground is on a slight, even slope toward the south with the level ground slopes off sharply toward the southwest corner. **TREES**—Notice the size of each lot is 24 feet by 24 feet, and all the space which has not been marked off is for trees and miscellaneous purposes. November, 1939.

COST OF CABINS

The construction of a cabin is a matter left to the individual owner of a leased lot, who lives near the camp grounds, says he will be in a position, the Lord willing, to take care of the matter themselves. This, of course, will be personal business. Estimates of cost as given by Bro. Strech are as follows: Cabin 12 by 20 with native pine siding, pine floor, and cedar shingles—\$45.00. Cabin 12 by 12 with native pine siding, pine floor and cedar shingles—\$34.00. These estimates may vary. Cost of labor is not included.

Write to Bro. John Strech, R. 5, Neosho, Mo. for further information regarding



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CABINS
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NOTICE

Sister B. M. Montress of McAndrews, Ky. is burdened of the Lord to start a work in that place. She believes that God wants her to do all she can for souls in that city and in the surrounding country. There is a large field where the pure unadulterated Gospel is needed very much. She believes that if she can once get the work started, it will be a great blessing to many and will be self-supporting. She declares this field is ripe for the real truth.

She needs money to rent a place and get some seats arranged in the building for meeting. She is confident that God will send in both saints and sinners to hear the gospel. She will scatter papers and tracts and get the gospel all around to the people in every way possible. Any one who has means which they want to use to the advancement of the cause would do well to help this zealous saint to get the truth to those dear souls. Send your offering direct to her at McAndrews, Ky. or you may send it here to the office and we will forward it on to her.

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Tulsa, Okla.—To All the Saints Scattered Abroad, I greet you in Jesus' name: Tonight finds me settling down into God. All I want is a deeper experience. I just love to tell the old, old story of Jesus' love for me. How my heart goes out to lost souls!

We are having a revival here in honor of our dear young saints to encourage them to step out more and more for God. We have the largest group of saints in Oklahoma. We just thank God for every one of them. We are working to the best of our ability for God's cause here at this place. Last year God called a number of our dear loved saints home. How we miss their dear faces; but how we rejoice that the Tulsa congregation is growing over there. Also, God gave us some new converts to fill the vacancy here.

We have many duties to perform for God and His cause. Let us keep our hearts open, and ask God to show us where we can help His cause to grow.

I want to ask you to pray again for Bro. DeShon who is sorely afflicted. God still spares him. He is a living soul in a dead body, as he can't move any part of his body, he is blind, and can't hear very well. God is able to heal this man. He surely needs your earnest prayers. Let us also remember Bro. Phillips at Dover, Okla. in prayer. He has labored there in past years with a godly dream of a congregation in his neighborhood. Now God has opened up the way by giving them means to buy a small building, but it is badly in need of repairs and roof. There is a small congregation there. Bro. and Sister Phillips are worthy saints.

A dear sister, Floy Woolery, who has small children has been deserted by her husband. She has been so broken-hearted and has had so many disappoint-

ments, and only has a small relief check to live on. Her health is gone. She has lost so much weight till God will have to undertake for her; so let us pray for her. She was sweetly saved at the beginning of her trouble, but the heavy burdens caused her to backslide. God saved her again last December (a year ago) and she has been faithful since then. Let us remember this little family during the holidays with food or what ever we have. Those who want to, bring something for her to the Guthrie Assembly. Brother Barton will haul it to her. Pray God to heal her body. Her address is Sapulpa, Okla. 123 So. Oak St.

Be encouraged, God has unlimited power, He will not fail us. Hettie Barton.

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Prague, Okla.—Dear Brother: I received your card stating that you prayed for me, and I thank you and the dear Lord. I am not well yet, but much better. I am trusting in the dear Lord that he will heal me through your prayers. C. L. Walters.

(Ed. note—Bro. Walters is afflicted with a cancer. Will all the saints please pray for him?)

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Fallis, Okla.—Dear Saints: I am truly saved and trusting God for both soul and body. I am always glad to get the Faith and Victory each month. It seems after I have read the testimonies that a band of saint has visited me. Let us all pray that the Lord will send each one of us just what we need to know through the little paper.

I am praising God this morning for healing me of the tooth ache. I prayed three or four times and the tooth would stop aching. Then it began to pain severely. The whole side of my head and neck began to pain. I would try to resist and finally I began to cry. While I was crying, God spoke to me and told me to get up and go about my work. I got up, staggered to the door and started to the pond to water my cow. I felt a little better and began to say, "I will die on the battle field for my Lord." Before I got back to the house I was completely healed. I don't know anything in this world to do but to live for God, so when I leave this old world I am going home where there will be no pain, no crying, and best of all, no dying. Pray for me that I may always be an overcomer. Ellen Chandler.

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Senath, Mo.—Dear Saints of God: I feel the dear Lord would have me write and send you greetings of love in Jesus' name. I truly praise God for salvation and for grace to trust Him for every need. I am so glad to tell you the Lord answered your prayers in behalf of my loved ones. I was by my father's bedside when I sent the request and by the time the letter had time to reach you he began to get better and was able to go visiting the last I heard from him, praise the dear Lord forever! I heard that Sister Gray was well; also, Sister Moss who

lost her mind is all right, but they can't get her out of the asylum because they haven't any money to pay to get her out. Let's pray that the Lord will send her back home to her family. I am corresponding with Sister Smith of Saum, Minn. She has helped me very much spiritually. I dearly love the saints every where. I thank every one very much for their prayers. The dear Lord is blessing much in my home. Continue to pray for us, as we live in a very dark place.

May the dear Lord ever bless all of you is my prayer.
—Katie Marler.

Urbana, Ill.—Greetings to all at Faith Publishing House, and to all the Saints Scattered Abroad:

I feel led to send you a report of the work here in Urbana, also the revival just recently closed with O. B. Wilson of Anthony, Kansas as our evangelistic help.

The Lord gave us a good revival. Souls received help from God and we truly thank God for the way He used Brother Wilson in leading people to the light of the one true Church. It was heard said by many who had not been here before, "We never heard anything like this before."

The revival continued for three weeks with such interest the last night some felt probably we should have had another week. We know from the truth that was preached here there will be great reaping in the future. Bro. T. Z. Lawson of Newcastle, Ind. was with us in the first week of the revival and was blessed and used of God in a wonderful way. He was not feeling well in body when he returned home. He planned to be with us the last Sunday, but was not able to come. Let us all pray for Bro. Lawson that God will heal his body, that he may be spared long upon this earth to preach this wonderful truth. We do thank God for His true ministers and how He led Brother Lawson to us with this truth soon after we had left the sectarian church, not knowing just what to do.

The Lord gave us a wonderful service last Sunday. Much conviction was on the people. Many who attended the revival who had not been here before and those who received light on the one true church are still coming and inviting others to come. We truly thank God for Bro. Wilson. He was at his best here in this revival and we feel he is God's man and in the near future he is going to be granted from the Lord greater opportunities to go out and proclaim this wonderful truth as never before.

We covet the prayers of the saints for the work here. The Lord opened the way for the building to be enlarged, and was ready when the revival started. All the work was donated and some of the material for which we thank God. We are looking forward to greater things from God in this city.

Yours in the One Body, Iva F. Slade (Pastor)

Glendale, Calif.—Dear Saints Scattered Abroad, Greeting: We are so glad to report victory. Today finds us both saved and sanctified, and encouraged to do the will of the Lord.

We found the saints at Glendale and other congregations here in southern California very much alive in Christ—the same pure gospel of truth preached in its fulness, also lived out in the daily lives of the saints just as it is preached and lived in the east. We are very much at home here because of the fellowship with the saints. It was not like moving to a strange place, but just like home. We found Bro. Eugene Harmon teaching and practicing the same Bible truths taught us back home by Bro. and Sis. Wilson, caring for the flock that the Holy Ghost has given him to oversee in the same gentle way.

We are also blessed here at Glendale in having Father and Mother Harmon to instruct us in the way of truth with much holy wisdom from above. We thank the Lord for their holy lives. We thank Him for all the dear saints in light. We praise the Lord for His wonderful love in our hearts that makes us all one in Christ.

We desire your prayers that we live a life pleasing to God, always obeying His word and doing all we can in His service.

Your brother and sister, Rada and Cecil Watkins

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Marshall, Mich.—Dear Bro. Pruitt, Greetings in Jesus' Precious Name: I am glad I can report victory in my soul this evening. It has been quite a while since I have sent in my testimony. I am still fighting in the army of the Lord. We have been having some meetings in our house. The Lord has been blessing us in our frail efforts. One got saved and another claimed to. Bro. John Strong was with us one week. He surely poured the truth down to the line without any compromise. The Lord was with him in the Spirit but he surely suffered in the flesh. Twice we thought the Lord was going to take him home, but as we prayed the Lord would relieve and he would get up and go again. On Sunday he had to give up and go home. I saw him last Sunday and the Lord had wonderfully healed his body and he felt fine. We are still holding prayer meetings in our house. We need your prayers that God will send us a Holy Ghost man here that will be for God's glory.

I am still enjoying the Faith and Victory. The article "God is Merciful" is wonderful and should be noticed especially; also, "Divorce-Marriage." That is a hard thing for many to accept that are brought up under the Trumpet teaching, but even though it is so hard we can't let down on the truth.

Please continue to pray for my unsaved children. Pray for wife and myself, that God will encourage our hearts as we are laboring mostly alone trying to get a work started here. May God bless all

Wm. L. VanZandt.

Newport, Ark.— Dear Bro. Pruitt: Your book, "God's Gracious Dealings" arrived. I have received much help from it. May God bless you for such good work is our daily prayer. I must say that this little book is worth many times the small price it sells for.

Continue to pray for wife and me. We are both bed-fast but some better since we wrote for prayer, praise the dear Lord.

Brother Pruitt, please send me a sample copy of the Faith and Victory and if the Lord will provide the money I will subscribe for it for a year.

Yours in the One Body, I. E. Gray.

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Repentance or Ruin

"Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, every one according to his ways, saith the Lord God. Repent, and turn yourselves from your transgressions; so **iniquity shall not be your ruin.**" (Ezek. 18:30). Iniquity (**sin**) would have been the ruin of Nineveh, **had they not repented** at the preaching of Jonah. But they contributed to the world's history a beautiful example of true penitence, which elicited the abundant mercies to them. This was good. But alas, for the accumulative effects of indwelling sin. According to the chronology of holy writ, about 150 years later, **iniquity was Nineveh's ruin.** Nineveh had again become exceedingly wicked and impenitent, and was visited with a terrible destruction; so that we hear the prophet Nahum (Nah. 3:7) breaking forth in the following language: "Nineveh is laid waste, who shall bemoan her?" According to history, God's wrath against her iniquity was so fierce that practically every trace of her was wiped from the earth.

Kohath, Dathan, and Abiram repented not of the envy and jealousy they harbored against Moses and Aaron on whom the Lord had laid the responsibility of his work. The reader can see a full account of the **ruin** that followed their iniquity given in Num. 16.

In 2 Kings 10 we also have an account under the impetuous King Jehu, of the violent end of the worshippers of Baal. Their **iniquity** (idolatry) working their **ruin.**

Many more similar examples recorded in the Bible could be given. There are a great number of idols today, the **iniquity of which is working the world's ruin**— the car craze, the radio craze, the pleasure craze, the fashion craze, and many other like things which are highly esteemed among men (Lk. 16:15) are looked upon as **iniquity by the Lord** and are going to work the ruin of millions.

Some were telling Jesus of how Pilate had shed the blood of Galileans (Luke 13:1-5), and He said, "Suppose ye that these Galileans were sinners above all the Galileans, because they suffered such things? I tell you, Nay: but **except, ye repent, ye shall ALL**

likewise perish. Or those eighteen upon whom the tower of Siloam fell, and slew them, think ye they were sinners above all men that dwelt in Jerusalem? I tell you, Nay: but **except ye repent, ye shall ALL likewise perish.**" Not only these Bible cases needed repentance; but we must repent of all our sins now or **iniquity will work OUR RUIN!**

If people would **repent so iniquity would not be their ruin,** national and international perplexities would disappear without the intervention of the multitude of political dickering that is of little avail, that has not kept empires from falling and that will not keep our own fair country from the same fate. Yea, it would keep dear souls who had once been wonderfully used of God from turning to the world to the extent that they can go to the beach for promiscuous bathing with young women in disgraceful attire. How appropriate is Ezek. 18:30 for us! All such will just have to repent or **iniquity will be their ruin.**

—J. H. Pierson.

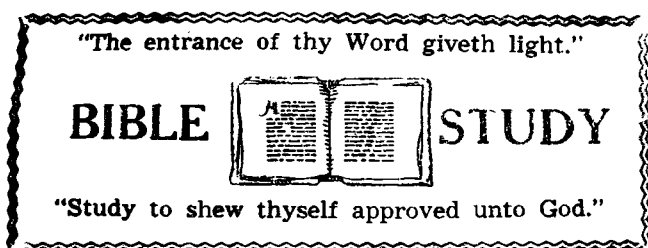
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CHRIST'S COMING IN JUDGMENT

"Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him, and they also which pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him." Rev. 1:7. This scripture has reference to Christ's second and last coming, when He shall come to "judge the quick and the dead"—those who are dead to sin and alive unto God, and the others that are dead in trespasses and sin. The saved and the unsaved shall all see Him. Every eye shall see Him on that great and notable day—they that pierced Him, and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him. This statement takes in all sinners from Adam to Christ's second coming. Every man shall give an account of the deeds done in the body. All that will not accept Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour, and accept, through God's mercy, His spilt blood as a sacrifice or sin offering for the remission or forgiveness of their sins will be numbered with those that pierced Him, and shall wail because of Him, and cry out for the rocks and the mountains to hide them from the face of a just and merciful God.

In John 5:28 we read: "Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in their graves shall hear his voice, and shall come forth; they that have done good unto the resurrection of life: and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation.." In Matt. 25:31-35 we read: "When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory: and before him shall be gathered all nations; and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats: and he shall set the sheep (righteous) on his right hand, but the goats (sinners) on his left.

—R. H. Freeman



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SPREADING THE GOOD NEWS

Sunday, December 3.

Daily Readings and Meditations

Nov. 27 to Dec. 3.

- M. The King's Servants Commissioned Mark 16:14-20
 T. The King's Servants Encouraged Matt. 10:24-33.
 W. The King's Servants Rewarded Matt. 10:34-42.
 T. The Need of Servants John 4:34-38.
 F. Sharing the Missionary Task Isa. 42:1-9.
 S. The Gospel Proclaimed Isa. 40:1-8.
 S. Praise for Jehovah's Mercies Psa. 107:1-9.

Printed Portion Matt. 10:24-39.

24. The disciple is not above his master, nor the servant above his lord.

25. It is enough for the disciple that he be as his master, and the servant as his lord. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebub, how much more shall they call them of his household?

26. Fear them not therefore: for there is nothing covered, that shall not be revealed; and hid that shall not be known.

27. What I tell you in darkness, that speak ye in light; and what ye hear in the ear, that preach ye upon the housetops.

28. And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.

29. Are not two sparrows sold for a farthing? and one of them shall not fall on the ground without your Father.

30. But the very hairs of your head are all numbered.

31. Fear ye not therefore, ye are of more value than many sparrows.

32. Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven.

33. But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in heaven.

34. Think not that I am come to send peace on earth: I came not to send peace, but a sword.

35. For I am come to set a man at variance against his father, and the daughter against her mother, and the daughter-in-law against her mother-

in-law.

36. And a man's foes shall be they of his own household.

37. He that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me: and he that loveth son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me.

38. And he that taketh not his cross, and followeth after me, is not worthy of me.

39. He that findeth his life shall lose it: and he that loseth his life for my sake shall find it.

Golden Text— "Let him that heareth say, Come."

Rev. 22:17.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

Verses 24, 25— A disciple of Christ is one that has been born again and possesses the mind of Christ—not above his master but "in His image." Therefore, he cannot expect better treatment from the world than Christ received. "The world will love it's own;" but "ye are not of the world, even as I am not of the world."

Verses 26-31— Human life seems to have no value to some people when their carnal nature is aroused; but this fact should not keep the Lord's disciples from "declaring the whole council of God." The deed of those who persecute us are all open before God, and He will bring them into judgment. Fear them not, because they can do nothing more than destroy our bodies. Death is not the end.

Verses 32, 33— Those who value their natural life more than eternal life will deny the Lord in some way in order to keep the good will of the world. By such an act they forfeit their claim on Christ as their Mediator and Saviour.

Verses 34-39— Truly, there is a division or gulf between those who possess the spirit of Christ and those who possess the spirit of the world. Those whom we love most are often the first to turn against us when we accept Christ.

Christ gave up His life that we might have eternal life. Even so, we must give up (lose) our lives and live for Christ that others may find Him. He must have our whole heart or He will have none of it. If we love anything more than Him, we are not worthy of Him, and the eternal life which He offers to all who will crucify "self."

REACTIONS TO THE GOOD NEWS

Sunday, December 10.

Daily Readings and Meditations

Dec. 4 to Dec. 10.

- M. The Invitation of the King Matt. 11:25-30.
 T. The Offer of Mercy Ezek. 33:10-16.
 W. A call to Repentance Isa. 55:1-13.
 T. Exhortation to Steadfastness II Pet. 3:8-18.
 F. The Kingdom Refused Matt. 11:16-24.
 S. Believers Become Sons John 1:1-12.
 S. The King's Desire John 17:20-26.

Printed Portion Matt. 11:16-30.

16. But whereunto shall I liken this generation? It is like unto children sitting in the markets, and calling unto their fellows,

17. And saying, We have piped unto you, and ye have not danced; We have mourned unto you, and ye have not lamented.

18. For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, He hath a devil.

19. The Son of man came eating and drinking, and they say, Behold a man gluttonous, and a winebibber, a friend of publicans and sinners. But wisdom is justified of her children.

20. Then began he to upbraid the cities wherein most of his mighty works were done, because they repented not:

21. Woe unto thee, Chorazin! woe unto thee, Bethsaida! for if the mighty works which were done in you, had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes.

22. But I say unto you, It shall be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon at the day of judgment, than for you.

23. And thou, Capernaum, which art exalted unto heaven, shalt be brought down to hell: for if the mighty works, which have been done in thee, had been done in Sodom, it would have remained until this day.

24. But I say unto you, That it shall be more tolerable for the land of Sodom in the day of judgment, than for thee.

25. At that time Jesus answered and said, I thank thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent, and hast revealed them unto babes.

26. Even so, Father: for so it seemed good in thy sight.

27. All things are delivered unto me of my Father: and no man knoweth the Son, but the Father, neither knoweth any man the Father, save the Son, and he to whomsoever the Son will reveal him.

28. Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

29. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls.

30. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

Golden Text—"Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light." Matt. 11:28-30.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

The only objective Jesus had in coming to this world was that the lost might be saved. In today's lesson He marvels at their unbelief and hardness of

heart because, seemingly, all efforts which had been put forth by those sent from God had failed to move them to seek God. Then He began to upbraid them and pronounce woes upon those cities "wherein most of his mighty works were done because they repented not." "He that being often reproved and hardeneth his neck, shall suddenly be destroyed and that without remedy."

Verses 25-30— Jesus expresses His thankfulness to God for the few humble believers to whom could be entrusted the knowledge of God's salvation, which, truly, is hid from "the wise and prudent." Paul said that the preaching of the Gospel was foolishness to the Greeks, who were the learned and cultured people of that day.

Customs and manner of living have changed since Christ's and Paul's time, but hearts ruled by Satan remain the same. The wise and prudent choose to trust in the wisdom of the world rather than to humble their hearts and accept the only way by which they may obtain eternal life. God's people diligently labour for lost souls, and the Lord works with them by His Spirit; but hearts are growing harder, and unbelief is fast enveloping the nations in which many mighty works have been done by the Lord through His people. God's Spirit shall not always strive with man. His mercy shall change to severity and wrath.

In conclusion Jesus gives a touching invitation to the lost who are burdened with guilt and weary of the way which leads to death to come to Him for pardon which brings rest to the soul.

PARABLES OF THE KINGDOM

Sunday, December 17.

Daily Readings and Meditations

Dec. 11 to Dec. 17.

- M. The Kingdom a Treasure Matt. 13:44-46.
- T. Sowing the Seed of the Kingdom Matt. 13:1-9.
- W. How the Kingdom Grows Matt. 13:31-35.
- T. Reaping in Joy Psa. 126:1-6.
- F. Reaping What we Sow Gal. 6:1-10.
- S. Fruits of Good Seed Gal. 5:22-26.
- S. The Sure Harvest Eccl. 11:1-8.

Printed Portion Matt. 13:3-8, 31-33, 44-46.

3. And he spake many things unto them in parables, saying, Behold, a sower went forth to sow;

4. And when he sowed, some seeds fell by the way side, and the fowls came and devoured them up:

5. Some fell upon stony places, where they had not much earth: and forthwith they sprung up, because they had no deepness of earth:

6. And when the sun was up they were scorched; and because they had no root, they withered away.

7. And some fell among thorns; and the thorns sprung up, and choked them:

8. But other fell into good ground, and brought forth fruit, some an hundred fold, some sixtyfold, some thirtyfold.

9. Who hath ears to hear let him hear.

31. Another parable put he forth unto them, saying, The Kingdom of heaven is like to a grain of mustard seed, which a man took, and sowed in his field:

32. Which indeed is the least of all seeds: but when it is grown, it is the greatest among herbs, and becometh a tree, so that the birds of the air come and lodge in the branches thereof.

33. Another parable spake he unto them: The kingdom of heaven is like unto leaven, which a woman took, and hid in three measures of meal, till the whole was leavened.

34. All these things spake Jesus unto the multitude in parables, and without a parable spake he not unto them:

44. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto treasure hid in a field; the which when a man hath found, he hideth, and for joy thereof goeth and selleth all that he hath, and buyeth that field.

45. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto a merchantman, seeking goodly pearls:

46. Who, when he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had, and bought it.

Golden Text— "Incline your ear, and come unto me; hear, and your soul shall live." Isa. 55:3.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

The Lord explained the meaning of the parable of the sower to His disciples. Read Matt. 13:18-23. Ask yourself this question: Is my heart good soil for the gospel or are there some stones there which hinders the growth of the gospel seeds? It is a lamentable fact that of all the multitudes that hear the gospel, only a few bring forth fruit unto perfection. The seed of the kingdom can never produce much fruit in any heart until the "Good Sower" removes all stones (shallowness), weeds and thorns (the cares of this life). We cannot fully remove these things from our own hearts; but we must be willing and desirous that the "Good Sower" remove them from our heart's garden.

Verses 44-46— Jesus said, "The kingdom of heaven is within you" (God's people); and in this parable He leaves instructions for those who wish to become citizens of the Kingdom:

1. Like a treasure **hid** in a field—

"Your sins have **hid** his face from you." (Isa. 59:2). "The god of this world (Satan) hath **blinded** the minds of them that believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them." (2 Cor. 4:4).

2. When a man hath found—

"And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with **all your heart**." (Jer. 29:13).

3. He hideth—

"Thy word have I **hid** in my heart, that I might not sin against thee" (Psa 119:11).

4. For joy goeth and selleth all that he hath—

"Whosoever he be of you that forsaketh not all that he hath, he cannot be my disciple." (Lk. 14:33).

Paul said, "I have suffered the loss of all things that I might win Christ."

THE CHILD AND THE KINGDOM (Christmas Lesson)

Sunday, December 24.

Daily Readings and Meditations
Dec. 18 to Dec. 24.

- M. The Birth of the King Matt. 1:18-25.
- T. The Child in the Kingdom Matt. 18:1-6.
- W. The King Blesses Children Matt. 19:13-15.
- T. A Child Saved for a Kingdom Ex. 2:1-10.
- F. A Child Dedicated to a Kingdom 1 Sam. 1:21-28.
- S. Children Praising the King Matt. 21:12-17.
- S. The Holy King Psa. 99:1-9.

Printed Portion—... Matt. 1:18-25; 18:1-6; 19:13-15.

18. Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost.

19. Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not willing to make her a public example, was minded to put her away privily.

20. But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife; for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost.

21. And she shall bring forth a son and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins.

22. Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying,

23. Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel; which being interpreted is, God with us.

24. Then Joseph, being raised from sleep, did as the angel of the Lord had bidden him, and took unto him his wife:

25. And knew her not till she had brought forth her firstborn son: and he called his name JESUS.

18:1. At the same time came the disciples unto Jesus, saying, Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?

2. And Jesus called a little child unto him, and set him in the midst of them.

3. And said, Verily I say unto you, Except ye be

converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven.

4. Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

5. And whoso shall receive one such little child in my name receiveth me.

6. But whoso shall offend one of these little ones which believe in me, it were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and that he were drowned in the depth of the sea.

19:13. Then were there brought unto him little children, that he should put his hands on them, and pray: and the disciples rebuked them.

14. But Jesus said, Suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me: for of such is the kingdom of heaven.

15. And he laid his hands on them, and departed thence.

Golden Text— "A little child shall lead them."

Isa.11:6.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

Christmas season is here again. Whether we have done much or little or regardless of our spiritual condition, whether we are unsaved, discouraged or have complete victory, time continues on, eternity moves up closer and closer. Our life here will soon be an event of the past. The deeds that we have done shall determine our destiny and we will have taken up our eternal abode, either in the beautiful place prepared for us or in the place prepared for the devil and his angels, "where the worm dieth not and the fire is not quenched." May the Lord help us to apply our hearts unto wisdom and as we commemorate this birth of our Saviour, may we be able to say that we have accomplished more for the Lord this year than any in the past.

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FRIENDS AND FOES OF THE KINGDOM

Sunday, December 31.

Daily Readings and Meditations

Dec. 25 to Dec. 31.

- M. An Unfriendly Community Matt. 13:54-58.
- T. An Unfriendly King Matt. 14:1-4.
- W. Friends of the Kingdom Matt. 15:29-31.
- T. A Friendly Family Luke 10:38-42.
- F. Jesus Answers Unfriendly Critics Mark 11:27-33
- S. Evidence of Friendliness Matt. 10:5-15.
- S. Frindship With the King John 15:5-14.

Printed Portion.....Matt. 13:54—14:4; 15:29-31.

13:54. And when he was come into his own country he taught them in their synagogue, insomuch that they were astonished, and said, Whence hath this man this wisdom, and these mighty works?

55. Is not this the carpenter's son? is not his mother called Mary? and his brethren, James, and Joses, and Simon, and Judas?

56. And his sisters, are they not all with us? Whence then hath this man all these things?

57. And they were offened in him. But Jesus said unto them, A prophet is not without honor, save in his own country, and in his own house.

58. And he did not many mighty works there because of their unbelief.

14:1 At that time Herod the tetrarch heard of the fame of Jesus,

2. And said unto his servants, This is John the Baptist; he is risen from the dead; and therefore mighty works do show forth themselves in him.

3. For Herod had laid hold on John, and bound him, and put him in prison for Herodias' sake, his brother Philip's wife.

4. For John said unto him, It is not lawful for thee to have her.

15:29. And Jesus departed from thence, and came nigh unto the sea of Galilee; and went up into a mountain, and sat down there.

30. And great multitudes came unto him, having with them those that were lame, blind, dumb, maimed, and many others, and cast them down at Jesus' feet; and he healed them:

31. Insomuch that the multitude wondered, when they saw the dumb to speak, the maimed to be whole, the lame to walk, and the blind to see: and they glorified the God of Israel.

Golden Text— "Ye are my friends if ye do whatsoever I command you." —John 15:14.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

As this is the closing lesson of the year, let us be sure to apply the truth taught.

Jesus said, "He that is not for me is against me." Inasmuch as we fail to believe or accept any part of God's word, we are against him to that extent. Of course, we would not drive the nails to crucify the Saviour, but if we neglect an opportunity of helping, or cause one of His little ones to stumble, we have done it unto him. When one becomes acquainted with the Saviour, how glad they are to carry the gospel to their home community that they too might find Jesus.

In our lesson today, we find Jesus again at Nazareth teaching and doing many miracles, only to be turned down again.

We need not marvel if we meet opposition today because the same combined forces of Satan are arrayed against good and right.

The latter portion of our lesson gives us a beautiful picture of Jesus having compassion on the people, and manifesting His great power and love unto those that would show faith in Him. Thank God for a tender, loving Saviour to help us.