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New Year Patches

"No man putteth a piece of new cloth unto an old garment; for that which is put in to fill it up taketh from the garment, and the rent is made worse."—Matt. 9:16.

Making resolutions,
Starting life anew—
Enthusiastic menders
Toil the whole night thru
Patching up old garments,
In the past they've torn;
Then with well-meant patches
Greet the New Year's Morn.

Holes are then all mended
Perfectly—they think;
But ere the first day passes,
Hopes begin to sink;
For they soon discover
That their garments old
Have been worn so thread-bare
Patches will not hold.

Vain are human efforts,
Good lives to begin—
Self-created righteousness
Only makes more sin.
Mending up the old life
Ne'er will make it right—
Such is nought but filthy rags
In the Saviour's sight.

Jesus has new garments,
Free from spot or rent,
Which He gives to sinners
If they will repent.
Patch no more the old one,
Start the New Year right—
Ask Him for a new one
Free from sinful blight.

—G. Bailey.

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Picture of Human Religion

The world is full of human religion, and, judged from the New Testament standpoint, great multitudes who profess to be Christians seem to have only been galvanized by human ecclesiastical methods into a sort of mechanical Christianity, with whom the first principles of a divine life seem utterly unknown. The more intimately we become acquainted with God, the more delicately and sharply we can distinguish the shades of human character and the lines of truth and error. There are moments of great spiritual vision in which we seem to look out from our heavenly Father's bosom, through the luminous atmosphere of his presence, upon the peoples and nations of the earth, and upon different shades of nominal Christianity, like great outspread plains stretching far off in the gloom, with here and there a hill-top, made a little brighter by its elevation in the glimmering starlight, and our minds are stretched with great questions as to the destiny of these surging millions, and our hearts ache with inexpressible pity and longing to rescue all we can. In our utter helplessness the tears flow and the prayers ascend that the precious right hand, that was pierced with the nail, would be stretched out to save as many as possible. And amid the pitiful condition of things, it is more pitiable to see the myriads of professed Christians, headed by throngs of eloquent, cultured, ease-loving, self-seeking preachers, who are only playing at religion. In the light of eternity, the great bulk of professed Christians are like little children who play that they are gladiators, with rolls of paper for swords and little kittens for lions. And the worst of it is, so many who seem to be real, sincere Christians are blinded and misled by this human religion, and seem to think that out-and-out holiness, and a life of real self-sacrifice, is carrying religion a little too far.

Human religion has a great many marks about it. It depends upon human means, and resorts to the tactics of the creature, to the skill, the planning, the wire-pulling, not to say the downright trickery of unregenerate human nature. It is managed by committees, majorities, votes, resolutions, influential persons and man-made legislation. The human

religion is born of ecclesiastical assemblies, ecumenical conferences, and parliaments of the world's religions. It must live on big things, large churches, great preachers, fine music, esthetic culture, college diplomas, stained-glass dignity, churchly starch, ministerial pomposity, and high-sounding titles. It preaches human progress, the glory of man, the inventions of the age, the telegraph, the steamship, the diving-bell, the phonograph, submarine cables, vestibule trains, oil wells, mines, meteorology of shooting stars, the weather reports, the anatomy of a fly's wing, the X-ray, the splendor of poetry, the brilliance of college training. These are the things that fill the human mind of human religion, and are forever dropping in silvery accents from its voluble tongue. It goes in for shows and noise, and making startling effects, whether it be a funeral, a picnic, a wedding, a brass band revival, sacramental service, a baptismal performance, a church dedication, or laying a corner stone (in which it calls to its aid the abominations of secret lodges), or in gathering of its legislative bodies, or in the publishing of its church literature, or in striking attitudes in the pulpit; whatever it does it must swell and show off, because unlike God's appointed feasts, it lives on leaven bread, and is full of yeast, therefore, it must puff, swell, and strut. This is the stuff that is palmed off on the world as the religion of the meek and lowly Jesus, who went about weeping, casting out demons, and transforming wretched lives.

Human religion must needs be hedged in by all sorts of human wickerwork, social coteries, circles of old friends, social seats, and ecclesiastical rings. People who have human religion must needs be held together like the staves of a barrel—by outside hoops and bandages. Such persons cannot stand alone with God. One single frosty morning of misfortune, or great distress, will wither its fair flowers and thousands of such religionists combined into one could not endure for one hour the cyclone of desolation that swept around Job. This is why persons, who have human religion, when they leave their social church circles and are thrown on the rough waves of the world, flounder and throw away their religion, because it was not centered in their hearts, but only put on. It was like a house plant, and had to be nursed by prosperity, human friendships, and narrow earthly loves, and when these things are stripped from it, the roof is taken from off its head, and it can not live in the great universal out doors of God's kingdom.

A preacher with human religion must be flattered, puffed in the papers, and voted for as delegate to his sectarian church assemblages. He needs toasting with invitations to big dinners, carriage drives in the park, summer vacations, and winter trips to a warm clime. He must needs have presents and religious bonbons, and if he were peeled down to

old-fashioned primeval vicissitudes, to walk with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, with no cable to hold him but faith in God, all his religion would likely evaporate. Church members who have human religion must receive many attentions from their pastors and other church members. They must be coaxed to attend prayer meetings, politely bowed to half a square away; they must be visited for every headache; their whims must be consulted; they have sore toes that are easily trampled on; they either want to be excused from taking part in religious services, or else want to be invited to take the lead.

Is there anything so abominable as human religion? Its very prayers are stuffed full of humanism, and various forms of self. This human religion is always anxious about results. It knows nothing about living faith. It is always in a fever about good collections, about having the sermon take well, the hymn to be nicely rendered, and the prayer meeting to pass off smoothly. It does not have a giant's tread, but walks as if on eggs. It is overcautious, easily frightened, full of compromise, uses human policy as a substitute for divine love, just as the tower builders of Babel used mudshine as a substitute for lime plaster.

When human religion gets up a revival, it must have from five to twenty churches of heterogenous creeds and sectarian bodies go into a great union effort. It must have a mammoth choir, with great musical instruments, and many preachers and multiplied committees, and each committee headed by some banker, judge, mayor, or millionaire's wife. It signs cards as a substitute for the broken-hearted cry of scriptural repentance. It must count its converts by the hundreds in a few days' meetings. It must apologize for natural depravity, and plead for its existence in soul till death, and by professing to lop off a few big branches of sin, it only feeds and fastens the monster of heart corruption at the very center of the soul.

Human religion thinks it will conquer the world: it denies holiness, ignores the omnipotent, personal agency of the Holy Ghost, steers clear of all divine manifestations, is terrified at the supernatural in grace, discounts personal testimony, is afraid of weeping, is terrified at a hallelujah, and thinks that the sobs of the penitent should be stifled with a lavender-scented handkerchief.

Human religion curls its lips at holiness, caricatures divine healing, antagonizes the coming of Jesus, thinks the world is growing beautifully better, puts out-ward reformation for soul-salvation, runs off on lines of humanitarianism as a substitute for the indwelling Holy Spirit, and is forever forming itself into fresh organizations of "leagues," "endeavors," and "boys' brigades." It is an ease-loving, jovial, fun-making, fun-loving, superficial thing. Its motives are bounded by time. All its enterprises

have an atmosphere of earthliness about them. It despises the day of small things, and scorns little, humble people and lonely ways. It is eager to jump to the height of prosperity. It is domineering and popish in its assertions over the poor, and yet, at the same time, cringes like a puppy before the rich and the great ones. Its music has no pathos in it, its laughter lacks divine cheerfulness, its worship lacks supernatural love, its prayers bring down no huge answers, it works no miracles, calls forth no criticism from the world, and it has no light of eternity in its eye. It is a poor, sickly thing, born of the union of the heart of the world with the head of Christian theology—a mongrel, bastard thing, with a back-slidden church for its mother and the world for its father. This human religion will be everlastingly wrecked at the appearance of Jesus. Woe to the human being who has human religion! —G.D. Watson

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The Two Gates, or Doors

Jesus told Peter, "And upon this Rock I will build my Church: and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it" Matt. 16:18.

It is a question with many as to what those gates are. Where are they located? Why are they of hell?

Let us first look into the word of God and see what the door or gate to heaven is. If we can get the door or gate to heaven properly located and understood, then we ought to, by the word, find out what the gates of hell constitute, or represent.

After Abraham had been faithful to obey God in being willing to sacrifice upon the altar the dearest that earth held for him, God blessed him and among other things he said, "Thy seed shall possess the gate of his enemies" Gen. 22:17.

The seed he referred to was Christ. Jesus had many enemies and He was the door or gate that opened heaven to men and those people that hated him and were his enemies would have to come in at the Gate, or door, and abide in Him, if they would get into heaven. Jesus says, "I am the door; by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out and find pasture" John 10:8. In the first verse he says, "He that climbeth up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber." The Pharisees of which we have many today, were trying to go to heaven on their "Self-righteousness," but Jesus classed them as thieves and robbers.

When we look further concerning the gate to heaven we find that it includes the saints of God, those who are in Christ, for we become a part of the body and are the children or seed of Abraham by faith. Paul says, "We are members of his body, of his flesh, and of his bones." Eph. 5:30.

In the first chapter Paul tells us that God gave

Jesus to be "the head over all things to the Church, which is his body, the fullness of him that filleth all in all." We see by this that the saved people that are abiding in Him are his body the church, and therefore they are the gate that leads to heaven and to God. There is only one gate that leads to heaven, and that gate is Christ and his seed, which constitute the Church of God, the seed of Abraham. Of this church, Jesus said that the gates (notice it is in the plural number) of hell shall not prevail against it (singular number). Though there be many gates of hell, they have never prevailed against the Church of God, the seed of Abraham, and never shall prevail against her.

When Jacob dreamed, he saw a ladder set up on the earth which was a figure of the Church of God. He said the top of it reached to heaven—thank God, a part of the Church is in heaven. Paul said, "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" Eph. 3:14. Jacob saw the "angels of God ascending and descending on it" Gen. 28:12. Paul tells us in Heb. 12:22 that we that are saved have come unto mount Sion (a metaphor of the Church), and to the city of the living God (a metaphor of the Church) the heavenly Jerusalem (a metaphor of the Church) and to an innumerable company of angels." Jacob saw these angels, and he also said the Lord stood above it (singular). When Jacob awakened out of his sleep, he said, "Surely the Lord was in this place, and I knew it not." He was afraid, and said, "how dreadful is this place! this is none other but the House of God (a metaphor of the Church of God), this is the gate (singular) of heaven." He makes it clear that the Church is the gate of heaven.

Jesus says, "Enter ye in at the strait gate" Matt. 7:13. I believe that we have given sufficient proof by the scriptures that Jesus is the gate or door leading to heaven and we that are saved and abide in Him constitute his body the Church; therefore all who get to heaven must enter in at the gate, the body of Christ, become a member of the family of God by spiritual birth, which is the Church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth.

If the gate of heaven is set up on the earth, which we have found to be so, then we can also look for the gates of hell to be here on the earth, also. Jesus said, "The gates of hell shall not prevail against it." They must be exerting much power and influence to prevail against the Church, or it would have been unnecessary for Jesus to speak in this manner.

Satan has certainly cleverly organized and arranged competition in the form of churches to decoy unsuspecting souls into his gates, which are the gates of hell.

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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."

FAITH PUBLISHING HOUSE

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EDITORIALS

Some are asking questions about the "Faith Publishing House" as to who we are, and it seems pleasing to the Spirit to make some statements.

Some think that we are "Herald of Truth" people; but this is not altogether true, for we were never associated with them while they were publishing their paper, and the remains of their publishing work was turned over to another publishing company, and not us. It is true that we were well acquainted with the Herald of Truth Publishing Co. while it existed, and also personally acquainted with a great many of those who composed the company. We are still acquainted with them and know where many of them are and what they are doing. Some of those leaders have taken up with strange fanatical ideas and have a small bunch of frightened sheep under their club. Others have fought hard under a fanatical strain and went down. Others have softened up to the world and are following the line of least resistance, finding much favor with the drifting, compromising religious factions in this "far country"; while others have held steady in the Lord, in the sweetness of the Spirit of Christ, abiding in Him alone, and the Light of heaven is shining out of them as a "City set on a hill, that cannot be hid;" and "glorious things are spoken of thee, O, city of God."

The Faith and Victory publishers stand squarely and clearly for all the teachings of Christ and the apostles, and are just as radical as they were in declaring the truth and denouncing error and evil works, and at the same time have great compassion, long-suffering, and forbearance with the weak and those seeking after light and truth. We have no organization or church for you to join. We contend that every one that will clear themselves from the world and all man-made religions and abide alone in Him will have sweet fellowship together, made so by the Holy Spirit dwelling in each heart; for He "sets the members in the body as it pleases him;" and each one functioning in their proper place in the body will not allow for any friction and division. They will be working with Him or will be workers together with Him and all will be peace and harmony, no strife for vain glory, but righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost will be the inevitable result.

Your servant has never been guilty of joining any of the "citizens of this country" although Satan through his clever agent tried hard to form us into one in our early experiences with the Lord. God frustrated his plans and gave us boldness to tell Satan's agent that we wanted to be led by the Spirit of God, and as we continued to be led by His Spirit, the forming that Satan was doing soon came to naught.

If you want to know more about the writer and about the Faith Publishing House, send 25 cents in coin or stamps and secure the book entitled, "God's Gracious Dealings," which will tell you how we lived before we were saved, how the Lord saved us, how he called us into the ministry, how he led us into the printing work, and how he has sent us to preach the gospel in twenty different states, also reached nearly all the world by the printed page.

While there are some that we love and hold to that are being allured toward the world, and others that have not full understanding of the truth; yet, by His grace, we shall not be moved to the wrong or darkness by those for Christ is our head, guide, and teacher. There are others that are going along who hold the truth in unrighteousness, and we know that God will have a way of separating them when He has borne it long enough, and we are confident that the true Church of God will shine more and more unto the perfect day, and the "gates of hell shall not prevail against it." Matt. 16:18. She is a visible working force in the world and yet is not of the world for her life is from heaven, her King is above, and her citizenship is there. Christ is the Founder, Builder, and Governor of the true Church of God (Isa. 9:6) and each member is a "lively stone" in the building (1 Peter 2:5). She does not conform to the world in spirit, and therefore, not in dress, customs, nor human ecclesiastical leaders or man organized bodies (Rom. 12:2). She is a distinct, divine-organized working force of heaven-born souls (John 3:5). They are dead and their lives are hid with Christ in God, that when He appears they may also appear with Him in glory (Col. 3:2, 4).

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Since putting out the last Faith and Victory paper, the writer with other saints has held a two weeks' meeting at a school house five miles in the country. The interest was good throughout the entire meeting. Some souls claimed salvation and others rejoiced in the truth. We were much encouraged for the Lord truly did give message after message, night after night, and gave good liberty to teach the vital truths of the Bible and those who attended showed great interest in the truths and showed honesty of heart in having much love for the truth. God favored us to the extent that the people there, generally speaking, show a warmth of love toward us and make us welcome to return.

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While in the meeting every night, we also had much work to do in the printing office through the day. We have the type for the Gospel of St. John set up, but as we are so busy getting out the January paper, and the Assembly Meeting is coming on, we shall not get to print the booklets until in January, 1940. We would love, also, for the Lord to supply more means for this booklet so while we

have it on the press we could print a good large supply, for there are many precious souls who need this booklet and are waiting for it. We have had many calls already for this booklet, the Gospel of St. John. It may be that God will move on someone else to send in fifty dollars for the printing of this booklet before we put it on the press. Surely, this would be a good investment for those who have some of the Lord's money.

Pray for us, dear brethren, as we mean to follow Him all the way and do His will at any cost. We have great responsibility in a work like this and much money is needed to keep every phase of the work moving on in a way that He may be in it, and that precious souls may not be denied the truth. Please think of us when you pray.

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OBITUARIES

Hiram Taylor, son of Harve and Nancy Taylor, was born in Ray County Mo. April 15, 1851 and departed this life December 10, 1939 at the age of 88 years, 7 months, and 25 days.

The early years of his life were spent in herding cattle in Kans. and the Cherokee strip.

He was married to Mary Catherine Worthwine at Savannah, Mo. on Nov. 7, 1875. To this union seven sons and seven daughters were born, two sons having preceded him in death.

In 1889 he and his family came to Oklahoma and settled on a homestead five miles southeast of Guthrie. Together, they shared the hardships and privations of pioneer, homestead life. In 1916 he moved to Guthrie, and lived there until two years ago. Since that time he has made his home with his children.

Bro. Taylor, his wife who died eight years ago, and a number of the family were saved and became affiliated with the Church of God at Guthrie, Okla.

He has left to mourn their loss, his children: Thomas, Arthur, Jewel, and Sam Taylor of Guthrie; Jack Taylor of Wichita Kans.; Mrs. Onie Kiespert, and Mrs. Mayme Mahnke of Guthrie; Mrs. Mabel Parry of Wichita, Kans.; Mrs. Isabel Ramsey of Los Angeles, Calif.; Mrs. Grace Mahnke, and Mrs. Lizzie Phillips of Ponca City, Okla.; and Mrs. Mina Schneider of Cushing, Okla. Besides these, he is survived by 43 grandchildren, 26 great-grandchildren and a host of friends.

A large assembly of people gathered to pay their respects to this aged and well known and honored man who had lived here so long.

Funeral services was conducted by Fred Pruitt, Text: Job 14 : 14. The remains was laid to rest in the family Cemetery of Guthrie.

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Sister Susie Kriebel, born in Montgomery County, Penna. April 29, 1856, died Nov. 30, 1939, 3:40 a. m. at the age of 83 years, 8 months, and 1 day. She has

lived in Los Angeles about 18 years. She accepted the truth of the evening light at the time Bro. Warner was preaching. She lived a consistent Christian life and was loved by all the saints, putting forth every effort to make her peace, calling, and election sure. She trusted the Lord fully for the healing of her body until called from labor to reward.

Services by G. E. Harmon and L. E. Davy.

Text: Rev. 14:13, with its correlative scriptures.

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PRAYER REQUESTS

Mrs. Ruth Palmer asks for her stepdaughter's husband. He is very sick, not expected to live. He is in the hospital at Clinton, Okla. He needs healing and to be saved.

Pray for Bro. Hollaway of Okla. He has been in bed 71 days and coughs badly. He wants to be sanctified and healed. His little children need him.

Pray for Mr. Bolinger of Ark. He is unsaved and has a bad cancer.



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these books to any address in the United States for 35 cents post paid, or three books for one dollar. These books will make a good gift to any one who likes good soul food. Send and get one or more to hand out. We also have some of the 1938 books left, which we will send for 25 cents each.

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MEETING REPORT

The meeting at the Watson school, beginning on the second Sunday night of Oct. lasting throughout the third Sunday, was a success from start to finish. The word of God went forth with great power. One soul was saved, and many saw the light as never before.

The saints were much encouraged.

On the 28th day of Oct. another two night's meeting was held. It was also a blessing for lost souls. I thank the Lord for sending out His hunters and fishermen.

Ministers present were Bro. L. L. Jackson, Sis. Frances Bell, and Sister Edwards of Okmulgee, Okla. God used them for His glory. The saints present enjoyed the feast from Father's table.

Yours in the One Body,

Lizzie Murdock.

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THE TWO GATES, OR DOORS

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Let us read what Jesus says, "Woe unto you scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye compass sea and land to make one proselyte; and when he is made, ye make him twofold more the child of hell than yourselves" Matt. 23:15. Now, there is no question but that in Jesus' time that the organized sects, so-called churches, were the gates of hell that he referred to that would not be able to prevail against the true Church. It is also plain to see that when they got souls in there they were on the way to hell. Satan does his most clever fighting against God and his people under a cloak of religion. We often hear the ministers of the numerous sect churches of our day saying, "We will now open the door of the Church." Large numbers are going in at the gates of the sects today, for blind, unsuspecting souls are decoyed into them by the thousands and yet they have not, and are not, and will not prevail against the true Church of God or tabernacle which the Lord pitched, and not man. Heb. 8:2.

I have heard folks say that they thought it was fine that we had so many churches of different beliefs and doctrines, for every one can find one that suits his or her belief and join it.

How clever Satan is in fixing up an easy way for everyone. Old Satan has them here all right, and even has so-called holiness churches for them to get into; also some that he calls "Church of God." He just has any brand and kind you want and unsus-

pecting and unlearned souls do not seem to know that his churches are the gates of hell. Once you get in there he so poisons the soul with false teaching and wresting of the scriptures that one gets into a stupor or daze, and if the Spirit of God tries to convict them then, Satan will whisper to them, "You are all right, you belong to the Church," thus the poor soul is lulled to sleep again and travels on toward hell with a profession of religion.

The Spirit of God is in the world, and he is faithful to convict souls of their need of getting right with God, and just as soon as they become alarmed a little, Satan has his agents on hands to invite them to "join our church," promising them life and heaven in the end when in reality it is a gate-way to hell.

When the prodigal took his Father's goods and went into a far country (Luke 15:13) (A far country represents people far away from God), he soon experienced a famine in that country, and he was in want. He awoke to the fact that his soul was starving to death. In his desperate condition he went and joined himself to a citizen of that country. (These sects are citizens of this country). The citizenship of the saints, the truly saved people, is in heaven, and they are not of this world, even as Christ and the disciples were not of this world. He was sent out to feed swine (people with dirty, filthy, hoggish souls). He would fain have filled his belly with that which the swine did eat (with that which his soul preferred not). Being in this condition, he finally came to himself and began to look to the Father, and with a repenting heart he came out of that thing, confessed his awful sin directly to the Father, and found great mercy and compassion. He came into the true Church of God in the true way, which is by repentance and faith in God, and the Father took him to the house, put shoes on his feet, a ring on his hand and brought forth the best robe and put it on him. He made a new creature out of him, for he said that he "was dead, and is alive again; and was lost, and is found."

Dear soul, you who have been decoyed into some sect, there is hope for you if you will come to yourself and will hear the voice of God calling for you. Read the latter part of the sixth chapter of 2 Cor. The voice of God through the scriptures is calling for you to "Come out from among them," do not touch nor abide there and he will receive you. He will be a Father unto you and you can be his son or daughter. God has never told us to join ourselves to the citizens of this country, but to join Him alone, just abide in him.

Babylon is a symbol of confusion, and certainly these multiplied sects with their different doctrines and teachings are a mess of confusion. God is calling to souls in them, saying through John the Revelator: "Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become (already) the habitation of devils, and the

hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird." Rev. 18:2. In the fourth verse he says, "And I heard another voice from heaven saying, Come out of her my people, that ye be not partaker of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues."

If you are in there and you really love the Lord, the true God, this voice is to you.

The scriptures say, "Hell has enlarged herself" (Isa. 5:14); and it seems so in these last days, for thousands upon thousands are going in at her gates and many that once had light and knowledge have cunningly been deceived and Satan has woven a sect around them and have them in his slimy pen. But for all this, the gates of hell are not prevailing against the true Church of the living God, for there are some who will not join the "citizens of this country," but will abide only in Him and keep separated from this old sin-cursed world. Their life is from God out of heaven; and that life, which is the Holy Spirit in the soul, will put on a glorified body and live with God forever. —Fred Pruitt.

CORRESPONDENCE

Natchitoches, La.—Bro. and Sister Pruitt, Greetings of love to all: The Lord is wonderfully blessing me. I still have a mind to live for Him and pray through. This is a wonderful blessing in these last days. If I have nothing else in this world but this, it is all I need. Praise our Lord for it all!

This morning while reading in the book of Amos 8:11-13, it made me truly thankful for the Lord, also my heart was grieved for lost souls, especially my neighbors for whom I feel a special concern. It seems like this time is approaching fast from what I understand it. Dear saints, I am having a hard fight with Satan and his works. Please remember me in prayer at all times, that the Lord will make me strong to bear whatever He wants me to bear, and that I may acknowledge Him in all my ways that He may direct my path. May the Lord ever bless all workers in His gospel at the printing shop, and elsewhere, and give great encouragement, is my prayer. Sidonia Benjamin.

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ, and unsaved Friends: I want to tell you what the Lord has done for me. I am glad I turned from sin and sought the Lord. He saved me from sin, and healed my heart that was broken and sad on account of sin. The enemy of my soul had me bound down, trying to make me think I had to sin, and that there was no way out of it. But the dear Lord understood my heart and knew the longing there was to be free. He gave me hope, and I felt there was some way. When I decided I was going to turn from sin no matter what I had to bear, the Lord was ready to help me. When I wanted salvation more than any

thing else in the world, He saved my soul and gave me peace. He healed my heart that sin had broken and gave me deliverance from sin. Dear ones, I never can do enough to repay the dear Lord for what He has done for me. If anyone reads this who is sad in sin and discouraged; do not despair. Take hope and courage, Jesus is ready to keep you. He is a friend to everyone. No matter what your trouble may be, Jesus knows, cares and understands all your sorrows. He came to heal the broken hearted. (Luke 4:18.). Come to Him and He will change your heart and life and make you a new creature (2 Cor. 5:17). The trials, persecutions, and all we bear when living for the Lord are nothing compared to the sorrows and troubles that sin brings, for we have Jesus to help and comfort us. I have trusted the Lord for soul and body ever since He saved me, which was Dec. 13, 1920, when a little past twelve years of age. I have had trials, persecutions, and afflictions but through all I have trusted Him and He has always given me strength. No matter how dark things may seem, or what may come across our pathway, Jesus is always near to help the child of God, and has promised we will never have more than we can bear. Dear, brothers and sisters, be encouraged. When all looks dark, then we can look for help from above. He can then teach us to depend alone on Him.

The Lord healed me this summer. I suffered so much with my stomach and head. Sometimes I could hardly go about my work and part of the time I was too sick to work. I wrote for prayer, and the Lord has wonderfully healed me. I am thankful for the prayers of God's children. I still suffer in some ways though, and ask all of you to pray for me to be healed of all afflictions; also that the Lord will direct my life.

We had a good meeting here this fall. Brother Geo. Stephenson preached the truth straight and plain, and in love to lost souls. We know the Lord sent him. Three precious souls claimed salvation. Pray for souls here, and that His ministers be sent here again to teach more of the truth to souls.

May the Lord bless and encourage His children, and may the unsaved be encouraged to come to the Lord is my prayer.

A Sister in Christ,

Becky Brown.

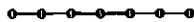
Orlando, Fla.—Dear Brother Pruitt: The good Lord bless you abundantly in soul and body and let the work of God continually go on from your office and many souls be brought to Him. The Lord is still with us, and He helps us through all tests and trials which are surely many. I was sick for a few months and my mind gave away. I could hardly remember anything. First I got it in my legs, in such a way that when I would drive to Orlando I was not able to walk one block without resting, so I had my

brother who lives twelve miles from us to go the same day and do my shopping for me. We kept on praying and holding on to God. I opened the Bible and read Isa. 57:18 where the good Lord says: "I have seen his ways, and will heal him." This encouraged me and I thanked the Lord for it. He healed me the same day. The next day I went to the city. My brother, Emil, was waiting for me. I stepped out of the car and went with him. He looked and did not know what to say. I told him that the dear Lord had healed me and he could not deny it, but my body was so weak that I could not do any work. Then I read in Isa. 58:8, "Then shall thy light break forth as the morning and thine health shall spring forth speedily." Praise the good Lord, He fulfilled his word exactly as he said. I shall never forget this as long as he lendeth me breath. But I have a poor tomach and we have been praying so long already but I can not get the victory over it. Whatever I eat will not stay with me. Help us pray that he dear Lord will deliver me from this sickness.

We have been praying that the dear Lord will take us out of here. We prayed for the Lord to send us a buyer so we could sell, and surely enough the good Lord sent us a man who bought the place.

Yours all for the Lord,

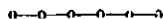
Fred Stahnke



Boley, Okla.—To the Saints Scattered Abroad: This leaves me saved with a desire in my heart to live for God. The Lord is all I need in this life. A few weeks ago, I was blessed to motor to my native home with my father and sister, down in the extreme southern part of Alabama. While there, I lived for God. The Lord gave us a safe trip to and fro, a distance of 3800 miles. My father is saved and testified to the Lord's healing power.

While away, I attended a meeting. They are all busy working for God. It put a deep stir in my heart to come back and do more for the Lord than I have ever done before. Pray for me, that I will ever do whatever my hands find to do.

Your saved sister in the one faith, Ora Allen.



Dear Sister Pruitt and the Dear People of God, May I Greet Each and Every One of You in Jesus' Dear Name: Today finds me still saved and doing my best to dig deeper every day. I just want to tell you how God has heard and answered prayer for me. Two weeks ago I had a very bad sick spell. Husband insisted on sending for the doctor. To keep from trying him I consented. He doesn't understand the Bible. The doctor said I had gall bladder trouble and a gall stone. I would drag about for a day or so at a time and then have another bad attack. The last one I had, I gave up to die. I told the folks I had begged to stay with husband and the two babies a while longer, but if my time had come to die, I

would say yes, for the Lord to take me for I was tired of suffering so bad, and if God could get glory by taking me, I'd say Amen. Husband wanted to do more for me, and insisted that I go to the hospital and have an X-ray made and if necessary, be operated on. I was lying on the bed in great pain and misery. I couldn't be still. While he was at the phone getting everything ready, I was praying. I said, "Dear Lord, I am ready and if you want me, take me now. If you can get any glory out of me staying, heal me so I can work and take care of my babies." The neighbors had gathered in to help me. One of them said that I must be getting better because I had ceased groaning. I told her that I was. By the time they got ready to go I was ready too, and walked out to the car and got in. I was weak but the great pain had stopped, thank God. I knew God's people were praying for me for I had dropped a card to Bro. Strech and Sister Pruitt, requesting prayer. I knew the answer had come. I am still weak in body and ask all the saints to pray that God will completely heal me of this awful thing, for I know He can. I know the devil will come along to try to make me think it isn't healed, but by God's grace and help, I am trusting God. It is so wonderful how God can hear and answer prayer. I ask all of you to be agreed with me that I will never be bothered with the thing again.

Pray for husband for he is a fine man.

Yours in Jesus' name, Mrs. Mary Brockman

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State Reformatory, LaGrange, Ky.— Faith Publishing House, Dear Sirs: Having just read your tract "Whosoever" and becoming profoundly interested, some fellow-inmates and I are sending this letter in the hope you will send the fifty samples of different tracts; also, the paper "Faith and Victory."

Praying the blessings of God upon you and this work, I am sincerely yours, Willie Robertson.

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Hammond, La.—To the Dear Saints Scattered Abroad, Again We Send Greetings to You in the Precious Name of Jesus: It has been some time since we testified through Faith and Victory paper, but we feel like doing so this evening. So glad we can say that we are still decided for heaven, battling against wickedness and doing what little we can to warn souls of the wrath to come.

Last Sept. 4th we left home to be in meetings, holding the first meeting at Anthony, Kans. where Bro. and Sister Ostis Wilson have the oversight, and remained there three weeks. The Lord wonderfully blessed our souls while there and feel that good was done, several came to the altar for spiritual help, and we left the dear ones there encouraged. We learned to love these saints and trust that each one proves faithful to the Lord. Then we held a two

weeks' meeting at Guthrie, Okla., where Brother Pruitt lives, and we felt the sweet spirit of unity too, and trust that good was accomplished. From there we went to Lahoma, Okla., where we spent two weeks in meeting. Several came to the altar, and we left the saints there greatly encouraged. That was our first time there and about everyone was strange to us, but how we felt knit to those dear ones and seemed hard to leave them. Sis. Margaret Eck has done a good work for the Lord there and we pray the Lord to make her a continued blessing. We would be glad if more Holy Ghost ministers would visit them for that is a very precious congregation. Sister Margaret is a young minister and needs our prayers and cooperation. While there we stayed in Bro. Dan Eck's home and the children who were not saved gave their hearts to God during the meeting, and we left the whole family living for the Lord—eleven in all. Not often do we go into such homes, where the Lord reigns supreme. From there we went west and soon met with some of our relatives whom we had not seen for quite awhile. I had not seen my sister in Denver for over twenty-five years, and I thanked the Lord again and again for that privilege of seeing her one more time this side of the grave, for I had so often prayed and longed to see her. Ray also visited his home country where he spent part of his childhood and saw two sisters and one brother, and visited his mother's grave for the first time in about 27 years. Soon we reached McDonald, Kans., where we had two services and stayed in dear Bro. and Sis. Koehler's home and found them precious saints of God, also the dear ones residing in McDonald. Then we went to Kansas City, Kans. and visited Ray's oldest brother whom he had not seen for twenty years; also had one service with the dear saints there in Sis. Nichols' home, which was so refreshing to our souls. God bless them. We came south and stayed with my brother at Carthage, Mo. a day and night, then spent one night with Brother and Sister Strech at Neosho, Mo. for the first time. We attended the young people's meeting there for a short while which encouraged our hearts to see the young folks putting forth an effort to be more enlightened on the word of God. I would be glad if more could get together and study the Bible as they did. We found Bro. and Sister Strech feeling better in their bodies, but not strong yet, especially he. They promise to be with us in our winter meeting, beginning Dec. 25, and trust the Lord will work it about so they can. Coming home through Ark. we had our first car trouble when the water pump gave way. We also stopped near Jena, La. with the dear saints there for one service and visited Bro. and Sister J. N. Murphey who seemed to be encouraged. The next day we reached Mr. Burns' home where Sis. Perkins lies bedfast with paralysis for several months now. She

is one of the old-time saints and a very precious sister who needs our earnest prayers. Also pray for her dear daughter, Mrs. Burns, who so tenderly cares and watches over her mother. We spent that night in the home of Bro. and Sister Harry Jackson of Batchelor who are true saints of God and are zealous to get the truth to the people in their community. Next day, Nov. 18, we reached home and found the dear saints getting along well and how glad we were to see them. They welcomed us with a grocery shower which made us feel so unworthy of so much love. Found the work getting along well, and that the Lord had sent a brother minister to the Kentwood congregation from the state of Ala., who expects to reside there as long as the Lord leads. We were glad to meet him, as we had prayed the Lord to send some devout saint among them who could help expound the word of God, if it were His will. The Lord is also raising up two young ministers there, brethren. We are burdened to see the work of God move on and call forth consecrated workers for there are many precious souls still to glean out before Jesus comes, and they need some one to tell them about the truth.

We surely thank God for the privilege of meeting all the dear saints whom we met on this trip and pray that He may keep them encouraged. We met a sister at Guthrie, Okla., who in the past was healed of diabetes gangrene and we urge her to write her testimony for the encouragement of others, which we are sure must have been a wonderful miracle.

Yours in His service, Ray and Katherine Key.

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An Open Letter

Dear Sister in the Lord: May God bless and comfort you in all good words and works is my prayer. I received your letter the other day and was glad to hear from you and to know of your interest in the truth and the oneness of God's people. I have read over your letter with interest and believe you to be sincere and earnest in all you write.

I note that you say, "Evidently there is something that keeps us apart;" and you want to know what it is. I say, yes, there are things that keep us apart, because the Gospel Trumpet people as a body have drifted far from the original teaching that made it a distinct people, separate from sectism. It is true that they teach many doctrines that the early reformers taught; and it is also true that they teach and practice many more that they did not teach nor practice. A great many of the congregations of the Trumpet are so worldly in dress and in participating of the things of the world that you cannot tell them from the most formal and cold sects. To endorse the Trumpet movement, you are compelled to uphold such also, which is an abomination in the sight of God.

The Trumpet formerly taught, up to about the year of 1910, that all unnecessary articles of dress

is adornment—which is correct. But since that time they have gradually yielded to adornments and worldly attire until now there is almost no restraint on it at all. If a preacher does cry out against it, there is no weight to his talk for he generally has some adornment on himself. They formerly taught that it was wrong to be in double marriage, but now they uphold it and some of their preachers who are in good standing have two living wives or vice versa. They used to teach against the ministers having and owning the titles "Reverend," "D. D.," etc. These titles were condemned as belonging to sectism and very improper for an humble minister of God to own; but now they are all "Rev." and some are "D. D.'s" They formerly preached without a stipulated salary and went where the Holy Spirit led, regardless of whether there was any money in sight or not. They, or a great many do not do that now, but must have a salary, and the evangelist must know that he will get so much to hold the meeting.

They used to teach against "Bible Schools" as a strong mark of sectism, which was right; but now the big thing is the Bible School where they are educated to preach and taught just how to gesture; and when they come out the young minister must have a place even if some proved Holy Spirit filled minister has to step down and out. From what I have been told by parties that attended there for several years, the spirituality in that place is at a very low ebb, and the minister is likely to be worse off when he leaves than when he went there—I mean spiritually speaking, for he may have more "stuff" in his head. They have "Pulpit Committees" now, and the Holy Spirit is not allowed to put the minister in the pulpit with a message from heaven. Again, at one time they denounced the sect book where names were kept, but now they have a substitute in the way of a "Year Book" and unless the preacher has his name in the year book he is not allowed the pulpit, unless it be on rare occasions. They must be marked at Anderson to be in good standing. All these things and many more is what makes division between us and them. We are not of the world even as Christ and his disciples were not of the world, but these folks throw their arms around nearly all manner of worldliness, and either practice, endorse, or tolerate it. To get closer to God you will get further from the world and more like Christ. They teach many things that sound good, but do not practice it. I say, shame on the hireling ministry which they uphold. Another thing, they are forcing the tithing system upon their members, which if done because of force or pressure would not be accepted by the Lord. The only service that God accepts is free-will service, which is prompted by divine love in the soul. If one by his own free-will choice sets aside a tenth of his earnings, being prompted by divine love in the soul, and gives it as the Spirit directs, and not

just where some covetous preacher or board may tell him, I am sure that God would bless that soul and he would, no doubt, give even more than that because of favors and blessings of God upon him. But to force such upon souls is a law spirit which is foreign to the spirit of Jesus. Jesus says, "If ye love me, keep my commandments." Under the law they forced them to do under penalty of death. I have heard from good authority that one of their ministers exhorted the brethren to have them to agree to tithe while at the altar.

Dear sister, I, being free from this Gospel Trumpet organization and having an opportunity to closely observe its workings, can easily see that it has been gradually molded into one of the most deceitful sects in existence today. However, there are young ministers and many lay members in this organization that are not responsible for the corruption that exists, who are, no doubt, saved to all the light they have; but God is calling them out of her. They should flee the ruin and not take with them a "Babel stone."

We have written plainly to you about these things as our manner is, for we believe you to be a person of good, sound judgment who will not take any issue until you have thoroughly investigated the matter and know for yourself; and that you will not take a preacher's story about it, whose affections are in the thing; for you know that Jesus said, "If the blind lead the blind, shall they not both fall into the ditch?" And He says again, "If therefore, the light that is in thee be darkness, how great is that darkness." It is sad to say, but observation and the Spirit makes me know that many of the leaders of his organization have deteriorated to this stage and have made themselves unfit and unsafe for saints to follow. The love and unity that Jesus prayed for in the 17th chapter of St. John can only exist among those who are fully separated from this old world. Their citizenship must truly be in heaven and they, not of this world even as He and the disciples were not of the world. Those who join themselves to the citizens of this country will soon find themselves in the condition that the "prodigal son" got into. Their soul will famish for lack of the vital soul nourishment.

Dear one, I assure you that I have written these lines with divine love for souls and a heaven-born burden for the oneness and unity of God's people. May I hear from you again after you have done some personal investigating.

Yours in the Beloved, Fred Pruitt.

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Has Your Light Grown Dim?

Along our sea coasts lighthouses are stationed to guide mariners. They throw out a brilliant light,

and are visible up to thirty miles from a ship's mast. How faithful the lighthouse keeper is in keeping that light burning brightly through calm and stormy nights. If his light fails, some ship may be wrecked.

Matt. 5:16 says, "Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in heaven." We are lights along the shore of the sea of life. Souls are depending upon us for guidance. If our light fails, some soul may be eternally lost.

The five foolish virgins allowed their supply of oil to run low. When the bridegroom appeared they were left outside. 2 Cor. 4:16— "The inward man is renewed day by day." We cannot afford to let our supply of oil run low.

"Oh, just think how in death you will feel,
With the light growing dim in your soul.

Ah, how lonely 'twill be, oh, how still,

If the light has gone out in your soul."

The words of that song brought sadness to my heart to think of many who once knew the peace and joy of salvation and lost it. Let me ask, "Has the light grown dim in your soul? Did you ever try to find your way about in the dark with a very feeble light? Do you remember how you didn't see that small obstacle and stumbled?"

Has your light grown dim? Is it burning as brightly as the day you found the Saviour? Would some friend who is watching your life stumble in trying to find the way? "Examine yourselves whether ye be in the faith." 2 Cor. 13:5. —Fern Fortner.

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Purity of God's Salvation

John said, "And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people." (Rev. 14:6)

The very origin of God's divine plan to redeem fallen man from sin originated in heaven, God's throne; hence it must be pure as He is. It was to be given to all nations, tongues, and people; was universal in its work; and was eternal, or everlasting. Time does not change it from its purity, even though men, laws, customs, and creeds may change and have changed; yet God's divine plan is as unchangeable as God.

The Gospel was good news; and when people believe it, it becomes a mighty power to eradicate sin from the heart. It becomes a heart cleanser (Zech. 13:1); with the heart man believes to the saving of the soul (Rom. 10:10).

The Gospel does two things: It shows how to be forgiven, and it shows how to get rid of sin in the heart (Ezek. 36:25-27).

Jesus said in the beginning of his ministry,

"Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God" (Matt 5:8); and Peter found out that both Jew and Gentile could have the same kind of salvation, and that God was not a respecter of persons: "And put no difference between us and them, purifying their hearts by faith" (Acts 15:9). The foundation principle of God's great salvation was heart purity; hence a pure life, pure words, pure thoughts, considering the love of the Father which was so deep that we could even be a son of God and with that hope in us of seeing Him as He is, "Purifies himself even as he is pure" (I John 3:3).

Oh, if men's hearts were actually pure, but little trouble would exist among us; and if any should arise through misunderstandings, how easy it would be to fix! Thinketh no evil, and is easy to be entreated, full of love, no deceit, no hypocrisy, not easily provoked, full of good fruits—a congregation of this kind is the real Church of God, not a counterfeit; and also would be in full view—a church on earth, seen of men, whose builder and maker is God. Jesus purchased this kind of a church with his own blood and this church is as pure as Jesus is pure; for he is its founder, and it represents his body here on earth. Individuals compose his body, the church. Purity of individuals make a pure body—as pure as Jesus was when he walked the shores of Galilee, yea, when he hung on the cross and bowed his head and said, "It is finished." When here on earth He walked in His own natural body. After leaving the earth, He now walks in people whose hearts are pure. The Psalmist cried out, "Create in me a clean heart, oh God; and renew a right spirit within me" (Psa. 51:10). The sweet singer of old felt the need of a clean heart and a right spirit. The need of the present hour is messengers who have a pure heart to teach a pure gospel, so that men may get a pure salvation. God's salvation makes clean lives; and when thus, his dealings will be pure, his motives pure, and his word will be true. He will fulfill his obligations even to his own hurt, financially or otherwise.

When Jesus comes in the air, He will be coming for a purpose; that is, to catch up His pure bride to take back with him to heaven. None but the pure will go with him; the other kind will have to hear the sad words: "I never knew you, depart from me, ye that work iniquity." Reader, none but the pure in heart shall see God. The pure in heart comprise a pure church and this pure church is going to a pure place prepared by Jesus (John 14:1-3). No one whose heart is filled with pride can be pure, and is not in this pure church for God even hates a proud look: hence to look proud is out of harmony with God's demands; not only pride, but anything that defiles or spoils the reflection of the loving, pure character of Jesus Christ. When the beauty of the soul is marred, it is then not the handiwork of divine

creation, not a true representative of God's purity, and does not reflect His workmanship (Eph. 2:10).

The cause of division is impure hearts. Elements that foster division never come from a pure heart. All kinds of innovations, and such, come from a principle in the heart whose motive is the praise of men. A feeling of desiring to be great comes from an inflation of heart. When one hears statements that tend to boost his good qualities and belittle some one else, and he finds secretly a great delight, beware! that feeling never came from a pure heart and needs to be crucified—affections, lusts and all else with it.

In conclusion, let us each examine our own hearts, search out every hidden corner, search out the motives and see if our hearts are pure. This will help us individually and cause the church to become in better working order—and remember, none but the pure shall see God.

—E. M. Zinn

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I'd Rather

I'd rather be a beggar man
And keep my conscience clear;
Than wear a royal diadem
And always live in fear.

I'd rather give some of my means
To those who are in need;
Than live a selfish, sinful life
And to the devil heed.

I'd rather quit bad habits here
And strip for heaven's race;
Than have them to the judgment brot,
And stare me in the face.

I'd rather ask forgiveness here
If I have wronged a man;
Than lose the title to my home,
In upper Canaan land.

I'd rather pay the grocery man
And all the bills I've beat;
Than face a sin avenging God,
And hear the doom I'd meet.

I'd rather be a child of God
I'd rather help His praises swell;
I'd rather make my home in Heaven;
I'd rather not go to hell.

Erle E. Forbes

Send 25 cents and get a metal tag to put on your car and advertise the mission of Jesus to this world. See add on page six of this paper.

Charlottesville, Va.— Dear Saints: I want to thank and praise God for victory over sin. I am glad to say I am still saved and enjoying salvation. I get so much pleasure out of serving God. There is a wonderful pleasure in serving Him. I have many trials and temptations, but thank God, He delivers me out of them all. There are only a very few saved here, and I get so hungry for a good gospel message. I am praying that God will send us a true minister to preach His precious word, as there is not one here. A false one came here and scattered the flock, but I am praying that they will come back to the one fold, as God's word teaches there is just one body and many members. I thank and praise Him for showing me the one true way, for saving my soul and healing my body. I am glad I can trust Him to heal my body. I was a nervous wreck when I found the Lord. I took medicine all the time, but after I found the Lord I have not taken any medicine, and that was July, 1930. I had a leaking heart, but, thank God, I am a well and strong woman today and willing to do anything the Lord wants me to do. I am sorry to say that I am the only one in my family that is serving God. Please pray for my unsaved husband and family. They have a desire to be saved, but false shepherds have caused them to go from the truth. Pray for me that I stay humble at Jesus feet, and be a light to lead some one to Him.

Mrs. J. J. Sprouse.

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Dear Saints: Pray earnestly for my blind sister. She is losing her hearing, also the use of her body at times. She can't walk, also her speech is affected, can't talk plainly. She is in a sad condition. She prays so much but says she isn't saved. Pray that God will give her an experience that she will not doubt. She promises God she will do anything He wants her to, if He will save and heal her. She seems so earnest. Let us all think about what it would mean to be in this condition and take her case to the Lord in earnest prayer.

Your sister,

Becky Brown.

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Good Pine, La.—To the dear Readers of Faith and Victory paper, I send greetings: May God bless you every one, both saved and unsaved. Those who are not saved are surely living under the blessings of God, but it's so wonderful to be leaning upon His strong and never failing arm and to know we are His child, and He, our dear heavenly Father, who, tho in glory seated, can hear the heart's faint whisper, and is rich unto all them that call upon Him. Blessed be His name!

Today finds me saved and happy in God's service. The Lord has surely been blessing in this place and is doing much to encourage our hearts.

Sis. Katherine Simpson from Loranger, La. was here for a revival meeting which was blessed of God.


The Lord surely used her in proclaiming the glad tidings of salvation. The saints were revived and encouraged. Several sought the Lord, and the children are so interested, some were saved. They surely need encouragement, oh! how soon they will grow up, and if properly cared for now, may become settled to live saved, as they grow older. God bless the children.

Also Bro. and Sis. Carver and sons have been a blessing to the dear people here. They were here part of the time in the revival, and come now when possible to with us. We thank God for them. We feel the Lord is going to save more precious souls here, and we are glad we can report victory.

Yours, in God's service,
Ruth M. Murphey

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THE CHRISTIAN'S CONFESSION OF FAITH

Sunday, January 7, 1940.

Daily Readings and Meditations
Jan. 1 to Jan. 6.

- M. The Christian's Confession Matt. 16:13-24.
- T. A Test of the Christian 1John 2:18-25.
- W. Confession Unto Salvation Rom.10:1-10.
- T. A Proof of Unity with God 1 John 4:7-15.
- F. Another Confession by Peter Acts 4:7-12.
- S. The Cost of Confession Matt. 16:21-28.

Printed Portion.....Matt. 16:13-24.

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

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

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

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

17. And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Golden Text: "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God." Matt. 16:16.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATIONS

Our past three month's lessons have dealt with different incidents in the life of Christ. Our lessons for the next three months are taken from Matthew's Gospel, and deal mostly with the closing days of His career upon this earth. His last messages and deeds are very important to His followers.

How do the opinions which the people had of Jesus when he was here on earth compare with their opinions of him now? No one but the true born-again Christian who has had Him revealed to him by the Father, can really know who Christ is, and what His purpose was for coming to the world.

Different topics for discussion could be found in today's lesson, but emphasis is placed upon "Confessing Christ." "With the heart man believeth unto

righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made, unto salvation."

Why should we confess Christ to others after we have believed from the heart?

1. To be His witnesses. Some may not have heard about His power to save from sin. They may see a change in our outward life; but not understand the cause of the change; therefore will not give the glory to Christ who has caused the change, if we do not confess Him.

2. It helps us to be overcomers. We are told that the redeemed overcame the serpent by the blood of the Lamb and the word of their testimony.

3. To show gratitude for the blessings which He bestows upon us.

A Christian will confess Christ in actions as well as words. "Faith without works is dead." Peter's confession of faith was followed by Christ's invitation to the disciples to deny themselves, take up their cross and follow Him. Unless a Christian does this, his confession of faith will avail nothing. We are told to be doers of the word.

THE PROBLEM OF FORGIVENESS

Sunday, January 14, 1940.

Daily Readings and Meditations

Jan. 8 to Jan. 14.

- M. The Problem of Forgiveness Matt. 18:21-35.
- T. God Forgives Us Eph. 4:25-32.
- W. Forgiveness Enjoined Mark 11:20-25.
- T. The glory of the Christian Prov. 19:1-11.
- F. Joseph Forgives His Brothers Gen. 50:15-21.
- S. Stephen Forgives His Enemies Acts 7:54-60.

Printed PortionMatt. 18:21-35.

Matt. 18:21. Then came Peter to him, and said, Lord, how oft shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? till seven times?

22. Jesus saith unto him, I say not unto thee, Until seven times: but, Until seventy times seven.

23. Therefore is the kingdom of heaven likened unto a certain king, which would take account of his servants.

24. And when he had begun to reckon, one was brought unto him, which owed him ten thousand talents.

25. But forasmuch as he had not to pay, his lord commanded him to be sold, and his wife, and children, and all that he had, and payment to be made.

26. The servant therefore fell down, and worshipped him, saying, Lord, have patience with me, and I will pay thee all.

27. Then the lord of that servant was moved with compassion, and loosed him, and forgave him the debt.

28. But the same servant went out, and found

one of his fellowservants, which owed him an hundred pence: and he laid hands on him, and took him by the throat, saying, Pay me that thou owest.

29. And his fellowservant fell down at his feet, and besought him, saying, Have patience with me, and I will pay thee all.

30. And he would not: but went and cast him into prison, till he should pay the debt.

31. So when his fellowservants saw what was done, they were very sorry, and came and told unto their lord all that was done.

32. Then his lord, after that he had called him, said unto him, O thou wicked servant, I forgave thee all that debt, because thou desiredst me:

33. Shouldst not thou also have had compassion on thy fellowservant, even as I had pity on thee?

34. And his lord was wroth, and delivered him to the tormentors, till he should pay all that was due unto him.

35. So likewise shall my heavenly Father do also unto you, if ye from your hearts forgive not every one his brother their trespasses.

Golden Text: "Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors." Matt. 6:12.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATIONS

When Jesus was hanging on the cross, he prayed thus for those who were responsible for his crucifixion: "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." We read in His word: "If any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his." If one should refuse to forgive, it would be evident that he possessed a spirit of ill will or even hatred, hence he could not belong to Christ. He told his followers to love their enemies and to pray for them which despitefully used them. This is a "hard saying" to man in his natural unregenerate state, but, thank God, with God all things are possible.

There are two reasons why we should forgive:

1. If we do not forgive our fellowmen when they wrong us, our Heavenly Father will not forgive us for sinning against Him.

2. The small offenses for which we forgive our fellowmen are nothing compared to the multitude of sins for which God forgives us before we can become His children.

We are told that "Charity suffereth long." Even so, a forgiving spirit should never end with a Christian. He should not have a problem of forgiveness.

A NEW STANDARD OF GREATNESS

Sunday, January 21, 1940.

Daily Readings and Meditations
Jan. 15 to Jan. 20.

M. True Greatness Matt. 20:17-28.

T. Humility in Prayer Luke 18:9-14.

W. Humility in Service 1 Pet. 5:1-7.

T. A Parable of Humility Luke 14:7-11.

F. "The Reward of Humility" Prov. 22:1-9.

S. Christ Our Example John 13:12-20.

Printed PortionMatt. 20:17-28.

Matt. 20:17. And Jesus going up to Jerusalem took the twelve disciples apart in the way, and said unto them,

18. Behold, we go up to Jerusalem; and the Son of man shall be betrayed unto the chief priests and unto the scribes, and they shall condemn him to death,

19. And shall deliver him to the Gentiles to mock and to scourge, and to crucify him: and the third day he shall rise again.

20. Then came to him the mother of Zebedee's children with her sons, worshipping him, and desiring a certain thing of him.

21. And he said unto her, What wilt thou? She saith unto him, Grant that these my two sons may sit, the one on thy right hand, and the other on the left, in thy kingdom.

22. But Jesus answered and said, Ye know not what ye ask. Are ye able to drink of the cup that I shall drink of, and to be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with? They say unto him, We are able.

23. And he saith unto them, Ye shall drink indeed of my cup, and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with: but to sit on my right hand, and on my left, is not mine to give, but it shall be given to them for whom it is prepared of my Father.

24. And when the ten heard it, they were moved with indignation against the two brethren.

25. But Jesus called them unto him, and said, Ye know that the princes of the Gentiles exercise dominion over them, and they that are great exercise authority upon them.

26. But it shall not be so among you: but whosoever will be great among you, let him be your minister:

27. And whosoever will be chief among you, let him be your servant.

28. Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.

Golden Text: "While we were yet sinners, Christ died for us" Rom. 5:8.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATIONS

Notice how willing Jesus was to suffer for us. He knew what would happen to Him at Jerusalem, yet He did not shun to do His Father's will. "Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps."

Many people, even though real Christians, are like the sons of Zebedee. We can get a good lesson from Christ's instructions to them. These two were His chosen and loved ones, yet they knew not what they asked. Often, we ask God for something and He hears us but sends us away without granting our request because He only promises to grant our requests "if we ask anything according to His will." God is a Spirit and is always willing to grant requests for spiritual blessings; such as, more grace, love, faith, hope, humility, etc., but He is not always willing to grant requests prompted by our own ambitions.

The worldly standard for greatness is often estimated according to one's ability, position, riches, and power; but not so for God's people. Those who are great in God's sight are often unknown to the world because "man looketh on the outward appearance but the Lord looketh on the heart." Let us seek the honor which cometh from God only.

HONORING CHRIST AS KING

Sunday, Jan. 28, 1940.

Daily Readings and Meditations
Jan. 22 to Jan. 27.

- M. The Triumphal Entry Matt. 21:1-11.
- T. The Children's Praise Matt. 21:12-17.
- W. The Eternal Throne Psalm 45:6-11.
- T. The King of Glory Psalm 24:1-10.
- F. The Righteous Kingdom Jer. 23:1-8.
- S. The King Recognized Luke 2:25-32.

Printed Portion **Matt. 21:1-16.**

Matt. 21:1. And when they drew nigh unto Jerusalem, and were come to Bethphage, unto the mount of Olives, then sent Jesus two disciples,

2. Saying unto them, Go into the village over against you, and straightway ye shall find an ass tied, and a colt with her: loose them, and bring them unto me.

3. And if any man say ought unto you, ye shall say, The Lord hath need of them; and straightway he will send them.

4. All this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying,

5. Tell ye the daughter of Sion, Behold, thy King cometh unto thee, meek, and sitting upon an ass, and a colt the foal of an ass.

6. And the disciples went, and did as Jesus commanded them,

7. And brought the ass, and the colt, and put on them their clothes, and they set him thereon.

8. And a very great multitude spread their garments in the way; others cut down branches from the trees, and strawed them in the way.

9. And the multitudes that went before, and that followed, cried, saying, Hosanna to the Son of David: Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord; Hosanna in the highest.

10. And when he was come into Jerusalem, all the city was moved, saying, Who is this?

11. And the multitude said, This is Jesus the prophet of Nazareth of Galilee.

12. And Jesus went into the temple of God, and cast out all them that sold and bought in the temple, and overthrew the tables of the moneychangers, and the seats of them that sold doves,

13. And said unto them, It is written, My house shall be called the house of prayer; but ye have made it a den of thieves.

14. And the blind and the lame came to him in the temple; and he healed them.

15. And when the chief priests and scribes saw the wonderful things that he did, and the children crying in the temple, and saying, Hosanna to the son of David; they were sore displeased,

16. And said unto him, Hearest thou what these say? And Jesus saith unto them, Yea; have ye never read, Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings thou hast perfected praise?

Golden Text: "Behold, thy King cometh unto thee"
Matt. 21:5.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATIONS

Read Zech. 9:9 and see how this prophecy was fulfilled in today's lesson.

When Jesus was born, the wise men sought to worship "Him that was born KING of the Jews." They did not find the King in a palace. Neither does the King in today's lesson appear in kingly pomp and splendor and glittering uniform. He was lowly in outward appearance as well as in heart. This King's subjects, like their King, care nothing for worldly splendor and adornment. Their adornment is that of a "meek and quiet spirit which is in the sight of God of great price."

Only those who have allowed the entrance of this King into their own hearts can understand the whole-hearted way in which the throng gave expression to their joy. Though they did not all accept Him into their hearts; for, no doubt, many of them joined the crowd which cried, "Crucify him" about a week later; yet it is typical of the joy which accompanies the triumphal entry of Christ the King into a heart.

He did not say in plain words, "I am the Messiah," but He did say, "I tell you that if these hold their peace, the stones would immediately cry out."

Notice with what authority He drove out those who were profaning the Father's temple. He is still King today, and with authority He cleanses His temples, (our bodies) driving out all sin.