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IN GOD



A PAPER
FOR ALL
CHRISTIANS

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The Bride, the Lamb's Wife

T here is a woman clothed in white,
H er light is like the sun;
E ternal, piercing rays so fine—

B eheld by every one.
R ight on the hills of Mt. Moriah,
I ndeed, she can't be hid;
D rawn by the cords of love, she stands
E nraptured by her Lord.

O h look and see, behold her hands
F orth reaching, beckoning, Come.

C ome! Do you hear her gentle voice?
H ow sweet the invitation.
R efuse not to obey the call,
I t extends to every nation.
S o do not let the word depart,
'T is Jesus knocking at your heart.

T he Spirit and the bride say, Come!
H ow can you longer linger
E ntangled in the vines below?

C ome! nothing should now hinder.
H igh up and in the mountain's top,
U pward flow the nations
R ight unto the house of God,
C lean from sin and condemnation.
H igh above the hills she's found,

O n consecrated, holy ground;
F or on one solid rock, the Word,

G roweth the temple of the Lord,
O ne structure built by God's own Son,
D wells the holy three in One.

Ulysses Phillips.

Questions and Answers on The Church of God

Question: What is the church?

Answer: Saved men and women. Read Eph. 1:22, 23—"and hath put all things under his feet and gave him to be the head over all things to the church, which is his body." The church, therefore, is the body of Christ, therefore includes all his members; so all the saved, universally or locally, are called the Body of Christ, or Church of God.

Question: Whose church is it?

Answer: Heb. 3:6—"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." Read Eph. 5:25-27. We see here that Christ wants to make himself a present of a sanctified church.

Question: Who is the founder?

Answer: Heb. 11:10—"For he looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God." The Church was the city which Abraham looked for; Heb. 12:22, 23—"But ye are come unto mount Zion, unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, . . . To the general assembly and church of the firstborn, which are written in heaven."

Question: What is the foundation?

Answer: "Other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ" 1 Cor. 3:11.

Question: When was it built?

Ans.: Matt. 16:18—"And I say unto thee, That thou art Peter; and upon this rock I will build my church"—this rock, meaning himself. Read Eph. 2:20-22—"And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone; In whom all the building, 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." He said, I will build my church (yet future). This was in A. D. 32, and in A. D. 59 the apostle said, "Ye are God's building;" so it was built between these dates. Of course, the church was begun under the labors

of John the Baptist, Jesus, and the apostles. Many believed, and entered the kingdom then and constituted material for the church; but the coming of the Holy Ghost on Pentecost was the time the church was really built and set in order, as seen in 1 Cor. 12:6-13, 18, 24. The church proper did not exist until the fullness of Christ came, which was the day of Pentecost, as seen in Eph. 1:23. Then was the "fullness," then the church was fully set up, compacted, fitly joined together.

Question: Who is the head?

Answer: "And he (Jesus) is the head of the body, the church" Col. 1:18 (also verse 24, and Eph. 1:22, 23).

Question: Who or what is the door?

Answer: Jesus. "I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved." He being the door, every one going into the church must pass by faith through the blood of Jesus, the door. Hence we can biblically say, there is not a sinner in his church. "Oh," says one, "you are talking about the invisible church." No, I am talking about the church Jesus built, of which he is the door, and which all the apostles wrote about. I know nothing of an invisible church on earth. Jesus says in Rev. 3:8— "Behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it." Men can open and shut and take in members in their man-made organizations, whether saved or not; but not so with the Church of God.

Question: Who are the members?

Answer: All the saved of earth. As we have seen, salvation is the mode of induction into the church, it is evident there is no one in the church that is not saved. The church is one "family in heaven and earth;" named from the Father. Eph. 3:14, 15—"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," which includes all who are born again (John 3:7).

Question: Who takes the members in?

Answer: The Lord takes them in. Acts 2:47—"The Lord added to the church daily"; 1 Cor. 12:13—"For by one spirit are we all baptized (or inducted) into one body"; 18th verse—"now hath God set the members every one of them in the body as it hath pleased him." The Lord did the taking in, or adding to, on Pentecost and he is still doing it. Man can not take upon himself the prerogative of God.

Question: Who is the organizer?

Answer: 1 Cor. 12:8-11—"For to one is given, by the Spirit, the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge, by the same Spirit; To another faith, . . . to another gifts of healing, . . . working of miracles; to another prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to another divers kinds of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues; but all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will"; verses 27,

28—"Now ye are the body of Christ and members in particular"; Acts 20:28—"Take heed therefore unto yourselves and to all the flock over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God which he hath purchased with his own blood."

Question: How many churches has he?

Answer: Only one. John 10:16—"Other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: (meaning the Gentiles) them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold, and one shepherd." Also in Acts 20:28. The flock means one flock, called church of God.

Question: What is unity?

Answer: Unity is a thing undivided itself yet separate from every other thing. (Web.) In scripture a body of believers united, compact, knit together, yet separate from every other body. Jesus prayed that we might have this blessed experience in John 17:17-22. Entire sanctification is the only experience as taught in this prayer, that can destroy carnality out of the heart (which is the cause of division), and unify hearts together. In Eph. 4:10-13 we are taught how in his organization he has placed apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors, and teachers for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ; till we all come in the unity of the faith. We are fitly joined together (16th verse).

Question: What is the difference between the visible and invisible church?

Answer: 1 John 3:2, 3—"Beloved, now are we the sons of God; and it doth not yet appear what we shall be; but we know that when he shall appear, we shall be like him: for we shall see him as he is. And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure"; hence this mortal coil will be the only difference. Read 1 Cor. 15:51-54. When that change comes, it does away with mortality only; for this corruptible must put on incorruption and this mortal must put on immortality, then we will be united with the heavenly, or invisible phase of the church. Oh, my brethren, be sure you are ready for this change: to wit, the redemption of our body (Rom. 8:23). The soul in eternity will be as it is here while in the body. Then live according to the example Christ set for us. Read 1 Pet. 2:21-24.

Question: Where is his church?

Answer: "Where two or three (or more) are gathered together in my name" (if they are real saints). That is the divine location of the local church. The universal church is all saints anywhere in earth.

—G. E. Harmon.

This article will be finished in the next issue of Faith and Victory paper. It seems to me that this article and the one Bro. Harmon wrote before which was printed in the December Issue entitled, "The

Church of God as Foreshadowed by Solomon's Temple" should be in Booklet form and if any of our readers want this done and will send means to help pay the costs we shall be glad to print this booklet so these good truths can be passed on and on.

(Editor.)

The Drowning Man

In one of the letters of our beloved brother Paul to his son, Timothy, written in the New Testament as a part of the precious word of God; we read these words: "But they that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition." (1 Tim. 6:9).

Here, St. Paul calls our attention to a condition, which the good Lord wants every child of his to prayerfully and carefully watch. A snare is something hidden—you never know that you are in it, until you realize the entanglement, often when it is too late.

An old trapper tells us that the most successful set for mink is near the water, where the little animal is sure to jump into the water and drown himself, trying to free himself.

We know by experience, any effort of our own human strength to free ourselves from the devil's snare without help from God, would only serve to entangle us the more.

The word of God tells us that "The Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul." (Gen. 2:7.) By this, we know that every body must breathe pure air to live. Our bible also teaches us that we that are born again must also breathe the pure atmosphere of Heaven daily to live (John 3:8). And inasmuch as it is true that the natural man cannot live under water (as it stops breathing instantly), our spiritual man, also, is subject to conditions which is to the soul as water is to the body. And to this condition St. Paul calls our attention in the ninth verse of the sixth chapter of his letter to Timothy.

Worldly riches, and the lust thereof has hindered, smothered, strangled, yea! drowned many careless souls. Dear reader, take warning! It is as easy to be careful as it is to be careless. O, it is awful to drown! You remember our Saviour once said, speaking of an offender: "It is better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and he cast into the sea" (Luke 17:2).

Coming back to our text: "They that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare." It is not a sin to be tempted, but it is a sin to yield to the temptation (1 Cor. 10:13). Is it a sin to be rich? No. Can a rich man enter Heaven? Yes. Here are

some of the teachings of the Lord Jesus: "It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter into the Kingdom of God" (Matt. 19:24). At this, his disciples were greatly amazed; but Jesus beheld them and said unto them: "With man this is impossible; but with God, all things are possible" (Matt. 19:26). Here the Lord only warns his people of the same danger that our beloved brother Paul does: Worldly riches and the lust thereof.

Satan is an old experienced soul-trapper; and in this age it is so easy to walk into his money traps, unawares. Let us add the next verse of the same chapter to this same verse—"foolish and hurtful lusts which drown men in destruction and perdition. For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows." Lord, have mercy! May God help us to watch and pray that we enter not into temptation. Real Salvation will not only save us, but keep us through every test and trial to the end. Call up old Judas, Ananias, and Saphira, and Simon the sorcerer and hear their testimonies: Sad! Sad! Sad!

The drowning man is a pitiful man,
Get all the help to him you can.
Remember, he that came to save,
Has power to walk upon the waves.
Satan knows where and how to snare
Most human souls; yea, unawares.
His money lure is safe, and sure
To sometimes tempt even hearts that's pure.

G. W. McMillan.

PRAYER

We have been receiving so many requests for prayer lately that we have decided it would please the Lord to set apart Sunday, February 11th to fast and pray for the sick and those wanting salvation.

Those wanting to be remembered in prayer on Feb. 11th can send your requests to this Office, as we expect to call the saints together at the chapel on the afternoon of the 11th: when the requests for prayer will be read and all will agree in prayer that God will heal bodies and deliver souls. When writing, just tell what your need is in a brief manner in order to make it short and comprehensive in a way that it can be soon read and easily understood. If you want to write about other things, separate it from your request for prayer. Pray for us and the needs of the printing work on that day.

NOTICE

A photograph 7 x 9 in. of the late Bro. H. Robinson framed and mailed to any address in the United States for \$1.00.—Bro. S. E. Smith, 1073 E. Santa Barbara Ave., Los Angeles, Calif.

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THIS TRACT SHOULD BE CIRCULATED.

The tract entitled, "What a Mighty God We Serve" written by Amanda Jones, is out of stock and calls are coming in for it. We can print a thousand of them for twenty dollars. Who will send means to get this tract in print again? Many poor souls have been blessed and encouraged by reading it already. You can help to keep the good work going.

MEETING REPORT

I have just closed a meeting at Springfield, Mo., in which much lasting good was done. The meeting had been in progress two weeks when I got there (Nov. 18th), Bro. John Wilson of Greenfield, Mo., and Sister Nola Porter of Carthage, Mo., having been with them for two weeks preceding. Therefore foundation for a good revival was already laid when I got there. As a result, 15 were saved and 21 sanctified. Truly the Lord still has a church in Springfield, Mo. and they meet to worship at 724 N. Kans. St. Bro. R. M. Porter is their pastor. Saints passing through Springfield, if you want to meet with the church and with the saints, here is where you will find them. The congregation of somewhere between 40 and 50 saints are working in harmony for the advancement of God's cause and the salvation of souls. At this time I am in a revival with the home congregation at Newcastle. Though not well in body, yet I see no place to let up, as the need is so great and the laborers so few. After I left Springfield, Dec. 18th, Bro. Foster, Bro. and Sis. Nottingham, and Sister Jones of Ohio were with the Springfield congregation from Wed. night over Sunday Dec. 24th.

I need your prayers. May the Lord bless his dear saints everywhere. —T. Z. Lawson.

EDITORIALS

The Guthrie State Assembly meeting which closed on the 30th of December, 1939, was well attended and God worked in a very precious way in the meeting in saving some souls and sanctifying believers and healing afflicted bodies.

The saints were greatly encouraged as they listened to the precious truth of His Word from time to time as the Lord chose and put His Spirit-filled ministers into the pulpit who proclaimed the truth without fear or favor of men. A sweet unity of Spirit prevailed throughout the meeting and all were raised up and made to sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus.

The business meeting was held on Friday the 28th and it was blessed of the Lord and all went off smoothly. The saints at Dover, Okla., Boley, Okla., Okmulgee, Okla., and Tulsa, Okla. received financial help which some of them had been patiently waiting for and expecting for a long time. They have been very patient and Christ-like about it and I believe that all the saints were glad that they received this help. They can now build and repair their houses of worship which has needed to be done. May God bless each of these congregations in all the good work of the Lord.

There were at least twenty ministers at the assembly meeting. Some ministers and saints were here from other States. Bro. Foster and Bro. and Sister Nottingham of Yorkshire, Ohio and Sister Jones of Akron, Ohio were with us in the assembly meeting. The saints here rejoiced to have them here with us in the meeting and their preaching was good and sound and caused the saints to rejoice. We have nothing but love and good-will to all the dear saints of God and shall remember all of you in prayer.

The Lord has been giving us precious meetings here at the chapel since the assembly and the saints are all encouraged. Bro. Darius Gibson and family were with us over last Sunday and the Lord used him to break the bread of life for our souls. They are consecrated to do the Lord's will.

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This week we are folding, stitching and fixing the cover on the booklet, "The Gospel according to St. John" and we expect to have it all finished before the February paper is placed in the mail. We are printing more than 2500 of these booklets. We are using good material in the booklet both in the paper and the cover which makes it cost a little more than otherwise. If enough means had been sent in to have printed ten or fifteen thousand copies, it would have reduced the cost very much, but we are thankful to God that He has made it possible to have this many made. They will be used principally for the jails and prisons where so many poor souls are confined; and, also, sent to the poor who are not able to

buy a Bible. If any of our readers know of poor people that would appreciate a copy of this gospel please send us their name and address and we will send them a gospel booklet.

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With this issue a large number of the three months' subscriptions will expire. We are placing a Subscription blank in the paper and we want you to subscribe for the paper for one year. It is only 25 cents for the year and we would love to keep the paper going to you every month in this year. Just write your name and address plainly on the subscription blank and return to us with a 25 cent piece or its equivalent in postage stamps and we will continue to send you the paper. I am sure that the contents of this paper will be a blessing to you and your friends all through the year. We should not neglect our soul which is the most important part about us. The inner man should be fed often, even more than the body, which is decaying. If you want an house from heaven to move into when this fleshly body dies you will have to be diligent to keep the incorruptible life of Christ living in your soul. It is the life of Christ in your soul that will inherit a glorified body. 1 Cor. 15:50. You must keep that life living in your soul by feeding on the truths of His Word or it will starve and die and you will be separated from God in the world to come. Please do not neglect this important matter. Subscribe for the Faith and Victory paper today and its contents will refreshen and feed the life of Christ in your soul. If you have not Christ it will be a help to you in receiving Him so you can be ready when your days in this world are ended. Prepare to meet thy God.

The Church of God is not a humanly organized body of people. It is the spiritual Body of Jesus Christ incarnated in the flesh in this world and God sets the members in the body as it pleases Him and the whole body is termed in the scriptures, "the true Tabernacle," which the Lord pitched and not man. Heb. 8:2. Christ is our High Priest or minister of this sanctuary or Tabernacle and by yielding to Him He works in us by His Spirit and causes us to function in our place in the body as Paul says in Phil. 2:13, "For it is God that worketh in you both to will and to do of His good pleasure." In the third chapter of Hebrews and the 6th verse Paul says, "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." In other words these fleshly bodies act as a housing to the spiritual body of Christ in this world. Therefore, in the fourth chapter of 1 John he says, "Every Spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God: And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh, is not of God: and is that spirit of antichrist."

Brother John Strech and wife of Neosho, Mo. write me that they have been to the Assembly Meeting at Hammond, La., accompanied by Wanda Hague. They also held a few services at Kentwood, La.

He says that the recent meeting at Neosho, Mo. was a blessed meeting and all the saints are doing fine.

Pray for his wife, for she is not well in body.

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NOTICE— GREEK-ENGLISH TESTAMENTS

Different ones asked me about getting Greek New Testaments when I was at the camp meeting the past summer. Those who desire them may write to me and I can get Greek-English Testaments, Interlinear Translations for \$2.50 and up. Gus Poulos, 1048 Spruce St., San Bernardino, Calif.

NOTICE

The saints at Dayton, Ohio are being blessed of God and the Lord is adding numbers to the church. They meet together in one of the brother's dwelling house and they are in need of a meeting house. They have purchased a lot to build on and think of building a concrete block house 40 ft. by 60 ft. as one of the brothers has a Concrete block machine. They are not able to fully finance this building and those who are impressed to help them in a financial way may send your donations to Cleo Murry, R. 6, Box 431-x, Dayton, Ohio.

PRAYER REQUEST

Bro. Murf Allen wants the saints to pray for his wife who is nervous and also has back and stomach trouble. Pray for his three year old girl who is very nervous.

Sister Ella Peek of California has high blood pressure and bladder trouble. She asks the saints to pray for her.

THE NATIONAL CAMP GROUND SITUATION

On this date (Jan. 18) about one-third of the 71 lots on the National Camp ground at Monark Springs, Mo. have been sold and paid for in full. These lots are offered to the saints on a 99-year lease for \$10. A full cash payment plan has been held advisable by the trustees in order to facilitate the closing of transactions quickly and make the funds available for immediate use in retiring the debt on purchase of grounds and construct a permanent pavilion to be ready for the national camp-meeting to be held July 14 to 28th, 1940.

Since a large number of saints who said they wanted lots have not secured any, the trustees are urgently requesting each one to do this at once, so that the pavilion can be built right away in early spring, at which time, Bro. Strech says, he can get volunteer help from his local congregation. The debt of \$240 is the first item of expense to be taken

care of from the proceeds of the lots, and since the pavilion will cost about \$500 and \$200 will be needed to complete the water system, wire the grounds for electricity and fence the same, it is apparent that free-will offerings will be needed to meet the expenses not covered by the sale of lots. This is an opportunity for those saints to help who are interested in the success of the National Camp-meeting, but who do not care to purchase a lot on the grounds. In any case, each saint should ask the Lord what He would have them to do in regard to financing the National Camp-meeting, not only for the improvement of the grounds but for the provisions and funds needed for the dining hall during the meeting.

Address your free-will offerings for the meeting, or remittances for lots to the Secretary, L. D. Pruitt, 1005 W. Mansur, Guthrie, Okla. Please buy your lot **NOW** and write for a corrected diagram and a lease contract form. —L. D. Pruitt, Sec'y.

OBITUARIES

Fredrick F. Ortmann born Sept. 18, 1871, died December 22, 1939, at 3 p. m., age 68 years, 3 months, and 4 days.

He was born in Poland and came to the United States when about 1½ years of age, and lived several years in South Dakota. He spent about seventeen years as a worker in the Gospel Trumpet Office at Moundsville, W. Va., and Anderson, Indiana; and the last twelve years he has lived at Guthrie, Oklahoma, assisting at the Christian Triumph Office where he was engaged when the summons came calling him higher. He died of a sudden heart attack which struck him as he returned from meeting the postman. He fell outside the door at the office and never gained consciousness.

He leaves to mourn their loss, one brother, who lives in Florida; two sisters, 11 nieces, 10 nephews and other relatives in South Dakota; the Christian Triumph family; and a host of friends.

He became interested in Christianity while very young; became associated with the Evening Light movement of the Church of God about 32 years ago, and has since lived a devoted, quiet Christian life with the Bible as his most cherished companion.

The following thoughts, which may well serve a warning to all, were found among his valued papers:

"It cost something to follow the Lord Jesus Christ, but it costs much more not to follow Him."

"O, my poor soul, beware of unnecessary thoughts and things that do not draw thee heavenward."

The following Christmas poem was composed by him only four days before his departure to be with the Lord:

Hear the Christmas bells a-ringing,
Sounding forth the Saviour's birth,
Angels' voices sweetly singing
Joy and peace to all the earth.

May the spirit of this season

Penetrate your very soul.

May the joy and peace of Christmas
Through your very bosom roll.

May the sweet and loving story,

Brought by angels from above,

Fill your heart with grace and glory,

And with His redeeming love.

May this Christmas bring a blessing

To you while down here below;

May it help you in possessing

Rest and peace where'er you go.

May this joyful Christmas season

Thrill your being through and through,

As I say with all good reason,

"MERRY CHRISTMAS now to you."

The Funeral service was conducted by Fred Pruitt at the saints' chapel at Guthrie, Okla., and the body was shipped to South Dakota for burial.

The text used was found in Titus 2:11, 12: "For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, Teaching us that denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world."

Missouri Coleman born Sept. 18, 1863, died Dec. 19, 1939, age 76 years, 3 months, and 1 day. She was married to A. H. Perkins 53 years ago last April, to which union were born 10 children, eight of whom are still living: four sons, Walter and A. A. Perkins of Monroe, La.; Tom Perkins of Neederland, Tex.; Mitchell Perkins, Cheneyville, La.; and four daughters, Mrs. W. T. Carver, Beaumont, Tex.; Mrs. T. I. Mitchell, Hull, Tex.; Mrs. N. A. Harville, Delhi, La.; and Mrs. M. S. Burns, Cheneyville, La. Sister Perkins accepted the truth a number of years ago and she was very careful to please the Lord in what she said and did. She kept the vision of the Church even though she was isolated from the saints for a number of years. We feel sure that our loss of a dear mother in Israel is heaven's gain, and her sweet life is greatly missed by her family. Bro. Perkins preceded her in death over a year ago, by whose side her body was laid in a cemetery near Leesville, La. Funeral by the writer. Texts used: Psa. 116:5; Rev. 14:12, 13; 2 Cor. 5:1-4; 1 Thess. 4:13-18.

—Katherine Key.

Miss Ella Mae Glover was born Sept. 7, 1885; passed away Dec. 13, 1939, age 54 years, 3 months, and 6 days. She leaves to mourn their loss, her mother, three sisters and one brother. Her father, two brothers, and one sister preceded her in death. She leaves other relatives and friends to follow.

Ella was blind, could not see any of the beauties

of this world. She was kindly cared for in the home of her mother and loved ones. She spent much of these years praying. In her last days she prayed most all of the time and had others praying that she would be ready for heaven. She was so in earnest and would ask to be taken off and left alone to pray. We know God does all things well and know she is in the hands of a just and merciful God. Funeral service was conducted by Sister L. V. Anderson.

Our dear sister has passed away,
We'll miss her here below.
She prayed to Jesus night and day
That she'd ready be to go.
We know God hears and answers prayer
And hope to meet her there
Where there will be no parting
And no blind ones over there.

Carrie Ruth Dilliner, born Aug. 6, 1883 in Newton Co., Mo. died in Tulsa, Okla. Jan. 6, 1940, age 56 years and 5 months.

She leaves to mourn her departure, one daughter and son-in-law, Mrs. and Mr. Vernon Headley of Tulsa; one son, George Dilliner of Tulsa; two brothers, Harry Hutchens of Neosho, Mo. and Dave Hutchens of Wyandotte, Okla.; three sisters, Mrs. Lilly Hayworth of Wyandotte, Okla.; Jennie Brooks of Lake Station of Tulsa, Okla., Artie Bowers of Monett, Mo. She had many friends.

Sister Dilliner lived in Tulsa the past 17 years. Her death was a great loss to her loved ones, but their loss is heaven's gain.

Funeral service by Bro. Sam Barton. Scripture verses, 2 Cor. 5:1—A Knowledge of Life After Death.

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Concerning His Peculiar Ones

The scriptures teach us that few people will be saved in comparison to the multitudes that are traveling the broad way to destruction, and it is pitiful to see so many following the crowds that profess Christ and seem to think that they will get into heaven that way. If they would consider the teaching of God's word properly, they could easily see that only a few will be saved; and knowing this, they would surely awaken and come to themselves and seek God until they had a personal knowledge that God through Christ had fully saved their soul. Then they would live solely to please Him and to glorify His name so they would be chosen to dwell with Him in eternity.

Let us see what God says in his word about his children. Matt. 7:13, 14—"Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life; and few there be that find it."

When God destroyed the antediluvian world by water, there were only eight souls out of the multitude who were living in a way to have the favor of God upon them. When his anger was kindled against Sodom and Gomorrah, only three souls escaped destruction. According to the Apostle Peter, the heavens and earth which now are, by the word of God are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men. (2 Pet. 3:7). He continues in this chapter and tells us that the heavens will pass away and the elements shall melt with fervent heat; the earth also, and the works that are therein, shall be burned up. Seeing that this shall be, what manner of persons ought we to be in all holy conversation and godliness?

Jesus speaks of God's children as a little flock. He says, "Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the Kingdom"—Luke 12:32.

His children are a ransomed or purchased people. In Isaiah 35:10 we read: "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." In 1 Tim. 2:5 we read again: "For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus; Who gave himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time." It took Jesus Christ the Son of God to pay the penalty that hung over our heads and bring us back to God. In Acts 20:28 we read: "Take heed therefore unto your selves, and to all the flock, (God's children) over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, (God's children) which he hath purchased with his own blood." In Eph. 1:14, he speaks of us being his "Purchased possession."

God's children are a peculiar people. In 1 Pet. 2:9, we read: "But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should show forth the praises of Him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light." Paul says in Tit 2:14, "Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto Himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works." Jesus says in John 17:16: "They (His disciples) are not of the world even as I am not of the world." In the 20th verse he says he is not praying for them alone but "for them also which shall believe on me through their word"; which includes us today.

God's children are not of the world because their life is hid with Christ in God (Col. 3:3), and the life they now have came down from God out of heaven; therefore, they are not of this world even though they are in the world. Their affections are on things above. The people of this world are moved to do by the spirit of the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that works in the children of disobedience;

therefore, their affections are on earthly things and they labor for them. The life of God's children is from above and they are moved by his Spirit to do those things that please God, and that makes them peculiar people to the world. They have eternal life in their soul and will live on with God in a glorified state. Jesus says, "Whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die." The life which we have from heaven in our souls will inherit a glorified body, "an house not made with hands, eternal in the heaven" (2 Cor. 5:1).

God's children are the Kingdom of God here in the world. The life they have is from God and Jesus is their King. They are led by his Spirit, and obey him; and he gives to them the necessary things of this life. Jesus says, "But rather seek ye the kingdom of God and all these things will be added unto you."—Lk. 12:31; Matt. 6:33; and Heb. 12:28.

We are spoken of in the scriptures as the House of God: "But Christ as a son over his own house; whose house are we, if we hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm unto the end"—Heb. 3:6. And again we read in Eph. 2:22: "In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit."

We are spoken of as a family: "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." Some of the children have been separated from the body and gone on to heaven and the rest of the family remain and are alive here in the world, but are not of the world.

We are called Mt. Zion for his children are like a mountain, strong and unmoveable. Read Heb. 12:22; Zech. 8:3; Isa. 2:3; and the 87th Psalm.

We are called "The city of the living God," because our Spirit and life came down from God, and he dwells in us, supplies us with every needed thing, comforts our hearts, and has a good strong wall around us (Isa. 26:1). We are New Jerusalem, for John the Revelator saw us in a figure as New Jerusalem coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband (Rev. 21:2).

We are referred to as branches in the vine. (John 15:1). Jesus is the Vine and we are the branches; for we abide in Him and draw our strength, life, and power from him, and bear the fruits of the Spirit: "Love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance: against such there is no law." (Gal. 5:22, 23). There is no law in earth or above to keep us from bearing the fruits of the Spirit. If they put us in jail, we can pray for those who put us in and preach the gospel to the inmates in there, or write letters to comfort the saints in light.

Truly, God's children are a peculiar people and they are not of this world any more than Jesus

Christ was of this world. Their affections are on things above; they are dead and their life is hid with Christ in God. "When Christ who is our life appears, then shall we also appear with Him in glory" (Col. 3:4), praises be to our blessed Redeemer forever.

—Fred Pruitt.

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Righteousness Exalteth A Nation

Wars, famines, pestilences, earthquakes, locusts, perplexities of nations—no man can tell how sudden a catastrophe may overwhelm us. "Boast not thyself of tomorrow; for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth."—Prov. 27:1.

We need a great spiritual awakening, a return to the Bible, the book of all books; the rock on which our republic rests.

"Hear the word of the Lord, . . . for the Lord hath a controversy with the inhabitants of the land, because there is no truth, nor mercy, nor knowledge of God, in the land, Therefore shall the land mourn."—Hosea 4:1, 3a.

"If I shut up heaven that there be no rain, or if I command the locusts to devour the land, or if I send pestilence among my people; If my people which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and heal their land."—2 Chron. 7:13, 14.

"Righteousness exalteth a nation; but sin is a reproach to any people."—Prov. 14:13.

Let any one summarize the evils that followed the use of intoxicants. Noah escaped the flood, but was overcome by alcohol and indirectly brought a curse upon his offspring.

Today, many are deserting the ancient standards and ideas for ways of pleasure and ease. The Bible says, men shall be lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God." "She that liveth in pleasure is dead while she liveth." "Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ will give thee light." Let us clean up our hearts, homes and communities, and in due season righteousness will exalt our nation.

—Mrs. Charles Reise.

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Raton, N. M.—Faith Publishing House. Dear Christian Friend: Please send fifty different tracts, also the **Faith and Victory** paper. They helped save my soul and I'm sure they will others. I love to have them on hand to let hobos and people who don't know God as their Saviour, read them.

Yours, truly hoping you a Happy New Year with God's blessings,
Roy Simpson.

« Young People's Section »

Unlike Jesus

EDITORIALS

Is it safe for us to go where Jesus never goes?
Should we always take Him with us, since He always sees and knows?
Would we find Him playing cards, or would we see Him at the dance?
At the worldly, noisy banquet, do you think He'd take a chance?

Put His money on the horse race, or would try the slot machine?
Would He stay out late at night with Jenny, Nellie, or Maxine?
Would you find Him in the smoker, sitting by the cuspidor?
Would He take God's name in vain, or tell some smutty story o'er?

Would He eat more than He needed, then send for a doctor man?
Would He love ONE race of people, yellow, black, or white, or tan?
Would He deck in worldly fashion, showing He was very proud?
Would He joke along with others; trying to keep up with the crowd?

Would He come in late to worship, and a form of service make?
Would He preach to please the people, just for "Filthy lucre's" sake?
Would He get a lot of money, spend it all upon himself?
Leave behind some bills unpaid, or stack the money on the shelf?

Would He go to any lodges, where they "Ride the goat" or try?
Ask them there for life insurance 'gainst God's time when He must die?
If He went to buy some groceries, and they sold booze—would He care?
Would His Bride wear knee-length dresses, have the barber bob her hair?

Would He buy "False Prophets" books, when the Bible they abuse?
Would He join some man-made church and His Father's Church refuse?
Won't it pay to live like JESUS, being true to each command?
Having joy in Christian living and a crown at His right hand?

—Erle E. Forbes.

In the December and January issues of the paper we omitted the young people's section in order to allow more space for other special material and writings. However, we shall continue this section for the encouragement and benefit of the young people scattered abroad. We would appreciate the co-operation of the young saints by sending in their testimonies, experiences with the Lord, and writings from time to time as the Lord leads. Young saints everywhere, and especially isolated ones, should feel it their privilege to contact other young people through the medium of this young people's section.

Some may think that the young saints will be the church of the future, but I say that they are the church of today; and as they are faithful in the smaller matters, then greater responsibilities will be added in the future. Faithfulness to the call of God is that which qualifies for greater service. The apostle Paul recognized the position of the young saint. In writing to young Timothy, he says: "Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, (both young and old) in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity. Till I come, give attendance to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine. Meditate upon these things; give thyself wholly to them; that thy profiting may appear to all" 1 Tim. 4: 12, 13, 15. Young saints should not feel that their service in the body of Christ should be postponed until they are older, for there is a place and work at hand for every member of the body. "Nay, much more those members of the body, which seem to be more feeble, are necessary." 1 Cor. 12:22.

The apostle Paul reminds us of our privilege and responsibility when he says: "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." May the Lord bless all the young people and may this year of 1940 be one in which they will have made deeper consecrations, growth in grace, and become more like Christ, thereby exerting a greater Christian influence in the community in which they live.

—L. D. P.

Be More Like Christ

Do we love our brothers and sisters so much that we wouldn't say or do anything that would cast a reflection on any one of them? Not only refrain from saying anything, but refrain from listening to anything that would cast down, crush, or kill in-

fluence. It takes wisdom to know what to do and say. We can only get that wisdom from above. Therefore we must be prayerful. Keep in an attitude toward God and His people so when anything comes up, we can go down on our knees and hear from on high. Sometimes we may say something with no intention of hurting any one, and it be the truth; but at the same time it would be better unsaid. Some one standing close by may pick it up and pass it on, and by the time it gets very far, it very likely would be different than when told.

Do we, as members of God's church, help support one another; especially, the weak? Or do we, when something is said about one, take it up and let it shake our confidence in the one it is said about? Dear ones, I believe God wants us to hold confidence as long as one manifests the fruits of the Spirit. When one ceases to do that, is time enough to withdraw confidence. "Love worketh no ill to his neighbor." "God is love." God's saints are also love. If we love each other as we love ourselves, how careful we are going to be.

Young saints, let us be very careful to say nothing or do anything that may offend any one. Let us not be easily offended if some one fails to use as much wisdom in their talk as we think they should. We all make mistakes at some time. I can look back and see mistakes I've made, that are very vivid to my memory. But God knew my heart, and knew I'd rather have His approval upon me than to have any thing else in this world. I'm glad we don't have to give up after making a mistake; but that we can profit by them, and let them be the means of us drawing nearer to God.

Christ raised a standard that we are to live to, and it's too high for offenses and insults. God's people are to hold that standard to the height where Christ set it.

We could call to our mind a goodly number of saints that are nearing the end of their race, and will soon be gone. It won't be long until we will have to step into the places of the ones whom God is calling away. We must be prepared to carry on the work in its fullness and to the extent of having God's approval upon us in every walk of life.

We, as a group of young people, must strive to live clean, straight, and holy lives, acceptable before God—see that our conversations are pure and godly, lay aside all foolishness and be a sober and righteous example as we go through this life. Let Christ come first in all things. We all have a work to do. What ever it is, let us be up and doing, and work with all our might.

Tonight finds me encouraged to go all the way. I've come up against things I didn't know I'd have to meet, but I've found God's grace is sufficient to carry us through.

The work here is prospering. All seem to be

greatly encouraged and moving forward. We have a nice group of young people, all striving to live closer to the Lord. The young people's meetings are good. Let us all get closer to the Lord, and by so-doing, we shall be closer to each other. We want to walk and stay so close to each other that nothing can come in and tear us apart.

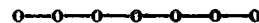
Pray for me that I may always stay in God's will and order.
Lela Gibson.

CORRESPONDENCE

Mapleton Depot, Pa.—Dear Bro. and Sis. Pruitt: I have been a very earnest reader of your **Faith and Victory** for over a year now; and, oh, how it helps me trust the dear Lord for everything. I have wanted to write to you folks for a long time but hardly know how to write to express my feelings and the earnest desire in my heart for prayer from you folks for my family. My life's road is very difficult and many times I feel I cannot go on any more, but each time the dear Lord's words of comfort come to me, and my courage rises higher. Satan is so busy, and oh, I feel he tries to run my home and drive me out. So, friends, pray for me, for I never want to lose heaven, no matter what the cost may be. I want to walk closer with God each day.

I am a very poor mother of 11 children, ranging in ages from 16 to 3 yrs. (youngest are twins). I want to train and bring these little ones up to be like Jesus. This is so hard to do because their father is unsaved. It just breaks my heart to see him living as he does when he knows God has done so much for us through my earnest prayers. I never doubt when I pray, but know God will answer. I cannot understand why my family don't act different and respect my love and faith in God more. Please pray for me and them all. One year ago in September Mr. Parks fell from an apple tree and broke his arm. He has not worked a day since. I pray for God to heal it and make it strong and I know he will. Oh, friends and disciples of Christ, pray for him—both his healing and the saving of his soul. May God ever bless and provide your needs according to his own gracious will.

A sister in Christ, Mrs. Chester Parks.



Marshall, Mich.—Dear Bro in Christ, Greetings in Jesus Dear Name: I am glad to report victory through our dear Lord. We are still on the winning side for Jesus. We are still fighting with our whole hearts. Our aim is to be more like Jesus and to be more useful in His service. A few days ago I wrote to you for prayer for my wife. We thought she was ready to leave this house of clay to be with Jesus, but tonight we are praising God because He was willing to leave her with us for awhile. I don't think the request had more than reached you until a marked change was seen. The Lord touched her body and in two days she was up and about, but had a very

bad cough which seemed stubborn. I sent a request to Amanda Jones of Rosewood, Ohio, and the Lord gave complete victory for which we give all the glory to God, and thank the dear saints for their agreement in prayer at this time. My wife is doing her own house work, praise the dear Lord. What a wonderful God we serve!

Bro. and Sis. Wm. L. VanZandt.

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Tulsa, Okla.—To All the Dear Saints Scattered Abroad, Greetings in Jesus Dear Name: Tonight finds me still saved and glad for the true Gospel.

This is to tell you that our dear brother who was so sorely afflicted passed to his reward Jan. 1, 1940. Truly, God doeth all things well. Bro. Deshong had a testimony of being most prayerful and patient in all of the seven years of his afflictions. Pray for his wife and two little sons that God will make a way for them.

Remember me in your prayers. Hettie Barton.

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Lyons, Ore.—Dear Bro. Pruitt and all Saints: This beautiful Monday morning finds us still saved and much encouraged to press the battle on against the powers of Satan and sin, and with a new determination to stand by the cross regardless of what may come or go.

Truly, the dear Lord has most wonderfully been with his little flock at Mill City in a precious and glorious little meeting. Dear Bro. and Sis. White were with us. God used them in being a great source of strength and encouragement to the dear saints here. Oh, how good the dear Lord is to his people! My soul is made to realize as never before, how his yoke is easy and his burdens are light.

Oh, dear saints, let us all be encouraged and press on to gain the prize of the high calling in Christ Jesus. I pray God's richest blessings may rest upon all the dear saints; and that God will especially bless the paper this new year in heralding God's truth in its fullness and power as never before.

Your brother,

Ira Stover.

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Fairview, Okla.—Dear Bro. and Sis. Pruitt: To the Saints of God: It is my pleasure to give a testimony for blessed Jesus. I enjoy Jesus and He enjoys me. It is my desire to serve him in righteous love, joy, and peace in the Holy Spirit, for this way we can be pleasing to God and have good-will toward mankind. I have come through hardships, discouragements, and troubles of many kinds. I was sick and broken down. My nerves seemed as if they were all shattered and knocking against each other, as many telephone wires knock against each other in a great storm. I almost despaired of natural life, and almost lost hope of heaven. I thought of turning back but, no, the road looked worse than when I came over it. I thought of eternity and of dwelling

in hell in eternity. My soul said, No. I'll win the race and gain heaven. I cried to God, the Father, I want to bear fruit for you, but your word says, "Without me ye can do nothing." (St. John 15:5). Help me, Lord. O, I saw that opened fountain and rejoiced in that fountain. My Father said, "Be of good cheer." "Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city" Rev. 22:14. "In the midst of the street of it, and either side of the river was there the tree of life, which bare twelve manner of fruits, and yielded her fruit every month: and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations" Rev. 22:2. Finally, let us be like Abraham of old: "He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief: but was strong in faith, giving glory to God: and being fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was able also to perform. And therefore it was imputed to him for righteousness" Rom. 4:20-22. It is also for us, thank God. I am well. He has healed and strengthened me, and I am happy, rejoicing in the hope of heaven.

Mrs. Eva Penner.

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La Junta, Colo.—Dear Brother and Sister Pruitt: Last March I was very sick and it seemed I could not live. I wrote you and Bro. and Sis. Janes and God healed me. Also, I had you and Bro. and Sis. Janes to send an anointed handkerchief for my poor sister who is in the State Hospital for the Insane, and God has wonderfully touched her. She was so thin and weak and in such a condition mentally she seemed to hate me and did not want me to come near her, but now she has gained weight and is much stronger physically and mentally and enjoys having me visit her. How I do praise God and desire your prayers that God will make her every whit whole and that she may testify again to God's saving grace. Dear ones, do not grow weary in asking for loved ones, even though there seems to be no hope. The attending physician said I had better tell them which undertaker to call, because he said she had no resistance and she had an infected foot which spread infection through her limb, but God healed the infection and she is so much improved in every way. Glory to His precious name. God has wonderfully answered prayer. He saved my husband before he passed away, and has been a present help in every time of need. I do not see how I could go on without Jesus. Pray for my husband's sister who is old and suffered a sun-stroke and for whom I must care in my home. Also, please pray for my unsaved brothers.

Your sister in Christ, E. Coral (Myers) Johnson.

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Jefferson, Ore.—Bro. and Sis. Pruitt and Saints of God Everywhere, Greeting in the Precious Name of Jesus: We desire to write our testimony tonight,

to tell of the wonderful works of God—how he saves, sanctifies, and keeps by his mighty power. Hallelujah to the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world! We are very much encouraged, and decided by the grace of God to see the end of the Christian race; for the blessed word says, "Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life" (Rev. 2:10); and "he that shall endure unto the end, the same SHALL be saved" (Matt. 24:13). Read Heb. 3:6. Oh, beloved, let us hold fast that sweet confidence and rejoicing of the hope firm unto the end; for it is only those who are faithful unto death that shall have the crown of life. Oh, there are so many that run well for awhile, but when tribulation or persecution, deception, and many other things come along, they become discouraged, go down, lose the victory, and become a castaway. While we know we are living in very perilous times, yet "who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written. For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter. Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us." (Rom. 8:35, 37). While these things are true, we greatly rejoice to behold the ransomed of the Lord returning and coming home to Zion, with songs and everlasting joy upon their heads; and are truly obtaining joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing are fleeing away, glory be to God. We just closed a wonderful Assembly meeting held during the holidays at Mill City, Ore. Just a few of God's little ones came together, all of one accord; and it was just wonderful and most precious to behold how the Lord filled his dear children with his divine love. Such rejoicing we haven't witnessed for many years; especially on New Year's day when the little flock came together, entering into a covenant with the Lord to make 1940 the best year of our Christian experience. And, oh, such a melting time of rejoicing, we have not felt for years, praise God. Surely, Zion is returning to her pristine glory. So let us all strive together for the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace. As the Lord brings again Zion, beloved, let us see eye to eye, and the watchmen lift up the voice together and sing. We hear good reports from other places, so we are much encouraged to press on to certain victory.

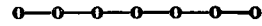
May God bless all his dear people, and keep this precious truth spreading from pole to pole, is the prayer of your humble brother, H. W. White.



Reform, Ala.—To the Faith and Victory Publishing House. Greetings to all the Dear Saints Scattered Abroad: This leaves me saved from all sin and sanctified through the blood of the Lamb. I thank the dear Lord for being a Saviour and a healer and

a keeper, praise His dear name. Dear ones, I am having a severe test in my home. I have a daughter who is down with rheumatism. She is unable to walk. I am sending a prayer request, asking all of God's people to agree in prayer for her. I have been praying for her but need help. The Lord has been our doctor for 28 years.

Your brother in the Gospel, D. S. Richardson.

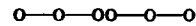


Washington, D. C.—Bro. Pruitt, Greetings in Jesus Name: Today finds me still saved and sanctified and trusting the blessed Lord. One year ago I was saved in the meeting in Guthrie, and I thank the good Lord I am still saved, and desiring to be in the meeting this year. But I ask the prayers of the saints that I may get stronger in the Lord. I hope Bro. M. J. Phillips was there with you this year again. This is his sister-in-law writing.

I am enclosing fifty cents for which send me a calendar. If you have an extra **Faith and Victory**, please send it. I want it for a preacher.

Love to all the saints in the Assembly.

Your sister in Christ, Mrs. Missouri Tillman.



Dear Saints, My Beloved Brothers and Sisters in the Lord: You are so dear to my heart, and my most earnest prayer is that you stand true to the Lord, that you be rooted and grounded in love, that you put on the whole armor of God that you may be able to stand. I, indeed, find such comfort in his love and such rich treasures in His store-house that my prayer to God is that each one of you go on and dig deeply into the rich things of Christ, for those who are faithful and walk close to his side.

The good Lord has been blessing in the work in California. I held a meeting in Whittier which was much blessed of the Lord. The dear saints were much encouraged. The good Lord blessed so much in the ordinance service. The Assembly at Los Angeles was a wonderful meeting, indeed. The good Lord so wonderfully poured out his blessings over and over on his children until there was not room enough to receive it, so our cups ran over. Souls were saved, sanctified and bodies healed. Two other congregations came and took their stand with the saints and publicly declared it, and said that from this time on they would stand for the old time truth. Oh, dear saints, let us let our lights shine so brightly that others can find their way to the beautiful City of God. Many times the building was so full many had to stand. Praise our God, his hand is not short. Some ministers from other congregations knelt at the altar and prayed through, taking their stand for the truth. The last night of the meeting almost every one in the building was shouting praises to God.

Dear saints, please pray earnestly for the heal-

ing of Sister McKinney of Whittier, Calif, and all that feel led, join us in fasting and prayer Feb. 11th, the 2nd Sunday in Feb. She is seriously afflicted, but I believe God will heal her. Please pray that I always know the will of God that I may do it. Your blood-washed sister,
Essie McDonald.

WAR OR PEACE

In these perilous times of war and rumors of war we should put on the whole armour of God and be shod with Gospel of peace, taking the shield of faith. The helmet of salvation and the sword of the spirit which is the word of God. Praying, watching, always. For the Lord is our judge. The Lord is our lawgiver. The Lord is our King he will save us Isaiah 33-22.

"How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings that publisheth peace" Isaiah 52:7

The Lord says, "I will give peace in the land and ye shall lie down, and none shall make you afraid: and I will rid evil out of the land. Neither shall the sword go through your land" Lev. 26:6.


"God is our refuge and strength a very present help in trouble. . . . He maketh wars to cease. . . . The Lord of Hosts is with us." —Psalm 46.

"Thou will keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on thee" Isaiah 26:3

—J. H. Pierson.

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Sunday, February 4, 1940

Daily Readings and Meditations
Jan. 29 to Feb. 3.

- M. The Goodness of Creation Gen. 1:27-31
- T. The Corruption of Mankind Gen. 6:9-20.
- W. Daniel's Principle Tested Dan. 1:8-16.
- T. Daniel's Principle Succeeds Dan. 1:17-21.
- F. Alcohol the Defiler Prov. 23:29-35.
- S. Alcohol the Destroyer Isa. 28:1-8.

Printed PortionGen. 1:27-31; 1 Cor. 6:19, 20; 2 Cor. 6:16 to 7:1.

Gen. 1:27. So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.

28. And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.

29. And God said, Behold, I have given you every herb bearing seed, which is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree, in the which is the fruit of a tree yielding seed; to you it shall be for meat.

30. And to every beast of the earth, and to every fowl of the air, and to everything that creepeth upon the earth, wherein there is life, I have given every green herb for meat: and it was so.

31. And God saw every thing that he had made: and behold, it was very good. And the evening and the morning were the sixth day.

1 Cor. 6:19. What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?

20. For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.

2 Cor. 6:16. And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

17. Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you.

18. And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty.

Golden Text: "Ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's." 1 Cor 6:20.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATIONS

Man was created in the image of God—in righteousness and true holiness. Though his body was taken from the earth, his soul was God-like and came from heaven. When he sinned, he no longer bore the image of God; but was marred and disfigured by sin. Christ came to earth and he who knew no sin was made sin for us, “that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.” When one, from the heart, believes on Him, he is born again of His spirit and nature and is created again in His likeness or image; or in other words, he is redeemed back to God. Hence he is bought with a price and is no longer his own, but God’s. “Therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God’s.”

One could not glorify God in his body if he were intemperate in anything. In regard to intoxicating liquors, it is not needful to take even one drink. One cannot be temperate in any amount of indulgence in a thing which has enslaved so many in its powerful grip, any more than a child of God can be temperate in serving Satan part time. “Abstain from all appearance of evil.” When one **separates** himself from every unclean thing, God will receive him and dwell in him. God will not dwell in an unclean temple.

Having these promises, let us cleanse ourselves— If we must cleanse ourselves before obtaining these promises, then we must keep clean to retain them. “If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are.” Dare any one say that intoxicants do not defile the body?

One who holds life sacred will practice and teach total abstinence from a thing which injures both soul and body.

THE PERILS OF REJECTING CHRIST

Sunday, February 11, 1940.

Daily Readings and Meditations

Feb. 5 to Feb. 10.

- M. The Peril of Unbelief Matt. 21:28-32.
- T. The Peril of Rejection Matt. 21:33-43.
- W. The Rejection of Nazareth Mark 6:1-6.
- T. Israel Rejects God 1 Sam. 8:1-9.
- F. Rejection and Judgment John 12:44-50.
- S. Rejection and Destruction Isa. 30:8-14.

Printed PortionMatt. 21:28-43.

Matt. 21:28. But what think ye? A certain man had two sons; and he came to the first, and said, Son, go work today in my vineyard.

29. He answered and said, I will not: but afterward he repented, and went.

30. And he came to the second, and said likewise.

And he answered and said, I go, sir: and went not.

31. Whether of them twain did the will of his father? They say unto him, The first. Jesus saith unto them, Verily I say unto you, That the publicans and the harlots go into the kingdom of God before you.

32. For John came unto you in the way of righteousness, and ye believed him not: but the publicans and the harlots believed him: and ye, when ye had seen it, repented not afterward, that ye might believe him.

33. Hear another parable: There was a certain householder, which planted a vineyard, and hedged it round about, and digged a winepress in it, and built a tower, and let it out to husbandmen, and went into a far country:

34. And when the time of the fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the husbandmen, that they might receive the fruits of it.

35. And the husbandmen took his servants, and beat one, and killed another, and stoned another.

36. Again, he sent other servants more than the first: and they did unto them likewise.

37. But last of all he sent unto them his son, saying, They will reverence my son.

38. But when the husbandmen saw the son, they said among themselves, This is the heir; come, let us kill him, and let us seize on his inheritance.

39. And they caught him, and cast him out of the vineyard, and slew him.

40. When the lord therefore of the vineyard cometh, what will he do unto those husbandmen?

41. They say unto him, He will miserably destroy those wicked men, and will let out his vineyard unto other husbandmen, which shall render him the fruits in their seasons.

42. Jesus saith unto them, Did ye never read in the scriptures, The stone which the builders rejected, the same is become the head of the corner: this is the Lord’s doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes?

43. Therefore say I unto you, The kingdom of God shall be taken from you, and given to a nation bringing forth the fruits thereof.

Golden Text: “I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.” John 14:6.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATIONS

The Publicans and sinners had formerly been disobedient to God, but afterward repented, accepted the Gospel of Christ, and entered the Kingdom of God. The self-righteous Pharisees pretended to know God and to be willing and obedient to His every command, yet they would not accept His salvation.

Many today are saying, “I go sir.” They put their names on a church roll, quit some of their conspicuous sins and pretend to love God; “Having

a form of godliness but denying the power thereof." Of such, Jesus said, "This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoureth me with their lips, but their heart is far from me." He knows the difference between lip service and heart-felt service. Thank God, there are a few who, like the first son, though disobedient and sinful at first, repent and turn to God with all their heart, and worship Him in spirit and in truth.

God sent many prophets to call his people back to him; but they were shamefully treated by those who were supposed to be God's servants. (Read Heb. 11:36-38) Then God sent His Son to call them to repentance and persuade them to render unto God the fruits of a holy life, but they only resented his teachings; and, as Paul said, judged themselves unworthy of eternal life, preferring to be left alone, at ease in their sins. So they killed God's Son.

That was not the end of persecutions of the righteous. Christ's servants have received the same kind of treatment by those who "love darkness rather than light." His prophecy was and is fulfilled: "Whosoever killeth you will think that he doeth God service"; but God's mercy and call to repentance will not always be extended to undeserving humanity. He has told His saints and faithful martyrs that He would avenge their blood on them that dwell on the earth.

GOOD CITIZENS AND GOOD NEIGHBORS

Sunday, February 18, 1940.

Daily Readings and Meditations

Feb. 12 to Feb. 17.

- M. A Good Citizen Matt. 22:15-22.
- T. A Good Neighbor Matt. 22:34-40.
- W. A Beneficent God Deut. 8:11-18.
- T. Mutual Helpfulness Rom. 12:10-21.
- F. A True Neighbor James 2:1-8.
- S. Heavenly Citizenship Phil. 3:17-21.

Printed Portion:Matt. 22:15-22, 34-40.

Matt. 22:15. Then went the Pharisees, and took counsel how they might entangle him in his talk.

16. And they sent out unto him their disciples with the Herodians, saying, Master, we know that thou art true, and teachest the way of God in truth, neither carest thou for any man: for thou regardest not the person of men.

17. Tell us therefore, What thinkest thou? Is it lawful to give tribute unto Caesar, or not?

18. But Jesus perceived their wickedness, and said, Why tempt ye me, ye hypocrites?

19. Shew me the tribute money. And they brought unto him a penny.

20. And he saith unto them, Whose is this image

and superscription?

21. They say unto him, Caesar's. Then saith he unto them, Render therefore unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's; and unto God the things that are God's.

22. When they had heard these words, they marvelled, and left him, and went their way.

34. But when the Pharisees had heard that he had put the Sadducees to silence, they were gathered together.

35. Then one of them, which was a lawyer, asked him a question, tempting him, and saying,

36. Master, which is the great commandment in the law?

37. Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.

38. This is the first and great commandment.

39. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.

40. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

Golden Text: "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself." Matt. 22:39.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATIONS

Notice how the enemy combined his forces to fight against the Son of God. The Pharisees and Herodians, though opposed among themselves, heartily united to oppose Christ and his truth.

"Teacher, we know that thou art true, and teachest the way of God"—the words spoken were truth, but their design was to accomplish evil. Like their master, the devil; they knew the truth, but used it only for the furtherance of their evil designs. Well has one warned Christians: "Beware of the flatterer's net." Though their question was cleverly planned, and one which they thought could not be answered without offending some faction of the people or the rulers, yet they did not seem to realize that "in him are stored all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge." Instead of Jesus being trapped by them, they were silenced and more truth was issued to the world.

God's people are not of the world. They are subjects of God's kingdom, but while they are in the world, He wants them to be "subject unto the higher powers" and "render unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's." Our souls (if regenerated) are created in God's image. Therefore, render "unto God the things that are God's." Since our bodies are the temples for our souls, the soul can not be rendered to God without the body. Hence both soul and body must be given unreservedly to God. Only then can one say that he loves God with all his heart, soul, and mind,

It means much to "love your neighbour as yourself," but Jesus meant what he said. Give up wholly to God. When Christ lives in you and has full control, it is not hard for him to keep his own commandments. Then you can love your neighbor as yourself.

STEWARDS IN THE KINGDOM.

Sunday, February 25, 1940.

Daily Readings and Meditations Feb. 19 to Feb. 24.

- M. Stewardship Approved Matt. 25:14-23.
- T. Stewardship Rejected Matt. 25:24-30.
- W. Stewardship of Life 1 Cor. 6:12-20.
- T. Stewardship of Prayer 1 Sam. 12:19-25.
- F. Stewardship of Service John 21:15-23.
- S. Stewardship of Possessions Mal. 3:7-12.

Printed PortionMatt. 25:14-27.

Matt. 25:14. For the kingdom of heaven is as a man travelling into a far country, who called his own servants, and delivered unto them his goods.

15. And unto one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one; to every man according to his several ability; and straightway took his journey.

16. Then he that had received the five talents went and traded with the same, and made them other five talents.

17. And likewise he that had received two, he also gained other two.

18. But he that had received one went and digged in the earth, and hid his lord's money.

19. After a long time the lord of those servants cometh, and reckoneth with them.

20. And so he that had received five talents came and brought other five talents, saying, Lord, thou deliverdst unto me five talents: behold, I have gained beside them five talents more.

21. His lord said unto him, Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord.

22. He also that had received two talents came and said, Lord, thou deliverdst unto me two talents: behold, I have gained two other talents beside them.

23. His lord said unto him, Well done, good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord.

24. Then he which had received the one talent came and said, Lord, I knew thee that thou art an hard man, reaping where thou hast not sown, and gathering where thou hast not strawed:

25. And I was afraid, and went and hid thy talent in the earth: lo, there thou hast that is thine.

26. His lord answered and said unto him, Thou wicked and slothful servant, thou knewest that I reap where I sowed not, and gather where I have not strawed:

27. Thou oughtest therefore to have put my money to the exchangers, and then at my coming I should have received mine own with usury.

Golden Text: "Well done, thou good and faithful servant." Matt. 25:21.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATIONS

All people are God's stewards in one sense. He has given each one life for which they must give an account of the way they spent it, when it is spent; but the parable in today's lesson concerns only Christians or the subjects of the Kingdom of heaven. "He called **his own servants** (not the devil's servants too), and delivered unto them his goods." "When he ascended up on high, he . . . gave gifts unto men." Read also 1 Cor. 12:4-12.

The Faithful Servants—No doubt, they had toiled amid discouraging circumstances, pressed on when others failed, were tested and tried to the limit of their endurance, perhaps had been tempted to give up and bury their talents as others were doing; yet resisted temptation and remained faithful. God has promised that his word will not return void, therefore other "talents" were gained because of their faithful service.

"Enter into the joys of thy lord"—The faithful will be partakers of the Lord's joys. "I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us."

The Unfaithful Servant—"Digged in the earth and hid his Lord's money"—neglected to fill the place of usefulness in the Lord's service which he had given him to fill, and hid that which the Lord had given him amid selfish, earthly cares. It is easy to hide God-given talents "in the earth," but how costly in the end! God's talents must be used or they shall be given to another and the unfaithful servant will be "cast into outer darkness."

God will not hold one accountable for not doing that which he has no ability to do, but He expects each one to faithfully make use of every opportunity which comes to him because of his ability. He did not call Paul to preach like Peter. Neither did Paul neglect his gift because he could not preach, pray, etc. just like Peter. If he had, he could not have said, "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith."

Don't fret or bury your talent because the Lord did not give you more gifts, but make use of that which you have. "Neglect not the gift that is in thee."