

FAITH AND VICTORY

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

HAVE FAITH
IN GOD

GOD IS
LOVE

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

JESUS
SAVES

A PAPER
FOR ALL
CHRISTIANS

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From Day To Day

We worship Him who for us died,
By God approved, by man denied,
Who all the pow'rs of hell defied
From day to day.

He saw us in our sin and shame
And swiftly to our rescue came;
Oh, let us praise His holy name
From day to day!

We can not tell, we do not know,
The reason why He loved us so,
But great our joy, though tears may flow,
From day to day.

Our Lord who died now lives on high,
No more on earth to weep and die,
Yet we who know him feel he's nigh
From day to day.

Lord, we would worship and adore,
The treasures of thy Word explore,
And of thy love know more and more,
From day to day.

—W. J. Hunnex.

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For Whom Are You Living?

"Forasmuch then as Christ has suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves likewise with the same mind: for he that hath suffered in the flesh hath ceased from sin; That he no longer should live the rest of his time in the flesh to the lusts of men, but to the will of God" 1 Pet. 4:1-2.

For whom are you living? This is a question directed to every individual, whether we have taken time to consider it or no, and we cannot pass it by. Gird up the loins of your mind and think—think carefully, think deeply. Are you living for the Lord Jesus, or are you living after the lust of men? Are you seeking their applause and honor? Do you strive to please men or God? The word of inspiration says, "Ye are bought with a price; be not ye the

servants of men" 1 Cor. 7:23. Again we read: "For do I now persuade men, or God? or do I seek to please men? for if I yet pleased men, I should not be the servant of Christ." Gal. 1:10. Do you know that Jesus suffered for you? have you given it a second thought? a more serious consideration, that he has even bought you and that you are not your own? "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? For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit which are God's." 1 Cor. 6:19-20.

The text says: "Forasmuch then as Christ has suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves likewise with the same mind." Or in other words, we must be decided in our minds to live for Christ even though it calls for suffering; for "all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution." Peter says, "They will think it strange that ye run not with them to the same excess of riot, speaking evil of you." No doubt, your loved ones and friends may speak many hard things about you, because you have decided to follow the lowly Lamb of God; but you can not afford to let these things turn your heart back, because your future destiny depends upon your present actions. You cannot expect to reap a harvest of joy and bliss, and wear the crown of righteousness if you do not take up your cross and follow Jesus. "If we suffer with him, we shall also be glorified with him." The natural man does not delight in suffering, so one must practice self-denial, when called upon to undergo suffering or persecution for Jesus' sake and follow the example he taught us in the garden, "not my will, but thine be done."

This brings us the thought that we can't even please ourselves, for we are not our own. Thousands of people are going through this life, and acting as if Christ had no place in their heart whatever, although they profess to be his followers. They live a life of self pleasure, and are at ease. They live to enjoy this time world, its treasures, its honors, its praise and applause appeals to them more loudly than eternal things. Their pleas are stronger to them than the will of God. Let me ask again, For whom are you living? "He that hath suffered in the flesh hath

he is going to deceive and get millions of souls into hell. I feel like warning the children of God not to sympathize with sectism and allow your soul to be darkened by their leaven or teaching, for they carry enough poison to kill the life of Christ in your soul and make you a child of hell.

It is true that there are honest, sincere souls in many of the sects in our country, but God is calling them out of such places that they may abide in him alone. It has never been the will of God for his people to be divided, for the word teaches us that we are, knit together, compacted together, framed together, built together, raised up together, and will be caught up together, will meet the Lord and ever be with Him. The Church of the Living God will shine more and more unto His coming. I believe from the teaching of his word that as the church shines more in oneness, the greater will be our persecution from sectism and sect holiness movements, and the greater effort they will put forth to increase their numbers. If the children of God are scattered hither and thither in this thing and that, they could never be knit together, framed together, or compacted together. I believe that there is a power and influence coming in the near future that will swallow up much of what we call sectism today, and will become the severest persecuting power against the "called-out ones" that we have ever known, and that power will be "Paganism." This power is getting a strangling hold on many people right here in America. There are multitudes in this country that have turned down the crucified way that are ripe to be deceived by this approaching power. This strangling foe is throwing out his fumes and causing many of the saints to drink of a sect spirit in some manner or another, and it brings dullness and luke-warmness and sectism does not seem to look so bad to them after all. Many preachers among us will not cry out against sectism and its evils and worldly ways. There are too many people today looking for what they call a "bargain in religion." Brethren, let us arise and shake ourselves and "cry aloud and spare not." By so doing, we shall save our own souls and many that hear us. Our children need to be settled in God as never before, if they stand in the holy way when these approaching powers begin to rule with their murderous spirit.

—Fred Pruitt.

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He Is Just The Same Today

Heb. 13:8: "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, today, and for ever." Some folks teach that the day of miracles is past and that God doesn't give us power as He did his twelve disciples. Let us see what the Word says about it: Matt. 10:1—"And when he had called unto him his twelve disciples, he gave them power against (or over) unclean spirits,

to cast them out; and to heal all manner of sickness and all manner of disease." Luke 10:1, 9, 19—"After these things the Lord appointed other seventy also, and sent them two and two before his face into every city and place, whither he himself would come. And heal the sick that are therein, and say unto them, The kingdom of God is come nigh unto you. Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you." We also find in James 5:14, 15 that he gave the same power to the Church of today when he said: "Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord, and the prayer of faith shall save the sick and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him." In Luke 9:1 he gave the same power to the apostles: "Then he called his twelve disciples together, and gave them power and authority over all devils, and to cure diseases. (V. 2)—And he sent them to preach the kingdom of God, and to heal the sick." Now let us see what the Word says about trusting in man: Jer. 17:5—"Thus saith the Lord, Cursed be the man that trusteth in man, and maketh flesh his arm, and whose heart departeth from the Lord." Trusting in man or the arm of flesh would surely mean doctors or some little remedy. Some think it no harm to rub a little something on, or put a greased, wool rag on the chest when they have a cold: but beware, the "little foxes spoil the vine." It would be no worse to take medicine than to rub on the outside. What does the Word say about taking medicine? Jer 46:11b—"In vain shalt thou use many medicines: for thou shalt not be cured." Mark 5:25, 26—"And a certain woman which had an issue of blood twelve years, and had suffered many things of many physicians, and had spent all that she had, and was nothing bettered, but rather grew worse." Then we read in 2 Chron. how King Asa trusted in man. 2 Chron. 16:12—"And Asa in the thirty and ninth year of his reign, was diseased in his feet, until his disease was exceeding great: yet in his disease he sought not to the Lord, but to the physicians. (V. 13 is the curse) And Asa slept with his fathers, and died in the one and fortieth year of his reign."

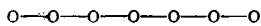
God wants us to fully trust Him. Jer. 17:7—"Blessed is the man that trusteth in the Lord, and whose hope the Lord is." In Luke 8:43, 44, when the woman that had spent all her living upon the physicians neither could be healed of any, believed that Jesus had power to heal, she touched the border of his garment and immediately she was healed.

Dear ones, I fully trust the Lord with my whole house for all things, I find him a present help in all times of need.

—Rosa Cook.

the earth also, and the works that are therein, shall be burned up." 2 Pet. 3:10. All rule, authority and power will be put down when Jesus comes in the last day. But the saints of God that are asleep in Christ and those that "are alive and remain, shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord." 1 Thess. 4:17. At this time the mystery will take place that Paul speaks of in 1 Cor. 15:51, 52. We that remain and are alive shall be changed in a moment and put on a glorified body, our house from heaven (2 Cor. 5:1), and then we shall live with God for ever. This corruptible shall put on incorruption; but this corruptible body does not inherit it, it is the life of God in our souls that inherits it. Read the 50th verse.

As long as this world stands we shall be subject to temptations from Satan who is the enemy of all the true children of God. When Satan and his hosts, Gog and Magog (which is Catholicism and sectism) compass the camp of the saints about the beloved city, which is the church of God; then fire will come down from God out of heaven and devour them. Rev. 20:9. When this earth and all things therein are burned up, and all power, rule, and authority is put down and the devil that deceived them are cast into the lake of fire and brimstone where the beast (Catholicism), and the false prophet (sectism) are and shall be tormented day and night forever and forever; then the real saints of God will be given glorified bodies. We no longer will be subject to vanity or fleshly desires as we are now, but shall be as the angels which are in heaven (Mark 12:25). This glorious change and habitation will be sure to all the redeemed who remain firm and true unto the end. When in that glorified state, having a glorified body, we will no longer care for earthly things, neither will we need any earthly thing. Praise God for that day of rejoicing.



As previously stated in the March **Faith and Victory** paper, a company of us, consisting of Bro. and Sister Key of Hammond, La., Frances Pruitt, my daughter, and I will be leaving Guthrie on April the 4th, if the Lord wills, for an extended evangelistic trip in Mo., Ill., Mich., Ohio, and Ind. A number of saints have written to us, requesting us to stop and visit them, or to have a few nights meeting (or more as the Lord leads.) If there are any others who desire us to stop, just write to us, and if the Lord leads and makes it possible, we shall be glad to see you and as God works, impart some spiritual encouragement and help one to the other as we travel on in this Pilgrim way. This evangelistic trip is undertaken by faith in God that He will supply the needs, both for the starting and as we move on from place to place in His service. Just at present the Lord is permitting us to be tried in a

financial way, but our eyes are upon Him and by faith we shall move to do his will regardless of the cost. We are praying to God that he will so supply that it will not be necessary to leave extra burdens of the work upon wife and Geneva Bailey when we leave, as they will have the care of the printing work and will keep the papers and tracts going to the many needy ones.

We ask the saints every where to pray for us and for those we leave behind in the printing work. There are many phases of this work that needs to be kept up, and the responsibility is very great. We ask each member of the body of Christ to function in his (or her) place willingly and freely that all the work of God will keep moving on to the salvation of souls and to the edifying of the body of Christ in love. We shall be praying for all the dear saints everywhere. May His BANNER OF LOVE be over each one of you is our earnest prayer.

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OBITUARIES

Sister Mary Jane Bolds, who lived at 207 S. McKinley St., Shawnee, Okla., passed away March 1, 1940 at the age of eighty years, five months, and nine days.

She was married to J. H. Leachman in 1880 in Alabama. To this union four children were born, one preceded her in death. Mr. Leachman died in 1920 and she was married to George Bolds July 10, 1928. Bro. Bolds, one of the pioneer ministers of the Church of God, passed to his reward Dec. 5, 1929.

Sister Bolds had lived in Shawnee for 25 years. She was a member in the church of God and was known for her great piety and love for Jesus, living a holy life, and was ready for heaven.

She is survived by four children: Mrs. C. M. Witt, Mrs. C. H. Eldridge, and Mr. M. C. Leachman; two step-daughters: Mrs. O. B. Wilson, and Mrs. W. S. Bennett; one brother: George Farris; one sister: Mrs. Litzman; seventeen grandchildren; and twenty-four great-grandchildren.

Funeral service was conducted by Fred Pruitt assisted by A. H. Hammons, March 2, 1940 at the Gaskill Funeral Home in Shawnee, Okla. Text: Mark 14:8—"She hath done what she could." Place of interment: Fairview Cemetery near Shawnee, Okla.

Bro. Walter Busch was born Dec. 18, 1880, died Feb. 17, 1940 at 8:10 a. m.; age 59 years 1 month and 29 days.

He was born in Strimby, Russia, and was brought to this country by his parents in 1894 when about fourteen years of age. He grew to manhood and married Miss Emma Willson Aug. 7, 1907. To this union nine children were born, five boys and four girls, all living. They are all single except two girls, Mrs. Mamie Isaak and Mrs. Mildred Bethel. The boys are:

CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTORS

As disciples and followers of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, and as members of the Church of God which He established and purchased by his shed blood on Calvary's Cross, we renew our declaration and belief in conscience and heart regarding participation in war.

Our Saviour spoke plainly and definitely in the Bible to "love thine enemies; pray for them which despitefully use you and persecute you"; "My kingdom is not of this world. If my kingdom were of this world, then would my servants fight"; "He that taketh the sword shall perish with the sword;" "Thou shalt not kill;" and many other quotations that set forth the same teaching. By grace and love given by Him, we desire to follow His teaching.

The early disciples and apostles left us examples in life, precept and teaching of obeying the Great Author of Salvation. Furthermore, many, yea, thousands and thousands of our brethren all down through the centuries, by His grace, have been faithful unto Him though many of them lost their mortal lives at the hand of cruel men—choosing rather to suffer and retain a clear conscience and a pure heart of love, and be assured of an abundant entrance into Heaven than to resort to hate and destruction of their enemies and be lost throughout never-ending eternity. We are descendants in faith and Spirit of these faithful ones, and declare that our consciences and hearts object to the taking up of guns and bayonets and other instruments of war and destruction against our fellowmen; and for these reasons, petition those in authority to give due regard and respect to our conscientious beliefs.

Therefore, as law-abiding and peace-loving citizens of our beloved nation, we point to our great Constitution and Bill of Rights which grant us the privilege of worshipping God according to the dictates of our own consciences, without molestation—So help us God. Amen. —Robert Longley.

Prayer

How sweet, sacred, and glorious is this word prayer. Who can reach the depths of what real Spirit-inspired prayer is to us. It has been said that prayer unlocks the storehouse of heaven. Through prayer we have access through the Spirit to the throne of grace, from whence all our help cometh. For us to obtain the help we must have, it is necessary for us to know: **What is prayer?**

Webster says, "Prayer is an act of addressing supplication to God. The offering up to the supreme Being adoration, confession, supplication, and thanksgiving. The practice of communion with God in devotional address, worship and supplication."

We learn from the above definition that through prayer we can adore and worship our maker, and render thanksgiving to him for his mercies and grace, also make supplication to him for all things that we need—glorious privilege, oh praise his name!

We often hear prayers, a good part of which are telling God what we believe, etc. Dear souls, should it be so?

There is no human mind that can study out a real prayer; no man or woman can learn an effectual prayer from a prayer book. For prayer to accomplish any thing for us or any one else, it must be in the Spirit. In 1 Cor. 14:15, Paul says, "I will pray with the Spirit and will pray with the understanding also." Also in Eph. 6:18: "Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints." Eph. 2:18: "For through him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father." Now, thanks be to God, we learn through the eternal word what prayers will be effectual: they must be in the Spirit through Him, thereby we can reach the throne of grace. The prayer that the Spirit dictates to our hearts will reach the throne of God as the Spirit make intercession for us with groanings that cannot be uttered, but our prayer must be in the Spirit. So many people seem to think they cannot pray unless they can get on their knees. Oh, how we thank God for the privilege of getting on our bended knees to offer prayers to Him; yet the word tells us to pray without ceasing. We know that we cannot stay continually on our knees; but since prayer is the sincere desire of the heart, thank God, the pure heart flows out continually in fervent prayer to God.

The thief on the cross could not kneel. His prayer was only a few words; but, all praise to Him who knows the hearts of all men, it brought eternal salvation to his soul. The Publican who did not as much as lift up his eyes to heaven, but smote upon his breast and asked God to be merciful, went down to his house justified. Dear souls, are we as earnest and as deep in the Spirit in prayer as we should be?

Our Saviour tells us in Luke 21:36: "Watch ye therefore and pray always, (would that not be without ceasing?) that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man." Brethren, this is a command, and if we fail, we can never stand approved before him. Do we want our prayers to work to his glory and to the saving of our souls? Then make sure that we are filled with his Spirit, for only prayers that his Spirit directs in our hearts will avail us any thing. I have heard people offer prayers (so-called) that were only imaginations of their mind, and pray about things that had never happened. Such prayers, the word says, is an abomination to the Lord. In Jas. 5:16, we read: "Confess your faults one to another and pray one for another that ye may

be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of the righteous man availeth much." (Effectual, meaning love, true Godly love for God and all mankind; fervent, meaning zealous, or diligent; of a righteous man, a man who by the grace of God lives righteously, holy, and Godly.) When any one is in that condition, their prayers pour out of a pure heart, prompted by the Holy Spirit, and our God says it availeth much. Oh God, help every one of the holy remnant to sink deeper into eternal things and see to it that all things that will in any way hinder our prayers be removed.

God's little paper could never contain the many things that prayer in the Spirit will do for us, if it were all used for this one subject. The prayer of faith—there is no limit to what it will bring. "If ye abide in me and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will and it shall be done unto you." The prayer out of a pure heart, the fervent prayer, the unwavering prayer, the continual prayer, the holy prayer; all these and many more flow from the heart of the saint who is hid with Christ in God, and cannot fail because they are wafted by the Spirit to the throne of grace, and have the assurance of all high heaven that they will be answered. But all must be in the Holy Spirit, for God is a spirit and he seeketh such that will worship him in Spirit and truth. Prayer is worship, therefore we must pray in Spirit and truth.

I would to God that every honest soul would obey the word and search the scriptures. In them we can know how to pray, where to pray, and in what condition we must be that our prayers will not be hindered, and how we may reach the glorious deep things God has for all who love him.

Brethren, the time is short, eternity is looming in sight; oh, may God stir each one of us to a more fervent spirit of prayer. —Sam Wilson.

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CRYING UNTO GOD

As we look about us today, we can certainly see that perilous times have come, and that there is but little faith in God. Let us remember that we are in a battle; we are fighting the good fight of faith; we wrestle against the powers of darkness; so let us not quit praying and believing until we hear from God. Let us be definite with God and expect and receive definite answers from Him, who cannot lie. We are told to ask; we are told to have faith in God (Mark 11:22). The devil doesn't care so much about our praying unless we pray till it begins to move God on His throne, and he begins to answer. My heart is stirred when I see the need of prevailing prayer and crying unto God (crying an importunate call). The word of God says to fast and pray to undo heavy burdens. The Psalmist David said, "Hear my cry, O God, attend unto my prayer. From the

ends of the earth will I cry unto thee. When my heart is overwhelmed: lead me to the rock that is higher than I." Psa. 61:1, 2. He heareth the cries of the afflicted. He forgetteth not the cry of the humble.

His eyes are over the righteous and his ears are opened unto their cries. Psalmist David said, "When my heart is overwhelmed." Though the storms may be raging, afflictions may press me sore, yet will I cry unto thee; and will look to the Rock that is higher than I. The King's decree that the wise men should be slain (Daniel 3rd chapter) apparently meant death to them, but it only drove Daniel and his three friends to prevailing prayer—more prevailing prayer than they had known before, probably; and thus meeting God's conditions of importunity and faith in prayer, God was able to do great things. A delay to the answer of our prayers, or the holding up of the answer should be only a signal for deeper heart-searching and more whole-hearted resolute crying out to God until He fully answers. Perhaps Paul never would have had such a revelation of sufficient grace of God if he had not besought the Lord until He answered (2 Cor. 12:7-10). Oh, may God grant unto us to see that the hard places are for our good. God wants more crying unto Him and more faith on our part. He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him. "Men ought always to pray and not to faint" Luke 18:1.

Faith worketh by love. May God give us such unselfish love for His cause and for His people that faith will hold on until God fully answers. David fasted and prayed for a week until he knew what God's will was, and even though his child died David did not fail to pray until God's will was clear in the matter (2 Sam. 12:16).

God has promised to reward the diligent. Amen. —Artie Bowers.

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Deleware, Mo.—Dear Sister Pruitt, Greetings of love in Jesus' dear name: Today, we are praising God for his goodness to us. Will say the Lord has answered prayer in my behalf and has healed me praise His holy name for ever! Truly, the Lord has been good to us, and cares for us continually, and never fails us. What a wonderful God He is to his trusting children. We could not do without him. He saves our souls, heals our bodies, and gives us victory over the enemy, praise his dear name! We will trust Him to the end. We have found Him a present help in every time of trouble. He has healed us for thirty-five years, and he will as long as we serve him. It is our decision to serve him as long as he lets us live. May God ever bless you and all the workers there, and help you to keep the good work going. We do praise God for his true people. Continue to pray for us that we be found doing his will. Your sister in defense of the Gospel, Lizzie Harper

great things, and the only charge he had against them was that they would not last. John says of the world that it "passeth away." The immortal soul must give itself to something immortal. The acts of love which no man knows about, nor can ever know about—they never fail.

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The truths of the crucifixion, burial, and resurrection of Christ are brought more forcefully to our hearts at this time of the year. We consider the price that was paid for our salvation. The thought of the resurrection morning brings joy to our hearts even as it did the disciples. This occurred on the first day of the week, and thereafter the disciples began the practice of meeting together to worship the Lord each week on that day. His disciples today, still meet together on the first day of the week. Glad to know we have a risen Saviour! —L. D. P.

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God's Album

Did you ever pick up an old family album and in turning the pages find pictures you had forgotten?—some highly cherished and others undesirable, but all were plain and unmistakable. No doubt, many of our young people possess cameras and have caught snap shots of people who were unaware—afterward when they saw them they begged, "Don't let any one else see it. Oh, give it to me. I never knew I could look so awkward." Or again, if you should step up to some one in his old, soiled clothes, and beg a picture, you can well imagine the exclamation of horror: "Oh, wait! let me wash and clean up and at least look my very best. I would be ashamed to have my picture taken like this."

But did you ever think of God as the Great Photographer? Every day and moment of your life is caught and photographed. Matt. 10:26 says, "For there is nothing covered that shall not be revealed; and hid, that shall not be known." These pictures are reserved for you to view on the Judgment day—some you will have forgotten, but God has them perfectly preserved and you will recognize them as your very own. What kind of picture does God have of your life up to this present time? Are you glad for Him to look at it, or are you ashamed and wish it were in your power to tear it from His possession? Friend, that you can never do except by one method: believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and repent of your sins and He will remove them as far from you as the east is from the west and remember them against you no more.

I like to think of the Bible as an album filled with many interesting pictures. Turn with me to Luke 16:19. Here are two pictures: one of Lazarus and the rich man on the earth— True Lazarus is not pleasant to look at, while the rich man in all his pomp and splendor makes a very colorful tableau,

and much to be admired from a worldly standpoint. But stay—turn the next page and there is a picture of Hell. The rich man, shorn of his riches and splendor is lifting his eyes in torments, while the beggar reclines in Abraham's bosom. Here is the reward of the righteous and the reward of the wicked. Almost always, where we find one picture of the Christian—so pure and God-like—just opposite is the picture of the sinner with all the evils of the enemy stamped upon his countenance. Here in the Bible we may find our own picture. Are you the sinner or the saint? You must be one or the other. These are serious thoughts and should be considered; for as sure as we see our own image staring back at us from a piece of cardboard, so we shall meet all the deeds done in this body face to face at the judgment bar—God grant they will be your passport to Heaven is my prayer. Miss Grace Myers.

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Texico, N. M.—Greetings in Jesus' dear name: I praise the Lord for the saving and sanctifying grace that keeps us pure and on the highway of holiness. This way grows brighter and sweeter to me each day. The Lord keeps us in perfect peace when we put forth an effort to do what is right and are consecrated to do his will, however difficult it may seem. The Lord has been so merciful to us all that we should be willing to go through anything for his sake. When we behold him dying on the cross and suffering such shame and agony for us that we may have a way of salvation, how much more a greater effort should we put forth to please him and to get glory to his name.

We young people should strive to get closer to the Lord and be up and doing our Father's business, for time will soon be ended and then what shall we bring to show for what we have done here on earth? Shall we bring golden sheaves or only leaves? When we come to the judgment bar of God we want to hear our Saviour say, "She hath done what she could." How sad it will be for those that have to depart into everlasting punishment. Let us do all we can for poor unsaved souls, for we don't want them to point their finger at us in the last day and say, "You didn't tell me the way of salvation." That would surely be a sad case. So let us not let that happen to us, but every opportunity we get to speak for God don't put it off or neglect it. We have only a few short years to live on this earth and do our Father's business, so let us not waste a precious moment, for our life is short at the most and many of us have already wasted much of our life for the enemy. Death is not far away for some of us; but instead of looking at death with a horror, we can rejoice to know that death is just an entrance into a far better land, if we have done all we could for the Lord here on earth. Pray for us.

Your sister in the one body, Ruby Doolittle.

McDonald, Kans.—Dear young saints scattered abroad: I have felt impressed for some time to write my testimony for the paper. I am saved and sanctified, and Jesus sweetly keeps me every moment of the day. God has done so much for me that I could not begin to tell you all. If I should write a whole tablet full, then I would have just begun.

I am thankful that I have a Saviour who is able to heal both soul and body. While at camp meeting last year, I requested the saints to pray that God would help me in reading the Bible, for I could not read very well. There were so many little simple words that I could not pronounce, and in that way I could not fully understand the Bible like I should. Praise God, he has wonderfully helped me in my reading. I am thankful that God can give wisdom and knowledge to all his children. I am thankful that I did not learn this thing of men but of God. Praise God, he is good to his children.

I do enjoy reading the paper, for it has so many good things in it which are food to my soul. I like to read the young people's testimonies, for they encourage me to press the battle on to know that there are a few young people serving the Lord besides myself. I only wish that there were more young people working for the Lord.

Pray for the saints here at McDonald, for we need your prayers. Pray for the work that it will grow for the Lord, and that souls will be saved. Pray for me that I ever keep encouraged to serve the Lord. Your sister in the Lord, Myrtle Dungan.

CORRESPONDENCE

Nebraska State Reformatory for Men— Gentlemen: We wish to thank you for your kind thought in sending ten of your booklets to this Institution. They were placed in our Library and are enjoyed by all. Yours truly, H. W. Jespersen, Superintendent.

Chicago, Ill.— Dear One in Christ, Greeting in the name of Jesus: I am led to write my testimony in the little paper. This leaves me saved and encouraged and thanking the Lord for his blessings upon me, spiritually and physically. I am glad to know that I can live for Jesus in this world. All the saints pray for me, for it is my desire to make heaven my home. —J. Hendricks.

Springfield, Mo.— I feel like writing my testimony through the **Faith and Victory** paper. I have been sick for the past two months, with flu and asthma, but have learned many precious lessons during that time. When I was at my very worst, it seemed that my bronchial tubes were about to close. I called in my family, and after all had prayer, I had them write to several of the saints and request prayer. By the time they had gotten the request

in the mail, the Lord answered prayer and touched my body. The Prophet says: "And it shall come to pass, that before they call, I will answer." Isa. 65:24.

The pearls that lie beneath the surf;
Are hard to get, but are of greater worth;
So we are pressing on to our final goal,
Where afflictions never come, or we never grow
old. —R. M. Porter.

Okmulgee, Okla.— Bro. Pruitt: I thank God, today finds me still saved and still trusting in the dear Lord for soul and body. I have just recently been healed of a dog bite. The devil tried to make me think that I would be in a bad fix, but thanks be to God for healing the wound without letting it swell. The Lord is truly my keeper and my healer. I mean to go on in the service of the Lord. My soul is being uplifted as never before.

Your sister in Christ, Josephine Taylor.

Montrose, Colo.—Greeting to every child of God: I am an old lady of 67 years. I have had many sorrows in life, but always find that a little talk with Jesus makes it right. I am so thankful that the Lord healed me, praise his holy name. He is so wonderful to me I am going all the way with Him, no matter what the cost may be.

"But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a peculiar people that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light."

Please pray for my daughter with whom I am staying. She has been in poor health. I know God will hear our prayers.

May God bless all his dear people and keep this precious truth spreading far and wide is my prayer.

Yours in Christ, Mrs. W. T. S. Brown.

Hutchinson, Kans.—Dear Bro. Pruitt, greetings in holy love: May the riches of God's grace ever be with you is my prayer. Amen.

I feel led to write my testimony this morning. I thank the Lord for salvation. I am rejoicing in the hope that I have in Christ Jesus. Truly, the Lord is precious to our hearts because we are striving to do his will. I like to read **Faith and Victory**. I enjoy reading the reports of God's gracious dealings with his saints. The testimonies are encouraging to our souls. It is wonderful the way the Lord is blessing his people in these days of trouble and confusion all over the world. We are indeed living in very perilous times. The enemy is ever watchful to deceive and ensnare precious souls. If it were possible, he would deceive the very elect, for he knows that his time is short. The devil is working hard to keep people from discerning the truth and light of God's word. He wants to keep them in doubt and fear so they cannot comprehend the Gospel which is the power of God un-

to salvation to every one that believe it. Jesus said, "Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free." God's children are free to serve him according to his will. By living in obedience to the word of God, we can be happy because our conscience is clear. There is no condemnation on those who are faithfully living a clean holy life every day. I am glad that I ever learned of the great love of Jesus who did so much for my salvation though I don't deserve or merit it. I do want to live humble before Him and do his good will at all times and win a crown of life and a home in heaven with the ransomed and redeemed of the Lord when my work on earth is ended. Pray for me.

Your brother in Christ, L. D. Foster.

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Kansas State Penitentiary— Gentlemen: I want to thank you for your shipment of Scripture portions. We use a good many of these here and they will be put to good use immediately. If you have some Gospel of Matthew, we shall be glad to have them also.

Fraternally, T. F. Rudisill, Chaplain.

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Kennerdell, Pa.—Dear Bro. and Sister Pruitt: Greetings to all saints in Jesus' name. I felt much impressed to write my testimony as the Lord has blessed me so wonderfully in soul and body. I am saved and encouraged to follow the Lord all the way. I feel so encouraged to let my light shine in my home and where ever I go, that His name might be glorified. He has saved my soul and I have witnessed great joy and peace. I have received your Faith and Victory paper which I read with much interest and praised the Lord for such a paper. I surely thank the one who sent a few copies of Faith and Victory. I enjoyed them so much that I sent for it.

We have had much sickness in our home this winter. My health has not been what I wanted it to be, but I thank God for bringing me through it all. I have high blood pressure, and ask the saints to pray for me that I may be healed of this trouble.

I have no money to send this time, but am trusting in the Lord that I will have in a short time. Dear saints, pray that my husband, and two sons, and two daughters and their households will accept Christ as their Saviour. God bless all the saints everywhere.

Yours in the service of the King, Hazel Koonse.

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Benton Harbor, Mich.—Dear Brother, Greetings: I am still walking the narrow way that leads through the door of the sheepfold. I can see the Shepherd, and hear his voice saying, "I am the way, the truth, and the life." This earth holds no treasures for me.

The church, or sheepfold of Jesus Christ, sent out a request to His sheep for all who had need of healing for soul, body, or mind to send in their request, and on the 11th day of February to fast and be agreed in prayer. I sent in my request, and accord-

ing to our agreement, the dear Lord has undertaken for me more than I was able to ask or think. I am not entirely healed, but am gaining new faith every day. Please continue to hold me up to the throne of grace. I give Him all the glory. James E. Morris

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Tateville, Ky.—Dear Bro. and Sister in Christ, I am writing to tell you how much I enjoy reading your Faith and Victory paper, also your little tracts. I am asking all of you good brothers and sisters in Christ to pray for the healing of my body. The Lord has done so much for me and I am still asking Him to save my lost children some time. Pray for this old church in my home town. They fight healing and everything that is good. The Lord has healed my body many times. I desire your prayers, but if it is the Lord's will to take me, I am ready and willing to go.

Your sister in Christ, Mrs. Eva Vaughn

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Kentucky State Penitentiary — Gentlemen: On behalf of the institution I wish to acknowledge receipt of the dozen small booklets of the Gospel of St. John which was a matter of pleasant and grateful surprise to the writer.

As spiritual leader of the institution this gift was referred to my department for distribution among the inmates who desire to read the booklets. We have placed them in our library and it is the belief of the writer they will be appreciated by the inmates.

We are always grateful for such donations to the institution — and shall highly appreciate any further literature you may wish to place before our readers. Especially is this true, in view of the fact that our available funds for such items are very limited.

Thanking you for your graceful gesture of cooperation in bringing the word of God to prison inmates, I am, Sincerely yours, L. I. Chandler, Chaplain.

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Tryon, Nebr.— Dear Saints: I am praising God for old-time salvation that saves and keeps from sin. I am glad that I was dug out and rooted out of sin, praise Jesus for ever, and have the witness of the Holy Spirit. I have a peace which the world cannot give nor take away.. I am going through by God's grace and help. I am so glad that His word is for ever settled in heaven, and that all of his promises are for us today. He is my all in all, my Saviour, Sanctifier, and Healer. He has touched and healed my body several times.—Mrs. Thom. January

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Hennessey, Okla.—Dear Bro. Pruitt: I am saved today with a firm decision to go all the way with the dear Lord. Truly, when we look at our unsaved relatives and friends and realize they are not concerned about their souls—"Lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God"—it makes our hearts burdened

and tears flow because we want to help them. I am glad today for salvation and to know God hears and answers prayer. It was only through the mercy of God and the prayers of true saints of God that I am enjoying this wonderful salvation. Through their pleading, faithful laboring, and crying unto God in my behalf, the Spirit of God began to talk to my heart and conviction came upon me. I saw what shape my soul was in. I cried to God for help and He came to my rescue and put peace and joy in my soul. It is just the same today.

The burden of my heart is for those who know not God in the pardon of their sins, that they may have a soul-awakening and cry out to God for help. May the Lord help every saint of God, old and young, to get under this burden, then men, women, boys, and girls will be born into the Church of God.

Pray much for me that I may continually keep filled with the Spirit of God, and used to His glory.

Lewis E. Williams

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Exeter, Calif.—Dear Editor of the **Faith and Victory paper**: I want to say that I surely enjoy your little paper. I get such a blessing out of it. I have had it coming in that three months offer and I don't feel that I can be without it, so I am sending in twelve subscriptions, hoping to get it in time for the March issue. I would like to have an offering to give you, but I am a poor widow with a family of seven children, three married and unsaved. Please request prayer for them. I am saved and sanctified, praise the Lord! I was saved near Durant, Okla. when only fifteen years of age and was sanctified when twenty-three years of age. Salvation has not been a drag on my hands. Praise God for ever, He has healed my body many times. In 1931 I was healed of gall stones; in 1937 I was healed of T. B. Now I am well and enjoying Salvation. I give God all the glory, for he healed me when the doctor had said that I must go to the hospital.

I would like very much to have some of your good tracts. Mrs. Lula Todd.

THE REASON MOST MEN ARE LOST


is that they are not willing to face the truth and act on it. The hardest person to save is the moral sinner who is so in love with himself he doesn't need Christ. And to have plenty of money makes it still worse, for he trusts in that to see him through. O that the spirit of God may open your eyes to what it means to be lost, for then you would want to be saved, and it would be easy to say, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved"—Acts 16:31. Once know Him as your savior and you'll never again talk of your goodness, but of His goodness, His grace, and His love.—

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From age to age this voice shall cheer:
Whate'er may die or be forgot,
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"The entrance of thy Word giveth light."



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AMOS PLEADS FOR JUSTICE

Sunday, April 7, 1940.

Daily Readings and Meditations
April 1 to April 6.

- M. Penalty of injustice Amos 5:1, 10-13.
- T. Plea for justice Amos 5:14, 15, 21-24.
- W. The plumb line of the Lord Amos 7:7-9.
- T. Fair dealing with others Lev. 19:13-18.
- F. Fulfilling the royal law James 2:1-9.
- S. Learn to do well Isa. 1:16-20.

Printed PortionAmos 5:1, 10-15, 21-24.

Amos 5:1. Hear ye this word which I take up against you, even a lamentation, O house of Israel.

10. They hate him that rebuketh in the gate, and they abhor him that speaketh uprightly.

11. Forasmuch therefore as your treading is upon the poor, and ye take from him burdens of wheat: ye have built houses of hewn stone, but ye shall not dwell in them; ye have planted pleasant vineyards, but ye shall not drink wine of them.

12. For I know your manifold transgressions and your mighty sins: they afflict the just, they take a bribe, and they turn aside the poor in the gate from their right.

13. Therefore the prudent shall keep silence in that time; for it is an evil time.

14. Seek good, and not evil, that ye may live: and so the Lord, the God of hosts, shall be with you, as ye have spoken.

15. Hate the evil, and love the good, and establish judgment in the gate: it may be that the Lord God of hosts will be gracious unto the remnant of Joseph.

21. I hate, I despise your feast days, and I will not smell in your solemn assemblies.

22. Though ye offer me burnt offerings and your meat offerings I will not accept them: neither will I regard the peace offerings of your fat beasts.

23. Take thou away from me the noise of thy songs; for I will not hear the melody of thy viols.

24. But let judgment run down as waters, and righteousness as a mighty stream.

Golden Text: "Hate the evil, and love the good, and establish judgment in the gate." Amos 5:15.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATIONS

The lessons for this quarter are based upon the writings of the prophets, who were used of God to warn the people of the consequences of sin, teach the commandments of God, and prepare their hearts for the coming of the promised Messiah who would save them from their sins and write His laws in their hearts.

Israel, indeed, needed to hear these denunciations of the prophet. Their manifold transgressions, and mighty sins—hatred of those who denounced sin, oppression, luxury at the expense of the poor, bribery, perversion of justice—had not been unnoticed by the Lord; neither would they go unpunished. His hatred of sin has always been the same, and according to His just laws the sinner cannot go unpunished for his wrong doings unless he repents and gets them under the blood of Jesus who "became sin for us that we might be made the righteousness of God through him." Sinner, don't think that because God's sentences against your evil works are not executed speedily that God has forgotten, or takes no note of your evil deeds. God is merciful and long-suffering and is not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance. The time will soon come when you must give an account to him of the deeds done in the body. If you have neglected justice and righteousness, and now wish to obtain mercy and favor from God: "seek good and not evil;" repent and forsake sin.

Can we see warnings in this lesson for spiritual Israel today?

In spite of their corrupt practices, they continued their outward formal worship—solemn assemblies, burnt offerings, peace offerings, songs, and music—but instead of pleasing God, these practices were objects of His displeasure. God cares not for the worship of a hypocrite who draws nigh unto Him with his lips, but his heart is far from Him. Notice what He says: "I hate," "I despise," "I will not accept," "neither will I regard," "I will not hear." What does God require? "To do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God."

"If we regard iniquity in our hearts, the Lord will not hear us." How vain it is to go through a religious performance and fail to surrender the heart and life to God!

HOSEA TELLS OF GOD'S FORGIVING LOVE

Sunday, April 14, 1940.

Daily Readings and Meditations

April 8 to April 13.

M. God desires goodness. Hosea 6:1-7.

T. God forgives sin. Hosea 14:4-9.

W. God loves sinners. Hosea 11:8-11.

T. God gave his Son John 3:16-21.

F. God is faithful. 1 John 1:5-10.

S. Prayer for forgiveness. Psalms 51:1-10.

Printed PortionHosea 6:1-7; 14:4

Hosea 6:1-7. Come, and let us return unto the Lord: for he hath torn, and he will heal us; he hath smitten, and he will bind us up.

2. After two days will he revive us: in the third day he will raise us up, and we shall live in his sight.

3. Then shall we know, if we follow on to know the Lord: his going forth is prepared as the morning, and he shall come unto us as the rain, as the latter and former rain unto the earth.

4. O Ephraim, what shall I do unto thee? and Judah, what shall I do unto thee? for your goodness is as a morning cloud, and as the early dew it goeth away.

5. Therefore have I hewed them by the prophets: I have slain them by the words of my mouth: and thy judgments are as the light that goeth forth.

6. For I desired mercy, and not sacrifice; and thou hast known the knowledge of God more than burnt offerings.

7. But they like men have transgressed the covenant: there have they dealt treacherously against me. Hosea 14:4. I will heal their backsliding, I will love them freely: for mine anger is turned away from him.

5. I will be as the dew unto Israel: he shall grow as the lily, and cast forth his roots as Lebanon.

6. His branches shall spread, and his beauty shall be as the olive tree, and his smell as Lebanon.

7. They that dwell under his shadow shall return: they shall revive as the corn, and grow as the vine; the scent thereof shall be as the wine of Lebanon.

8. Ephraim shall say, What have I to do anymore with idols? I have heard him, and observe him: I am like a green fir tree. From me is thy fruit found.

9. Who is wise, and he shall understand these things? prudent, and he shall know them? for the ways of the Lord are right, and the just shall walk in them: but the transgressors shall fall therein.

Golden Text: "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." 1 John 1:9.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATIONS

In the preceding chapter, Hosea told of God's judgments against the sins of the people. God is pictured as a lion attacking Israel and wounding them, then leaving them until they acknowledge their

sins and seek His face. "In their affliction they will seek me." How true it is that in times of prosperity and health people often forget God, but when they get into trouble or afflictions they begin to seek Him. But regardless of the cause of their turning, God is pleased, for he is merciful, and longs for the return of wayward children.

Return to God will result in great blessings to a people. Many people of today have the idea that God loves sinners, hence they continue to go on in their sins, wandering farther and farther from God, thinking that if they only acknowledge that they are sinners, God will give them a home in heaven in the end. But "righteousness exalteth a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people." God is love, and He loves sinners to the extent that He gave His only begotten Son that they might not perish; but without godly sorrow on account of sin, an acknowledgement of guilt, and a desire to be obedient, pardon from God and eternal life in the presence of God is impossible. Repentance is always insisted on in Scripture as a condition of forgiveness. No amount of sacrifices will please God, who desires penitent and holy resolutions to confess and forsake sin.

What shall I do?—God's kindness was sure, but His blessings were hindered by fickleness and relapse on the part of the people. Their goodness lasted about as long as the morning cloud that fades away before the rising sun; or, like the early dew which is soon evaporated. We see the same lack of decision and endurance in many today who turn to the Lord. How can God deal with a soldier who zealously fights for Him one day then joins the ranks of the enemy the next?

I hewed them by the prophets—God sends prophets to predict disasters as a result of sin. The Israelites were deprived of the blessings of the promised land of which they were in possession and were sent into captivity because they transgressed God's covenant; Adam and Eve were turned out of the Garden of Eden when they were disobedient: God is no respecter of persons, so why would He reserve places in heaven for disobedient and sinful people of today just because they realize they are disobedient and sinful? Even the devil knows better than that. He knows that he is not righteous, yet he would not dare to hope that God is reserving a place in heaven for him.

Hosea 14:4-9 is God's answer to those who repent and turn from sin, desiring forgiveness.

MICHA'S VISION OF PEACE

Sunday, April 21, 1940.

Daily Readings and Meditations

April 15 to April 20.

M. The vision of Peace. Micah 4:1-5.

T. The Prince of Peace. Micah 5:2-5a,

W. The security of Peace. Isa. 11:6-10.

T. Peacemakers. Matt. 5:9-16.

F. The way to Peace. Isa. 2:1-4.

S. The Kingdom of Peace. Psa. 72:11-19.

Printed PortionMicah 4:1-5; 5:2-5.

Micah 4:1. But in the last days it shall come to pass, that the mountain of the house of the Lord shall be established in the top of the mountains, and it shall be exalted above the hills; and people shall flow unto it.

2. And many nations shall come, and say, Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, and to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for the law shall go forth of Zion, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

3. And he shall judge among many people, and rebuke strong nations afar off; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks: nation shall not lift up a sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

4. But they shall sit every man under his vine and under his fig tree; and none shall make them afraid: for the mouth of the Lord of hosts hath spoken it.

5. For all people will walk every one in the name of his god, and we will walk in the name of the Lord our God for ever and ever.

5:2. But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting.

3. Therefore will he give them up, until the time that she which travaileth hath brought forth: then the remnant of his brethren shall return unto the children of Israel.

4. And he shall stand and feed in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God: and they shall abide; for now shall he be great unto the ends of the earth.

5. And this man shall be the peace, when the Assyrian shall come into our land: and when he shall tread in our palaces, then shall we raise against him seven shepherds, and eight principal men.

Golden Text: "And they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks: nation shall not lift up a sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more." Micah 4:3.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATIONS

This prophecy was fulfilled when Christ set up his church at his first coming. The word of God went out from Jerusalem; "And that repentance and

remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations beginning at Jerusalem." (Luke 24:47). The apostles went out from Jerusalem and preached the gospel to others; therefore, the word of God went out from Jerusalem, and is going to all nations. Christ's word is his law. All those who have heard the law (gospel) and obeyed it from their hearts, have the spirit of war exterminated from their hearts; hence war ends between people of every nation at the cross. There are people of every nation in the Church or kingdom of God. People who have full salvation have no more use for guns, swords, and carnal weapons; for "our weapons are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds." God's kingdom is one of peace, righteousness, and joy. The title of this lesson is, "Micah's Vision of Peace." To have a vision of peace is to have a vision of Christ, the Prince (author) of Peace. When He was born the angels sang: "Peace on earth, good will toward men." A Christian has no part in the carnal wars of the world. When one learns the ways of God and walks in his paths, he becomes peaceable in spirit and also in dealings with others.

Under his vine and fig tree— "A proverbial expression indicative of peace, security, and rural comfort." (Clarke's Commentary).

The last part of our lesson is fulfilled in a spiritual sense when Christ gives us "the peace that passeth understanding" in our hearts, and gives us power to triumph over all spiritual enemies.

ISAIAH COMFORTS AN AFFLICTED PEOPLE

Sunday, April 28, 1940.

Daily Readings and Meditations

April 22 to April 27.

- M. A message of comfort. Isa. 40:1-5.
- T. The messenger of comfort. Isa. 40: 1-5.
- W. God's care for a nation. Deut. 8:1-6.
- T. God encourages a church. Rev. 2:8-11.
- F. God sustains the individual. Psal. 27:1-6.
- S. The God of all comfort. 2 Cor. 1:3-7.

Printed Portion **Isaiah 40:1-11.**

Isa. 40:1. Comfort ye, comfort ye my people, saith your God.

2. Speak ye comfortably to Jerusalem, and cry unto her, that her warfare is accomplished, that her iniquity is pardoned: for she hath received of the Lord's hand double for all her sins.

3. The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

4. Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill shall be made low: and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough places plain:

5. And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together: for the mouth

of the Lord hath spoken it.

6. The voice said, Cry. And he said, What shall I cry? All flesh is grass, and all the goodlines thereof is as the flower of the field:

7. The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: because the spirit of the Lord bloweth upon it: surely the people is grass.

8. The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the word of our God shall stand for ever.

9. O Zion, that bringest good tidings, get thee up into the high mountain; O Jerusalem, that bringest good tidings, lift up thy voice with strength; lift it up, be not afraid; say unto the cities of Judah, Behold your God!

10. Behold, the Lord God will come with strong hand, and his arm shall rule for him: behold, his reward is with him, and his work before him.

11. He shall feed his flock like a shepherd: he shall gather the lambs with his arm, and carry them in his bosom, and shall gently lead those that are with young.

Golden Text: "God is our refuge and strength: a very present help in trouble." Psalm 46:1.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATIONS

It is said that discouragement is the devil's greatest tool, but that tool loses its strength when one grasps the stronger tool, comfort, which the God of all comfort extends to all. How blessed it is to realize: "In the multitude of my thoughts within me, Thy comforts delight my soul." Some of the comforts of God are: assurance that he will forgive and receive the penitent; will lead his children into the ways of all truth, caring for them as tenderly as a shepherd cares for his sheep; promises of protection, guidance, and victory through Christ; promises of eternal life to the overcomers, glimpses of the glories in store for the faithful, communications of the Spirit; and promises to heal and supply all physical needs as well as spiritual.

Little does one know of comfort unless he is acquainted with and in touch with Christ, the source from which all comfort springs.

Verses 3 and 4 picture the preparation which must be made for the coming of the Lord into a heart (as well as his coming into the world)—for sake sin, make wrongs right, and turn to the Lord, then "the glory of the Lord shall be revealed."

Notice how the transitory character of human life is portrayed. Is there not a warning in this for judgment-bound travelers to seek those things which are more lasting, and lay up treasures in heaven?

Verse 9 represents the Church of God as a bearer of good tidings, the burden of whose message is: "Behold your God." Behold the author of salvation and the Doer of great things! Behold him with an eye of faith for all your needs.