

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

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"Be Ye Clean, That Bear the Vessels of the Lord."—Isa. 52:11

Are you saved from doing
What the world would do?
Are you saved from telling
Things that are not true?
Are you save from knowing
What the world would know?
Are you saved from going
Where you once did go?
Are you washed in the blood of the Lamb?

Are you saved from reading
What the world doth read?
Are you saved from heeding
Things the worldlings heed?
Are you saved from drinking
What the world doth drink?
Are you saved from thinking,
"What will others think?"?
Are you washed in the blood of the Lamb?

Are you saved from seeking
Things you once did seek?
Are you saved from speaking
As the world doth speak?
Are you saved from lending

As the world doth lend?
Are you saved from spending
As you once did spend?
Are you washed in the blood of the Lamb?

Are you saved from hearing
Things unfit to hear?
Are you saved from fearing,
If the world should sneer?
Are you saved from wearing
What the worldlings wear?
Are you saved from caring
If the world should stare?
Are you washed in the blood of the Lamb?

Are you saved from sinning?
Is your soul made white?
Is the past all straightened—
All its wrongs made right?
Is your time all yielded,
And your silver, too?
Are you doing daily
As the Word says do?
Are you washed in the blood of the Lamb?

—Georgia C. Elliott.

Redemption

"For the redemption of their soul is precious" Psa. 49:8a. "Thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation;" Rev. 5:9b. Redeem: to buy back, to recover as property, etc. Every soul that is not redeemed is lost. Every soul in sin is lost. Every soul that will not be redeemed, will be eternally lost. The nature of the redemption plan is such that

no man can redeem himself, nor can any man or number of men redeem another man's soul; "for the redemption of their soul is precious." Being of an eternal and spiritual substance, it can not be redeemed with corruptible things, such as silver and gold, nor any earthly treasure or thing can purchase the redemption of one soul—it is more precious than the enumeration of the wealth of this world. The blood of bulls and goats, and the sprinkling of the ashes of heifers, and such sacrifices can never take away sins. They cannot remove the guilt of a defiled and

polluted conscience. The Jews had toiled for years to eradicate themselves from the entanglements and bondage of sin, by making sacrifice after sacrifice, but could not thereby reach their goal, neither was the mind of God satisfied. The scripture says, "Sacrifice and offering thou wouldst not, but a body hast thou prepared me . . . Then said I, Lo, I come (in the volume of the book it is written of me) to do thy will, O God." Isaiah breaks forth in prophetic language, saying, "Say to them that are of a fearful heart, Be strong, fear not: behold, your God will come with vengeance, even God with a recompence; he will come and save you." Isa. 35:4. Zacharias, being filled with the Holy Ghost prophesied, saying, "Blessed be the Lord God of Israel; for he hath visited and redeemed his people." Luke 1:68. Again we read, "Surely, he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed." Isa. 53: 4-5. When Jesus had accomplished all things according to the scripture for the perfection of the salvation of the souls of men, while yet on the cross, he cried, "It is finished," and he bowed his head and gave up the ghost." Later, "they pierced his side, and forthwith came there out blood and water." That cleansing fountain was opened; the price of man's salvation was paid. We are not our own, for we are bought with a price; not with corruptible things, "But with the precious blood of Christ as of a lamb without blemish and without spot." 1 Pet. 1:19. And "there is no other name given under heaven among men" through which we may be saved, or redeemed, only through the mighty name of Jesus. Wherefore, John says, "Thou art worthy. . . for thou wast slain, and has redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation." Rev. 5:9 Amen.

Jesus has finished his part, but there remains a responsibility upon each individual. Jesus said, "Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish"; "As ye go, preach, saying, Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." It is the goodness of God that leadeth to repentance. Godly sorrow worketh repentance not to be repented of." "Let the wicked forsake his way and the unrighteous man his thoughts, and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him and to our God for he will abundantly pardon" Isa. 55:7. If the wicked "turn from his sins and do that which is lawful and right; If the wicked restore the pledge, give again that which he hath robbed, walk in the statutes of life without committing iniquity; he shall surely live, he shall not die." Ezek. 33:15. When an individual hears the word of God, and realizes that his life is out of order with the same, if he will repent, make his wrongs right, call upon God for mercy, in faith believing, God will

for Christ's sake save him or grant him pardon or forgiveness of sins; "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved." "For by grace are ye saved, through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God" Eph. 2:8. "Saved from sin today, every band is riven, I am a child of God." It is a wonderful experience, a glorious realization when the Spirit of God witnesses to our spirit that we are a child of God. Condemnation has passed, no more guilt remains, a new song is ours to sing, we are happy and free. Yet there remains another step to be taken, a deeper grace to be sought and obtained—the experience of entire sanctification, which experience we do not receive at the time our sins are forgiven. Sanctification is a second definite experience, wrought in the heart by the Holy Ghost. Its purpose is to remove, or eradicate the Adamic nature, depraved nature, the carnal man, the tree that the heavenly Father hath not planted, the prone to wander, the bent to evil, from the heart or soul of the believer; and to purify the heart and fill it with the presence and power of the Holy Spirit, which Jesus tells us the heavenly Father is more willing to give to them that ask him than parents are to give good gifts unto their children. This is part of the redemption plan. Jesus prayed that all believers be sanctified. We read in St. John 17th chapter and 17th through the 21st verse: "Sanctify them through thy truth, thy word is truth, as thou has sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world, and for their sakes I sanctify myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth. Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word: that they all may be one; as thou Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou has sent me." "Wherefore, Jesus also, that he might sanctify the people with his own blood, suffered without the gate" Heb. 13:12. Jesus said, "If ye love me, keep my commandments, and I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter that he may abide with you forever, even the Spirit of truth whom the world can not receive." But when the Comforter is come, whom I shall send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the the Father, he shall testify of me; and ye also shall bear witness." Then can we sing: "We have a hope within our soul, brighter than the perfect day: God has given us his Spirit and we want the world to hear it, all the doubts have passed away." Thank God for that blessed hope. "If we hope for that we see not, then do we with patience wait for it." Sometimes we groan as we linger and wait for the adoption, to wit the redemption of our bodies, being compassed about with afflictions and infirmities under the bondage of corruption, subject to death and decay. Sometimes with aching heart and tear dim-

med eyes; but we know we have another building, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. It will be joy unspeakable when we shall be enraptured by the great mystical change when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, and death shall have been swallowed up in victory. Paul says, "We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed," and 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," and redeemed by his side we shall stand. Have you ever been redeemed?

—Ulysses Phillips.

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Pride

Webster's definition of **pride** is: "feeling of inordinate self-esteem; haughtiness; generous elevation of heart; self-esteem springing from consciousness of worth; etc. Proudful, full of pride, scornful." The Bible concordance definition of **pride** is: "unreasonable conceit."

Now if you are one that believes there is no wrong or sin in being proud (having pride) and that pride is really necessary in your social life, and gives you recognition among the better class of society; just run all the references on the word **pride** in the dictionary and Bible. If you are really interested in your soul, and have any desire to be saved, I am most sure that you will change your mind and pray God to take the sin of pride out of your heart; for there is where it is located. Read St. Mark 7:21, 22. "For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornication, murders, thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, blasphemy, PRIDE, foolishness." Verse 23 concludes by saying: "All these evil things come from within and defile the man." You can see by the foregoing scripture that pride is classed with some very bad companions. "Every one who is proud in heart is an abomination to the Lord; though hand join in hand, he shall not be unpunished." Prov 16:5.

I seem to hear some of you say, "I am not proud. I have no pride like the worldly people have. I dress, powder, and primp so that I will look clean and decent and be recognized by good society." Being clean and decent in dress is proper, but following after the worldly fashions and customs is not proper nor right for a Christian to do; and if you are really a child of God, and the "Holy Spirit" is leading you, you will not have any desire to dress, bob your hair, pluck eye brows, paint lips, fingernails, etc. like the worldly women do. I want to add that men who like to gaze at half-nude women and feel no shame, but think it smart and cute to look like a half-picked peacock are just as guilty as the women.

Pride is one of the fruits of the carnal nature,

and will defile and damn your soul—just the same as all the other sins spoken of in the 21st and 22nd verses of Mark 7. You may try to excuse yourself by saying: "I don't feel condemned for the way I dress." There is where Satan has you deceived—you are following after feelings instead of God's word and the Holy Spirit; and in most cases your preacher has his lips (and heart too, I fear) sealed with Satan's sealing wax: viz., keep mum on non-essentials; such as, dress, attending shows, ball games, etc. False teachers will hear the awful denunciation: "Depart from me, ye workers of iniquity, I never knew you." God says, "Come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, and will be a father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty." Notice this: We are made children of God on the condition that we are separated from the world. Read 1 John 1:15, 16. Some people say that it doesn't matter how much we primp and attire these bodies so long as our hearts are right. Do not let Satan deceive you with such ideas; for in the first place, if your heart is right (no pride in it) you would not have any desire to conform to the world in dress or any other thing of a worldly nature. The only cure for pride and all sin is a heart full of pure religion (Jas. 1:27) taken by faith, believing that the blood of Jesus cleanseth from all sin, and by obeying His word and letting the Holy Spirit lead, we can live soberly, righteously, and godly in this present world, Amen.

—C. S. Wyatt.

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Be Of Good Cheer

"Fear not little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom."

Beloved of the Lord, these things must come to pass, be of good courage; look up for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh. The morning cometh, faith shall then be lost in sight, hope maketh way for certaintv, time and its shadows will be forgotten amidst the glories of the Father's throne, and we shall see our b'essed Lord face to face.

Meanwhile, beloved, as we journey on amid the sorrows, dangers, difficulties, and trials of faith, may we abide under the shadow of Calvary, knowing more day by day the power of His resurrection, and in the daily Emmaus walk with the Lord Himself.

Beloved, He who sees the sparrow fall, feeds the raven, clothes the lily, and counts the hairs of our head, will surely cover us with His wings. Under His all-seeing eye and within the scope of His omnipotent arm we are utterly secure. If God be for us, who can be against us? "Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him that

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Editorials

•If Christendom was ever in "Babel confusion," it must be now, for numerous doctrines and winds of doctrines are everywhere in evidence. "Schisms" and "isms" are multiplying all the time. This condition is sickening and disgusting to the child of God who is clearly enlightened by the Holy Spirit dwelling in the heart. It is not only grievous to the child of God, but is wholly contrary to the Word of God. If you will turn and read the tenth verse of the first chapter of 1 Corinthians, you will see how strongly the Apostle Paul condemned it in its infancy. He says, "I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment." He reproved them for making division, and asked, "Is Christ divided?" The answer implied is, NO.

Those who have darkness enough in their souls to think that the body of Christ is divided and scattered into all different sects are only aiding the devil in hindering the answering of Jesus' prayer in St. John, 17th chapter, 21st verse, which reads: "That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us; that the world may believe that thou hast sent me."

Christendom, being in this confused and divided state, makes many infidels, for the world can see no Christ in such actions, and the lives of most professors are no better than the ordinary sinner who makes no profession of religion.

Some one said that we preach the Church more than Christ. Such talk only betrays the darkness in the soul of the speaker, because preaching and teaching the oneness of believers and the divine organization and government of the church, is lifting up and exalting Christ in the highest sense, for the Church is the spiritual body of the Lord Jesus Christ, which is functioning in the world today. (Eph. 1:22, 23.) The inspired Word of God is full of references to the church from cover to cover. In fact, Christ is the beginning of the Church in this grace dispensation. He is the chief Corner Stone (Eph. 1:10), and Paul speaks of Him as being the "first born." Peter says, in speaking to the brethren, "Ye also, as lively stones are built up a spiritual house." 1 Peter 2:5. A house is not something that is divided. Paul says that Christ sets the members in the body as it pleases Him. (1 Cor. 12:18). So the house or Church is built by Jesus himself. Man has nothing to do with it. In Ephesians, the last part of the second chapter, we find that Jesus is the chief corner stone, and that all the building (not part of it) is fitly framed together and groweth into an holy temple. He says, "In whom ye (saved men and women), are builded together (not apart), for an habitation of

God through the Spirit."

If you were going to build a house, and part of your lumber or material was entangled and tied up to strong literal objects in various parts of the country, you could never build the structure until you first got your material loose from those objects. So, also, it is with Christ building His spiritual house. He can only fit and frame material into His building as they loosen from all man-made churches and other worldly objects. Then He can fit them in, and they can begin to function freely in the one true body, the house of God, which is the Church of God, the pillar and ground of the truth. (1 Tim. 3:15).

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We believe and teach that all sects are unscriptural; and, being unscriptural and false, they are necessarily filled up with much false teaching which keeps the honest at heart separated from the true church, and aids Satan in hindering the prayer of Jesus that they all be one as He and the Father are one.

If honest souls would separate themselves from all sects and the opinions of men and just abide in Christ alone, it would be easy for Him to teach them the truth and to fit and frame them into the true Church or tabernacle which the Lord has pitched and not man. (Heb. 8:2).

"The House of God, which is the Church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth," is an exclusive divinely organized institution, separate from the world and all man-made organizations, has been purchased by His innocent blood (Acts 20:28), and she is without spot or wrinkle (Eph. 5:27), no sinner or unclean thing is in her. No one with a lion nature or a ravenous beast nature is there (Isa. 35:9). Those with the lion-like natures, when in their natural state, will be cleansed by the blood of the Lamb, and be made lamb-like to fit into the true Church. Thus the prophet has said, "The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them" Isa. 11:6. Read the verses before this one in the chapter, and you shall see that the prophet has reference to the work of Christ when he appears in the flesh and begins to preach the gospel of the Kingdom. The man who is cleansed by the blood has lost that wolf nature and begins to rest in the Kingdom of God with His lambs. Likewise, the man with a leopard and lion nature lies down with the lambs.

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In speaking of the disciples to the Father, Jesus said, "They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world" John 17:16. In the 20th verse, he says, "Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word." That includes all who are saved today. I am persuad-

ed that every saved soul who remains honest and retains the love of God in his soul, will do all in his power to answer Jesus' prayer. In the next verse, Jesus prayed: "That they all may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me." Allowing objects or material things in this world to separate you from God's exclusive family, is a sin. Man-made organizations (called churches), lodges, worldly society, and following the fashions and fads of the world will separate you from God's family and damn your soul.

Paul sharply rebuked this divisional spirit in its infancy, and God's wrath is upon such today. Teachers, ministers, and writers who say that God's children are scattered in all these divisions, sects, or denominations; and in that state constitute the Church that Jesus built; and that there is no exclusive Church separate from all these divisions, are only aiding Satan in getting souls into sects which are the gates of hell. Ministers who preach Christ, the man, will succeed in getting many souls into sects, but ministers who are in full light and preach the Church which is the spiritual body of Christ in this world and show its oneness, its divine organization, and its divine government, will succeed in getting souls in the one fold which is Christ, and into the House of God, which is the Church of the Living God, the pillar and ground of the truth, and is the gate to heaven.

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While here upon earth, Christ was in a fleshly body, and it is written: "And the word was made flesh and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father) full of grace and truth." John 1:14. He also said that he was not of this world even though he was here in a fleshly body. Yet his life, strength, wisdom, and power came down from God, and Jesus, the man, was just merely a house of clay for the God-life from heaven. Just so, the true church is in fleshly bodies in this world and is a separate and visible body of people which are from heaven and are not of this world even as Christ and the disciples were not of the world. Their life, strength, wisdom, and power come from above. There is a wide breach between them and the world, for the life of the world is ruled and governed by Satan, and the life of God in his people are ruled and governed by God. Therefore, the "Battle of Armageddon" is raging today between these two forces. Satan and his religious forces will use carnal weapons, if need be, and all kinds of trickery—lying and different forms of spiritual deceptions: such as, making a show of being pious, and setting in motion great revivals, and assuming the name of the church, building great and expensive edifices to house its multitudes. On the other hand, God's subjects are innocent, harmless, and undefiled. Their weapons are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds, casting down

imaginings, and everything that exalts itself against God (2 Cor. 10:4, 5). Their sword is the word of God (Eph. 6:17), and they strike the souls of men with burning and fuel of fire (Isa. 9:5), destroying the selfish, carnal, fleshly life of the world, laying bare their hearts before the all-piercing eye of God, helping them to see that, even though they think themselves to be something, they are nothing and are only deceiving themselves. In this way the battle of Armageddon will rage and become more fierce, close, and hot as the few remaining years come and go. Satan is now deceiving the nations and his hosts are becoming more numerous all the time, and the saints are getting less in number; but more and more together. Soon the Church will be shining more, and with greater power, and persecution will be more severe from his religious hosts. When they get so numerous on the breadth of the earth and compass the camp of the saints about—the BELOVED CITY (Rev. 20:9), the church which is New Jerusalem which came down from God out of heaven—then God will send fire down from heaven and devour them. God has always preserved his children when destroying the wicked. He did so when He sent the flood, and destroyed all flesh. He did so when he sent fire and brimstone down upon Sodom and Gomorrah. He will preserve His visible church when the wicked are burned up with the earth and all things therein.

Satan is deceiving the nations today, and saying that there will be a thousand years reign when Satan will be bound and men will revel in their fleshly lusts and at the same time be in favor with God. Such teaching is foolishness and altogether out of harmony with God's written word, for when Jesus comes, we shall put on a glorified body, if His life is in our soul, and we shall not have these fleshly desires (1 Cor. 15:51). Neither shall we marry any more, for we shall be equal to the angels in heaven (Luke 20:36.) The scriptures that they use, usually point to God's church and what they enjoy here as His beloved sons and daughters. His children are reigning now over Satan while he is loose. What glory would it be to reign over a bound enemy? We are reigning now and Satan has his subjects looking for it away off in the future. He is lying to them and deceiving them. He is keeping them from enjoying it now and will have them sadly disappointed in the future. O, thou lying devil, Jesus said you were a liar from the beginning and never did abide in the truth.

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Another thing that Satan through his agents is making the people believe by his cunning crafty lying, is that there will be a literal city, Jerusalem, come down from God out of heaven and set on the earth, and that Jesus will be King in it and reign literally over the earth. People are generally so spiritually blind that they cannot see and understand the truth of the scriptures and do not seem to know that the

New Jerusalem which John saw coming down from God out of heaven is none other than "the church of God," or "the children of God who are born from above. You will read about this in the 21st chapter of Rev. and the 2nd verse: "And I, John, saw the Holy City, New Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband." The Holy City and New Jerusalem is none but "the Church of God," the "Family of God," ones born from above. Their life, strength, wisdom, and power comes down from God out of heaven into their souls, and they constitute the second Adam, the Lord from heaven (1 Cor. 15:45-47). They have on a robe of righteousness, pure and white, ready for the Bridegroom to come and take them back to heaven (1 Thess. 4:14-18.) Listen to the next verse: "And I heard a great voice from heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men" (read Heb. 8:2). God's people here in the earth are his tabernacle. He lives in them and they are his spiritual body—He will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, "and God himself shall be with them, and be their God." Praise His name.

The next verse says he will wipe away all tears from their eyes. Thank God, when we get into this spiritual house, clear and clean from this old world, we shall not be grieved and shedding tears, wondering where the church is; for we shall be absolutely satisfied and have such assurance that we shall rejoice in Him. "And there shall be no more death." Praise God! Jesus says, "Whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die." John 11:26. The sting of death is taken away, for physical death will only mean stepping into a greater life with God. (1 Cor. 15:54, 55). No more sorrow, crying, nor pain, for the former things have passed away." Paul says, "Therefore, if any man be in Christ Jesus, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new." 2 Cor. 5:17. When we get truly saved, old things pass away. We do not walk according to the course of this world, for we are a new creature, and our life is now from heaven (Eph. 2:1-3). These old things are passed away, our old life is gone. We are not of the world even as Christ and the disciples were not of the world. Our conversation is in heaven from whence we look for the Saviour, who in that day will take us unto himself. All these good things, the children of God enjoy now when out in the full light; and they make up the visible Church of God, which is the spiritual body of the Lord Jesus Christ, functioning in the world today by divine government.

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Report of Evangelistic Company

The meeting at Chicago was blessed of the Lord from beginning to the end. On the last night of the meeting we observed the ordinances of the Lord—

The Lord's Supper and Feet Washing. The saints were all very happy in this service as the Lord was so precious and so near.

On April the 20th came the parting from the saints in Chicago, as the Lord was moving on our souls to visit other saints and have meetings in other places. In harmony with the leading of the Lord, we came from Chicago to Elkhart, Ind., at which place we were received into the home of Bro. and Sister Rinhart Priem, who are standing firm for the truth of God's Word. They are precious saints and have deep decisions to follow the Lord in His humble ways. The winds of doctrines that are blowing do not move them from the truth, and we are sure that God will reward them for their labors of love in behalf of needy souls. While there, we had an all-day meeting at Calvin Center, Mich. in a community church building. It was a good large structure, and the people attended well and gave good attention to the preaching of the word. We feel that good seed has been planted. We also had the privilege of giving out tracts, papers, and our book, "God's Gracious Dealings," to these dear people. We do pray that God will bless those precious souls in that community.

While there, Bro. Priem took us to visit a Dunkard preacher, living south of Elkhart. While talking to him, he informed us that he had a debate with H. M. Riggle years ago and that he knew all about us people. We talked to him on the scripture, but soon found that he was in gross darkness concerning the true meaning of the scriptures. He believed in dipping sinners three times, head first, into the water, and that they got saved while being baptized in this way. When I asked him if he believed God could keep us living free from sin, he answered, "I believe it is a possibility, but that I sin and you do too." I would rather that he would just testify for himself, and let me do my own testifying; but he was so full of talk that one would hardly have any chance to instruct him. We left that place feeling sad at heart to think a man as old as he was—wearing a long grey beard—would be so in darkness, and would soon have to give an account to God for the many deceived souls.

After bidding farewell to Bro. and Sister Priem, on the 25th of April, we went northeast to Marshall, Mich., and stopped at the home of Bro. and Sis. VanZandt where we were received in a saintly manner by these dear ones. After being refreshed in that home over night, we went on north and visited near Olivet, Mich. with Sister Wright and her husband. We found her to be a precious saint of God, with a sick husband on whom she had to wait continually. We tried our best to encourage her and prayed for him. We talked to them about the goodness of God. After spending a few precious hours with them, we went on north to Owasso, Mich. where we met Bro. and Sister Coleman and family, also, Bro. Sands and

his wife, and others that loved the Lord. They arranged for a meeting that night, and twenty-five or thirty of us were together in service. God was very precious to all of us that night. He sent His word forth on the subject of being sanctified wholly. The attention and interest was good throughout the service. The next morning, we left for Marshall, Mich. where we were to have an all-day meeting on Sunday the 28th of April. We all thanked the Lord for directing us to Owasso, for we enjoyed the hospitality of Bro. Coleman and family, also, Bro. and Sis. Sands. We are praying for these dear ones, that God will keep them walking in the light of His Word.

The all-day meeting at Marshall, Mich. was a precious gathering. Brothers Parsons and Maurer of Merrill, Mich. came down to spend the day in the services, and our souls were refreshed by their presence. The Lord anointed liberally for the preaching of His word, and all were encouraged who were saved, and some who had backslidden were much convicted and expressed a desire to get back to God. It seemed that many things were hindering. Bro. and Sis. VanZandt and their children treated us with much love and hospitality, denying themselves for our comfort. God will reward these dear ones.

On the 29th of April, we parted with these dear saints, and went south to Garrett, Ind. There we visited for two days in the home of Bro. Scott C. Baker and family. Our souls and bodies were much refreshed. We found his aged mother in the home. She was not well in body, being 87 years old, but she was much interested in the things of God and seemed to be resigned to the will of God. We spent some precious moments with her and the family in prayer and reading the Word with comments. The hospitality that we received in this home will not be forgotten. They would deny themselves to make us comfortable, which is a mark of heavenly love in the soul and is characteristic of saints toward one another.

On the first day of May we came east from Garrett a hundred and fifty miles to Sandusky, Ohio, which is situated on the shore of Lake Erie. In this city, we were welcomed in the home of Bro. and Sis. Crooks, and began meeting that night. The meeting has been growing in interest. On Sunday, we had all-day meeting, and several car loads of the saints came over from Akron, Ohio. The Lord poured out His Spirit upon the saints as the word went forth under the anointing of the Spirit. Great rejoicing was in the camp, and the church was built up and built together in love and unity. Some came to the altar of prayer for help to their souls. God is gleaning out a few souls here for His name.

The meeting closed at Sandusky May 8th, with a full house. Much interest in the truth was manifested among them. After the word was preached on sanctification and the oneness of God's people, and the wrong of being in sects, several arose and

confessed that they had received light and were convinced of their need. Some declared that they were coming out of man-made churches. Bro. Chaney of Akron, Ohio, who is pastor there, came over the last night and brought several saints with him from Akron. We enjoyed the visits of the Akron saints very much. We also had the pleasure of visiting Sister E. Hudson, who lives in Akron. She is not well in body. She was very cheerful and hopeful, and looked much better than before when we visited her in Kansas City. We ask the saints everywhere to pray for this minister, for she needs to be out in gospel work.

On Thursday, the 9th of May, our company came down to Columbus, Ohio, which is some over a hundred miles south of Sandusky. We were welcomed into the home of Bro. C. M. Miller. We shared their hospitality for two days and had a good visit with him. He has been doing some personal work and God has been calling a number of souls out of the Nazarene sect and other sister sects. Those souls were coming home to Zion with songs and everlasting joy upon their heads. They have obtained joy and gladness and sorrow and sighing, which they had while in the sects, has flown away. We had meeting with the little flock both evenings we were there, and the Lord blessed and gave much liberty.

On Saturday, we came to Dayton, Ohio, where all-day meeting had been announced for Sunday, 12th. The saints came in from far and near, and it was a blessed day in the Lord. Bro. Cleo Murry is working for the Lord at this place. In the last few years, quite a number have come out of sectism at this place and have taken their stand for the only true Church of God. They are very happy to have found the one true fold of God. The saints here are now building them a meeting house, and are moving along with it nicely, expecting to have it finished, and ready for use before the Camp Meeting in August. We expect to be here two more evenings and then go about one hundred miles southeast into the hills of Ohio to hold a meeting. They are very desirous for a meeting, and the prospects are good for souls to get saved.

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Urbana, Ill.—To all the Saints, Greetings: I feel led to write of the good meetings the Lord has privileged us to enjoy with the dear saints of late.

First, I want to mention the special meeting with Bro. Pruitt, our good Editor; and his daughter, Frances; also, Bro. and Sister Key. The Lord did meet with us in a gracious way. Souls were helped and the saints were made to sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus. The Lord did certainly anoint Bro. Pruitt and Sister Key in bringing His Word.

Following this meeting, a three weeks revival began, with Brother Cleo Murry of Dayton, Ohio

as our special help. God's truth was brought forth under the anointing of the Holy Spirit night after night. People were made to see the sin of sectism, souls were saved, and those who were not clear in this truth were established before the revival closed.

Bro. Murry is another one of God's faithful saints. He preached the truth here without fear or favor. Conviction gripped some until they were seen to leave the building, but in a few nights returned, only to get some more of God's truth. They were heard to say, "We never heard anything like this before."

The Lord used Bro. Murry in a special way in the Hospitals while here. A young man by the name of Bro. John Honn, who has been a patient in a T. B. Sanatorium for a year (Bro. Pruitt, and Bro. Key had the privilege of visiting him while here) was anointed by Bro. Murry. This young man is now at home with his family. Will the saints continue to pray for his complete healing. Also, another young man, Arthur Slade, who had been a patient in the Hospital for three months with a broken and badly crushed leg, since the revival closed has been taken home to his family and is able to walk some. Also Bro. Pruitt and Bro. Key met this young man. The Lord gave Bro. Murry a special love for this young man's soul, and he has made a vow to God that he will serve Him if he gets well. There was not much hopes for this young man, for he was hurt so bad, but God undertook for both soul and body, and we believe he will be a power for God in His service.

The work in Urbana is going forward. Continue to pray for us. We do appreciate all of God's saints.

—Sister Iva Slade, Pastor.

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Marshall, Mich.— Dear saints at Guthrie and abroad, greeting in the blessed name of our Lord:

I feel like giving my testimony. I feel like praising God for his wonderful answer to prayer. For the last year I have been praying for God to send some Holy Ghost minister to our town to give us a feast from the blessed word of God. On April 25th a happy band of saints drove up to my door. In the group were three able ministers of the Church of God and one dear sainted child of God. The three ministers each gave us a wonderful message from God that supplied our every need. Praise the dear Lord, we are still feasting on the crumbs. It was something to be long remembered. There was only one thing to regret, and that is that we had to give them up. It made us weep to see them drive away. How we do praise God for the faithful few who are standing true to the word of God without compromise. I hope the Lord will send them back again.

This group of saints was Fred Pruitt and his daughter, Frances, from Guthrie, Okla., and Bro. Ray Key and his wife, Sister Katherine Key from Hammond, La.

—Wm. L. VanZandt.

◆ « Young People's Section » ◆

Sure As You're Born to Die

Every man that is born, hath but a short time to stay
Here in this busy world of life, and then pass away.
Better use every moment of the God-given day
Just as sure as you're born to die.

You can travel this way just one time in life—
Be you landlord or servant, be you husband or wife—
Better keep close to Jesus mid the turmoil and strife,
Just as sure as you're born to die.

You can't dodge the issue, and 'tis useless to try;
You are living today, but on tomorrow you die.
Better make time your servant as the moments go by,
Just as sure as you're born to die.

While the hoboes and vagabonds are creeping around,
And the sluggards and lazy folks are sleeping so sound
Better hold to your plow, and run it deep in the ground
Just as sure as you're born to die.

Let your two hands be busy, first at home then
abroad,

And be careful to know the seed you sow in the sod—
'Tis a duty you owe, both to yourself and your God
Just as sure as you're born to die.

In the great day of harvest, you reap only your own,
Good or bad, it will be the only seed you have sown,
When the great Judge of righteousness will sit on the
throne,

Just as sure as you're born to die.

—G. W. McMillan

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Consecration

One of the principal things that leads to success in the Christian life, lies embedded in this one word—consecration. To be consecrated, means more than just saying that we are. Jesus left us an example while praying in the garden of Gethsemane. He saw the suffering and agony of the crucifixion, and although he knew that for this cause he was born to shed his blood for the sins of the world, he prayed: "If it be possible, let this cup pass from me." It was all right to pray this way, for no doubt God would have answered this prayer if there had been any other way to reconcile the people to Himself. However, I am glad He did not stop praying then, but finished with these words: "Nevertheless, not my will, but Thine be done." He was resigned to his Father's will. That is a perfect pattern of consecration.

How often we pray for something and think that the Lord surely ought to give it to us even in the way we ask Him. Perhaps He is not ready to give it to us yet, because He sees our hearts and knows that we have not reached the place where we can say, "Not my will, but Thine be done." Before we can pray through to definite victory, this must be the supreme desire and purpose of our prayer. We must be willing to let the Lord answer in His own way, whether it be according to our desire or otherwise.

We sing a song which expresses this thought so well:

"You have longed for sweet peace,
And for faith to increase;
You have earnestly, fervently prayed;
But you cannot have rest,
And be perfectly blest
Until all on the altar is laid."

James 4:3 says that ye ask and receive not because ye ask amiss that ye may consume it upon your lusts. And yet the prayer is closed with these words: "In Jesus' name we ask it." How can it be for Jesus' sake when it is something that would not even glorify Him? We are told that whether we eat or drink, or whatever we do, do ALL to the glory of God. Merely saying words and being entirely consecrated to God are two different things. How many times people pray, "Lord, have your own way," and then in their daily lives go about to have their own selfish ways. How can the Lord have His way, if we will not let Him? Jesus gave this stern rebuke to this kind of followers: "Why call ye me Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?"

Young people, in choosing your vocation in life, give this subject of consecration more than just a passing thought. Give it serious consideration. So many are confronted with the fact that their desired field of activity is crowded to overflowing with applicants, and enough work to employ them all can scarcely be found. But how different is this field of service for the Master where only consecrated workers can be used! "The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few." The work is great, but not enough can be found with a vision that sees beyond these temporal things which decay and pass away, to grasp those that forever endure. "For the things which are seen are temporal, but the things which are not seen are eternal."

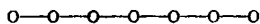
And again, "He that winneth souls is wise." If we would be wise in our choices of life, let us choose a life of consecration and service for God, which cannot be equalled.

—Willie C. Murphey.

EDITORIAL NOTES

As we contact our readers at various times, we often hear this expression, "I don't want to be without the little paper," or "I don't want to miss a copy." They renew their subscriptions, and those of their neighbors. Sometimes a subscriber may not have the small price on hand just at the time when his subscription expires, and in that case it has been our policy to continue sending the paper when we know he wants it, with the understanding that it will be remitted some time during the year. We keep no accurate records on these items, but trust our readers to take care of them.

The small price of 25c does not pay for the cost of publishing the paper. Therefore, the printing work is kept going mainly by free-will offerings of those who are burdened for the promulgation of the pure gospel by the printed page. People, as a whole, do not come out to the meeting house, so we must send the gospel into their homes.



On Sunday, May 12th, the first general service was held in the new chapel at Dover, Oklahoma, where Bro. U. Phillips resides. Saints of other congregations were there, and it was also our privilege to attend. The Lord anointed Bro. Phillips for a timely message of truth. One text used was Psa. 122:1—"I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord." The building and dedication of Solomon's temple was recalled, and how these literal symbols portrayed God's beautiful spiritual house of today. Bro. G. W. Winn of Guthrie then spoke briefly, giving a history of the work in that community, and expressed his thanksgiving to the Lord for living to see the house of worship built, which he had long prayed for. Bro. Winn held the first camp meeting in that community about thirty years ago, at which time Bro. Phillips and some of his relatives accepted the truth.

We rejoice with the saints that they have their own building in which to worship God, and pray that it may ever be a soul-saving agency for wayfaring men.

—L. D. P.



Guthrie, Okla.—Dear Readers of the Faith and Victory: I am glad for the privilege I have of serving the Lord, and also, that I can testify to others that Jesus saves from all sin. I am young and I want to give Him the best of my life. I don't want to wait until I am old and feeble, then give myself to the Lord. He desires the very best that we have. Truly I want to give Him all my time and talents, and spend all my life in His service. I desire the prayers of all who pray that I be all He demands of me in this life. Your young sister, Pauline Metcalf.

"A man once said, 'A child should be sent to Sunday School or Church every Sunday.' The man

was wrong in his statement. He should have said, 'Parents should take their children to Sunday School or Church every Sunday.'"



Watch

As I write this morning, I am glad we have a great and good and wonderful God, and that he knoweth all things. My heart is crying to him, "O Lord, help me to love and honor you better today, for you know I desire to." What a pitiable prospect a soul has whose affections are set upon this time world, and whose only thoughts and desires are centered there. O, there is something so much better than the ways of this world God has prepared for mankind, and that is fellowship with the blessed Son of God.

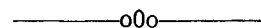
In the early morning, before I arose from my bed, as I lay there praying and meditating, an expression which I have heard uttered by one of my good-hearted, intelligent neighbors, came into my mind. It is this: "If I can't raise the money that way, I'll have to get it some other way." The memory of this stirs my thoughts afresh. Truly, the children of this world are wiser in their generation than the children of light. (Luke 16:8). The idea outstanding here is: **he had no thought of failing to get the money**. If one way didn't prove fruitful, he was watching for another that would. This man was watching his business.

Surely, if there is a place where the rule of watching your business is important, it is in the spiritual realm. Jesus said, "And what I say unto you, I say unto all, WATCH." (Mark 13:37). This is one command Satan is thoroughly keeping, but for his own diabolical purpose. Everyone knows he is a thief and a robber. He is slipping upon souls from every angle. Hence the importance of Jesus' command to watch that he will not get the advantage of us and bankrupt our souls.

"And take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and so that day come upon you unawares."

(Every child of God who reads this, please pray earnestly for this neighbor whom I mentioned. we long for God to get ahold of his heart.)

—J. H. Pierson.



BE OF GOOD CHEER

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loved us." Rom. 8. Nothing can separate us from the love of God, in heaven or on earth. The Apostle Paul sounds a note of triumph born of a living faith in God. We too, can have the same assurance of that Eternal love that is stronger than all the powers which surround us and ever remember our Lord's

sure promise: "They shall never perish, neither shall any pluck them out of my hand." John 10:28.

My knowledge of that future state is small,
The eye of faith is dim,
But 'tis enough that Christ knows all,
And I shall be with Him.

—H. C. Spence.

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Camp Meeting Notices

The National Camp Meeting will be held July 14th to 28th inclusive, at Monark Springs, Mo., in the public park, which is five miles east of Neosho, Mo.

Plan now to attend and refresh your soul through the Word of God that will be preached, and derive a blessing from the association and fellowship of the saints who are coming from other states. We are expecting a demonstration of the love and unity of God's people for which Jesus prayed, and He said, "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples." Full salvation brings the believers into the unity of the Spirit and the Apostle exhorts to "endeavor to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace."

This meeting will be financed with free-will offerings, which is the only plan outlined in the New Testament. "Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver." 2 Cor. 9:7. Meals will be served at the dining hall on the grounds. Those who do not have their own tents, may rent them for \$2.50.

There are still a number of lots available on the National Camp Grounds. These are offered to the saints with a 99-year lease for \$10.00, accompanied by a written lease contract. Any one interested may secure a corrected diagram of ground, and a lease contract form by writing to the Secretary.

Special notice to those who have already purchased lots:— This is to inform you that your copy of the lease contract will be sent to you as soon as the trustees have a regular business meeting and sign them. Since the trustees live in different states, it may not be possible for them to get together until about camp-meeting time. However, in the meantime, you may be assured that you have a perfect title to your lot as though you already possessed the written instrument.

Send all offerings for the "Pavilion Fund" and the camp meeting (specify which) to the national secretary, L. D. Pruitt, 1005 W. Mansur, Guthrie, Okla.

—L. D. Pruitt, Secretary.

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Reform, Ala.

There will be a camp meeting of the Church of God at Reform, Ala. beginning July 28, to continue as long as the Lord will—several days. There are

only a few saints here. Come, but be prepared to care for yourselves. We need help from true hearted saints. The camp ground will be three miles east of Reform, Ala., Highway No. 80. Minister in charge is D. S. Richardson, R. 2, Reform, Ala.

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Akron, Ohio.

We, the saints at Akron, Ohio, will have a camp meeting July 5-14. This meeting will be run on the free-will offering plan as usual. Please bring straw ticks and bedding. All will be welcome to attend this meeting, but none will be allowed to preach except those who are in harmony with the ministry of the Church of God. Compromisers and extreme fanatics will be welcome to sit in the congregation as listeners, only.

For further information write to Sister Cordelia R. Jones (Pastor) 740 Roscoe Ave., E. Akron, Ohio.

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Hammond, La.

The 33rd Annual General Southern Camp Meeting of the Church of God will be held on the old camp ground at Hammond, La. June 28 to July 9, and will be operated on the free-will offering plan as heretofore. So saints and lovers of the truth who feel led of the Lord to come, please don't stay away, for sleeping quarters will be provided on the ground and in homes near by, and meals will be served in the dining room. Those coming should bring straw ticks and bed linens if possible. Any one who has fruit, vegetables, or any other food, or means which they wish to donate, may bring or send same, and anything will be thankfully received. There will be God-sent ministers to expound the Word.

Hammond is easily reached, located on the I. C. railroad and highways No. 51 and No. 190.

For further particulars or in sending provisions, address: Chas. H. Bailey, Box 688, or Mr. J. Forbes, Box 543, Hammond, La. —Mr. and Mrs. Ray Key, residing ministers, Box 370, Hammond, La.

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Watonga, Oklahoma

The Watonga, Okla. Camp Meeting will be held Sept. 13th through the 22nd. Please bring bedding and come prepared to labor for the Lord. For particulars write Bro. E. J. Trotter, Watonga, Okla., R. 2.

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Oklahoma State Camp Meeting

The Oklahoma State Camp Meeting of the Church of God will be held August 2nd to 11th, inclusive, 1940, at Guthrie, Oklahoma, near the saints' chapel in the 600 block on West Warner Ave.

Meals will be served to all at the dining hall. Sleeping quarters will be provided, as much as possible, in the homes of the saints. Bring straw ticks and bedding. Furnished rooms may be rented a

few blocks from the camp grounds. Camping tents may not be available to rent this year. The saints at Guthrie will try to care for all who come. A hearty welcome is extended to all.

Ministers of this state and other states will be present to set forth the Bible truths for the salvation of souls and the edification of the body of Christ. Humility and equality are distinctive characteristics of God's ministers, and since there will be a number of preachers in attendance, we are expecting these graces to be manifested. —State Trustee.



Dayton, Ohio.

The Second Annual Camp Meeting of the Church of God at Dayton, Ohio will be held this year from August, 9th to August 18th inclusive. This meeting will be run on the free-will offering plan. No charges will be made, except the tents for sleeping purposes will be rented at cost. Bring straw ticks and bedding. The saints at Dayton will try to care for all who come.

Send donations or anything which the Lord wants you to give for this meeting to Cleo Murry, R. 6, Box 431, Dayton, Ohio. Also, write to this address for further information.



CORRESPONDENCE

Fairbury, Nebr.—I am praising the dear Lord for salvation from sin and I am so glad everything is on the altar. I praise the dear Lord for victory over self and the old devil, but he comes around once in awhile, trying to lead us astray; and why shouldn't he, when he had the brass to try to lead the Son of God astray? The poor old fellow should have known better than that, but he thought if he could get Jesus to sin, he would be all right. He would have spoiled the plan of salvation. O, yes, but Jesus knew his sly old tricks and he just said, "Get thee behind me, Satan." That is the way with us. All we have to say is, "Get thee behind me, Satan." Will he come back? Oh yes, he will, but Jesus said to watch and pray. If we do this, we shall be all right. I am so glad Jesus is my healer. He is my all and in all. I am a widow left in this world without anything, but I am not afraid to trust the dear Lord. I love this old time way. I am determined to measure my life to all the blessed Word of God.

I should love to hear from any one who reads my testimony, if they care to write to me.

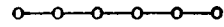
Your sister in the One Body, for the old-time truth,
Mrs. D. M. Curry.



Springfield, Mo.—Dear Bro. and Sister Pruitt, Greetings to you in Jesus' name: Today finds me saved and looking to Jesus and trusting in His love and mercy. I truly thank Him for what He has done for me. My decision is still fixed to continue to

follow in his foot-steps. I know it means much to follow the Lord, but I know He is able to keep us and to supply our needs. His word tells us that there is no want to them that fear Him. I want to keep in the fear of God and to ever live humble before Him, having His approval upon my heart and life at all times.

Hope you are all well, saved, and happy.
A Sister, Miss Mary Glover



Port Arthur, Texas—Dear Sister Pruitt: Greetings in Jesus' name. "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me bless His holy name." I truly love the Lord who shed his blood on Calvary's Cross for the salvation of my soul. I praise Him for the Holy Ghost to sanctify my nature, and by His stripes I am healed. He is all and in all to me. Glory to His name! I want to be of service to Him.

Two houses from us lives a woman who has a cancer. When she first took sick I went to see her and told her how the Lord healed me. Many times I have prayed by her bed-side and read the Bible to her. She is saved but does not seem to understand about having faith for healing by standing on the promises of God according to His will, so she is getting worse.

Your sister in Christ, Mrs. Lee Henry

"The entrance of thy Word giveth light."



"Study to shew thyself approved unto God."

Order Lesson Picture Rolls and Cards for Primary Class from O. C. Porter, 402 S. Second St., Guthrie Oklahoma. The Sunday School Lessons for the other classes are in the Faith and Victory paper.

"Work on, work on, nor doubt, nor fear.
From age to age this voice shall cheer:
Whate'er may die or be forgot,
Work done for God, it dieth NOT."

TESTING CONDUCT BY ITS USEFULNESS

(Temperance Lesson)

Sunday, June 2, 1940.

Daily Readings and Meditations

May 27 to June 1.

- M. The Useless Vine Ezek. 15:1-6.
- T. Salt and Light Matt. 5:13-16.
- W. The Test of the Tree Matt. 7:16-20.
- T. The Blight of Barrenness Mark 11:12-14.
- F. The Fruits of Dissipation 1 Cor. 11:6, 7.
- S. Conduct and Destiny Matt. 25:34-46.

Printed PortionEzekiel 15:1-6; Matt. 5:13-16; 7:16-20; 1 Cor. 10:6, 7.

Ezek. 15:1. And the word of the Lord came unto me, saying,

2. Son of man, What is the vine tree more than any tree, or than a branch which is among the trees of the forest?

3. Shall wood be taken thereof to do any work? or will men take a pin of it to hang any vessel thereon?

4. Behold, it is cast into the fire for fuel; the fire devoureth both the ends of it, and the midst of it is burned. Is it meet for any work?

5. Behold, when it was whole, it was meet for no work: how much less shall it be meet yet for any work, when the fire hath devoured it, and it is burned?

6. Therefore thus saith the Lord God; As the vine tree among the trees of the forest, which I have given to the fire for fuel, so will I give the inhabitants of Jerusalem.

Matt. 5:13. Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted? it is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men.

14. Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid.

15. Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house.

16. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

Matt. 7:16. Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles?

17. Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit.

18. A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit.

19. Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire.

20. Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them.

1 Cor. 10:6. Now these things were our examples, so that ye should not lust after evil things, as they also lusted.

7. Neither be ye idolaters, as were some of them; as it is written, The people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to play.

Golden Text: "Ye shall know them by their fruits." Matt. 7:16.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

When a vine quits bearing fruit, it is useless; for the wood in it is of no value. Even so, man is useless except when he stays in touch with God that he may bring forth fruit to His glory. Consider the

words: "Behold, when it was whole, it was meet for no work: how much less shall it be meet yet for any work, when the fire hath devoured it." Man in himself is of no value. When he has polluted "burned" his body with intoxicants and other things which defile the flesh, he is less than of no value, for he injures others too. It is certain that in that condition he could not bear fruit for God. Jesus said of the unfruitful tree, "Why cumbereth it the ground?" and of the unfruitful branch of the vine that it would be cast forth and be burned.

God only preserves the world in answer to the prayers of His true children, and to give those who have been influenced by their teachings a chance to be saved. Thus the Christian, like salt, has a preserving quality. The world would be putrified in sin and God would destroy it if it were not for the few righteous people in it. If one loses contact with God, he loses that Spirit or "savour," and is thenceforth good for nothing.

Christ is the true light, but Christians are lights, for they reflect the light of Christ, and he shines through them. Others see that it is divine power that causes them to live righteous lives—not their own goodness—and God is glorified.

Read what the "lusts of the flesh" and the "fruits of the Spirit" are in Gal. 5:19-23. Are you bearing the fruits of the Spirit? If so, you are a useful vine to God. Are you fulfilling any of the lusts of the flesh? If so, you are fit for nothing, and will be burned. "He that soweth to the flesh, shall of the flesh reap corruption, but he that soweth to the Spirit, shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting."

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EZEKIEL TEACHES PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY

Sunday, June 9, 1940.

Daily Readings and Meditations

June 3 to 8.

- M. Watchmen Must Be Faithful Ezek. 33:7-9.
- T. God Will Judge Righteously Ezek. 53:10-16.
- W. Accountable for Every Deed 2 Cor. 5:6-10.
- T. Responsible for Every Word Matt. 12:36, 37.
- F. Using My Talent Matt. 25:24-29.
- S. The Peril of Neglect Matt. 11:20-24.

Printed PortionEzekiel 33:7-16.

Ezek. 33:7. So thou, O son of man, I have set thee a watchmen unto the house of Israel; therefore thou shalt hear the word at my mouth, and warn them from me.

8. When I say unto the wicked, O wicked man, thou shalt surely die; if thou dost not speak to warn the wicked from his way, that wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at thine hand.

9. Nevertheless, if thou warn the wicked of his way to turn from it; if he do not turn from his way,

he shall die in his iniquity; but thou hast delivered thy soul.

10. Therefore, O thou son of man, speak unto the house of Israel; Thus ye speak, saying, If our transgressions and our sins be upon us, and we plne away in them, how should we then live?

11. Say unto them, As I live, saith the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked; but that the wicked turn from his way and live; turn ye, turn ye from your evil ways; for why will ye die, O house of Israel?

12. Therefore, thou son of man, say unto the children of thy people, The righteousness of the righteous shall not deliver him in the day of his transgression: as for the wickedness of the wicked, he shall not fall thereby in the day that he turneth from his wickedness; neither shall the righteous be able to live for his righteousness in the day that he sinneth.

13. When I shall say to the righteous, that he shall surely live; if he trust to his own righteousness and commit iniquity, all his righteousness shall not be remembered; but for his iniquity that he hath committed, he shall die for it.

14. Again, when I say unto the wicked, Thou shalt surely die; if he turn from his sin, and do that which is lawful and right;

15. If the wicked restore the pledge, give again that he had robbed, walk in the statutes of life, without committing iniquity; he shall surely live, he shall not die.

16. None of his sins that he hath committed shall be mentioned unto him: he hath done that which is lawful and right; he shall surely live.

Golden Text: "So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God." Rom. 14:12.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

A preacher, or watchman, whom God has placed in charge of a congregation is responsible to God for their welfare to a certain extent. In many places, souls die unconverted because they have not been warned of their sins nor shown the way of salvation by those whom God had appointed to do it. Ministers who are guilty of such neglect will be responsible for every soul that has perished. It is as much the duty of a minister to warn the righteous that he sin not, as it is his duty to warn the sinner to repent of his sins. How can the minister who teaches that one can not fall from grace and perish after he has once been saved, escape the wrath of God on the day of judgment?

People do not always repent when they are warned by faithful ministers, but God will hold nothing against the ministers..

Individuals should not leave the welfare of their souls in the hands of a preacher, for even if God punishes the preacher for leading them astray, each one is personally responsible for his own sins and

will perish, if not saved by the blood of Jesus.

Godly people often share in the calamities set upon nations and innocent children suffer because of sins which the parents have committed, but none are deprived of the favor of God because of the iniquities of others; neither is one granted the favor of God because of the righteousness of others. We are all personally responsible for our own sins. "The soul that sinneth, it shall die."

Notice carefully what God tells a sinner to do before he can have favor in God's sight. This is an unpopular way with most people of today, but it is God's way. One cannot obtain the eternal life which God alone can give, and go to God's heaven unless he goes God's way.

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HAGGAI URGES THE BUILDING OF GOD'S HOUSE

Sunday, June 16, 1940

Daily Readings and Meditations

June 10 to 15.

- M. Call to Build God's House Hag. 1:2-12.
- T. The Builders Encouraged Hag. 2:1-9.
- W. Offerings for the Tabernacle Exodus 25:1-9.
- T. Dedication of the Temple 1 Kings 8:22-28.
- F. Repairing God's House 2 Chron. 34:8-13.
- S. Longing for Public Worship Psa. 84:1-4.

Printed Portion **Haggai 1:2-12**

Haggai 1:2. Thus speaketh the Lord of hosts saying, This people say, The time is not come, the time that the Lord's house should be built.

3. Then came the word of the Lord by Haggai the prophet, saying,

4. Is it time for you, O ye, to dwell in your cieled houses, and this house lie waste?

5. Now therefore thus saith the Lord of hosts; Consider your ways.

6. Ye have sown much, and bring in little; ye eat, but ye have not enough; ye drink, but ye are not filled with drink; ye clothe you, but there is none warm; and he that earneth wages earneth wages to put it into a bag with holes.

7. Thus saith the Lord of hosts; Consider your ways.

8. Go up to the mountain, and bring wood, and build the house; and I will take pleasure in it, and I will be glorified, saith the Lord.

9. Ye looked for much, and lo, it came to little; and when ye brought it home, I did blow upon it. Why? saith the Lord of hosts. Because of mine house that is waste, and ye run every man unto his own house.

10. Therefore the heaven over you is stayed from dew, and the earth is stayed from her fruit.

11. And I called for a drought upon the land, and upon the mountains, and upon the corn, and upon the new wine, and upon the oil, and upon that which

the ground bringeth forth, and upon men, and upon cattle, and upon all the labour of the hands.

12. Then Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, and Joshua the son of Josedech, the high priest, with all the remnant of the people, obeyed the voice of the Lord their God, and the words of Haggai the prophet, as the Lord their God had sent him, and the people did fear before the Lord.

Golden Text: "And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together as the manner of some is." Heb. 10:24, 25.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

A number of Jews had returned from captivity in Babylon to Jerusalem. About fourteen years before today's lesson takes place they had rebuilt the foundation of the temple, but the work had been hindered. In the meantime the people had become indifferent about finishing the Lord's house, and had become engrossed in their own selfish pursuits; such as, building fine comfortable houses for themselves.

The Lord warned them through Haggai, that He would not bless the labor of their hands unless they would put Him and His work first.

There is an important lesson in this for all today. People have forgotten Christ in their greed for personal comforts, pleasures, and gain. God warns that "the wicked shall be turned into hell and all nations that forget God," but hell is not the only place where people will be punished for spiritual neglect. God's promise to the Hebrews was: "If ye hearken to these judgments, and keep, and do them, the Lord thy God will love thee, and bless thee, and multiply thee; he will also bless the fruit of thy womb, and the fruit of thy land, . . . Thou shalt be blessed above all people." This promise is also for us, and there is another like it: "Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness and all these things shall be added unto you"—meaning temporal needs. But notice the condition contained in each promise—put God and his work first. Is it any wonder that we have depressions, famines, and pestilences in our land today?

Meeting together and worshipping with other children of God brings renewed courage and inspiration, and helps us to grow in grace. Christians should not neglect public worship.

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MALACHI DEMANDS HONESTY TOWARD GOD

Sunday, June 23, 1940

Daily Readings and Meditations

June 17 to 22.

- M. Honest Giving Malachi 3:7-12.
- T. Facing Reality Malachi 3:13-18.
- W. Honesty in Service Matt. 6:19-24.
- T. Dishonest Giving Acts 5:1-6.
- F. False Traditions Mark 7:6-13.

S. Making a Man Honest Luke 19:1-10.

Printed Portion Malachi 3:7-18.

Mal. 3:7. Even from the days of your fathers ye are gone away from mine ordinances, and have not kept them. Return unto me, and I will return unto you, saith the Lord of hosts. But ye said, Wherein shall we return?

8. Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings.

9. Ye are cursed with a curse: for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation.

10. Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it.

11. And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground; neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field, saith the Lord of hosts.

12. And all nations shall call you blessed: for ye shall be a delightful land, saith the Lord of hosts.

13. Your words have been stout against me, saith the Lord. Yet ye say, What have we spoken so much against thee?

14. Ye have said, It is vain to serve God: and what profit is it that we have kept his ordinance, and that we have walked mournfully before the Lord of hosts?

15. And now we call the proud happy; yea, they that work wickedness are set up; yea, they that tempt God are even delivered.

16. Then they that feared the Lord spake often one to another: and the Lord hearkened, and heard it, and a book of remembrance was written before him for them that feared the Lord, and that thought upon his name.

17. And they shall be mine, saith the Lord of hosts, in that day when I make up my jewels; and I will spare them, as a man spareth his own son that serveth him.

18. Then shall ye return, and discern between the righteous and the wicked, between him that serveth God and him that serveth him not.

Golden Text: "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it." Mal. 3:10.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

There are different ways by which one can be dishonest with God. If one is dishonest with Him in a financial way, he has allowed something, probably the love of money, to hinder the simplicity of purpose

which God requires of his children: that is, to love the Lord with all the heart, soul, mind, and strength. He has lost some of the fear of God from his heart, hence, has forgotten His ways. We cannot find nor keep the favor of God by giving a tenth of our wealth and using the other nine-tenths to gratify selfish desires. The rich young ruler would, no doubt, have given one-tenth of all he had for eternal life (and he probably did, for he had kept the Law from his youth), but Christ asked Him to give all. Jesus said that one must forsake all that he has, or he cannot be His disciple. This includes talents, time, wealth and even one's self. Many claim to put "all" on the altar, yet hold back part of the price, as Ananias and Sapphira did, for selfish purposes. Failing God in this way has caused many to loose out with him.

One cannot be financially dishonest with God if his heart is right with God, because the Spirit of God dwells in him to direct him to do all that he does to the glory of God. Certainly the Spirit of God will not direct one to withhold means which could be used to support God's work.

One needs food, clothing, and shelter for himself and his family in order to live here and work for God. To buy these things, would not mean that he is withholding that much from God, for God has promised to supply these things, and expects his children to use them when he supplies them. It is all right to lay aside a tenth for a certain phase of God's work; but a Christian should feel with his heart that his ALL belongs to God. Sinners should not be asked to give a tenth to support God's work, for it either disgusts them and drives them farther from God, or it encourages their false hope of obtaining favor from God through works. God is no pauper that He needs people to beg for Him, but man robs himself of temporal and spiritual blessings by not giving.

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JONAH: THE OUTREACH OF GOD'S LOVE

Sunday, June 30, 1940.

Daily Readings and Meditations

June 24 to 29.

- M. A Message to a Pagan City Jonah 3:1-4.
 T. Mercy for a Penitent People Jonah 3:5-10.
 W. A Pevish Prophet Jonah 4:10, 11.
 T. A Greater than Jonah Luke 11:29-32.
 F. An Open Door to the Gentiles Acts 11:17-21.
 S. Righteous Judge of All People Psa. 96:1-10.

Printed Portion **Jonah 3:1-10.**

Jonah 3:1. And the word of the Lord came unto Jonah the second time, saying,

2. Arise, go unto Nineveh, that great city, and preach unto it the preaching that I bid thee.

3. So Jonah arose, and went unto Nineveh, according to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was an exceeding great city of three days' journey.

4. And Jonah began to enter into the city a day's journey, and he cried, and said, Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown.

5. So the people of Nineveh believed God, and proclaimed a fast, and put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them even to the least of them.

6. For word came unto the king of Nineveh, and he arose from his throne, and he laid his robe from him, and covered him with sackcloth, and sat in ashes.

7. And he caused it to be proclaimed and published through Nineveh by the decree of the king and his nobles, saying, Let neither man nor beast, herd nor flock, taste any thing: let them not feed, nor drink water:

8. But let man and beast be covered with sackcloth, and cry mightily unto God: yea, let them turn every one from his evil way, and from the violence that is in their hands.

9. Who can tell if God will turn and repent, and turn away from his fierce anger, that we perish not?

10. And God saw their works, that they turned from their evil way; and God repented of the evil, that he had said that he would do unto them; and he did it not.

Golden Text: "Salvation is of the Lord." Jonah 2:9.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

Although the people of Nineveh were not God's chosen people, yet He was interested in them and their wickedness grieved Him. Repentance is necessary because sin which is not repented of is not pardoned, and unpardoned sin cannot remain unpunished by a just God.

God gave Nineveh forty days in which to repent. The fulfillment of His threats, like His promises, depend upon how man reacts to them.

God is not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance. For this reason He often prolongs the lives of wicked people, and sends them many warnings. He sends his children to warn them and is faithful to convict them of their sins by his Spirit. Jesus said of the people when he was here on earth, "The men of Nineveh shall rise up in judgment with this generation, and shall condemn it: for they repented at the preaching of Jonas; and, behold, a greater than Jonas is here." He would declare the same to the people today, because we have even more opportunities to hear the word of God and repent, and measure to it than the people of his day.

True children of God have a concern for the lost even as their Heavenly Father, and keenly feel that they are their "brother's keeper." Hence they labor and pray, and do not become discouraged and quit because the multitudes prefer to be left alone in their sins. The few, like Nineveh, who believe God and repent, are worth all the efforts which are put forth to win them.