

FAITH AND VICTORY

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

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IN GOD



A PAPER
FOR ALL
CHRISTIANS

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“FAITH AND VICTORY”

Faith and victory—'tis good for all—
The stay of Daniel, Job, and Paul;
And faithful Abraham, God's true soul,
Faith and Victory was his goal.

Three boys of faith into fire were cast,
They wouldn't bow as the king had asked;
But the Son of God to their rescue came—
Faith wrought the victory o'er the flame!

Daniel from faith in God would not part,
But worshiped Him with all his heart.
The penalty for this was the lion's den;
But God shut their mouths, 'twas victory then!

Faith and victory go hand in hand.
With Christ the Rock they're sure to stand.
They conquer sin and stand for right,
And for God's child they're sure to fight.

“Faith and Victory” is a good title, too;
For to the name the paper is true,
Lifting a standard for God's holy way,
Standing for truth in this “evening light” day.

But if God chooses this title to change,
Let's keep humble, let God arrange;
For God is wisdom, and His is the way,
He is the Potter, we're the clay.

—Sister Sultzbaugh (revised).

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“It Is Better to Trust in the Lord, Than To Put Confidence in Man.” —Psa. 118:8.

One of the heavy burdens of my heart is the strength of the children of God, spiritually. I would like to present a few thoughts in regards to our attitude toward God—what it is, and what it should be.

We, the children of God, redeemed by the precious blood of Jesus, should seek for God and more of God in all circumstances, depending fully upon God and not on man.

Jesus tells us of a widow who went to an unjust judge. She would not take “no” for an answer. Jesus said, “And shall not God avenge His own elect, which cry day and night unto Him, though He bear long with them? I tell you He will avenge them speedily.”

Speaking of Jesus, God said, “This is My beloved Son in whom I am well pleased, hear ye him.” Jesus says, “Come unto me and I will give you rest.” Rest, not only from sin; but in every circumstance of life. He told us to worship God with all our heart, mind, and strength. The word of God is full of many commands and promises. Jesus means for us in all circumstances of life to “come unto me.”

We, to whom Jesus has given power to become the Sons of God, should not in one thought or deed take one stone from Babylon, nor once turn back to Egypt for help in our time of need, sickness, or in any problem of life. There is danger ahead just as sure as we do turn back to Egypt for help. Oh, may God convict and lead His children into a deeper reality of God's all-sufficiency in every time of need.

God says, “I am the Lord that healeth thee.” Ex. 15:26. All power in heaven and on earth is in Jesus. Jesus says, “If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will and it shall be done unto you.” John 15:7. Take warning from Isaiah 30: 1, 2, 3, and get a fixed determination to stand in God alone, and for that faith once delivered to the saints.

Do we dare to be a Daniel? We, who have been given power through the precious blood of Jesus, do we doubt and fear in our testing time and fail? Daniel was a man who did not fear the wrath of man; but had his heart set on God, who alone was his deliverer. Is it not possible that we, His regenerated children, may get and keep our hearts so set on God through Jesus that there will be no test that will move us? Daniel's life was so perfect that his persecutors said, “We shall not find any occasion against Daniel, except we find it against him, concerning the law of his God.” And, bless God, in this the enemies' hopes were in vain. Daniel, indeed, had the help and hope of all heaven and earth. Daniel prayed on. Today, he would be called a fanatic. But, oh, for more fanatic prayers, set and determined as was the spirit of Daniel!

Why didn't Daniel get a lawyer to try his case? Don't you believe the lawyer would have helped God to help Daniel so that he would not have suffered at the hands of his enemies? Oh, dear ones, his story would have been a different one had he consulted man. We believe his day would have ended in a body torn to shreds. But as it was in his faith, trust, and obedience to God, he was delivered; and the king was exceedingly glad for him.

If we go the same route, stand the same test, trust in the same mighty God and turn not away to Egyptian help; then when we are delivered, the people of the world will be exceedingly glad for us. The world is hungry to see Jesus.

Dear old Job, why didn't he use common sense and reasoning and get a doctor to ease his pains, apply salves, and such? Why didn't he just obey the words of his selfish wife and die? But no, his set determination—"tho he slay me, yet will I trust Him." Thus the latter end of his life was more blessed than the first.

Why did not Moses command his people to turn on their enemies and use the sword to their own protection? They were delivered from their enemies because he said, "Stand still, and see the salvation of the Lord."

Why did not the three Hebrew boys compromise just a little, so they would look a little like the heathen? If they had only bowed once, perhaps the old devil would not have thrown them into the furnace of fire. But no, indeed not, their fixed and set determination was: "Our God, whom we serve, is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace and He will deliver us out of thine hand." No, those stubborn Hebrew boys would not bow; so in they went with no doubt and no fear—perfectly trusting in our God to deliver. What then? Whom did the heathen see?—the fourth person, the Son of God who delivered the boys, permitting the flame to burn off the cords and set them free.

Jesus said, "If I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me." The world's hungry cry is: "We would see Jesus." We do not have Daniel, Job, Moses, or the three Hebrew boys today; but may we seek God daily, not wavering, but trusting in the same almighty God that the world may be convinced that Jesus saves the soul, sanctifies the believer, heals the sick, strengthens the weak and is our all-sufficient help in every time of need. We have Jesus who will give us power to overcome doubts and fears, so that we can trust God in all trying circumstances. Some say, "We had the doctor and applied this or that, but we give God the glory." Is it fair to the power of the blood of Jesus? Do we need medicines, doctors, lawyers and everything else of Egyptian bondage into the blood of Jesus to bring results? God is not mocked. Where are the children of God? Are

we trusting, serving, believing, and obedient in such a way that God is pleased with His trusting child? May God help us to see what manner of people we should be, in all holy conversation, in holy meditation, and in modest apparel, keeping ourselves unspotted from the world, and the compromising spirit of the day. "Touch not the unclean thing, and I will be a father unto you." We have no time for the so-called funny and frivolous things of this world. We need to be redeeming the time with "watch and be sober," seeking God in prayer and supplication. Put on the whole armor of God and fight the good fight of faith until life on earth is done.

The writer is saved, sanctified, and consecrated to God and to His cause; but still reaching more deeply into the will of God, concerning His holy will in obedience, faith, and trust.

God bless every reader and lead you into a deeper depth and a reality of God's eternal love and truth, is the prayer of my heart. —Mrs. J. R. Sultzbaugh

WHAT MUST I DO?

Question: What must I do to be saved?

Answer: "Ye must be born again." John 3:7.

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Answer: "Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God." 1 John 5:1.

"Repent and be baptized, every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost." Acts 2:38

"And Philip said, If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God" Acts 8:37. Philip baptized him after this confession of his faith.

"God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son that whosoever believeth on him should not perish but have everlasting life." John 3:16.

Question: Most people believe, are they all saved?

Answer: No. The devils also believe and tremble. See James 2:19. "Faith without works is dead."

"How can ye believe which receive honor one of another, and seek not the honor that cometh from God only?" John 5:44.

Question: How then shall I believe?

Answer: He that cometh unto God must believe that he is and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him." Heb. 11:6.

"With the heart man believeth unto righteousness." Rom. 10:10.

"Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed." Rom. 9:33.

"Unto you therefore which believe he is precious." 1 Pet. 2:7.

"But we are not of them who draw back unto perdition; but of them that believe to the saving of the soul." Heb. 10:39.

Question: How can I show my faith by my works?

Answer: Acknowledge your sins. Jesus already knows your every sin, but he wants you to confess them to him. "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. Do so. Then ask for mercy and pardon. It is written: "In the day that you seek me with your whole heart, I shall be found of you."

Question: How shall I know that I am saved?

Answer: His Spirit will bear witness with your spirit that you are a child of God. Rom. 8:16.

"We know that we have passed from death unto life because we love the brethren."

"Old things have passed away, behold all things have become new."

If you love him you will keep his commandments and his commandments will not be grievous.

He will be found precious to your soul—joy unspeakable and full of glory—which is salvation. Your name is written in the Lamb's Bood of Life. You are a son or daughter of God, heir with Jesus and the redeemed.

Question: How can I keep saved?

Answer: Read God's word daily, pray much, be a doer of the Word, confess Jesus to others, and read Rev the second chapter often enough to keep it in mind.

Do these things and we shall meet around the throne of God. —T. B. Thorn.

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WAR

Yes, war with all its horrors seems to be ahead of us. The methods of warfare have changed, but the Creator of man and all life is the same as when in answer to Elisha's prayer, He opened his servant's eyes. He saw the Syrians' immense army and was terrified; but after his eyes were opened, he saw the heavenly chariots, and beheld his master leading the blinded Syrians into Samaria where they were surrounded by God's chosen people. His faith was established, as is the faith of every one who trusts in God.

When the enemy was in the power of the king of Israel, in answer to Elisha's prayer, the King of Israel asked, "Shall we slay them?"

The man of God answered, "Would you slay a captive? give ye them to eat." That put a stop to their warfare for some time, until the Israelites became exalted in their own eyes again. God will fight for those who are wholly His, today, as well as in olden times.

The Creator of man has a perfect right to be Dictator. Not a sparrow falls to the ground without His notice.

Not far from Bethlehem, I saw the valley where

a young shepherd at one time picked up five stones. His father had sent him to the battlefield to take some bread and cheese to his elder brothers who had joined the army. He, being the youngest, was the chore-boy, and no doubt had jobs to perform which his handsome older brothers considered beneath their dignity. When he arrived at the scene of battle, his brother, looking down on him asked, "What did you do with those few sheep?" Instead of being joyfully and lovingly greeted, he seemingly was not wanted.

However, his disappointment in the reception was forgotten when he saw the great giant Goliath strutting around across the valley defying his God. He could stand being belittled, but his God who had always helped and defended him could not be scorned by that uncircumcised Philistine. After receiving a permit from King Saul, he was confident that He who helped him slay a bear and a lion while defending "those few sheep," would surely give him the victory over this mocker. Those Philistines did not want multitudes of innocent boys to lose their lives. Goliath boastfully declared, "If one of you will come over and slay me, we'll be your servants. If I slay him, you'll be ours." David, after using just one of his stones, proved that God can get the victory over millions through the loyalty of one man. Let every one turn whole-heartedly to God, make restitution, turn your homes into places where Jesus rules, please Him instead of seeking for popularity, and God will fight for His own. Our sons may take military training, but God is on the throne the same as ever.

—Marie Pauline Sass.

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Winamac, Ind.—Bro. Pruitt: Enclosed, you will find 25c for which please renew the **Faith and Victory** for one year. We enjoy the paper very much. Every one brings food for our souls. We are members of the Church of God in Rochester, Ind. We drive 23 miles. Bro. Riggle's home is in Rochester. Sister Riggle is in my Sunday School class when she is at home. I ask them why Anderson doesn't have their ministers to preach on dress, also on bobbing of the hair. I received no answer from them. I knew it was in the Bible. Praise God for the **Faith and Victory** paper, in which we find warnings against these things. I took the **Faith and Victory** paper and read it aloud to the class and asked them if Christ's Bride would dress that way. The teacher was a minister from some other state that Sunday, so he answered in a loud voice, "No, no." The poor lady looked scared. Bro. Riggle never preaches against that sin and his own daughter's hair is bobbed. The teachers in the Rochester Sunday School have red fingernails and bobbed hair. Some of the sisters have begun to null their hats down over their heads. They seem to love the true word of God.

In God we trust,

Mrs. Richard Jones

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According to the teachings of Christ and the apostles, we are convinced that war and fighting is wrong. For this reason, we are conscientiously opposed to the taking up of carnal weapons to do injury to any of God's human creation under any and all circumstances.

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Editorials

Our soul has been much burdened of late, and for many different causes. We think of the awful wars and blood-shed across the waters with hatred and murder in so many there; we turn from that scene and are faced with the swellings and distant rumblings of war and blood-shed in our own country, and our boys having to go to training camp. Drawing our mind in from these things that are coming upon the earth, we think of christendom and the cloak of religion that Satan has put on and is deceiving the multitudes with his multiplied deceitful doctrines—many of them seem to be very harmless, viewing from a surface standpoint. In these days old Satan is getting men to sin as though with a "cart rope." The real sin that will kill the soul and land it into the lake of fire may be two, three, five, or ten years ahead; but the old serpent is slyly and cleverly bringing it to pass. Then we think of our many readers of Faith and Victory, and we become burdened for them. Some write us that they are sick and afflicted in body, some are burdened in a financial way, others have untrue companions, some have wayward, unsaved children, and we pray: "O Lord, do help us to have real helpful truths in the paper for these dear ones that their faith and confidence be increased in God so they can with boldness claim the promises and be lifted out of all their distresses and tribulations." It is truly so that when one member suffers, they all suffer with it. We are all tied together and knit together with a love and strength that far surpasses any human love, and we do pray one for another.

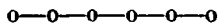
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We ask our readers to be careful not to receive that "Eternal Security" doctrine that is being cunningly advocated by some. This doctrine is not a new doctrine, but the enemy is springing up some new things with it to draw disciples away and confuse them on what truth really is.

The Baptist sect and many other sects have been teaching this doctrine for many long years, and they have it distilled into the hearts of many that are on the road to destruction with a profession of religion. Such teaching will generally encourage carelessness in living, and in devotion to God; and is a direct denial of the manifold scriptures that exhort us to watch and pray. Many scriptures warn us to do some things and refrain from doing others lest the Spirit be grieved and God's wrath be upon us again. Jesus told the disciples, "Be ye also ready, for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh." Matt. 24:44. Paul says, "Behold the goodness and severity of God: on them which fell severity; but toward thee goodness, IF THOU CONTINUE IN HIS GOODNESS: otherwise thou also shalt be cut off." Rom. 11:22. In 1 Cor. 10:12, we read, "Wherefore, let

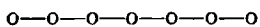
him that thinketh he standeth, take heed lest he fall." Read the whole chapter.

Paul said, "But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection; lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a cast-away." 1 Cor. 9:27. Surely Paul was a sanctified man. Some one may say, "When my child was born into my family it will always be my child." That is true, but if it should die it would be your dead child. When a soul that is born of God commits sin, it dies, and it is a dead child and has no inheritance with the living children; neither does your dead child have any inheritance with the living children. Just think of the churches in Asia that John the Revelator saw, and how they were warned repeatedly to repent lest they be cut off. Would you dare say that none of them were ever sanctified souls, Jesus said, "But he that endureth unto the end, the same shall be saved." Matt. 10:22. He also said, "Many are called, but few are chosen." We that are saved are called to follow Jesus in this life, but the ones that will be chosen to dwell with him in eternity are the ones that endure unto the end.



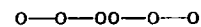
Some are teaching an anti-cleansing doctrine; thus teaching against the very thing their souls need. Oh, the deceitfulness of Satan! Jesus said, "Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God." Matt. 5:8. Your heart can only be made pure as it is cleansed from its defilement by faith in the blood of Jesus. Paul, in speaking of us, the Gentiles, said, "That the offering up of the Gentiles, might be acceptable, being sanctified by the Holy Ghost." That means more than just we setting ourselves apart; for when the Holy Ghost comes in, he cleanses and begins to live there, setting us apart for God's sacred use. The Holy Ghost will not live in an unclean temple.

In Acts the 15th chapter, we find Peter saying that God gave the Holy Ghost to the Gentiles as well as he did them. He made no difference between them, "Purifying their hearts by faith." God will not live in a defiled heart or soul. He first cleanses it and then begins to live there.

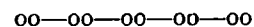


Some teach the theory that Satan was once an angel in heaven, and while there he became sinful and made war in heaven. He was cast out and now or because of that, he has become the enemy of God and makes people evil here. Such teaching as that is almost blasphemy against God. This makes it appear as though sin could originate in heaven where God is. If that were so, it would be an unsafe place for any of us to go. God will not dwell in your heart or any heart until you are willing for him to overpower all sin and drive it out of your soul. God and sin will not, cannot, and do not dwell together. God has power over all sin and it would be impossible for sin to

originate in Heaven where God dwells. It may, and does originate in the ecclesiastical heavens, and those who do not understand the scriptures misrepresent things and deceive people. The scriptures they generally use to back up this theory is found in Isaiah 14:12. If you will read the whole chapter, you will find that this Lucifer has reference to the King of Babylon. He was great and mighty and God brought him down because he was haughty and evil. Persons that are being used by Satan are often called Satan or some other name referring to him. Jesus even spoke to Peter one time and said, "Get thee behind me, Satan, thou art an offence to me." He did not mean that Peter was Satan, but he spoke to the spirit that prompted him to say it. It is said that this king had exalted his throne above the stars of God; in other words, the prophets of God. He would not listen to them. He even thought himself to be like the most High. But he had fallen. God had cut him down. Because he had exalted himself so high, the scripture says, "How art thou fallen from heaven." He had exalted himself to a heavenly place; but never was he in heaven where God dwells, perish such a thought.



In the last issue of **Faith and Victory** we made mention of a book entitled, "The More Abundant Life" which needed to be printed. Very little came in with which to buy paper, and we felt so impressed of the Lord that this book should be printed that we printed a thousand of them. Before we had finished one saint sent in a good share of the cost, but yet there is some needed to finish the expense. We have his book in stock now for which we are thankful to God. We will send it post paid to any one for five cents, which will be very little more than the cost of wrapping and postage. This little book is full of good soul food.



The printing work is moving on nicely and we are getting every thing in good order for a large volume of printing to be done this fall and winter. Those who are helpers in the body should not forget their calling. This printing work is the Lord's and we his servants for Jesus' sake, and we are expecting the Body to function properly so that paper can be bought in large quantities in order to get the reduced prices, the expense of all the workers supplied, and the other phases of the work kept up. We are praying and expect each of our readers to pray for us and do what they can as the Lord prospers. This world is in great need of the pure, unadulterated gospel to be sent to them, and God is depending on us. We are all workers together with Him. Let us use the substance that God gives us in a way that it will return eternal profit.

Send for our general catalogue and circulars.

Camp Meeting Reports

Reform, Ala.—The camp meeting at Reform, Ala. was blessed of the Lord. The attendance was good and the Word went forth with much power. We gave out many tracts and Faith and Victory papers. The people received them gladly. Bro. L. L. Jackson and wife, Sister Desson, and Bro. Payne and his wife were present. We were all glad to see them. The few saints here were much encouraged to press on in this way, which is the way of truth. The meeting was nicely cared for and all expenses paid except some song books.

We ask the prayers of all of God's people for the work here.

Your brother in Christ,

D. S. Richardson, Pastor.

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Dayton, Ohio.—The camp meeting at Dayton, Ohio is in the past, but not in the memory of those who attended it; for oftentimes we heard different ones earnestly say, "This is the best camp meeting we have attended in many years." From the very first day the saints came pouring in from different states until eleven states were represented, and had all stayed who came, we would not have been able to care for the crowd, but some were called away soon after they came. Three car loads were called back to Pennsylvania because of the death of Sister Gibney. The big tent was full at most all services. The day services were better attended than any camp meeting I have ever attended, and more saints were present than I have seen at a camp meeting for twenty years.

There was a spirit of love among the saints, and the preaching was good. There were some little disagreements, but they were all covered with the cloak of divine love.

Ministers present were: Sister Jones from Akron, Ohio; Bro. Chaney from Akron, Ohio; Bro. Ostis Wilson and wife of Anthony, Kansas; Bro. Pearson of Middletown Ind.; Bro. Pierson of Valeene, Ind; Bro. Foster from Yorkshire, Ohio; Bro. Strong from Chillicothe, Ohio; Bro. Peek from Richwood, W. Va; Sister Slade of Urbana, Ill.; Bro. Lawson from Newcastle, Ind.; Bro. Lawsh from Muncie, Ind.; Bro. Brown from Chicago, Ill.; Bro. Bowen from Chicago, Ill.; Bro. John Kirtz of Louisville, Ky.; Bro. Charley Houck of Perkasio, Pa.; Bro. Earl Parsons of Freeland, Mich.; Sister Williams, Bro. S. E. Abbott, and the writer of Dayton, Ohio. A group of twenty-one saints came from Urbana, Ill.

Seventy-four, twenty-nine brethren and forty-five sisters, took part in the ordinance services which were held the last Saturday after many of the saints had left the camp meeting.

Bro. Charley Houck of Perkasio, Pa. was ordained to the ministry.

The temporal needs were well supplied. Some days we fed more than two hundred at noon. The expenses of the meeting was near \$200, which was well met. The church at Dayton had just completed their chapel, so it

was ready to be used as a dining hall.

Some were saved, some sanctified, and some healed, and others made to see the truth. Surely God is now bringing again Zion. Let all saints feel a hearty welcome to stop over in Dayton with the church. —Cleo Murry.

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The Church of God Camp Meeting at Boley, Okla. closed Aug. 25, 1940 with peace and victory that came from heaven and not a friction from the pulpit to the kitchen. Truly the Lord was in this place. Some were saved, sanctified, and baptized. After the fast day many were healed by divine power. Ministers were present from different states. Ninety-one took part in the ordinance services. The meeting was run on the free-will offering plan, and we were able to meet all expenses. To God we give all the praise for His love toward us.

Your Sister in the Lord

Lizzie Jones

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The Camp Meeting at Dover has come and gone. We had a real refreshing from the hand of our heavenly Father. His presence was manifested in our midst from time to time, which caused expressions of thanks and praise to be offered by the saints as they feasted on the good things from Father's table. The word was clear cut, simple, and plain, and went forth in earnest under the unction and anointing of the Holy Spirit, and we are much encouraged to press on for truth and right. The saints at this place are very much in need of a dining room. Meals were served under an open shed that was somewhat protected by the curtains of the old tabernacle. In time of high winds or showers of rain the cooks were very much handicapped. On one occasion dinner was served in the chapel which was being used as sleeping quarters for the sisters; and another time was served under the tabernacle because of wind and rain. The shed only served as a moderate protection from the sun, but was not much service in times of dust and rain. We heard no murmuring nor complaints; but all were rejoicing in the love of God. A goodly number took part in the ordinance of feet washing and of partaking of the emblems of the body of Christ. The tabernacle was taken from here to Watonga, Okla. where the saints of that place are now engaged in a meeting. Pray much for us and the work of the Lord in these parts. Yours in His service.

—Ulysses Phillips.

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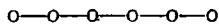
SPECIAL NOTICE

The prices on lumber to be used for constructing the National camp ground pavilion have already risen, and to avoid further increases the trustees have decided to close the deal for materials as soon as possible. Therefore, we would appreciate it if all those who have promised funds for the pavilion would send their contributions to the secretary at the earliest date.

—L. D. Pruitt, Secretary
1005 W. Mansur, Guthrie, Okla.

PASTOR WANTED

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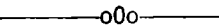
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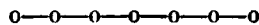


A BOOK TO BE PRINTED

Bro. C. Z. Stonecypher of Hastings, Nebr. has sent us manuscript to have a book printed on "Divine Healing." We have read this manuscript and our soul was strengthened and encouraged by reading it.

We are persuaded that this writing should be in book form and circulated. He gives many instances of wonderful healings and several instances of the Lord raising people from the dead. Bro. Stonecypher has the "gift of healing" and this book will be of great interest to all lovers of truth.

Brother Stonecypher has no means to have these writings put into print. It will make a book of many pages and we need sixty dollars or more to print a thousand of these books. Those who have the "gift of help" in the Body should consider this need and function to the edifying of the whole Body.



Forest City, Mo.—To the dear saints everywhere: I send Greetings in Jesus' name. The blessings of the Lord our God be upon all of you. I am glad I can still report victory in my soul. Jesus is all this world to me. Surely, I could not live without Him.

Mother has been in such poor health for over a year, and suffers so much, but her trust is in God. She has never even wanted any earthly physician. The Lord has heard prayer for her many times, but the affliction returns. We believe healing is for the aged the same as the young. Will all the saints be agreed with us that God will heal her of all her sufferings. We are so glad we ever learned to trust in Jesus. He has meant more to us in these trying hours than ever before. We have it fixed to trust Him all the way. Your redeemed Sister, Susie Whipple.



OBITUARY

Sister Nola Jones Porter was born in Dallas, County, Mo. October 9, 1885, and was called to her reward September 13, 1940 at Clovis, New Mexico.

She moved to Webb City, Mo. in 1900. Was united in marriage to M. L. Porter in 1905. To this union were born seven children, five boys and two girls. The oldest boy, Lawrence Lee, preceded her in death in 1921.

Besides her husband, she is survived by four sons and two daughters: Emmitt and Robert of Carthage, Mo.; H. B. and Marvin, Jr. of Los Angeles, Calif; Mrs. Hassie Carrothers and Zetta Mae Porter of Carthage, Mo.

Sister Porter was converted early in life and accepted this present truth in 1904. The Lord, seeing faithfulness in her, called her to preach the everlasting gospel in 1917, to which call she was faithful and true; preaching her last message only about three hours before the angel came to bear her home to be with them in the paradise of God.

Funeral Service conducted by Ostis Wilson, Jr.

Scripture Reading: Prov. 31:10-29.

Text: Numbers 23:10.

Speaking as a minister of the Gospel and in behalf of all the ministers of the Church of God, we wish to acknowledge our deep appreciation of the faithful services of this, our fellow-laborer in the Gospel of Christ, and her presence and soul-inspiring messages will be

much missed by us as well as all the saints.

—O. B. Wilson, Jr.

Sister Nola Porter's Last Message

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The last song that we sang before Sister Porter preached was "Eternity" page 507. Such a heaviness crept over my spirit. The words of that song seemed to bring eternity very near and I thought of the countless hundreds passing into eternity unprepared. Sister Porter arose immediately to do her duty, beginning by commenting on the song. In part she said, "If any of you have become negligent or slack in your experience or if any of you haven't made peace with God, that song ought to stir your hearts. David said in Psa. 17:15, 'I shall be satisfied when I awake with thy likeness.' He was striving to become like the Lord." The following are some of the main points brought out in Sister Porter's last message on Sept. 12th in Clovis, New Mexico. The theme was, "The All-Sufficient Christ."

"In the beginning, after God had created the earth and every living creature on the earth. He said, 'Let us make in our own image.' He was talking to his Son, Jesus Christ. They made man in their own likeness, pure and upright. He yielded to temptation and fell from his first estate. Then it was necessary to find some plan by which man could be redeemed. In my imagination I can see the Father and the Son talking together, trying to devise a plan. Jesus offered to go down to earth and be born of a woman and suffer that he might be able to succor us who are tempted. Such a sacrifice for God to make! Earthly parents would rather suffer in the stead of their own children. What a great sacrifice it was for God to see his only begotten Son go down to earth and suffer and die for a very unappreciative world. How much Christ loved us to leave his home in glory to become a sacrifice for our sins. He didn't owe it to us, he did it of his own free will.

Under the old testament the people sacrificed the blood of animals to appease God for their sins. However, it didn't take away sin. The people became wicked and for about four-hundred years man didn't hear from God. The plan of salvation was finished when Jesus bowed his head upon the cross and said, 'It is finished.' There on the cross as he hung between heaven and earth he paid the price, taking the world by one hand and an offended God by the other, thereby reconciling the world unto God.

When Jesus hung on the cross and those who loved him were gathered around bewailing and lamenting, Jesus turned to them and said, 'Weep not for me, but yourselves and for your children' Luke 23:28. We have wondered why he said those words, but now we understand. He wept over Jerusalem because they would not accept him. Now we understand

it. We have children of our own to weep over.

Do you remember the time after Lazarus was raised from the dead when the people came to see Lazarus? Some of them were possibly curious to see if Lazarus looked the same as he did before he died. Some Greeks were there and they desired to see Jesus saying, 'Sir, we would see Jesus.' When Jesus was in the world he was the light of the world. Now we are the light of the world. How much of Jesus can the world see in us? If some foreigners came along could they look at us and say? 'There is Jesus.' One writer made a beautiful illustration telling of a man who wanted a picture of Jesus. Suppose that each one of us posed for that picture. How much of us would be seen? Some would lose a hand or arm, some a leg, some a head. Sad to say some would lose a heart in that picture if only that part of the body that portrayed Christ was shown on the negative. How much of us portrays Christ? Seeing we are not our own and are bought with a price, should we not exemplify Christ with our whole Body?

There was a small spring of cool water bubbling out of a rock near my old home. It was running just as faithfully when we visited there as it had when I was a girl. It was so small that we could only dip the water with a pint cup, but we could depend on that spring being always the same. It never changed from winter to summer. We never knew of it going dry. It never got any higher. I want my experience to be that dependable. I want my relatives to find me standing just as firm as when they saw me years ago.

In Acts 26, Paul pleaded his case before Agrippa. Agrippa's reply to Paul was, "Almost thou persuadest me to become a Christian"; (Many have been almost persuaded.) but he was no better off by not yielding. The Bible doesn't speak of Agrippa ever receiving Christ. Felix trembled after Paul's defence in Acts 24. He dismissed Paul with the words, 'Go thy way for this time; When I have a more convenient season, I will call for thee.' We have no record of Felix ever finding a convenient time.

In the courts of our land when a man is brought to trial, he may have someone to plead his case. When we come to the great judgment we will have to stand alone. We must answer for ourselves. No one can tell the Judge of all the good deeds and of the moral life we have lived. Mother's prayers will go no farther. God won't condemn people because of their multiplicity of sins. The question will be, "Have you accepted my Son."

There is no better time than now. We have no promise of tomorrow. "How long halt ye between two opinions?" "Behold I set before you an open door." "Choose ye this day whom ye shall serve." You are making your choice tonight.

Sister Porter laid down her sword and went home.

—Fern Fortner

Obituaries

Bro. Paul Davis was born at Cherokee, Okla. Jan. 10, 1913, and passed on to his reward from Guthrie, Okla. Aug. 28, 1940, age 27 years, 8 months, and 18 days.

Ero. Davis moved to Guthrie, Okla. with his parents when only about five years old and at the age of twenty years was united in marriage to Miss Hattie Johnson. To this union, three children were born: Dortha Marie, Wanda Lee, and Mary Waneta.

His survivors, besides his wife and children, are two brothers and four sisters. The brothers are: Audney Davis of Guthrie, Okla. and George Davis of Unionville Mo.; sisters: Evelyn Gibson of New Mexico, Thelma Busbee of Guthrie, Okla., Polly Hyde of Kansas City, Kans, and Beatrice Eck of Ring Wood, Okla. His father, mother and one sister preceded him in death.

Paul was converted early in life, and lived and died in the faith that was once delivered to the saints. This testimony is the greatest tribute that can be paid to any living soul. The last day of his life he was very happy. He sang songs and praised the Lord all through the day and late in the evening the Lord saw fit to suddenly take him.

His funeral service was held in the saints' chapel at Guthrie, Okla., conducted by Bro. R. M. Porter of Springfield, Mo. Text: Hebrews 9:27, "And as it is appointed unto a man once to die, but after this the judgment."

Ethel Brown was born in Illinois June 19, 1886, and departed this life August 24, 1940, age 54 years, 2 months and 5 days.

She was married to Sherman Burris Jan. 3, 1907 and made him a good wife. She leaves to mourn her passing: her husband, three brothers, many friends and relatives.

She professed Christ four years ago and has been living a consistent Christian life. Her hope of heaven was bright up to the last. She was perfectly resigned to the will of God and declared that she wanted to die trusting the Lord. She and her husband had much love for one another and he was very kind and attentive to her during her last sickness.

Funeral services were held in the saints' chapel at Guthrie, Okla., conducted by Fred Pruitt. Text: James 1:12. The remains were laid to rest in the Summit View Cemetery north of Guthrie.

Miss Fruzza Parker was born March 9, 1896, died at her home near Hammond, La. August 19, 1940, age forty-four years, five months, and ten days. Her remains were laid to rest in the Robertson Cemetery near her home after the funeral service was conducted at her home on Aug. 20th. She leaves to mourn their loss, four sisters: Mrs. Vernie Daniel, Miss Lela Parker, Mrs. Katie Temp-let and Mrs. Florence Daniel; and two brothers: Charlie Parker of Shreveport, La., and Mines Parker of Madisonville, La.; also six nieces and two nephews.

We first became acquainted with her July 8, when a

call came to us to visit her immediately as she was expected to pass away any minute. When we reached her sick bed, she said she was saved but had thought the Lord might heal her. In answer to prayer she arose from the bed and two days later walked about in and outside the house and took her meals with the family. But faith did not take in complete recovery and it soon became manifest that the Lord wanted her to be with Him in glory. It seemed she made every preparation possible to be received in glory and had a continual hunger for prayer, reading of the Word and singing hymns; and so enjoyed the presence of God's people. I can conscientiously say here, that in all of my experience I have never met any one who enjoyed God's service more than she, and she kept herself ready to go. She was sweet and patient, and so thoughtful of others all through our short acquaintance with her. She referred to her death as one would in contemplating a trip. She was sick with dropsy of the heart which made it necessary for her to sit in an upright position for weeks before her death, but many times she received definite help in getting relief from suffering during her illness in answer to prayer. We had so hoped the Lord would let her live to be a worker for Him, but we say, Amen to His will; for He doeth all things well. So, we say, Rest on, sister, where afflictions and heartaches are not known. Funeral text: Psa. 116:15—"Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints." Funeral conducted by writer.

—Mrs. Katherine Key.

SPARING THE ROD

We all know and read that Solomon was a wise king, and the wisdom of God was in him (1 Kings 3:28). Solomon prayed for God to give him an understanding heart. (1 Kings 3:9). In answer to this question of sparing the rod, Solomon does not tell us to spare it. We know that Solomon's wisdom came from God.

In these days, when evil is all around our children we need to bring them up under the rod and the fear of the Lord. God's word tells us just how to correct our children. With the help of the Lord, let all of us as parents take heed to Solomon's words. Here is what the word says: "He that spareth his rod, hateth his son: but he that loveth him chasteneth him betimes." Prov. 13:24. "Chasten thy son while there is hope and let not thy soul spare for his crying." Prov. 19:18. "Foolishness is bound in the heart of a child, but the rod of correction shall drive it far from him." Prov. 22:15. "Withhold not correction from the child, for if thou beatest him with the rod, he shall not die." Prov. 23:13. "Thou shalt beat him with the rod and shalt deliver his soul from hell" Prov. 23:14. "The rod and reproof give wisdom, but a child left to himself bringeth his mother to shame." Prov. 29:15.

May the Lord bless us as parents to take heed to His word and do accordingly, and our souls shall be blessed.

—Mrs. June Badal.

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LUKE AND HIS GOSPEL

Sunday, October 6, 1940

Daily Readings and Meditation

Sept. 30 to Oct. 5

M. A Gospel of certainties	Luke 1:1-4.
T. Luke, the Beloved Physician	Col. 4:11-14.
W. The message of Luke's Gospel	Luke 4:16-22.
T. A Gospel of Tolerance	Luke 4:25-27.
F. Luke portrays the Father	Luke 11:11-13.
S. Luke's Picture of Jesus	Acts 1:1-5.

Printed PortionLuke 1:1-4; Acts 1:1;
Col. 4:14; 2 Timothy 4:11.

Luke 1:1. Forasmuch as many have taken in hand to set forth in order a declaration of those things among us,

2. Even as they delivered them unto us, which from the beginning were eyewitnesses, and ministers of the word,

3. It seemed good to me also, having had perfect understanding of all things from the very first, to write unto thee in order, most excellent Theophilus.

4. That thou mightest know the certainty of those things, wherein thou hast been instructed.

Acts 1:1. The former treatise have I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to do and teach.

Col. 4:14. Luke, the beloved physician, and Demas, greet you.

2 Timothy 4:11. Only Luke is with me. Take Mark, and bring him with thee: for he is profitable to me for the ministry.

Golden Text: "It seemed good to me also . . . to write . . . that thou mightest know the certainty of those things wherein thou hast been instructed."
Luke 1:3,4.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

Our study for the next six months is taken from the Gospel according to Luke. In today's lesson, we study scriptures which to some extent acquaint us with the penman, Luke; but let us not forget that God is the real Author and our purpose in studying these lessons should be to get better acquainted with God.

We suggest that the Sunday School classes study the portions that are not printed in these lessons. Portions of the Gospel are omitted which may feed some hungry soul.

Study the lessons prayerfully and carefully with the purpose of feeding your spiritual life, and seek, with God's help, to reproduce what you read in your own life. If you are saved, ask the Holy Spirit to be your teacher and reveal the hidden meanings to your understanding. If you are not saved, it is our prayer that you will be so convinced of the reality of Luke's testimony concerning Jesus and His mission that you will be convicted of your sins to the extent you will "repent and be converted that your sins may be blotted out," and "shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost," who alone is able to "teach you all things and bring to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you." Though Luke had a "perfect understanding of all things" from the testimony of those who had been "eyewitnesses and ministers of the word," and a personal acquaintance with Christ through the new birth; he can not reveal them perfectly to those who read his gospel, because "Eye hath not seen, ear hath not heard, neither have entered into the heart of man the things that God hath prepared for them that love him, But God hath revealed them unto us by his spirit."

Luke had something to write and a reason for writing it. Though many others had attempted to write concerning these things, he did not shrink from penning them again under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. His purpose was that someone might be convinced of the certainty of those things. What does this teach us concerning personal testimony? Sinners question: "Why does every one who gets saved try to persuade others to get saved too? Why can't they let us alone?" The answer is: We are God's witnesses, and even though many have endeavored to publish the good news before us, we too, add our testimonies that someone may be convinced of the certainty of those things.

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THE BOYHOOD OF JESUS

Sunday, October 13, 1940

Daily Readings and Meditations

October 7 to 12.

M. Physical Growth	Gen. 25:27-34.
T. The Worth of Wisdom	Prov. 3:13-18.
W. Social Growth	Rom. 14:13-23
T. Religious Growth	Eph. 4:11-16.
F. Symmetrical Development	Luke 2:40-42.
S. Normal Boyhood	Luke 2:43-47.

Printed portion Luke 2:40-52.

Luke 2:40. And the child grew, and waxed strong in spirit, filled with wisdom: and the grace of God was upon him.

41. Now his parents went to Jerusalem every year at the feast of the passover.

42. And when he was twelve years old, they went up to Jerusalem after the custom of the feast.

43. And when they had fulfilled the days, as they returned, the child Jesus tarried behind in Jerusalem; and Joseph and his mother knew not of it.

44. But they, supposing him to have been in the company, went a day's journey; and they sought him among their kinsfolk and acquaintance.

45. And when they found him not, they turned back again to Jerusalem, seeking him.

46. And it came to pass that after three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the doctors, both hearing them, and asking them questions.

47. And all that heard him were astonished at his understanding and answers.

48. And when they saw him, they were amazed: and his mother said unto him, Son, why hast thou thus dealt with us? behold, thy father and I have sought thee sorrowing.

49. And he said unto them, How is it that ye sought me? wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business?

50. And they understood not the saying which he spake unto them.

51. And he went down with them, and came to Nazareth, and was subject unto them: but his mother kept all these sayings in her heart.

52. And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man.

Golden Text: "And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man." —Luke 2:52.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

Up to the age of twelve years the Jewish boys were considered children and were taught the scriptures by their parents; but when they became twelve years of age, they were considered old enough to have knowledge and have responsibilities of their own in obeying the Law. They were then called "Sons of the Law," and came under personal obligation to keep the harder precepts of the Law. Hence Jesus was taken to Jerusalem when he was twelve years old to observe one of the feast days commanded by the Law.

This is the only record in God's word of Jesus' childhood deeds. Until this time, we have only a record of how he was born into the world and protected from the plots inspired by Satan against his life, that he might be preserved for the work which the Father had sent him to do.

The wisdom which Jesus had came from above, for it

was said of him in later years, "How knoweth this man letters, having never learned?" He answered, "My doctrine is not mine, but his that sent me." Any intelligent child could ask questions of the doctors, but Jesus answered their questions in a way that astonished them.

Jesus testified that He did always those things that pleased the Father and he told his disciples, "As the Father hath sent me, even so send I you." Friends and relatives may miss us and seek us sorrowing because we neglect them for the Father; but if we are children of God, we must always be about our Father's business. Jesus said, "Except a man forsake all that he hath he can not be my disciple."

If you have a normal spiritual life it will grow from childhood to manhood as Jesus did. Can your spiritual growth be compared to that of Jesus which we find in today's lesson?



THE MESSAGE OF JOHN THE BAPTIST Sunday, October 20, 1940.

Daily Readings and Meditations Oct. 14-19.

- M. Make Ready for the Lord Luke 3:1-6.
T. The need of Repentance Luke 13:1-5.
W. "What Must We Do?" Luke 3:10-14.
T. Personal Preparation Psa. 51:1-10.
F. Fruits of Repentance Luke 3:7-9.
S. Expectant Faith Luke 3:15-17.

Printed Portion Luke 3:3, 8-17, 21, 22.

Luke 3:3. And he came into all the country about Jordan, preaching the baptism of repentance for the remission of sins;

8. Bring forth therefore fruits worthy of repentance, and begin not to say within yourselves, We have Abraham to our father: for I say unto you, That God is able of these stones to raise up children unto Abraham.

9. And now also the axe is laid unto the root of the trees: every tree therefore which bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire.

10. And the people asked him, saying, What shall we do then?

11. He answereth and said unto them, He that hath two coats, let him impart to him that hath none; and he that hath meat, let him do likewise.

12. Then came also publicans to be baptized, and said unto him, Master, what shall we do?

13. And he said unto them, Exact no more than that which is appointed you.

14. And the soldiers likewise demanded of him, saying, And what shall we do? And he said unto them, Do violence to no man, neither accuse any falsely; and be content with your wages.

15. And as the people were in expectation and all men mused in their hearts of John, whether he were the Christ, or not;

16. John answered, saying unto them all, I indeed bap-

tize you with water, but one mightier than I cometh, the latchet of whose shoes I am not worthy to unloose: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire:

17. Whose fan is in his hand, and he will thoroughly purge his floor, and will gather the wheat into his garner; but the chaff he will burn with fire unquenchable.

21. Now when all the people were baptized, it came to pass, that Jesus also being baptized, and praying, the heaven was opened,

22. And the Holy Ghost descended in a bodily shape like a dove upon him, and a voice came from heaven, which said, Thou art my beloved Son; in thee I am well pleased.

Golden Text: "Bring forth therefore fruits worthy of repentance." Luke 3:8.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

The Jews had long awaited the coming of the Messiah. John was sent to give warning or to prepare them for His coming. His first message was, "Repent," for they in their sinful condition were not ready to meet the King. Without repentance, salvation is impossible because it is always insisted upon as a condition of forgiveness and salvation in God's word. Read Isa. 55:7; Jer. 3:12-14; Ezek. 14:6; Matt. 4: 17; Mark 6: 12, and there are many others. Repentance means that a sinner has such godly sorrow for the sins which he has committed that he will by God's help change from the evils of the past in mind, heart, and behavior. Note some of the fruits of repentance which John named.

Many, today, are looking for Christ's second coming who are in no condition to meet Him. He said, "If ye die in your sins, where I am ye cannot come."

Another burden of John's message was: "The kingdom of heaven is at hand." What a pity that many do not believe John's message, because they are still looking for Christ to come and set up His kingdom. Jesus said that it "cometh not with observation. . . The kingdom of God is within you." Notice for what purpose John said Jesus should come. Has His coming been in vain in your case?

"Begin not to say." How easy it is for people to make excuses for themselves and justify their sinful lives. Be assured of this one thing: As long as you are justifying yourself for not measuring up to the full standard of the Bible, you are loving darkness rather than light because your deeds are evil.

CHRISTIAN MOTIVES FOR ABSTINENCE

(Temperance Lesson)

Sunday, October 27, 1940

Daily Readings and Meditations

Oct. 21-26.

M. Total Abstinence	Luke 1:13-16.
T. Fruits of Abstinence	Luke 6:43-45.
W. An Old Law	Lev. 10:8-10.
T. The Nazarites	Num. 6:1-4.
F. The Woes of wine	Prov. 23:20,21, 29-32.
S. Controlling the Body	I Cor. 9:24-27.

Printed Portion Luke 1:16; 2:40; 4:4; 6:21, 25, 43-45.

Luke 1:13. But the angel said unto him, Fear not, Zacharias: for thy prayer is heard; and thy wife Elisabeth shall bear thee a son, and thou shalt call his name John.

14. And thou shalt have joy and gladness; and many shall rejoice at his birth.

15. For he shall be great in the sight of the Lord, and shall drink neither wine nor strong drink; and he shall be filled with the Holy Ghost, even from his mother's womb.

16. And many of the children of Israel shall he turn to the Lord their God.

2:40. And the child grew, and waxed strong in spirit, filled with wisdom: and the grace of God was upon him.

4:4. And Jesus answered him, saying, It is written, That man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God.

6:21. Blessed are ye that hunger now: for ye shall be filled. Blessed are ye that weep now: for ye shall laugh.

25. Woe unto you that are full! for ye shall hunger, Woe unto you that laugh now! for ye shall mourn and weep.

43. For a good tree bringeth not forth corrupt fruit; neither doth a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit.

44. For every tree is known by his own fruit. For of thorns men do not gather figs, nor of a bramble bush gather they grapes.

45. A good man out of the good treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is good; and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is evil: for of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaketh.

Golden Text: "For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink, but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost." —Rom. 14:17.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

The angel, Gabriel, appeared to Zacharias, the priest, and told him that his prayer was heard and that his wife Elisabeth should bear a son whose name would be John. In the great plan of God, John the Baptist was given a special mission. The angel further witnessed that John should go before Christ in the spirit and power of Elias to make ready a people prepared for the Lord. Jesus, himself, testified that there was no greater profit than John the Baptist, also in Luke 7:33, He said that "John the Baptist came neither eating bread nor drinking wine." In him was fulfilled the scripture, "Be not filled with wine, . . . but be filled with the Spirit." Likewise, this command applies to every Christian of this grace dispensation. As John had a special calling to be holy unto the Lord, even so we today must abstain from all fleshly lusts and indulgences in order to be what the apostle Peter describes as "a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people: that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous light."

« Young People's Section »

OUR CHOICE

As we face the beginning of each new day,
We know not who may be called away;
What a day will bring is unknown to us all
But we know we too, must answer death's call.

Since time is uncertain and death so sure,
Why not choose those things that endure?
It surely would be blessed when God says, "Come"
If we are prepared for that beautiful home.

But sad it will be if God knows us not—
Outcast and damned, we'll bemoan our sad lot.
Eternity, my friend, how long it will be,
To be lost and in bondage, ne'er to be free!

God offers freedom, His peace, and His love,
And to each overcomer a mansion above.
Today you are making a choice, dear friend,
Make yours a wise one, ere this day doth end.
—Lucille Cain.

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Editorials

The letters written to the President, War and Navy Departments requesting exemption for our young men from armed combat service in time of war have been duly answered by the respective departments, stating that the letters have been placed on file for future reference as circumstances may warrant.

The law now says that all men between 21 and 35 years of age shall register. However, this does not mean that all will be called for service. Jesus still says, "Let not your heart be troubled." David further declares, "The Lord also will be a refuge for the oppressed, a refuge in times of trouble." Psa. 9: 9. We are confident that the Lord will take care of His people and bring them out with victory. "The way of the wicked is as darkness: they know not at what they stumble. But the path of the just is as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day." Prov. 4: 18, 19.

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Bro. John Strech informs us that he expects to be able to build a few cabins on the national camp ground this fall and winter. He states that the concrete foundations should be laid before freezing weather. If any of the saints desire cabins built, write direct to him for further information and prices. Address: R. 5, Neosho, Mo.

"It often requires more courage to preach to one man than a thousand. We must learn to reach men, one by one, by personal contacts." Paul said that we are "living epistles, known and read of all men." If this is true then we are all preachers, and we ought seriously to consider whether we are actually preaching the gospel in our lives or something else.

The story is told of a woman who was saved in the Chicago fire. Though she was saved she continued to cry. The rescuers tried to console her, telling her that she was safe and out of danger, but she cried out again and again, "Oh, yes, I am saved, but I did not save anyone." They tried to tell her that she couldn't have saved anyone. But she would not be comforted and said, "Yes, but I didn't try to save anyone." The thought drove her insane. She hadn't tried to save anyone. How many of us do not even try to save another, to tell another of Christ?

How will you feel when you come to the end of life and cannot point to a soul that you helped to bring to Christ? Do you expect to hear Christ say, "Well done, good and faithful servant"? If you do, you will be disappointed. That which we should do must be done now!
—L. D. P.

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NEW ALTITUDES

One autumn evening, a lone car might have been seen winding its way along a narrow mountain road toward the summit of a lofty peak. After hours of laborious climbing, it pulled to a stop, and the occupants alighted.

They stood at the edge of a great bluff which towered thousands of feet above the town. Yes, it was the same little town in which they had always lived, because there was the old factory, the railroad tracks, the river wending its way along one side of the picture, the same farm houses with their hay stacks, and by close scrutiny the horses and even people like tiny specks could be distinguished.

But how different the world looked from the mountain! It hardly seemed the same at all to the eyes which seemed to have new vision. There was romance, there was beauty. A hallowed glory lingered about the objects which had once been unsightly and monotonous—seemingly the cause of friction and strain. What made the vast difference?

There is one fact, and one alone, which can explain the transformation. These same, once sordid

things of life, were viewed from another altitude; a new altitude, in fact.

Have you ever stepped into the secret closet of prayer, and felt a touch of power from the great dynamo of the sky which lifted you? Up, and up you traveled. The atmosphere became clear and invigorating, the sounds of earth faded, and you were carried up higher and still higher. The things of earth looked so small, the soul was blessed, strengthened, and renewed by fellowship with God.

You went back to face the same people, the same circumstances; but with a poise which is not dependent upon the natural disposition or temperament of the individual, but which is definitely the result of a conscious living relationship with God.

This sin-stricken, war-torn world now brings situations daily and hourly which must be viewed from greater heights.

The facilities are at your command. You can explore the upper stratosphere. You can view the world from new altitudes. —Emma Garber.

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Adair, Okla.— I am glad to add my testimony to the others in the Young People's Section.

"Bless the Lord, O my soul and all that is within me, bless his holy name. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits."—Psa. 103:1, 2.

These are beautiful thoughts when so alone, where we cannot worship with the rest of God's family. Sometime the enemy would love to have us forget God's benefits. When I see one blessing it leads to another and another until soon we feel so grateful we feel we are blessed above all others. We have so many things to be thankful for. I could mention many good things, but will make it brief and just say the Lord is good to me in every way. I love the Lord with all my heart, soul, mind, and strength. If we do this, we love not the world, but the souls that are out on the mountain of sin. The more we love God the greater love we have for perishing souls, the greater burden we will have for the same.

It pays to live for the Lord. I do not believe I would have any joy at all away from my Saviour after knowing Him like I know Him. If we love Him, we will keep His commandments. What pleasure do people get out of life, living without Christ? Their pleasures are only momentarily—then remorse.

I was impressed by the scripture read in the paper, "Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer." This is also my desire and prayer.

Who can have true joy, living a life time, having pointed no one to God? We do not always have to do much talking. It is our life that points souls in the direction we are headed. Some are watching you,

some are following you. Where are you leading that soul? How good to know we have led a soul to the cross. We may never know all the good we do, but the judgment will tell. In fact, we feel our life is almost worthless. It seems as though we can work and do the best we know, and yet not see any good results; but let us keep courage and stay in God's order. My greatest joy will be to see the golden sheaves.

There is reality in salvation. I was once in sin, but the Lord saved me about twelve years ago. I wouldn't trade it for anything.

There is a Heaven to gain and a hell to shun, so get ready now while you have time and God is talking to your heart. Some say, "I do not believe in Hell." I don't believe in going there, it was prepared for the devil and his angels only. Selma Hiebert.

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Quincy, Ill.—Dear Christian friends: I thank my Lord every day for saving and keeping me, praise His name. I was thinking of the young men and women out in the world today rushing from place to place pretending to be finding pleasure, but I'm sure they will not be really satisfied until they find their pleasure in Christ our Lord. He is the only one that satisfies our longings. Two weeks ago my sister and I were walking down the street and I saw a slip of paper. I stooped and picked it up. She laughed at me for picking it up. I looked at it, and the heading was, "Art Thou Prepared for Eternity." I read it over and gave it to her. She became interested and said it was an interesting subject. I saw the free offer of 50 sample tracts and the paper "Faith and Victory." I sent for them and received them today. I read a few and think they are the best a sinner or Christian can read. I'm going to pass them on, praying they might save some poor lost soul. Enclosed you will find 25c for the paper, "Faith and Victory."

Yours in Christ, Miss Juanita Hendricks

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Springfield, Mo.—Dear Bro. and Sister Pruitt:

You are doing a great work there. I enjoy all the tracts and papers you print and I know the Lord's hand is truly with you and that his dear Son rules and reigns in your hearts or you could not have the strength and grace to keep up under such a strain. You have my prayers. Pray for me that the dear Lord will strengthen my faith and give me more patience, grace, and wisdom. I am living for Him with all the light I possess and want more light that I may measure up more to His blessed Word. I want to live closer and closer to my Master till he can see His own image reflected in me. I want the world to see Christ living in me that they may give Him all the honor, glory, and praise due His wonderful name. Pray the dear Lord that I will keep self out of the way, hid behind the cross and ever humble at the feet

of Jesus so he can use me where He will. I love the blessed truth the dear old Bible way. I have received much light through Bro. Porter's and other dear brothers' and sisters' preaching. Praise God for such God-filled ministers. This is surely the evening time spoken of in the Bible where it said: "The evening shall be light." I believe we are living in the last days. The world is going so high-handed in wickedness and giving no heed to all we can do. Oh, if only we could stop them and get them concerned about their souls! It makes my heart ache to see how they spurn the very Christ who died for their sins. I feel like Christ when He wept over Jerusalem and said, "How often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not!" I can imagine how Christ felt standing there with his hands out-stretched, and his heart bleeding for the people who were to put him to death. Oh, what a wonderful Saviour! Oh, how I love him

May He bless and keep you and comfort your hearts and encourage you till He comes for his own.

Your sister in Christ, Mrs. Daisy McClendon.

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Divorce and Remarriage

A Personal Testimony

(Continued from the Sept. issue)

Then in the spring of 1938 I felt led of the dear Lord to talk with a certain minister and his wife. I said, "Brother, why is the Word and the ministers so silent concerning advice or council on what to do in a case like mine?" Briefly, I went over with them the story of my marriage. He said, "God is a triune God. Each person of the Godhead has his specific work to do. God did not do the work of the Son, and neither does God's word do the work of the Holy Spirit. Now this that you seek to know is the work of the Holy Spirit, to reveal." Then He asked, "Does your heart condemn you?" "No," I said, "Not that I know of." "Well," he said, "I don't know if I can help you or not. I wish I could. Now, if I knew the condition of your conscience I might be able to help you. We know that all such marriages are adulterous according to God's word." The shaft went home, even deeper than it had the first time I realized I was a party in such a marriage. Oh, what a weight gripped my heart, but before Satan could have a chance to reason me out of it, I said a God-fearing "Amen, Lord, have your way." And then in a very few moments of time God showed me why He hadn't taken me when I had thought I would surely pass. Oh, can I ever praise Him enough for His kindness! And I said to the minister, "I know I am not happy about it, and I would give anything if it were not so!" "Now that shows me the condition of your conscience touching that particular point," he replied. I had had no deep settled peace in my soul concerning this, though I didn't know what

to do with it; but God knew full well that my heart was honest and that I would obey if I knew what to do. This dear brother asked, "Is this other party still alive?" I said, "She was ten years ago." "Have you any way of communicating with her?" "Yes," I said. "Well," he said, "You do that, and God will surely lead you the rest of the way."

Death itself couldn't have been harder. A lovely home paid for, a car, my husband with a workman's pension for life were just part of the cost I would have to pay. But I reached out and grasped the promise in Matt. 19:29. It would have been condemnation if I had gone on in this marriage. I know that many will condemn me for the stand I have taken, but I'd rather they would condemn me than to have God against me in the day of judgment. So I went to an attorney, and giving him the first wife's address, I told him to write to her, and if he didn't get a reply to write to the hall of records in that town and get a copy of her demise. I put out my fleece as Gideon of old, and searched my heart and consecrated my life anew to God. I told the Lord that if He could accept the will for the deed as He did for Abraham I would bless Him and use my time, means, and talents to His glory; but if not, and He would be pleased to take the whole sacrifice, another whole-hearted "amen" should come from the depths of my ransomed soul. Two weeks later I went back to the attorney and he handed me a communication from this party. I said the third and last "amen." I knew God wanted the whole sacrifice; not only for my good, but for the good of many others, and my prayer to God is that some will be brave enough to follow all the way. I am pleased with God's dealings with me though it has been a way of weariness, tears, and suffering—with joy; but I know now the will of God in this matter. God showed me that it takes a substance to make a shadow, and that this shadow rested on my title—faintly at first, according to my understanding and light.

I trust that no one will censure this testimony, but rather let it be a help, as that is my only motive for writing it. God has blessed my labor and sacrifice already to a few dear souls, for which I truly thank Him. We must not try to cram our light into some one else's soul, but be patient, kind, and true to them, and true to our convictions, and thereby true to God. Oh, this divorce and remarriage is an awful thing! The world is full of it. Good people are being deceived by it, even ministers of the Gospel. Oh, it is true—no denying it, so let us face it here and not in the judgment. My two precious children are in this same sin, but my mouth will not be shut, and I am praying daily for their deliverance. Many of the saints have children who are entangled in this hellish net. But all who will take the trouble to seek God earnestly will find deliverance.

John the Baptist lost his head for daring to be

true to his convictions and to the word of God. We need more John the Baptists in this day. Well, I am willing to be as he was, and declare that God's word says it is not lawful for one to have another's wife or husband while that other one is living. I have lost friends, home, and plenty for my testimony; but, by God's grace, I will not be silent. I will help in every way I can, going slowly and waiting for the leadings of the Lord. I do believe God wants every one set free. Satan tries to keep all the homes together that should not be, and all that should be loyal and kept together he tries to break asunder.

Many think they are willing to take a little hell in the next world in order to have the man or woman they want here on earth; but, friend, you cannot have a little of hell for disobedience or wrong doing. Hell is as eternal as salvation—never-ending is what the word literally means. We would not want our salvation to endure just for a little while. We are looking for eternal life. That is our reward. Just so, eternal death is the reward of the wicked and disobedient. There are many good people who do not intend to be wicked, or even disobedient; but in this sin of adultery they reason with human reasoning that somehow it will be forgiven or overlooked by our all-wise and good God; but God is also just, and righteous, and even severe, and He is angry with the wicked every day. Psa. 7:11. Now, we know that if the so-called righteous people do not regard God's word and will concerning this, how much less can we hope for the unsaved to do so. Of course, if one has determined in his own heart that he will never get saved, the sin of adultery cannot make matters worse than his rejection of Christ, the Savior of the world. But that is an awful position to take, to deliberately barter away your soul; for in that region of the lost you will be unable to love the one you sold your soul for here on earth. In that place there is only hate, revenge, remorse, anguish, weeping, and gnashing of teeth—"never-ending."

Do you not see now that I have taken the wise course in forsaking this adulterous condition that I unwittingly got into? It may not have been held as actual sin by God until light came into my soul, but it was adultery just the same for it was not God's plan of matrimony from the beginning that such conditions should exist. Man and wife were to be one—married to each other until death (1 Cor. 7:39). And God is fulfilling His promise according to Matt. 19: 29 to me, and I praise His wondrous and matchless name.

Yours in defence of the Gospel against sin and Satan,
—Georgia V. Morton.

CORRESPONDENCE

Doniphan, Mo.—Dear Bro. Pruitt:

May God richly bless you and your family and Collaborers is my sincere prayer.

I am thankful for the Faith and Victory paper which came yesterday. My heart was made to rejoice for the many timely truths it contained. The good reports and articles stirred my soul. I perfectly agree with every word of it. Sound principles of truth like that will bind the hearts of all lovers of Bible truth.

Also, I appreciate the open letter from Bro. G. E. Harmon with his explanations and comments. Please permit me to say that in my writings, I had no thought or purpose to class the readers of Faith and Victory as the Herald of Truth people. From my conversation with you and from your writings I had understood you never were connected with the Herald paper.

This also, I would like to say that I never was more courteously received as a brother in the Lord, nor treated more considerately among strangers, than I was in your home and in the home of Bro. R. M. Porter. This kindness and Christian fellowship I shall never forget. Really I found a bond of fellowship and unity of Spirit that I shall "endeavor to keep in the bonds of peace" between us, by the grace and help of God.

In our writings that have gone forth in the Gospel Call, we have got in touch with a number of individuals and small groups who profess, with sincerity to walk in the teachings of Bro. D. S. Warner, yet they do not identify themselves with you or Bro. Janes, or the G. T. people. It has been very surprising, to me the number there are scattered abroad that really I never dreamed existed.

In my writings, it was my purpose to set forth the TWO EXTREMES that had grown up that had wrought disaster to so many in the two groups known as the Herald and Trumpet people. Bro. Harmon and others admit of the wrecks of some in the said movements. I knew of some who wrecked back there. I have known of others who have wrecked since. In fact, that one thing perhaps more than any other thing for years kept me from breaking from the corruptions as they grew up in the Trumpet movement. I saw and knew of so many who turned from the movement only to return or make complete wrecks along the way.

I have no fight or contentions to make with the true saints of God. It does my soul good to hear of the good meetings where unity reigns among the saints as has come to me from different ones of the meetings where the brethren of the Lord who read Faith and Victory have met this season. It is the extremes that have led to so much disaster among the saints that I felt led to warn against, and to point souls to the Christ who alone can keep us all in his holy love. I know of many today who are crushed and bleeding at heart, as it were, because of such cruel extremes as has come upon them. Our only

hope is to live a spiritual life in Christ, so balanced in Him that we be not led astray from our own steadfastness. I am not young, neither am I old; but I have seen the forces of cruelty ruin many. I know of a number who are divided among themselves, and do not have confidence in some that I have confidence in, and some of those whom I have confidence in do not have confidence in some of them, and I do have confidence in some of them at least; but all of them stand together in reality against some carnal things, but are divided in heart and spirit. These things myself and others feel is hurtful to the cause of God. We received many letters and our hearts have been touched with compassion towards all, and that is one main cause for the article "Along By-Paths" that the Lord gave us to write and send out.

Yours in Him,

R. A. Owens

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Rolla, Mo.—Dear Bro. Pruitt, Greetings in Jesus' name: I am the lady that you came and prayed for, who was suffering with cancer. I had a cancer as large as a large lemon on the side of my breast. It was hard and purple looking. The physician said it was very serious, and that he would operate but felt doubtful about the outcome, for he had operated on me just a year ago in the same place and it came back. My cousin, Mrs. Colvin, felt led to bring you over to pray for me. After you anointed me and prayed the prayer of faith, I felt that the Lord had touched me. My husband took me to the hospital as the doctor did not want to operate until he had time to treat me awhile and get me ready for the operation, and the time was up. I went and stayed four days in the hospital. Several doctors held consultation over my case and put me through several tests and said I did not have any sign of cancer, praise the dear Lord. I give Him all of the glory. The hospital surgeon seemed surprised as he knew I had cancer before. Now it is gone away—just can tell where it was.

I am now afflicted with dropsy and need the prayers of God's people that He will completely heal me and raise me up to His glory. I am waiting on Him to do the work. My trust is in Him. I want every one that knows the worth of prayer to pray for me. I mean to live for him to the best of my ability.

Respectfully, Katherine Lowery.

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Union City, Ind.—Dear Bro. and Sister Pruitt:
Tonight I feel impressed to send in a testimony and a little offering for the Lord. I praise the dear Saviour for saving and keeping me up to the present time, and putting a desire in my heart with His help to go all the way, and for the sweet peace I have in my soul. I find Him an ever-present help in times of trials. I know if I just turn to Him, I will be led right.

Mrs. Wm. A. Coats.

Texaco, N. Mex.—Dear Saints, Greetings in Jesus' dear name. I can say I am still saved, trusting the dear Lord for both soul and body, and have for years. I want to thank all the dear saints for their prayers when I was so sick and near death's door. My son sent a telegram to the Louisiana camp meeting for the saints to pray for me, and thank God, their prayers were answered, and I soon was up again. How I do love to trust the Lord and I want to die trusting Him. I never will need medicine, and don't desire any remedy of any kind. The Lord is all I need, praise His name. He never has failed me yet, and never will fail his trusting children.

Yours in Him,

Mrs. A. Doolittle.

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Rochester, Ind.—Dear ones in our Lord: I thank you kindly for your good letter and I assure you it was deeply appreciated.

Prayerfully, I have been reading the **Faith and Victory**. I like the name of your paper. The Word says, "This is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith." 1 John 5:4.

I feel that I see "The Church of God" clearly, and since Jesus said, "I will build," we can be assured of its completion and presentation unto Himself of a glorious church not having spot or wrinkle.

Christ in the heart gives us a divine revelation until we can say as Peter, "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God." And upon this divine revelation, Jesus is adding to the church or building his church.

Jesus is very real and precious to me. I have had much sorrow and heartache, trial and hardship. many a time I have asked, why? but am learning not to question with my finite mind an infinite God; but remembering whose I am, I know Romans 8:28 is true.

So well I realize one's life must radiate the presence of Christ before our work for Him will be effective; and some one has well said, "The world may not see much of Christ in you until they see you in the furnace."

God doesn't need a large tool with which to do a great work, but it must be submissive. Many people are endeavoring to do God's work. God doesn't need men to do his work for him. He needs men so submitted He can use them to do His own work.

Our God would build a masterpiece,

If He could work each day.

He knows just how to use each tool,

But can't find where they lay.

Some are so small, we hear them say,

"No place for me," and sigh.

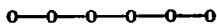
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It is indeed sad because of some conditions existing in churches today. At one time I became very discouraged. Yea, even critical from keeping my eyes

on such conditions, but with my eyes fixed on Jesus who is my Way, Truth, and Light, I am going onward and upward.

May God bless your efforts and give you many souls.
Edith Lindley.



Akron, Ohio—Dear Bro. and Sister Pruitt, Greetings to you and the dear saints everywhere:

In real holy love I am thanking God today for faith and victory. Jesus fought the battle through and gave to us the victory. Praise God, onward and upward is my watchword. I do thank God for His love and grace He bestows upon me through this long illness. He keeps me richly encouraged and helps me to help a few souls. Oh, the joy I get out of living for Him who died for me. I thank God for His blessed presence with me day and night. Oh dear ones, let us not fail. "Charity never faileth" (fall short, Web.) 1 Cor. 13:8. I do thank God, He did not leave us to stumble around in darkness, but he made our salvation perfect through the blood of his dear Son, praise God. May God help us to be more in earnest and more sincere. Oh, how needful it is to be wholehearted for God; for then, and only then, can we shine for him. When we love him with our whole heart, we can say, like David, "I hate every false way." Psal. 119:104. Oh, bless the Lord, let us keep filled with the burning love of God. Love will adjust everything. It will cause us to hate things God's word is against and love the things God loves. The only way for the church to prosper is to keep itself in the love of God. I thank God for the way he is blessing in Zion. As I read the reports of the different meetings my heart is made to rejoice. We can see the Lord still has a remnant left in the earth. May the Lord bless every true minister and saint. Oh, may we be so filled with His rich Spirit of love we will have the same mind, and see and flow together. The Lord was so kind to me when he saved my soul from sin. He let me know He could not use me by making a way for me to die, but that I could bear much fruit for Him. Oh Pilgrims, "Stand up, stand up for Jesus, the strife will not be long. This day the noise of battle, the next, the victor's song."

I ask your prayers, your earnest prayers as my soul is stirred within me to be up and about my Father's business, putting my voice against all the old ugly work of Satan, with my dear brothers and sisters who are all for God alone. You have my prayers. Your blood-washed sister standing out for the old paths.

If Sister Julie Hendrex reads this, please write to me at 545 Euclid Ave., Akron, Ohio.—Lizzie Hudson

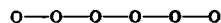


2443 Seminary Ave., Chicago, Ill.—Psal. 103:1-3. I feel like testifying to God's great healing power. Truly, Jesus is the great Physician. Heb. 13:8 "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, today, and forever."

Praise His holy name! God has been my healer for twenty-three years, and has healed me of many things: gall stones, pneumonia, quinzey sore throat, and many other things I didn't know the name of because I didn't call a doctor in all these years, nor take a dose of medicine.

When Bro. Pruitt and party were here in April, 1940, the prayer of faith was prayed and God healed me of quinzey through my Saviour. In May I was ailing and in a short time I had the dropsy. I was swollen twice my size, and really thought the Lord was going to take me home. The little congregation in Chicago got down in earnest prayer before the Lord and with the prayers of other saints, my blessed Saviour came in and touched my body and the dropsy was gone. I have always had a dread of dropsy, but God showed me He could heal that as easily as anything else. People told me when the water went out I would die. People always did, but they didn't have my Doctor, the one who never slumbers or sleeps, Psal. 121:4 (We are spiritual Israel.)

Our dear Heavenly Father gave me strength to go to Monark Springs, Mo. to camp meeting. I had no appetite before I started, but God gave me a wonderful appetite while there. The round trip was about 1400 miles. The first week there my feet began to swell, and the enemy told me it was coming back, but God said, "I am the Lord that healeth thee." I just believed God and it was gone. I intend to trust Him until He calls me home. I pray my testimony will help some poor soul to trust God. —Sister C. Dravis



Huntington, W. Va.—Dear Bro. and Sister Pruitt:

I have felt led for some time to write this little message to all the dear saints and poor sinners that read the **Faith and Victory** paper. Greetings in the precious name of Jesus. I had the privilege of attending the camp meeting at Guthrie, Oklahoma in Aug.

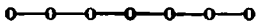
Oh, how my soul was lifted up. That was truly a heavenly place. The spirit of oneness was manifested in the love of God with great power. I didn't see one thing wrong. It was just like Jesus said it would be. Oh, how I love the saints of God.

I want to see poor lost souls saved. It is my desire to live a life before this lost world that will constrain them to serve the dear Lord. The only way to win souls is in love and kindness. I am in a place where the power of sin is great. I praise God for His grace to keep. I feel unworthy of what He has done for me. My soul is flooding with the love of Jesus. There are a few saints at Newport News, Va. Pray for them. The truth has not been preached here. I am planting the truth here and praying for a revival that all honest souls will hear the truth and get saved.

Pray for my dear family to get saved. Pray for me. I need your prayers. I feel them holding me up. Let us pray more earnestly for each other.

May the blessings of the dear Lord be with all that read this, is my prayer.

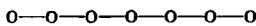
Yours in the one body, Laura Powell.



Tulsa, Okla.—Dear Bro. Pruitt: Greeting in holy love in Jesus' name. I am living on victory's side of life and rejoicing over my salvation with the Lord. He has proved to me so many good things, that only a few weeks back I could not believe. Today I am happy that I found the true side of life with my Lord. I must state a few facts that have happened since I found Jesus, which is only a few weeks back. I will always remember that day. I was led into the tabernacle at Guthrie so poor and weak I could hardly stand alone. Jesus took me in and saved my soul and healed my body of that dreadful disease, praise God for ever!

I will always remember that doctor's words when he told me I could not live much longer, and said if I had any business to straighten up I had better do it for it was only a matter of time. Well, that was everything but pleasure to me. But I see now that it took just that to bring me to the greatest physician we ever had on earth, and how I have learned to love Him, praise His holy name! He has been so merciful to me and answered my prayers and blessed me in my needs. Bro. Pruitt, I attended the camp meeting at Dover, and looking over your paper **Faith and Victory**, I noticed my letter in print I had written to you. Well, it really made me feel happy to see my name in the paper for the Lord. When in sin, I have seen my name in papers and with not a very good reputation with it. It was always bad. But this time my heart is rejoicing for is is a clean reputation and God is my witness to it. I am asking the prayers of all the saints that I will ever be humble at Jesus' feet and he for ever keeps me true, and when he is through with me here in this earth I shall wear that crown that he has prepared for me.

Your brother in Christ, Harry C. Young



Paoli, Ind.—Dear Bro. and Sister Pruitt: I am much better in body since you prayed for me when I was sick. I have never had gall stone trouble since. I am yet suffering from high blood pressure. Pray for me that the Lord will completely heal me of that affliction, and pray that I will ever be true in the Lord.

Please pray for my daughters. They are saved, but never have a Church of God to go to where they can get food for their souls. We need your prayers.

I think the name **Faith and Victory** is a fine name for the paper. It has been a great help to me. You will find enclosed \$1.00. Use it where it is needed in the Lord's cause. You will find also 20 cents. My two little grandsons want to send it to you to help with the free tracts. They earned it doing chores.

Your sister in the Lord, Emma Mathers.

Freeland, Mich.—Dear Bro. Pruitt and All: We send greetings to you in Jesus' name. We still rejoice in the Lord. We have been slow about writing, but you and your Christian love has been in our minds. We were privileged to attend the last two days of the Dayton Camp meeting. From there, we came back to Owasso, Mich. Bro. Wilson from Anthony, Kans. came with us, and we greatly enjoyed his fellowship. Practically all seemed to be satisfied with the Owasso meeting, and are looking forward to another one, which makes us feel glad in our hearts. Bro. Strong was there the first part of the meeting, and Bro. Brown, and Bro. Bowen from Chicago were with us the last Sunday. Also, Bro. and Sister VanZandt were there.

From Owasso, Bro. Wilson came with us to Two Rivers. Bro. Wilson poured forth the word for two weeks. On Sunday night conviction was so great that twelve to fifteen were seeking for sanctification and justification. People were humbled down before the Lord at different places in the meeting house, and conviction showed on the faces of others that did not yield. Sister Elsie Aungst takes care of the work there.

Our hopes are still on the time when we shall all meet in eternity—the biggest and longest meeting.

Remember us in your prayers that we be found worthy to be there. If you see Bro. and Sister Key, tell them we send them our Christian love.

In the One Body, Bro. and Sister Parsons.



Marshall, Mich.—Dear Bro. Pruitt, Greetings in Jesus' name: I feel led this evening to write my testimony. I am praising God for victory over sin through my blessed Lord. I have been feeding on the precious bread of life. I was blessed with the opportunity of being in the tent meeting at Owasso, Michigan; and truly, the Lord anointed for the preaching. I must say they hewed down to the line—Bro. Wilson of Kansas, Bro. Earl Brown of Chicago and Bro. Bowen also of Chicago. I am still feeding on the crumbs. May God bless these dear ministers that are standing so strong for the gospel truth. I have heard many good sermons, but surely those were hard to beat. I think some received light on the two works of grace about which they were confused. Bro Brown came by and took wife and me to the meetings. I praise God for his kind act, may God bless him. It rained most of the time, but the Lord was present. Please remember us in prayer. Wm. L. VanZandt.



Lafayette, Ind.—Dear Bro. Pruitt and workers: I am very glad to send in my testimony for Jesus. I love Him better than anything on this earth, and I believe I could stand the test with His grace. We have enjoyed your paper so much and we (my husband and I) are anxious to work for Jesus. We

had the pleasure of attending a week of the National Camp Meeting. How we did feast on the good messages and the love of the saints. We came home fully assured we had found a group of people living like we thought saints should live. All we knew was the Gospel Trumpet people, and they had proved they were not saints. Now we can't even go to their church. It is a waste of time. We were very sorry we hadn't met you there, but did meet your son and daughter. We intend to have Sunday School here as soon as we know the Lord's will. I am sending for those tracts and will put them in rest rooms and places where people gather. Pray that they will accomplish good and people will begin to search for the truth. Even the people in denominations are getting discouraged here. We have wasted so much time already. My husband didn't get an education so he never could preach in the G. T. place. We've been saved about nine years. God has been so good to us. I was glad to find that you people believe in divine healing. We were called fanatics here for that. Pray earnestly for us here. We are isolated except for Bro. Lawson who is about 100 miles away. We are not satisfied not working for Jesus. Of course we tell everyone that will listen. The neighbors say my husband is very religious, but they can't believe like that. But we love the sinner. If some saint hadn't prayed for us, where would we be? So I want to do my part for Him who died for me.

May God bless you people abundantly and keep using you for His glory is my prayer.

Your sister in Christ, Mrs. Harry Gellenbeck

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"TO WHOM SHALL WE GO?"

"Then Simon Peter answered him, Lord, to whom shall we go? Thou hast the words of eternal life." John 6:68. This exceeding weighty and appropriate language was used by Peter in consequence of some of the strong teaching (verses 53 to 58) Jesus was doing. On hearing this teaching of Jesus—that, "except they eat his flesh and drink his blood, they had no life in them," and not considering it to be figurative language, they were ready to misconstrue it into an impossibility and absurdity. And that is the way it has been ever since and is today. Men "wrest the scriptures to their own destruction", 2 Pet. 3:16. They were not willing to accept the thought for Jesus sake, and for their own souls as well, that Jesus did not mean to teach the absurd idea that any human should eat his literal flesh and drink his literal blood. Such Satanic wrangling against the Son of God is disgusting. It appears to the writer that men of ordinary intelligence have poor excuse for coming to such conclusions, when the prophet has told us that the way-faring men though fools shall not err therein. Isa. 35:8 From that time many of his disciples went back, and

walked no more with him. How sad this is. And the more so, that it is so prevalent. Lord help us to seriously ask ourselves the solemn question, if I leave the Lord Jesus, where will I go? thou hast the words of eternal life. Lord help us to read, Isa. 10:3, with all solemnity, if we feel disposed to forsake Jesus for the soul destroying fields of sin. For the readers convenience we quote it here: "And what will ye do in the day of visitation, and in the desolation which shall come from far? To whom will ye flee for help? and where will ye leave your glory?" Dear reader, my heart is aching that I might be able, under God, to cause souls to ask themselves, as seriously as they ought to. If I leave Jesus, where will I go? Why is it that we cannot settle the most important question that can come to us, that God alone, holds out eternal life to us, and that if we forsake him there is no hope for us. But when the disciples were forsaking Christ and falling all around him, and Jesus said to the twelve, "Will ye also go away?" Peter with firm and heavenly wisdom was deciding on this matter with the grave and wise consideration that should most seriously characterize the course of every precious soul today—"Lord, to whom shall we go? Thou hast the words of eternal life," "Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved." Acts 4:12.

—J. H. Pierson.

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Look to self to be miserable.

Look to others to be perplexed.

Look to Jesus to be happy.

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Amarillo, Texas—Dear Bro. and Sister Pruitt:

I wrote the 11th day of Feb. for prayer as you recall I had nervous indigestion so bad and the doctor couldn't do any good. I grew worse and worse, but I did know that one could be healed by prayer and fasting. On that day God saw fit to completely heal me. I knew it then, but didn't mention it for three months for some people wouldn't believe. It has been over six months now, and praise the good Lord I am well and entirely rid of it. My husband won't believe in it and says some things that hurt, but I know God can give me courage to go on.

I found a church of God here. A Brother Parrish preaches, but they follow the Gospel Trumpet movement, and there isn't much difference in them and any other.

My father was terribly sick this spring and I asked God to talk to his heart. My mother said he really called on the Lord when he was so bad. Oh, the Lord has been so good to us.

I pray His blessings on you both.

Your sister in Christ,

Mrs. J. P. Wall.