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IN GOD



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A BLESSED THOUGHT

'Tis a blessed tho't, dear Jesus,
Just to know you understand
All about our trials and heartaches
As we journey thro' this land.

Thou hast trod the way before us,
Thou hast suffered every woe;
And in every trial and conflict
Thou hast triumphed o'er the foe.

By thy courage we'll press onward
By thy strength we'll do our part
To bring other souls to Thee, Lord,
And thy love and grace impart.

Others may not understand us,
It may seem we walk alone;
We'll commit it all to thee, Lord;
Trust thee to guide us safely home.

— Sylvia E. Shoop.

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"PREPARE TO MEET THY GOD"

Have you ever had the experience of making arrangements to go somewhere, perhaps to meeting, and the person who was to take you forgot you? I had just that experience. Arrangements had been made for me to go to meeting with a certain person. The appointed time arrived but no one came. As the minutes passed by, I began to realize that they must have forgotten me.

I was not concerned about why I had been forgotten as I sat watching the cars go by. Other thoughts were flooding my mind. I was thinking about the souls who were putting off salvation, waiting for someone else. If I had known earlier that I would still be waiting I could have gone to meeting some other way, but when I realized what had happened, it was too late. Meeting had already started and the distance was too great. Friend, if you knew that tomorrow the door of mercy would be closed for you, wouldn't you be making an effort to make your calling and election sure? You are going on with

the duties of life just as I was doing; but remember, we have no promise of tomorrow. Some time you will have your last call. Sometime the last opportunity will be afforded you. If you reject it, the door of mercy will be closed to you. All the excuses you can make, when that door is closed, won't help.

I felt sorry, not because I had been left behind, but I knew that when they discovered that I wasn't at meeting and realized that they had forgotten me, they would feel bad to think they had let it slip their mind. Someone will feel sorry if you are missing in that land of the blessed; but all their tears and yours included will not help. I could have gone on to meeting and perhaps would have arrived before it was dismissed, but not so with the door of mercy. "He shall open and none shall shut, and he shall shut and none shall open."

Perhaps you are saying, "I used to wish I were saved, but I don't care much now. There is no hurry. I have plenty of time." The five foolish virgins thought they had plenty of time to fill their lamps before the bridegroom arrived. They were not worried over the condition of their lamps. Nevertheless, the bridegroom found them unprepared. You are in a dangerous place, friend, if you can listen to call after call and go on unheeding. Each time you quench the Spirit you harden your heart. Each time you pass an opportunity your responsibility to God is greater.

Are you waiting for someone? Are you making someone an excuse for not getting saved? You may be blaming some hypocrite or perhaps you are saying, "If my wife would get saved, then I would." You put it off and time rolls on. Before you awaken to the fact of what has happened, the door of mercy may be closed. How sad to think that you were lost because you were waiting for someone to straighten up their life, or for a wife or husband or father to get saved.

"Seek ye the Lord while He may be found, call upon him while he is near." Isa. 55:6. Do not put it off. Fill your vessels with oil. Keep your lamps trimmed and burning, for ye know not the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh.

"Burning Incense To The Devil"

Know ye not that your bodies are the members of Christ?"—1 Cor. 6:15.

"What? Know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body"—1 Cor. 6:19, 20.

"Is it wrong for women to smoke cigarettes?"

I answer, YES! Why is it wrong? Let me give you some good reasons:

First, Because it is adopting a habit that a few years ago was indulged in only by those women who were of bad character—inmates of the houses of ill fame. The truth is, the standards and habits of the underworld are rapidly becoming the standards and habits of the great mass of the people of today. You all know that this is true. Is it not deplorable that instead of seeking to bring about the regeneration of the underworld, American women should themselves degenerate to the place of adopting the habits of the underworld? Society is rotting just as fast as decay can manifest itself. Other nations have passed through and have gone on down, down, until they have ceased to be. Shall we go the same way I wonder? Unless something checks our career, we are as certain to go on to destruction as have the nations of antiquity. Always in the past it has been that when the character and habits of the women of a nation deteriorated, that nation went down. The Word of God says, "Be ye not conformed to this world." I don't know of a more violent disobedience of this Scripture possible, than for a woman to take up the cigarette habit.

Second, It is wrong for a woman to smoke cigarettes because it is a habit that goes along with all sorts of looseness, dissipation, and vice. No woman or girl that has regard for right ought to want to compromise herself by taking up a habit that has such bad associations. This idle rich crowd, this wild drinking, petting, dancing, hell-bound gang that cares not for the laws or standards of God or man—you ought to stay free from anything that would put you in their class.

Third, It is wrong for a woman to smoke cigarettes because it is an unbecoming habit that cheapens and coarsens womanhood. It certainly does not add to any woman's attractiveness for her to become a cigarette fiend! My ideals of womanhood suffer every time I see anything of that sort.

Fourth, It is wrong for you to lend yourself to a base, commercial scheme to make cigarette fiends out of American women and Girls, just for the sake of swelling the coffers of some greedy tobacco trusts. One of the most sordid, wicked and devilish schemes ever devised is the scheme of the great tobacco trusts

to poison the bodies of the women folk of our country by selling them into nicotine slavery. The opium traders who helped to fasten the terrible opium habit on the Chinese race were bad enough. But these men who control the tobacco business are worse, for they for the sake of sordid, ill-gotten gain are selling their own country-women into slavery, and worse than this even, they are conspiring against the health and well being of unborn generations who will have cigarette poisoned mothers.

The Evolution of Cigarette Ads

We have never had such an insidious piece of advertising as the tobacco companies have put on. First they manage to make cigarette addicts out of most of our soldier boys through the agency of the Red Cross and the Y. M. C. A. during the World War. But they weren't satisfied—they wanted a bigger market for their products. They wanted the women for customers. If we can just get the women of America to smoking, we will rake in the millions!" "How can we do it?" "Here is how—we will advertise them into thinking that it is the up-to-date thing to smoke." They didn't dare to advertise women smoking at first so what did they do? They first pictured a beautiful woman and a package of cigarettes on the same bill board. Associated them together, you see. Next they pictured a woman buying a carton of cigarettes to take home—maybe for her husband; maybe for herself—they left you to speculate about that. Next they pictured a woman smoking. They didn't do this until they had gotten the American public to where it would stand for it. Now they have gone further and in the newspaper ads and on the billboards they are suggesting that it is the thing to not only smoke, but to **INHALE!** In other words, they want the habit so fastened upon the women that they won't be able to break loose from it. Why? why all this insidious propaganda? The answer is **MONEY!** For money, base, low down gain, the women folk are being sold into tobacco slavery! I tell you it is the most devilish piece of business that we have ever had in the history of this nation. And every woman that takes up smoking is falling right into the scheme laid by the tobacco trusts. Every man who smokes is helping to support those who are conspiring against our homes and against our womanhood!

Through the newspapers, through the magazines, over the radio and by means of every agency that can be used, the tobacco companies are spending millions of dollars to fasten the cigarette habit on this nation. Last year when many legitimate business enterprises realized no profit, or else went broke, the tobacco trusts realized millions of dollars in dividends.

Fifth, It is wrong for a woman to smoke cigarettes because for her to do so is to take up one of

man's vices. Sometimes I have people ask me this: "Doesn't a woman have just as much right to smoke as a man?" There is a sense in which she has, and there is another sense in which she has not. It isn't right for either one to do it, but here is a point that I want to make: **A woman is made of finer material than a man. She has finer sensibilities, and she ought to exercise a restraining and refining influence upon the man.** For her to take up man's bad habits and vices means for her to help man on in his tendencies to give way to his appetites and baser cravings. They haven't the physique to stand the habit like men, and they may expect it to exact a more dreadful toll on them than it does on men. Because all of this advertising stuff that tries to show that cigarettes don't harm is just lies designed to deceive.

It is more harmful for women to smoke than men because women are the mothers of the race, and more directly affect the race by their habits than do men. A woman has not only herself to consider, but her offspring that may be affected. What mother would think of putting her new-born baby in a bath in which poison had been spilled and leave it there for hours with its delicate skin absorbing the poisons? Yet when an expectant mother smokes cigarettes that is practically what she is doing to her helpless unborn infant!

Sixth, **It is wrong for a woman to abuse her body.** Your body rightfully belongs to God. Will you take the place which should be the dwelling place of the Holy Spirit and make a smoke house out of it? Will you poison it with nicotine? This applies to both men and women.

Not FREE—If a Nicotine Slave

"But," say some women, "I am free." "I am not like the women of the past generations—I'm emancipated, and I can do anything that the male sex can do." I answer by saying that a woman is not free when she becomes a slave to nicotine. Instead of freedom, that is one of the worst forms of slavery known to the human race. I earnestly urge every woman and girl to shun this habit as you would a rattlesnake. Don't let the billboards, the newspapers, the movies, the habits of others bully, cajole, or entice you into this awful habit against which so many sound reasons can be urged, and for which not one good thing can be said.

A Few Things for Men

Now I am going further than to talk to the women about this habit. I am going to ask the question, "Is not this thing that is doubly wrong for women wrong for anybody to indulge in? I answer, **"IT IS!"** And I shall give my reasons for this statement:

Man, if you are a cigarette smoker, I want to give you some reasons as to why you ought to quit

the habit:

One, **Because it isn't right for you to be a slave to a drug habit.** 1 Cor. 9:27 says, "I keep under my body and bring it into subjection." But you are under subjection to your body when you are the slave of the habit. But I fancy that I hear some one say, "I'm not a slave. I can quit any time I want to." Listen: I challenge your statement and dare you to try to quit! As surely as your habit is one of long standing, you will find that you are up against the hardest proposition that you ever went up against in your life. I have known several men who have tried to quit the habit but went back to the cigarettes, and every one confessed that he hadn't realized what a slave he was. People CAN overcome a habit of this kind but they need the help and grace of God.

Two, **You have no right to injure your body with a habit that takes such a toll as the cigarette habit.** The advertisements of Cigarettes have lied until I don't think that most people realize just how deadly cigarettes are. Many have ailments that take them to the hospital and to the grave that never realize that their cigarettes did it. Chemists say that there are twenty different poisons in the gas fumes of cigarette smoke.

Some claim to be Christians, but cling to their cigarettes and tobacco. God's Word says, "Whether ye eat or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God." I ask you, can you poison your body with these deadly drugs to the glory of God?

How can you call yourself a Christian and spend your money for such. The Bible says, "Wherefore do you spend money for that which is not bread?" Search your heart, tobacco users; are you not more interested in spending money than for the Lord's cause? Ought not a man quit a habit that makes such inroads on his finances as the tobacco habit?

Burning Incense to the Devil

I hate to see a man's life clouded over with Chesterfield smoke. I hate to see professed Christians dwelling in a haze and fog of Camel fumes, burning incense to the devil. The more I love a man the more I hate to see him do this. "Burning incense to the devil"—that is about the best way of describing cigarette smoking that I know anything about.

Do you recognize the truth of what I have said? Do you feel that the habit is injuring you? Do you feel that you are debasing the body—the temple—when you poison it with smoke? Would you like to break the habit? There is but one way. **YOU CAN'T TAPER IT OFF.** Go down before God and ask Him to give you the grit and grace. He will do it and you will be able to stay quit.

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Editorials

The "Faith and Victory" family has been greatly blessed since sending out the January issue of "Faith and Victory" paper. The good, encouraging letters received from many of our readers have been a source of encouragement to our souls and makes us know that God is working with the printed pages of the paper, and by His Spirit, He is registering the truth upon the fleshly tables of the heart of truth-loving souls.

Some have written us that they are through with sects and will come out clean from all sectarian ways and abide in the Lord, and fully fellowship His free people. Truly, God is going to have a people who are not of this world any more than Christ and the disciples were of the world. They shall "shine as lights in the world."

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We may soon make some changes in the name of the paper, for the Lord is working and revealing His will in this matter. We are just moving as He leads the way and makes clear to our minds His will. The Lord, by His Spirit, flashed these words into the soul of a brother in Indiana: "The Evening Watchman." The Lord also makes us feel good about this name.

We printed 7700 of the January papers, thinking we would have enough over the subscription list to supply the extra calls for the paper. The calls for this paper came in so fast that our supply was soon exhausted, and yet the calls kept coming. Now we are printing the illustration of the Church with two church poems and an article about the church on the back. We are making a folder out of it to send to those who want this particular truth on the "Church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth."

We will send 24 of these folders to any address in the U. S. for 25c post paid. Send and get a supply of these folders to pass out to your friends and neighbors. We will send 150 of them to you for \$1.00. Any unprejudiced soul who is born again can not help but see the one and only Church by studying this illustration and reading the poems and the article. Do all you can to help men and women out of sect bondage.

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The printing presses in the "Lord's Print Shop" have been very busy of late, printing tracts to restock our supply. We have also printed a number of new tracts, with titles as follows: "Keep out of Hell," "The Infidel Son," "Results of Immodesty," and "Oneness of God's People." The tract, "What A Mighty God We Serve" has also been reprinted. This is the third time we have printed this tract. The calls for it are so numerous that it is hard to keep it in stock. It relates the mighty power of God in performing miracles and healing the sick in

these last days of time. This tract has twenty-eight pages, and will be sent to you at the rate of six tracts for ten cents or eighteen for 25 cents.

If you are interested in reducing crime, read the tract which has just been printed entitled, "Results of Immodesty." It is an eye-opener to the debasing results of immodest dress and following other fashions and fads of this modern Sodom. It is the best thing on this subject of any that I have ever read, for it begins at the core and opens the whole corrupt inside to view. I would to God that every man, woman, boy, and girl could read this tract and then begin to practice its wholesome teachings. Send and get a supply of these tracts. They are free for the asking. Please enclose a few stamps for mailing. We send out a free sample of tracts to any address. We are anxious to get the truth to precious souls. Will you help us do this?

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On January 2nd, wife and I boarded the train for Tampa, Florida, where we were called to attend business pertaining to the Kingdom of God. The Lord, through one of his consecrated servants supplied us with means to go and return, and we feel that we have fulfilled the will of God in going.

We were on the cars for a long time and had the opportunity of viewing the world in sin at close range. Our hearts were grieved at the levity, revelry and dissipation which we saw before us—girls, middle-aged women, and old women with gray hair displaying short skirts, bare arms, bobbed hair, painted faces, lips, and fingernails, and most of them boldly puffing cigarettes. Some boys were playing cards and gambling for money, and smoking cigarettes galore. Oh, what a sad picture! all traveling the broad way to eternal destruction. It did seem to us that we were surely living in Sodom. "How long, O Lord, how long?" We have an article in this paper on the sin and evil of cigarette smoking. It is one of Satan's cleverest traps for souls. At times we would go through the coach and hand the passengers tracts and talk to them. Most of them were so absorbed in the things of time and sense that they were not much interested in eternal things. A few, however, were interested and that encouraged our souls. Some would flatly refuse to take the tracts. Others would read a little and lay the tract aside and light a cigarette and act unconcerned. A Catholic Priest was on the train with us for a long time. I gave him a tract or two to read and he seemed a little interested. I opened a January paper to the illustration of the church and asked him to look at a picture of the church. He took it and began to carefully look it over. I went on to the other end of the coach handing out tracts and talking to souls. When I came back he gave it back to me and said, "That is fine." I do not know whether he under-

stood it or not for he would not or did not comment on it, but I felt good that I had done what I could. When he left the train at New Orleans, his parting words were, "I hope you have a pleasant trip."

While we were at Tampa, we stayed part of the time with my sister whom I had not seen for 23 years. She was interested in the things of God and invited the neighbors in. We had two preaching services while there and several would testify. Some there are interested in the truth and all seemed to enjoy the services. I also have a brother living at Tampa whom I had not seen for many years. We also had some precious seasons of prayer and visiting with Sister A. C. Krause, who has recently suffered the loss of her husband, Bro. A. C. Krause. You will find the obituary in the February paper. Sister Krause needs your prayers in this time of sorrow and lonesomeness.

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We are printing more than eight thousand of this February paper, and we expect to have a supply of this issue on hands after all the regular subscriptions have been filled. If you want extra copies of this paper, we will send them to you at the rate of 25 cents per dozen, post paid. We also have the twelve issues of 1940 **Faith and Victory** papers bound together, and covered with good paper. If you want this 1940 issue of "Faith and Victory" papers, you may send for them at 35 cents each, post paid to you.

We have a supply of the book, "Appeal to Reason" written by George Peek of Richwood, W. Va. This book is very interesting, and gives good reading on Revelation and other prophecies. It shows up the wrong instruction of Millennium teachers. This book is 25 cents post paid. You may also obtain it from the author, George Peek, Richwood, W. Va.

There is a large list of "Three Month's Subscriptions" to "Faith and Victory" that expires with this issue. We are enclosing a Subscription Blank in each of these papers for your convenience in subscribing for the paper for one year. It is only 25 cents per year, and we shall be glad to send the paper to you through the coming year. Just write your name and address on the slip and enclose 25c in coin or postage stamps, and we will list you for one year. Do this now while it is on your mind, and keep your soul fed on heavenly food during the coming year. We are living in the closing up years and severe persecution may break out against the saints any time; and our souls need strength, grace, and help from God to stand against the wiles of the devil in these perilous times. We shall be looking for your subscription to the paper. We are sure the Lord wants you to have this paper coming to your address during the year of 1941.

The Church of God Assembly meeting that was held at Guthrie during the Holidays was very well attended. There were more than twenty ministers present and some of the messages were extra good, and we were led out into green pastures, and by shady pools.

The enemy worked very hard against this meeting in many different ways, but the Lord came out Victor, for He gives His saints the victory again and again, praise His dear name. The flu was raging, and quite a number took it. Sister Katherine Simpson, a minister who came from southern Louisiana, near eight hundred miles, to attend this meeting was attacked with the flu, and missed some of the services. Others, including myself, were sick with it during the services. I missed six or eight services. There was much sickness, but the Lord did much healing during the services. Some souls were saved and some sanctified. Generally speaking, it was a good meeting, but not so good as some previous meetings. I have heard several say that they received much benefit from the meeting. Bro. G. W. Winn was sick with the flu all through the meeting and was unable to attend any of it, and he is still in bed. I visited him today, Jan. 16, and he is some better, but far from being well. He needs your prayers.

The meeting closed on Dec. 29th with a precious message in the evening services from the lips of Bro. Allen of Norwood, Mo. All the saints were happy in the Lord and have decisions to follow on and to see the end of a Christian race. The saints at Guthrie extend to all a hearty welcome to return and be with us in the Camp Meeting, which will be held here in August of this year.

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Obituaries

Albert C. Krause was born in the state of Pennsylvania October 8, 1877 and passed from this life to be with the Lord November 15, 1940 at Tampa, Fla., age 63 years, 1 month, and 8 days.

He was married to Minnie M. Sweeney of Thurmont, Maryland Dec. 24, 1896. To this union three children were born, who passed on in infancy.

He was converted near 25 years ago and held his faith unto the last, having a desire to depart and be with Jesus. He leaves to mourn their loss, his wife, Minnie M. Krause, and three brothers, William, Charles, and Robert Krause all of Lebanon, Pa.

Funeral service was conducted in Tampa, Fla., and the remains will be shipped to Thurmont, Maryland for burial.

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Mary Louisa Cowan Baker, daughter of David and Elizabeth Croft Cowan was born Oct. 9, 1853; died at the home of her son, Roy Baker in Auburn, Ind. Dec. 15, 1940. She was married to Aaron S. Baker in 1881. To this union was born four children: Homer, of Benton Harbor, Mich.; Roy, of Auburn, Ind.; Scott, of Garrett, Ind.; and Ruth who died in 1910. Her husband died in 1911.

She saw this light many years ago and always put

her trust and faith in the Lord.

Her body was taken to Roaring Spring, Pa. Bro. Edward Wetzel of Burnside, Pa. preached the funeral.

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Brother J. B. Sowell was born in Williams Port, Tenn. March 1, 1866 and passed away at his home 1027 E. Queen St., Tulsa, Okla. Being of Christian parents and having a Christian training, he did not forget to look to him who "does all things well." His life was a life of service to God and man. He lived saved with the saints of God for 40 years. The Lord, seeing faithfulness in him, called him to teach the pure Word of God, to which call he was faithful and true. We feel sure he was ready to go and meet the Lord in peace.

He leaves a widow, two brothers, one sister, and a nephew and niece and many friends to mourn his going.

Funeral conducted by Bro. Ulysses Phillips. Text: Psa. 116:15—"Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints."

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PRAYER REQUEST

Jackson, Mich.—Dear saints everywhere: I am sending a request for my daughter. She just got saved and is in a critical condition; has been ever since she was saved. Pray that God will help her to make the complete sacrifice. It means much. Pray for God to touch her body if it is His will. Mrs. Emma Unger

Sister J. W. Wilson of Greenfield, Mo. is very badly afflicted with cancer on her breast and her heart is weak. Let all the saints have special earnest prayer for her on Sunday, February 2, 1941. God can and will heal serious cases. Let us agree together for her healing.

The saints at Minneapolis, Minn. are praying for the Lord to send them a pastor. They are over a dozen in number and have a hall rented where they have services. They would be able to partly support a pastor and this is a needy field—a good place for a called minister. Write to us for particulars. Only those ministers out in the full light need apply.

ASSEMBLY MEETING REPORT

Okmulgee, Okla.—Bro. and Sister Pruitt, Greetings in Jesus' precious name. Thank the Lord, I am well and happy in the Lord.

We had a Thanksgiving meeting here, and the Lord wonderfully blessed. Twelve claimed salvation and one sanctification and the saints all rejoiced in the God of their salvation. We had plenty to eat for soul and body. The meeting closed with our vessels running over. Ministers who were with us were: Bro. U. Phillips of Dover, Sister Ada Davis of Hennessey, Sister Rosa Dillahunty and Sister Douglas of Tulsa, Okla. —Frances Bell.

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Marshall, Mich.—Dear Bro. in Christ: Greetings in the blessed name of our Lord. I feel led to write my testimony. I am still pressing on in the good old way, praising God for salvation and the leading of the Holy Spirit in these perilous times. God is so good. He is a friend that never fails. We are isolated from all the dear saints, but the Lord is still with us, and a present help in time of need. Tonight we surely need help and there is not a saint in reach to call on to pray the prayer

of faith. It seems Marshall is doomed. I believe there are honest souls here if we could only get them to hear the truth. Pray for the people in Marshall. Pray earnestly for us, that God will keep us ever close to Him. Pray all ye saints of the Most High everywhere for my companion. She is in a very critical condition in body. Don't forget me, for I need your prayers day by day. May God bless all the dear saints, is my daily prayer.

Your Brother in Christ, Wm. L. VanZandt

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BOOKS AND BOOKLETS

"An Appeal to Reason" by George Peek on Revelation, 60 pages 25 cents
1940 Issue of "Faith and Victory" bound with paper cover 35 cents

"What a Mighty God We Serve," 28-page booklet. Six for ten cents or eighteen for 25 cents.

A sixteen page folder, illustration of the Church with article on Church and two Church poems on back of picture. Two dozen for 25 cents or 150 for one dollar.

A twelve-page tract entitled "Results of Immodesty." Free in limited quantities. Send postage.

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Measuring the Temple, Altar, and Worshipers

"And there was given me a reed like unto a rod: and the angel stood, saying, Rise, and measure the temple of God, and the altar, and them that worship therein." (Rev. 11:1).

The temple or church of God is composed of saved people. The bodies of all that are saved compose the temple of God. "God dwelleth not in temples made with hands" (Acts 17:24). "Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?" (1 Cor. 3:16). "What, know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost, which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?" (1 Cor. 6:19). We learn from history that the literal temple in Jerusalem was destroyed in A. D. 70, and the book of Revelation was written in A. D. 96, being 26 years later; so it could not be that temple, but the true church, that was to be measured by the "reed like unto a rod," that is the New Testament. "But the court which is without the temple leave out, and measure it not; for it is given unto the Gentiles: and the holy city [church] shall they [the Gentiles] tread under foot forty and two months." This time period is the 1260 years of Catholicism. 1260 days mean 1260 years—"each day for a year" (Num. 14:34). Gentiles are unsaved people, those who are not members of the Church of God. "I will give power unto my two witnesses, and they shall prophesy a thousand two hundred and threescore days, clothed in sackcloth." The two witnesses are the Word and the Spirit—both were rejected by the apostate church. Sackcloth means mourning.

"These are the two olive trees and the two candlesticks standing before the God of the earth"—witnesses, Word and Spirit; candlestick, church; candlesticks, seven churches or congregations (Rev. 1:20). "The word [Jesus] became flesh and dwelt among us." The Holy Ghost is a person. In John 16:13, John uses the personal pronoun "he" six times. Fifth verse, "And if any man hurt them, fire procedeth out of their mouth and devoureth them" (God's judgments) (Jer. 23:29).

Why measure the temple? Because it is a symbol of the church. Since all of God's ministers are "builders," we need to study the "blue print." So we put the carpenter's rule ("rod") (not one of our own make) on the blue print and read (read) the instructions, so we will not build wood, hay, stubble, etc. (1 Cor. 3:12).

Too many builders today are building by their own home-made short rod, putting their own construction on the Word of God, making their own creed, taking the government on their own shoulders, making their own foundation and ignoring the true foundation of the prophets and apostles, Jesus Christ the corner stone.

Next, the "altar," a sacred place where prayers are offered to the true and living God. This was a symbol of our altar—"Jesus" (Heb. 13:10). "Let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually." (15th verse). Let us measure our altar (Christ) he being our example or pattern, and learn something of his characteristics (1 Pet. 2:17-25). Here is an example for the worshipers at the altar: love each other, endure grief suffering wrongfully. Why? Because Christ suffered for us leaving us an example, that we should follow in his steps. When he was reviled, he reviled not again; when he suffered, he threatened not, but committed himself to Him that judgeth righteously. Brother, sister, that means you. Tarry at the altar (Christ) until your life measures to his measure. Then, and not till then, will you be able to teach others. Psa. 51:13—"Then will I teach transgressors thy ways, and sinners shall be converted unto thee." "Oh," says one, "but I'm saved and sanctified." Well, that is good, but if you are, your life, works, and characteristics will be like him, and it won't hurt you to "examine yourself and see whether you are in the faith." Prove your own selves by the above scripture (1 Pet. 2:17-25). Oh, my brethren, I fear many professed church of God people would fail, should they take this examination; but the time will come when you will wish you had taken it, but "Too late, too late," will be the cry.

When the two witnesses finished their testimony at the end of the 1260 years, the beast from the bottomless pit killed them (Rev. 11:7). Protestantism, by rejecting them, is doing the same thing the Roman Catholic church did, by making disciplines instead

of taking the Word of God (Rev 11: 7, 8). Their dead bodies lie in the street of the great city (mystery Babylon) three days and an half (350 years of sect making) (V. 10). They that dwell on the earth (apocalyptic earth) shall rejoice over them. Why? Because these two prophets (witnesses) tormented them (cold professors). The Word and Spirit convicted them of their wrong doing, and tormented them because they did not want to obey, and after three days and an half (350 years), the spirit of life from God entered into them and they stood upon their feet, and great fear fell upon them which saw them and "they heard a great voice from heaven saying unto them, Come up hither, and they ascended up to heaven in a cloud, and their enemies beheld them." In 1880, the Word and the Spirit were allowed to take their place in the church again, "heavenly place" in the sight of a cloud of witnesses. Where was that? up in the eternal heaven? No, but right down here where their "enemies beheld them" (verse 12). Since that time, they have been the true vicars of Christ on earth, in his church, called heaven or Jerusalem; in Isa. 65:17, 18, called heaven and Jerusalem; in Heb. 12:22, heavenly Jerusalem, in Rev 21:10, holy Jerusalem. Some Bible students say that forty six times in Revelation, heaven means church. Let that be as it may, but let us return to Rev. 11:13.

"And the same hour was there a great earthquake, and the tenth part of the city fell (mystery Babylon, sectism) and in the earthquake were slain seven thousand, and the remnant was afrighted and gave glory to the God of heaven." That this means Protestantism, is obvious: 1st., it being only the tenth part; 2nd, Catholicism never had anything to fall from; 3rd, it was after the 350 years of sect making. This took place in this last reformation, which began in 1880. Sectism went deeper into sin, while the "remnant gave God the glory," and came out of her, taking their stand in the true church of God. The battle of Armageddon, especially the spiritual part, has been going on for a good many years. It also has its literal significance.

Since waters mean peoples (Rev. 17:15), sea would seem to mean an agitated people (Dan. 7:3, 4) and earthquake, political and moral revolutions and uprisings. This was to take place after the two witnesses had ascended (came to life again) and took their place as governors in the church of God. Just now, the worst battle is going on that this world ever witnessed. Germany, Italy, and their allies, against Great Britain. Hitler is reported to have said, "I am not after the hundred and one cults, but Christianity itself." Great Britain and America are practically the only nations on earth today that believe in Christianity; so we see the two phases of Armageddon going on right together. We read another report like this: "The question of the divinity of Christ is ridiculous, der Feueher is the Jesus Christ,

as well as the Holy Ghost of the Father Land." Is this not blasphemy? In Russia, Stalin is doing his best to stamp out Christianity.

But let us return to the spiritual part which concerns us most. The remainder of this chapter shows the winding up of time, when "the seventh angel sounded." This is the time when every knee shall bow and the dead be resurrected to receive their reward.

Let us return to the text in Rev. 11:1: "Measure the temple, the altar, and them that worship therein." We, as saints, are the worshipers who are to be measured by the rod (Word). Brother, sister, are you of the holy remnant? all given up to God, praying without ceasing? as willing to lay down your lives for the brethren as Jesus did for us? as merciful as he is, pure as he is, righteous as he is, perfect as he is, loving as he is? speaking evil of no man? When he opened the seventh seal there was silence in heaven, about the space of half an hour (Rev. 8:1). I believe this means in the church, the seventh being the last seal. I haven't read in any commentary or from any writer that seems to know what this "silence" means; but it seems to me the time mentioned being so short that it might mean just before the end, the devil is fighting in his last ditch, trying to silence the saints—"This way is not popular, quit shouting, don't say so much about being sanctified wholly, don't make the second work of grace so definite, don't praise God so much." Saints, can't you see this is a trick of the devil to rob you of your spirituality and your definite testimonies? Jesus set all the members with all the different offices in his body (the church) for the perfecting of the saints till we all come in the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ (Eph. 4:12, 13). So the true church of God will shine on to the end. The devil, that old pagan spirit, is turned loose for a little season. Being bound so long (1000 years) he comes in great fury just before the end with all his mustered forces to encompass the camp of the saints about, but fire from heaven will destroy them, then comes the end—no 1000 years of peace and happiness on earth before the end. Such teaching can nowhere be found in the word of God, but only in the deluded mind of man.

"We that are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent (go before) them which are asleep, but the dead in Christ shall rise first, then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so shall we ever be with the Lord." (1 Thess. 4:15-17). This is the universal resurrection of all the dead, both saint and sinner (John 5:28, 29) which winds up all things pertaining to this time world. (Continued on page 11.)

◆ « Young People's Section » ◆

Dear Brother Pruitt: I received your letter, and was very glad to hear from you. Thanks for your advice. I also enjoy reading the paper.

I wrote another poem, I thought I would write to you:

WHEN JESUS CAME IN

All the hatred has ceased,
And there is perfect peace
Since Jesus came in.

All the world has gone,
Since my Savior came along,
For Jesus came in.

There was meekness and kindness,
And most of all, happiness
When Jesus came in.

The world has changed to me,
And the Bible is my key
For Jesus came in.

Around the streets I walk,
And about Jesus I talk
When Jesus came in.

When your temperature is hot
And you lay on your dying cot
Tell how Jesus came in.

I always have to pray,
And to people I must say,
Jesus will come in.

But the best of all to me,
And forever it will be
How Jesus came in. —Billy Branen.

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IN MEMORY OF ELLEN LOUISE PERKINS

By Alice Elizabeth Hall, Richwood, W. Va.

Tender, loving, kind, and true,
Trusting in God as a child can do;
Singing, and praying, and being sweet,
Wanting Jesus to guide her feet;
Dear to the hearts of all her friends,
Thus she lived unto the end.
But God saw fit to take her away
To that beautiful land of endless day.
God wanted another lily above,
To sing with the angels of perfect love;
So He plucked this flower from among us here—
A flower that to our hearts was dear—
And took her home to forever bloom
Where, if we serve God, we shall see her soon.
God knows best and is keeping her safe
In that land far above this sin and strife.
No more sorrow or pain she'll know,
But she'll dwell with God, free from all woe.

Editorials

In the last issue, the space usually devoted to the Young People's Section was taken up with other material, but now through this column we are again happy to send Christian greetings to our many friends and readers at the beginning of this New Year of 1941. For each one may it be a period of spiritual growth in grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ, our Saviour.

In many ways the outlook for the future is not so bright, but to the child of God the "uplook" is always clear, and "worlds of bliss" invite us on. No matter what conditions surround us, we can have the victory by looking up. There is an open window in the top of God's ark today, even as it was in the ark of Noah's time. Daniel opened his window and prayed toward Jerusalem; we can open our overhead window and pray to our Great High Priest, who is in heaven at the right hand of the throne of God, and He hears and answers prayer.

One day a little boy went to sea with his father to learn to be a sailor. After they had been on their voyage quite a while, one day the father told the boy that if he wanted to be a good sailor he would have to learn to climb the mast. So at once the boy eagerly began to climb upward. Up and up he went until he was near the top. As he stood still on the mast, he turned his head and looked down. When he saw the great expanse of water and the deck so far below him, he became frightened and called to his father that he was afraid he would fall. The father called back, "Look up! Keep looking up!" By doing this, the boy descended safely. He overcame the sense of danger because he kept looking up. If you would have the victory, keep looking up to Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith.

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Young people wield a greater influence among their associates than can be done by older folk upon youth. Therefore, in this sphere there is a special work for young saints, and it is very necessary that they prove by an everyday, happy Christian life that real Bible salvation will meet the need of young people, that the human soul is completely satisfied in companionship with its Creator, and that when Christ is enthroned in the heart, there is no thirsting for youthful lusts and frivolities which young people of the world indulge in so much. With a vision of eternal realities, earth's pleasures fade away. Worldly popularity, fame and fortune can never satisfy the soul of man. Our immortal soul is content only with immortal values, and these priceless treasures

are not derived from this world.

The apostle, Paul exhorts young saints to be an "example of the believers." The way to heaven is not one of selfish ease, with no temptations or difficulties to overcome. On the contrary, it means self-denial and many trials of faith and few are going this way; yet it is the way of greatest peace and happiness. Jesus plainly says that "In the world ye shall have tribulation, but be of good cheer I have overcome the world." Our eternal home is in heaven, and, as the poet says, "The toils of the road will seem nothing when we get to the end of the way."

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The pamphlet entitled, "Information and Counsel to Conscientious Objectors of the Church of God as It Relates to the Selective Training and Service Act of 1940," is still available to those who need it. Address your request for copy to this office.—L. D. P.

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Greetings in Jesus dear name. This finds me saved and pressing toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus. The Lord has surely been good to me in many different ways.

I want to testify to the Lord's healing touch to my body. When five years of age, I took the scarlet fever and the effects from it caused me to have leakage of the heart. Afterward I took the Rheumatic fever. My joints were stiff and swollen, and I had to be cared for like a baby, even having to be turned over in bed with a sheet. This was very painful. At night I suffered worse than in the day time. I suffered this way for almost two weeks. My parents wrote to some of the saints and asked them to agree with them in prayer for me. The Lord relieved the suffering until I was able to be up in a few days. I then took it again. It was worse than the first, but after a few weeks, the Lord touched me again. After two or three different attacks of it, the Lord completely healed me.

Three or four years ago my heart began to bother me very much, again. I was able to do but very little, and I would be tired all the time. I wasn't able to walk up and down the stairs and my heart beat fast and hard. It looked as though I would have to quit school, for I wasn't able to study. Last winter Brother and Sister Darius Gibson anointed and prayed for me. The Lord healed me instantly and now I believe I have almost as strong a heart as anyone. I surely do give God all the praise. I have had many other afflictions but the Lord has delivered me from them all.

Although I have had many afflictions, I have found honey in the rock, so to speak, for the Lord has taught me many precious lessons that I wouldn't have gotten otherwise. I began to realize more fully how short this life really is and how this brittle thread of life can be severed in an instant. Sometime we stand in the deepest sorrow to see the clearest light and from lips of sadness the sweetest songs will fall. So as peace comes after suffering and love is reward of pain; so after earth comes heaven, and out of our loss the gain.

—Ruby Doolittle.

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Stahl, Mo.—Dear Bro. Pruitt, Greetings in Jesus' dear name. I received the little booklets and must say there is real soul food in each one. If people would feed their minds on good uplifting, upbuilding literature like this, there would not be so many broken hearts and

broken homes in the world today.

I have been going through a deep trial for some time. I have been made to realize a little of what it means to suffer for Jesus' sake; but can truly say, "It pays to serve Jesus, It pays every day; It pays every step of the way. Though the pathway to glory may some times seem drear, You'll be happy each step of the way." The Lord truly is verifying His promises at this time. I desire the prayers of all the saints that I will keep in his favor and be guided by his spirit continually.

Sincerely, Sylvia E. Shoop.

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PRAYER AND SUPPLICATIONS

Jesus tells us in Matt. 18:19-20, "Again I say unto you, That if two of you shall agree on earth as touching anything that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven. For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them."

We read, also, in the book of the prophet Daniel 2nd chapter, 16th to 20th verses: "Then Daniel went in and desired of the king that he would give him time and that he would shew the king the interpretation. Then Daniel went to his house, and made the thing known to Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah his companions, that they would desire mercies of the God of heaven concerning this secret; that Daniel and his fellows should not perish with the rest of the wise men of Babylon. Then was the secret revealed unto Daniel in a night vision, Then Daniel blessed the God of heaven. Daniel answered and said, Blessed be the name of God for ever and ever: for wisdom and might are his."

Sometimes we have burdens and requests that we desire to present to the throne of grace and at times it seems that we must have help; that is, we want some one else to be in the agreement with us. Jesus teaches us in his word that he honors such prayers and supplications. If we agree as touching any thing that we ask or desire, "it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven." It is a wonderful privilege we have to make our desires and burdens known to our fellow comrades in the Lord as Daniel did, and receive the answer to our prayers, "for there am I in the midst of them;" or in other words, He, Jesus, is in the midst, or He is one of the number. One of the most beautiful examples of God's answering united prayer is recorded in the 12th chapter of the Acts of the apostles. "Peter therefore was kept in prison: but prayer was made without ceasing of the church unto God for him. And when Herod would have brought him forth, the same night Peter was sleeping between two soldiers bound with two chains. And the keepers before the door kept the prison, and behold the angel of the Lord came upon him, and a light shined in the prison; and he smote Peter on the side and raised him up, saying, Arise up quickly, and his chains fell off

from his hands. And the angel said unto him, Gird thyself and bind on thy sandals. And so he did. And he saith unto him, Cast thy garments about thee and follow me. And he went out and followed him."

What an inspiration it is to the children of God when they read, or hear of this wonderful deliverance that God wrought in Peter's behalf through the medium of the united prayers of the church. There are many other instances of united prayer being answered that are not recorded in the scriptures. God still hears prayer today and grants his people the desired request. He tells them yet today, "Pray one for another." There is power in united prayer. There is strength of courage and faith when two or more come together with one heart and one mind, one determination with confidence. The Lord takes notice of the move; his ear is attentive to their cries, and he in his wisdom will devise a way to send the answer. It has been proven over and over again.

May the God of all grace establish your hearts in him, increase your confidence in unity of prayer and faith, and grant the victory by his divine power. Many times God has come to the rescue of his servants when they implored the prayers of others of the people of God, that, no doubt, otherwise would not have been answered. However, he says, "Again, I say unto you, that if two of you shall agree on earth as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven."

"It SHALL be done." —Ulysses Phillips.

MEASURING THE TEMPLE

(Continued from page 8.)

In conclusion, we shall now measure the head of the church—Christ. While he was head, yet he was servant of all. "He that is chief among you, let him be servant." We are taught not to "lord it over God's heritage," but "be examples to the flock." Some like to quote, "Obey them that have the rule over you"; whereas in the original, it is "guide, or leader" instead of ruler. A pastor is guide or leader in the church, not a ruler over it. An evangelist is a preacher of the gospel, and is not over anyone. "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel"—get people saved. An apostle is a planter of the truth. Paul as an apostle, established congregations and cared for them until they were established in the faith. Now listen to Jesus in Luke 22:24-26: there was a "strife among them who should be the greatest and he said unto them, The kings of the Gentiles exercise lordship over them, but ye shall not be so; but he that is greatest among you, let him be as the youngest, and he that is chief as he that doth serve." We are co-laborers together with God. Amen.

—G. E. Harmon.

FORGETFUL HEARERS

"But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves. For if any be a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass: For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was" (Jas. 1:22, 23, 24). In the 22nd verse, it tells us that hearers of the word are deceiving themselves. That is, those who accept the word as it is, find no fault with it, count it all right; but so far as really obeying it is concerned, make more of a mock of it than anything else. Since ALL scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness (2 Tim. 3:16); it follows accordingly to this word of truth, that this class of persons—the hearers—are deceiving themselves. Verse 23 says this class is like a person looking in a mirror at himself and while he is looking, he knows just how he looks; but as soon as he is gone from before the glass (verse 24) the impression of his likeness is gone from him. Verse 24 teaches he beholds—sees—himself, and in a little while he (this hearer) forgets the image of himself the word reflected back, and drops back into the old rut. Some will arise with the morning and ask the Lord to help them to walk uprightly and that He will help them not to be frivolous—light, chaffy, vain—but discreet; and then lapse back before the day is half gone, into the same old rut of vanity and foolishness. Why is this? They do not mean it enough to be doers of the word. There is some trash in there yet that needs washing out by the blood. They are light and frivolous—disobedient to the Lord and do not know it. This is grievous to God and a stumbling block to men; and will result in disappointment to the soul who does not get rid of such insincerity and giddiness. Verse 24 says, he straightway forgets what manner of man he was. Oh how sad this is, to see so many people who just won't crucify their foolish ways and are continually bringing reproach upon God's cause. And this class is so often so self-willed it is no use to talk to them.

Paul said he died daily (1 Cor. 15:31). O, that God will put His fear upon the hearts of those who so need it, to get rid of the follies that so cause their "good to be evil spoken of," as Paul did. Some single individuals talk enough for half a dozen people, and if it were boiled down there would be but little in it that would honor God (Prov. 10:19). Talkativeness and impulsiveness need good strong reigns on them lest they run everything into the ditch. One's very life runs out with his conversation. Even Jesus, when it was necessary for him to talk much with the people, often went in secret prayer to feed his soul.

Impulsiveness is a "high explosive" that is liable to "blow up" a spiritual experience any time. It is sad to see a professing soul who can be singing "snatches" of good, sacred songs one minute and of a sudden stop and dart off on some line of extreme folly or hysterical laughter. How can a soul honor God with such a standard and under such conditions?

O, may God deliver us all and polish us as he wants us to be. But we have our part to DO too, before this comes to pass. A man once put up on his garage door, "Keep out, this means YOU." Dear soul, I tell you as a friend, what the Lord has told me, "This means YOU." —J. H. Pierson.

CORRESPONDENCE

Tacoma, Wash.—Dear Bro. Pruitt: We greet you all in Jesus' dear name, who loved us and washed us in his precious blood, and by grace made us heirs and joint heirs with him. Bless the Lord for such an unspeakable gift. It surely is eternal wealth and it increases as we live for him and labor in his field according to our calling and capacity. I also thank the Lord for the privilege of doing a little for him in testifying, handing out tracts and lately I have been permitted to preach to a nice number of people, saved and unsaved.

The little booklet "The More Abundant Life" is surely of great value to God's people. It has blessed my soul and the writing reminds us of a godly man who made the Christ of God his pattern and his choice. Wife gave one of those booklets to a friend to read, and in turn to hand it to others to read.

Your nice letter to us proved a real blessing and joy. I pray the Lord to help me, like others of His children to win someone to the Saviour. May the Lord bless your efforts that you and your co-workers put forth to send the gospel to as many as possible.

Yours in Him, Mr. and Mrs. Otto Koehler.

Ontario, Oregon—Dear Bro. and Sister Pruitt and all the other saints of God. In Jesus' dear name I greet you this precious New Year, with a deep determination to go all the way with my Saviour no matter what the cost may be. Let others have this world, but let me have Jesus. He is so dear and precious to my heart. When I get sick He heals me; when I am sad He comforts me. The older I grow the more I love this precious old time humble Bible way. I love to read "Faith and Victory" all that I have read in it teaches that truth I love so well. God bless it and keep it clean and pure I pray. Dear saints let us love and pray for each other. The love of so many is waxing cold in these perilous days of time. I want all who read this to pray for me that I live true to God. We all need lots of help from Him.

Your sister in the one body of Christ, Ida Trimble

Athens, Tenn.—Dear Mr. Pruitt: I received by mail this morning a copy of "Faith and Victory." I have looked over the paper and have found many good things, but most of them all, I think that the greatest is found on pages 8 and 9. This is the most complete picture I've ever seen. I believe that the church is just what you have given your readers here on these pages. Praise God for his church that he built upon a Rock and set upon a hill. Man may build a church but it is not on the Rock. It is on sand and will fall when the storms come and beat upon it; but praise the Lord, the church that Christ built

will never fail. Glory to God! There shall never go in at the door any unclean thing—only the pure in heart. The works of the world must not enter into her. O that we all could fly the great banner of love!

I know that there is more in a Christian life than I am getting out today. I am a minister of the gospel. My membership is in with the Baptists. Pray for me and mine that we may be with the people of God.

Yours truly,

John S. Kelle

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Frisco, Okla.—Dear Bro. Pruitt: Greetings in Jesus' dear name. I wrote to you some time ago and asked you to pray for the healing of my body; and, thank the dear Lord, he healed me of an affliction that bothered me for over four years on the 24th of Jan. 1940; and on Nov. 31 He healed me of an affliction that I believe was T. B.

It is my determination to do what ever God wants me to do. Please pray for me that I will hold out faithful to the end and also pray that the Lord will sanctify me. May the dear Lord bless in the good work you are doing.

A Brother in Christ,

F. E. Wilson

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Duarte, Calif.—Dear Bro. Pruitt: Greetings to you. May the blessings of heaven rest on you and yours, and the publishing work which is proving to be the work of God as time goes on. I have contacted some of the people who received the last issue of our paper, and they seemed over-joyed at the truth that they learned from the illustration on pages eight and nine. Some who abide in sect holiness came to our home to acknowledge the truth they saw by looking at the picture. One sister who had come out of the Methodist (not because she discerned the body of Christ, but she saw the evil of her sect) had seen the actions of some people who claim to be "Evening Light Saints" and were cast down, but she looked the picture over, read the texts referred to, and received great light. She came to me over-joyed because it (the truth) was made plain to her; and I thought of Ezek. 43:10—"Shew the house to the house" and of verse 11, which reads, "Write it in their sight." You will never know all the good that lesson has done until we get to Glory. —L. E. Daff

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Bellville, Texas—Dear Bro. Pruitt and all saints over the whole world: Greetings in the name of Jesus. I feel blessed, and I thank the Lord I can write my testimony that I am still saved, traveling up the King's Highway with a clean mind to go all the way. The Lord is so good to me I cannot tell it all. I was first saved Feb. 1937. It will soon be four years. Satan tried to ensnare me but the Lord has delivered me out of his hands. I went away from home, but the Lord had His hands upon me and I was constrained to return. I want to serve God at any cost. I have received the Holy Ghost into my heart and since that time I have been lifting up holy hands. I tell all that the Lord is a keeper, He keeps me free and separated from sin each day. Pray much for me, also my husband who is unsaved. He doesn't understand. Pray that the Lord will open his eyes that he might see the way.

Your sister in Christ,

Malinda L. Washington

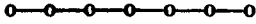
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West Columbia, Tex—Greetings in the name of the Lord: Hope you are still in the best of health and the firing line for our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

I shall never forget the first of your good life papers, "Faith and Victory" that I read. How I was get happy, shout, and cry. Reading those Spirit-filled testimonies of different ones made me hungry for

blessing of holiness; and, thank God, I found it. Now I can say many souls have been saved through my ministry and I thank God that I can give you a great part of the credit for all this too, because your good paper had much to do with my spiritual welfare. So, Brother, God bless you! You're doing good, keep on!!

Your brother in Christ, W. M. Lightford



Mt. Vernon, Mo.—Dear Bro. Pruitt: Just a few lines to let you know I enjoyed all of last year's papers, "Faith and Victory," and may God bless you more abundantly throughout the days to come. Enclosed you will find my subscription price for another year of "Faith and Victory" I send you my love; and may God be good to you dear saints who are doing such a wonderful work.

Please pray for us Christians here. By the help of God, I mean to live true and obey His holy word.

I'm just a young man, 21 yrs. old, and your paper helps me grow in spirit and truth.

Your Christian Brother, Joe Broswell.



WHAT A MIGHTY GOD WE SERVE

We, as God's true children, must consecrate to be faithful unto death, and God will take us through any thing that comes against us.

In Daniel 3rd chapter we read: "Wherefore at that time certain Chaldeans came near, and accused the Jews. They spake and said to the king Nebuchadnezzar, O king, live for ever. Thou, O king, hast made a decree, that every man that shall hear the sound of the cornet, flute, harp, sackbut, psaltery, and dulcimer, and all kinds of musick, shall fall down and worship the golden image: And whoso shall not do so, he shall be cast into the midst of a burning fiery furnace. There are certain Jews whom thou hast set over the affairs of the province of Babylon, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, these men, O king, have not regarded thee: they serve not thy gods, nor worship the golden image which thou hast set up. Then Nebuchadnezzar in his rage and fury commanded to bring Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. Then they brought these men before the king. Nebuchadnezzar spake and said unto them, . . . Do not ye serve my gods, nor worship the golden image which I have set up? . . . If ye worship not, ye shall be cast the same hour into the midst of a burning fiery furnace; and who is that God that shall deliver you out of my hands?" They answered, "O Nebuchadnezzar, we are not careful to answer thee in this matter. If it be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver us out of thine hand, O king. But if not, be it known unto thee, O king, that we will not serve thy gods, nor worship the golden image which thou hast set up. Then was Nebuchadnezzar full of fury . . . therefore he spake and commanded that they should be cast into the furnace one seven times more than it was wont to be heated."

The most mighty men of the army bound them and cast them into the furnace, which was so hot that it slew the men that cast them; but the fire had no power upon the bodies or clothing of the three Hebrews, except to burn off the cords that bound them. The king looked into the furnace and saw "four men loose, walking in the midst of the fire, and they have no hurt; and the form of the fourth is like the Son of God." The king asked them to come out of the furnace. He heaped honors upon them and made a decree that anyone who should speak anything against their God should be punished severely because "there is no other God that can deliver after this sort."

Surely, there is no other god that can deliver like our God. When we are oppressed, we can look up to Him who has never failed to hear our cries. Jesus is the vine and we are the branches, and the Father is the husbandman. He expects us to bring forth fruit for Him, and purges us that we might bring forth more fruit. He told us that we would be tried by fire. Oh, praise our God, who has put a wall of salvation around us and no man is able to pluck us out of our heavenly Father's hands!

By the help of my dear Lord and Saviour, I mean to be like the three Hebrew men. I will serve God and tell the wonderful miracles he has done for me. When we serve Him every day and hour, we have the promise that anything we ask in His name, believing, we shall receive. Praise God, what a mighty God we serve! —Amanda Jones.



SACRIFICE

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son . . ." That was the greatest sacrifice this world has ever known. Then Christ, willing to bear the pain and suffering, willing to sacrifice his life that we might have eternal life, endured the cross, "despising the shame."

Why did God so willingly give his Son, and Christ so willingly give his life? "God so loved the world." It was love. Love is willing to sacrifice. If God made so great a sacrifice for us, shouldn't we willingly and gladly sacrifice for him: ambitions, desires, our will, and give Him our talents and time? Shouldn't we be willing to sacrifice our very lives and put him first, before our own selfish desires? "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God which is your reasonable service." Rom. 12:1.

Has it ever happened in your life that your desire or will conflicted with God's will? Perhaps you planned a day's outing when a very still small voice reminded you of an isolated soul in need of an encouraging letter. You struggled between your desire

to spend the day with friends and putting the Lord's work first. You wanted to bake a cake for dinner when the Lord burdened you to pray. You wanted to sew on a new dress when the Spirit told you to visit a sick neighbor. Did you obey the Spirit's voice or did you say, "I am busy now, some other time, Lord," or "I'll do it later"?

We are surrounded with the duties of life. If he can, Satan will cheat us out of a blessing or the necessary spiritual food by crowding our minds with duties that just must be accomplished. He will reason with you that you haven't time to read and pray because you have a busy day ahead and need every minute. Satan will tell you that you can't bear to see a dirty house, but won't mention that you need to keep the temple of your soul pure. He will remind you of your husband's favorite dish and you can sacrifice extra time to prepare it, but he won't say one word about keeping your soul well fed.

The mother sacrifices for her children, the husband for the wife. Why?—because of love. If we love God as we should, will we not be willing to sacrifice for Him? —Fern Fortner.



**"Work on, work on, nor doubt, nor fear.
From age to age this voice shall cheer:
Whate'er may die or be forgot,
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THE INDIVIDUAL'S RESPONSIBILITY REGARDING BEVERAGE ALCOHOL

Sunday, February 2, 1941

Daily Readings and Meditations
January 27 to February 1

- M. Giving a neighbor drink Hab. 2:15-17.
- T. Our brother's keeper Gen. 4:9-12.
- W. Causing others to stumble Mark 9:38-42
- T. Abstaining from every evil 1 Thess. 5:22-24.
- F. Destroyed by wine Isa. 5:8-13.
- S. When a leader staggers Isa. 28:5-10.

Printed Portion.....Habakkuk 2:15; Genesis 4:9-12; Mark 9:42-48; 1 Thess. 5:22.

Hab. 2:15. Woe unto him that giveth his neighbor drink, that putteth thy bottle to him, and maketh him drunken also, that thou mayest look on their nakedness.

Gen. 4:9. And the Lord said unto Cain, Where is Abel thy brother? And he said, I know not: Am I my brother's keeper?

10. And he said, What hast thou done? the voice of thy brother's blood crieth unto me from the ground.

11. And now art thou cursed from the earth, which hath opened her mouth to receive thy brother's blood from thy hand:

12. When thou tillest the ground, it shall not henceforth yield unto thee her strength; a fugitive and a vagabond shalt thou be in the earth.

Mark 9:42. And whosoever shall offend one of these little ones that believe in me, it is better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and he were cast into the sea.

43. And if thy hand offend thee, cut it off: it is better for thee to enter into life maimed, than having two hands to go into hell, into the fire that never shall be quenched:

44. Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched.

45. And if thy foot offend thee, cut it off: it is better for thee to enter halt into life, than having two feet to be cast into hell, into the fire that never shall be quenched

46. Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched.

47. And if thine eye offend thee, pluck it out: it is better for thee to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye, than having two eyes to be cast into hell fire:

48. Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched.

1 Thess. 5:22. Abstain from all appearance of evil.

Golden Text: "Abstain from every evil." 1 Thess 5:22 R.V.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

One of the world's most practiced mottoes today "Every fellow for himself." Each thinks he has the right to live his own life as he pleases and it be "nobody business." But the fact is, "no man liveth unto himself and no man dieth unto himself;" hence he is reponsible for himself; to others, and above all to God. Since man standards of right and wrong fluctuate and are of little profit, let us be safe and take God's standards, which never change with the customs of men.

Responsibility to self regarding beverage alcohol. If I were following someone, and he should fall over a dangerous obstacle in the road and receive a serious injury, reason would tell me that I should not follow him further and should try to keep others from following him. Then shall I clearly see the lives of others wrecked by the use of alcohol and not abstain from the use of it nor warn others of its evils? People excuse themselves for using it by saying that Christ turned water into wine.

and Paul told Timothy to take a little wine for his stomach's sake. Nothing was said in either case about it being fermented wine, and we well know that this is not the reason that people use it. Facts are: For their own selfish gain, brewers have scattered their advertisements which have made drinking popular, and the poor deceived victims drink because they think it "smart"; some drink to be sociable with others; some drink to drown their troubles (only to create more); some are seeking "thrills"; and some in their youth follow the examples of others who drink. But regardless of the excuse, God's word warns: "Strong drink is raging and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise." It injures your body, breaks down resistance to disease, and weakens your morals. Can God be pleased with this? "We must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that every one may receive the things done in the body according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad. Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord, we persuade men."

Responsibility for others: "Am I my brother's keeper?" You know that God's implied answer to Cain was, "Yes." God holds each one responsible for his influence upon others. Though one is strong enough to never become bound by the drink habit, yet he is obliged by God's law to abstain from using it lest he be a stumbling block and offend a brother's conscience; or lest a weaker one follow his example and become a slave to the habit.

One should be willing to sacrifice anything rather than to run the risk of eternal separation from God.

THE CHRISTIAN'S ATTITUDE TOWARD POSSESSIONS

Sunday, February 9, 1941

Daily Readings and Meditations
February 3 to 8.

- M. The power to get wealth Deut. 8:11-18.
- T. Faithful with little or much Luke 16:10-3.
- W. Lovers of money condemned Luke 16:14-17.
- T. The rich man and Lazarus Luke 16:19-23.
- F. The love of money 1 Tim. 6:6-10.
- S. Beware of covetousness Luke 12:13-15.

Printed Portion Luke 16:10-15, 19-23.

Luke 16:10. He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much: and he that is unjust in the least is unjust also in much.

11. If therefore ye have not been faithful in the unrighteous mammon, who will commit to your trust the true riches?

12. And if ye have not been faithful in that which is another man's, who shall give you that which is your own?

13. No servant can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.

14. And the Pharisees also, who were covetous, heard all these things: and they derided him.

15. And he said unto them, Ye are they which justify yourselves before men; but God knoweth your hearts: for that which is highly esteemed among men is abomination in the sight of God.

19. There was a certain rich man, which was clothed in purple and fine linen, and fared sumptuously every day:

20. And there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, which was laid at his gate, full of sores,

21. And desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man's table: moreover the dogs came and licked his sores.

22. And it came to pass, that the beggar died, and

was carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom: the rich man also died, and was buried;

23. And in hell he lifted up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom.

Golden Text: "Ye cannot serve God and mammon"—
Luke 16:13.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

The instructions in the beginning of today's lesson were left to those who professed to be followers of Jesus.

Even as the world judges, small things constitute almost the whole of life. God will not judge our deeds as small or great, but as right or wrong; therefore it is very important that we live to God in ordinary and small things. Our carefulness to honor God in humble things is stronger proof to others of our sincerity and uprightness than the most noticeable acts or sacrifices. We are here in this world on trial. Nothing can truly be called our own, but all things that we have in our possession are given to us for a short time to prove our faithfulness or unfaithfulness in the way we use them. If the Lord can not entrust us with these things, we are not fit to be entrusted with the great things of the world to come. If possessions here are coveted and sought after for selfish purposes, they become a barrier to our possession of the true riches which are found only in Christ. This was the warning issued to the Laodicean church: "Thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing, and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked: I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich."

The rich man was unfaithful because there was one in need at his very door, while he lived in luxury.

In order to determine whether you are faithful in your use of possessions, ask yourself these questions:

1. Do I use them as though God were the real owner?
2. Do I practice the principle of self-sacrifice?
3. Do I prove that I love my neighbor as myself?

JESUS TEACHES FORGIVENESS AND GRATITUDE

Sunday, February 16, 1941

Daily Readings and Meditations
February 10 to 15.

- M. Jesus teaches forgiveness Luke 17:1-4.
- T. A question asked Matt. 18:21, 22.
- W. "Father, forgive them!" Luke 23:33-38.
- T. Jesus teaches gratitude Luke 17:11-19.
- F. Thanking God always Eph. 5:18-21.
- S. "I thank thee, O Father." Matt. 11:25-27.

Printed Portion Luke 17:1-4, 11-19.

Luke 17:1. Then said he unto the disciples, It is impossible but that offences will come: but woe unto him, through whom they come!

2. It were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and he cast into the sea, than that he should offend one of these little ones.

3. Take heed to yourselves: If thy brother trespass against thee, rebuke him: and if he repent, forgive him.

4. And if he trespass against thee seven times in a day and seven times in a day turn again to thee, saying, I repent; thou shalt forgive him.

11. And it came to pass, as he went to Jerusalem, that he passed through the midst of Samaria and Galilee.

12. And as he entered into a certain village, there met him ten men that were lepers, which stood afar off:

13. And they lifted up their voices, and said, Jesus,

Master, have mercy on us.

14. And when he saw them, he said unto them, Go show yourselves unto the priests. And it came to pass, that, as they went, they were cleansed.

15. And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, and with a loud voice glorified God.

16. And fell down on his face at his feet, giving him thanks: and he was a Samaritan.

17. And Jesus answering said, Were there not ten cleansed? but where are the nine?

18. There are not found that returned to give glory to God, save this stranger.

19. And he said unto him, Arise, go thy way: thy faith hath made thee whole.

Golden Text: "Be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you."—Eph. 4:32.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

Because the natural mind of man does not understand the things of God, a Christian can not expect to live in this world of unregenerated people without persecutions—some through ignorance and some through wilfulness. But the Lord said, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay." A Christian must take his burdens to the Lord and leave them there and yield to no temptation which the devil may present of ill will or hard feelings. Even before one is asked to forgive, he must not entertain an idea of revenging an injury or of hating the offender though he may hold an unfavorable opinion of the person's conduct until forgiveness is asked.

The ten lepers asked and received a great blessing from the Saviour, but the point which should be noticed is that Jesus commended the thankfulness of the one more than the faith of the others. "O that men would praise the Lord for His goodness and His wonderful works to the children of men." Christians should both feel and express their gratitude to God for His blessings. Prayer and faith are necessary, but praise should not be omitted. "O give thanks unto the Lord; call upon his name: make known his deeds among the people."

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JESUS CALLS TO PRAYER

Sunday, February 23, 1941

Daily Readings and Meditations
February 17 to 22.

- M. The unjust judge Luke 18:1-8
T. The Pharisee and publican Luke 18:9-14.
W. Perseverance in prayer Mark 7:24-30.
T. Humility in prayer Matt. 8:5-13.
F. The prayer of faith Mark 9:20-27.
S. A house of prayer Matt. 21:12-16.

Printed Portion Luke 18:1-14.

Luke 18:1. And he spake a parable unto them to this end, that men ought always to pray, and not to faint;

2. Saying, There was in a city a judge, which feared not God, neither regarded man:

3. And there was a widow in that city; and she came unto him saying, Avenge me of mine adversary.

4. And he would not for a while: but afterward he said within himself, Though I fear not God, nor regard man;

5. Yet because this widow troubleth me, I will avenge her, lest by her continual coming she weary me.

6. And the Lord said, Hear what the unjust judge saith.

7. And shall not God avenge his own elect, which cry day and night unto him, though he bear long with

them?

8. I tell you that he will avenge them speedily. Nevertheless when the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth?

9. And he spake this parable unto certain which trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and despised others:

10. Two men went up into the temple to pray; the one a Pharisee, and the other a publican.

11. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, God, I thank thee, that I am not as other men are, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even this publican.

12. I fast twice in the week, I give tithes of all that I possess.

13. And the publican, standing afar off, would not lift up so much as his eyes unto heaven, but smote upon his breast, saying, God be merciful to me a sinner.

14. I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other: for every one that exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted.

Golden Text: "Lord, teach us to pray"— Luke 11:1.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

In this lesson, Jesus teaches the necessity of frequent, persistent, humble, and sincere prayer. When a soul is born of the Spirit of God, it is as natural for it to pray as it is for a baby which is born into this world to cry. But because Satan hates prayer and does all he can to hinder it, it is necessary to learn how to pray.

It was a fault in the unjust judge that importunity was needed to gain from him that which was his duty to give; but God requires importunity for a far different purpose. He delays granting our requests to teach us patience, strengthen our faith, and test our sincerity. Sometimes in His wise mercy He refuses our requests, but it is for our good and not through selfishness.

The Pharisee and publican had come to the same place—the temple—for the same purpose—to pray—and they both addressed the same God about themselves. But one was self-righteous, the other penitent and self-condemned; one was proud, the other humble. The Pharisee compared himself with other men, the publican was only concerned with that which lay between himself and God. One expected to merit God's favor because of his own works, the other only hoped in mercy. "By grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God: Not of works lest any man should boast." One may go through life praying "with himself" and yet be lost. He cannot be saved until he realized his need of salvation.

"I often say my prayers,

But do I ever pray?

And do the wishes of my heart

Go with the words I say?

"I may as well kneel down

And worship Gods of stone,

As offer to the living God

A prayer of words alone;

"For words without the heart

The Lord will never hear;

Nor will he to those lips attend

Whose prayers are not sincere.

"Lord teach me what I want,

And teach me how to pray;

Nor let me ask thee for thy grace

Not feeling what I say."