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I UNDERSTAND (Psa. 50:15)

Hast thou been hungry, child of Mine?
I, too, have needed bread;
For forty days I tasted naught
Till by the angels fed.
Hast thou been thirsty? On the cross
I suffered thirst for thee;
I've promised to supply thy need,
My child, come unto Me.

Perhaps thy way is weary oft,
Thy feet grow tired and lame;
I wearied when I reached the well,
I suffered just the same:
And when I bore the heavy cross,
I fainted 'neath the load;
And so I've promised rest to all
Who walk the weary road.

Doth Satan sometimes buffet thee,
And tempt thy soul to sin?
Do faith and hope and love grow weak?
Are doubts and fears within?
Remember I was tempted thrice
By this same foe of thine;
But he could not resist the Word,
Nor conquer pow'r divine.

When thou art sad and tears fall fast,
My heart goes out to thee,
For I wept o'er Jerusalem—
The place so dear to me:
And when I came to Lazarus' tomb
I wept—my heart was sore;
I'll comfort thee when thou dost weep,
Till sorrows all are o'er.

Do hearts prove false when thine is true?
I know the bitter dart;
I was betrayed by one I loved—
I died of broken heart:

I loved My own, they loved Me not,
My heart was lonely, too;
I'll never leave thee, child of Mine,
My loving heart is true.

Art thou discouraged in thy work?
Doth ministry seem vain?
I ministered midst unbelief,
Midst those with greed of gain:
They would not hearken to my voice
But scoffed with one accord;
Your labor never is in vain
If done unto the Lord.

Have courage, then, My faithful one,
I suffered all the way,
Thy sensitive and loving heart
I understand today;
Whate'er thy grief, whate'er thy care,
Just bring it unto Me;
Yea, in thy day of trouble, call,
I will deliver thee.

—Susanne C. Umlauf.

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THE DESIRES OF THINE HEART

"Delight thyself also in the Lord and He shall give thee the desires of thine heart." Psa. 37:4.

In all my reading and repeating the above verse in my past life, its sweetness was never so appealing as when I chanced to read it thus: From a young lady to her father whose birthday was to soon come to pass: "I do not have anything to send you, but think on this verse: 'Delight thyself also in the Lord and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart.' This verse encourages me when I need anything."

There are deep truths in these words. The word "delight" means to please greatly. Dear fellow-travelers, young and old, if there ever was a time we need to please the Lord or delight in the things that will bring help to ourselves and to this world, it is now. Let us look into our hearts and see how we are progressing. Do we delight to live a real

saint of God wherever our lot may be? Do you delight in going regularly to prayer meeting and praying when you get there? Do you delight in giving, in visiting the sick, etc.? "As much as you have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me." Matt. 25:40. Do we delight to adorn the doctrine of Christ by precept and example—to suffer shame, reproach, afflictions? "If we suffer we shall also reign with him, if we deny him he will also deny us." 2 Tim. 2:12.

These are a few of the many things we must perform that our desires might be granted, which no doubt, are many. Some desire healing of their bodies, some spiritual increase, others may desire success in business, farming, etc. Some need work. The young saints may be desiring the Lord to work out changes in their lives. When you live with an eye single to please the Lord, He will give the desires of your heart. "Then shalt thou delight thyself in the Lord and I will cause thee to ride upon the high places of the earth and feed thee with the heritage of Jacob thy father, for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it." Isa. 58:14. —A worker.

PASSING FROM DEATH UNTO LIFE

Passing from death unto life—it is transition, transformation, transaction, transsubstantiation, transportation, transmission, transfusion, transmutation, transmigration, transfiguration, transportation—all these, and more are not adequate to describe the course of a soul passing from the power of Satan to God, from darkness to light, from the natural to the spiritual, from the earthly to the heavenly, from hatred to love, from "force" to persuasion, from death to life, from hell to heaven, to be with God, to be in God, and God in us. Unexplainable, unexplorable, incomprehensible, unapproachable from the human side or plane of reasoning of the natural man however intelligent or brilliant he may be in worldly wisdom. The world by wisdom knew not God. Wisdom (Jesus) himself said, the wind bloweth where it listeth, thou hearest the sound thereof, but thou canst not tell from whence it cometh and whither it goeth, so is every one that is born of the Spirit (Holy Ghost). Born not of corruptible things as silver and gold; but of incorruptible, even the word of God which liveth and abideth forever, born of faith and love, better felt than told, beyond power to express, human tongue can never tell, language cannot express it, fellowship with God, contact with angels, partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust, sons of God, heirs of God and joint heirs with Jesus Christ; and as many as received him (Jesus) to them gave he power to become the sons of God, which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of man,

nor of the will of the flesh, but of God. Wherefore He is not ashamed to call them brethren. Exalted position, high place, holy place, sacred place with God, like God, as God—as He is, so are we in this world: in it, but not of it. The light of the world, we shine as lights in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation. The generation of Jesus Christ, risen to declare it, called of God and chosen. Blessed is the man whom thou (God) chooseth and causeth to approach unto thee,—kings and priests, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable by (or through) Jesus Christ. The soul of man, ignorant of God (a heathen knows nothing as he ought to know) converted, saved (born again), filled with light and wisdom, knowledge of the Most High, the Word of God put in their minds and written in their hearts, their Father is God, and they one of His family, the kingdom of God (the place where God dwells among His people, the New Jerusalem, Mount Zion, the city of God, the heavenly Jerusalem, the "church" of God on earth connected by love and faith with the "family" in heaven)—what a tremendous distance traversed in so short time! One hour under condemnation unto death; and another, justified by faith—"Peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ," an heir of God, possessor of ETERNAL LIFE.

Transition—a passing from death unto life, and kept by the power of God.

Transformation—and you hath he quickened who were dead in trespasses and sin. The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life. Sin kills beyond the tomb; yet, by grace are ye saved through faith, and that (faith) not of yourself, it is the gift of God. Be not conformed but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind—refreshed, revived, quickened, invigorated, energized, strengthened by might in the inner man, changed from glory to glory, carried by the Spirit from rebellion to submission to the whole will of God.

Translation—to reveal, to make plain that which is otherwise hidden or mysterious; interpretation, in other words. As Elijah was translated (bodily) from earth to heaven, even so we (in spirit) are translated from regions of darkness (ignorance) to realms of light, wisdom, knowledge, understanding what the will of the Lord is. As Enoch was translated that he should not see literal death, even so, we are translated that we should not see spiritual death—out of the kingdom of Satan, into the kingdom of God's dear Son.

Transubstantiation—act of converting one substance into another, such as taking a vessel "fitted unto wrath" and destruction and making it fit for the Master's use; actually changing the character or nature from evil, to love the things that are good, fit for the company of angels, the society of heaven, passed from death unto life and caused to love the brethren, all who are like minded.

Transportation—conveyance from one station to another; soul lifted up to ride on the high places, to sit in heavenly places in Christ Jesus.

I then rode on the sky, freely justified I;
Nor did envy Elijah his seat,

My glad soul mounted higher, in a chariot of fire
And the moon it was under my feet.

Transmission—to pass on from one body to another. As the children of Israel passed from Egyptian bondage to Canaan's freedom, we pass from a state of sin and degradation to a state of holiness, purity, righteousness, fellowship with God; in our soul springs up a well of water (everlasting life) and out of our soul flows forth rivers of living water for the healing of the nations, transmitting power (faith) to others that they in turn may pass it on to succeeding generations of men. A veritable "power line" in every way.

Transfusion—as like begets likeness, even so, we pass the good news along. As an open confession is good for the soul, so we confess that we are sinners, get pardon from God, go on our way rejoicing, blessing mankind, refreshing the parched and barren souls of men.

Transmutation, Transmigration—to migrate from one country to another. Even so, Soul goes on a journey from surroundings mixed and confused conditions to freedom, peace, joy, and satisfaction. As truly as Abraham was called out from among his kindred, home, and surroundings of a lifetime, so we are called to walk in all lowliness and meekness, having the engrafted word which is able to save our souls.

Transfiguration—letting the glory shine out through us as with Christ when even His clothes were white and glistening. God's Word is a lamp unto our souls to shine out through vessels of clay, to lighten the path of others in darkness. In his light we see light, and work out our salvation with fear and trembling.

O, the depth of the riches, both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and his ways past finding out. O, the kindness and love of God our salvation, to men. Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us by the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Ghost, which he shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Lord. Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved. Ye must be born again.

—C. Z. Stonecypher.

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TRAIN UP A CHILD

After looking into the Word of God, prayerfully meditating, I feel impressed to write a few words on child training to help our future generation to become more godly in this present world. We see a

great number of children born into the world today, which is according to the Word of God in Gen 3:16.

The Word of God says, "Train up a child in the way that he should go, and even when he is old, he will not depart from it." I am afraid this child training is not started soon enough in some cases. When you compromise with children, it makes them expect you to do it the next time, and they will soon lose confidence in you. Let your no be NO, and your yes be YES.

We notice Hannah sacrificed Samuel to the Lord before he came into this world. She prayed and tarried before the Lord and gave Samuel to Him. Young people, you who are parents, give your children to the Lord as Hannah and Elkanah did. Both should pray much and put their children on the altar, for this is the will of God. Be careful what your conversations are, or what example you set before each other, and children, and the harvest of the Lord will be continually on the increase, or we will be making tools for the devil. I am more interested in the youth of the nation than ever before. We see boys and girls going down to destruction for the lack of home training and it burdens our hearts.

I am very glad mother did not compromise with me when I got out in sin and in trouble. She told me that she had taught me better and that I would have to pay for my own disobedience. The price was great, but I received great and precious lessons to my soul. It helped me to see myself. Prayers ascended to God in my behalf, and He heard them. The Spirit of God led me out of darkness into wonderful light of the gospel of Jesus Christ. Today, my soul is rejoicing in the God of my salvation. I have been washed in the blood of the Lamb.

—Lewis Williams.

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SOME THINGS TO AVOID

The Christian is to avoid some things. He is to flee away from the love of money. See 1 Tim. 6:11. Not only is he to flee the love of money, but the love of everything that money will purchase. To love the things that money will buy is equal to loving money. "Shun profane and vain babblings" (2 Tim. 2:16). "Abstain from all appearance of evil" (1 Thess. 5:22). "Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world" (1 John 2:15). A member of a certain church who had gotten intoxicated was called before a church council. He expressed his sorrow and shame and promised to do so no more and begged forgiveness of the church. The pastor told him that he was forgiven by the church; "But," said the pastor, "I advise you to change your hitching post. You are hitching too close to the drink-shop." It is dangerous to park too close to the world. Flee away.

—C. E. Orr

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Editorials

Easter Sunday was a blessed day for the saints here at Guthrie. The weather was unfavorable, being cloudy, windy and with some rain; yet the saints came in from different directions and filled up the building. Our fellowship together was sweet, heavenly, and pure. Some one remarked, "The saints are the best people in the world." Why shouldn't they be, for their life is from heaven and they are in this world but not of the world. Jesus says, "Ye are the salt of the earth." The saints are the preserving element here. If it were not for them, God would set fire to this old world and all men with the earth and all things therein would be burned up. 2 Peter 3:10.

The presence of the Lord was very precious, and the Sunday School which convened at 9:45 was well attended. The Lord made the lessons precious to our souls. The morning message was very refreshing and delivered under the anointing from heaven. Two came to the altar for help from God, and declared that God had satisfied their souls.

The sisters had prepared a bounteous dinner from the good things that God has provided, and it was spread in the dining hall where all were invited to help themselves. With thankful hearts to God, all partook of this food to the satisfying of the outer man.

At 2:30 p. m., the saints were again assembled at the chapel and listened to another message which fed our souls and caused rejoicing in the Lord. Following this service, the ordinances of Feet-washing and the Lord's Supper were observed. The saints were all happy as they washed one another's feet according to the command of the Lord found in the 13th chapter of St. John. After Jesus had washed the disciples' feet and had given us an example, he said to the disciples, "Ye also ought to wash one another's feet." In the 17th verse, he said, "If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them." True to the Word of God, the saints find happiness from heaven in washing one another's feet.

The partaking of the bread and wine was a very solemn ordinance service, and as the saints were seated for this service, our minds were filled with the thoughts of Christ's broken body and of his spilled blood, which sacrifice brought this great salvation to us. We all realized with deep gratitude to God that it was "His righteousness" that brought redemption to us; and that our sins was the cause of his wounded, striped, and broken body, while His precious, innocent, life's blood flowed freely for the covering and cleansing of our souls. The unleavened loaf of bread represented his body. When it was broken, it represented his broken body. When the saints each took a portion of this broken body, they represented that they had become members of his

body, and that they were those that eat his flesh (see John 6:51). The unfermented wine represented his innocent blood. As the saints supped of the wine, they represented themselves as being "new creatures" through the blood, and as those who drink his blood (John 6:54, 55) having life from heaven, showing forth his death till he come (1 Cor. 11:26).

When Christ was here on earth, he lived in a fleshly body, but wicked men broke that body and planted it in the earth. It has become like a "corn of wheat," as it has brought forth much fruit (John 12:24): Christ is living again in his saints, each one is a member in particular and all the members make up the complete spiritual body of Christ living in the flesh. Hence Paul says, "We are members of his body, of his flesh, and of his bones." Eph. 5:30. In the 12th chapter of First Corinthians, he uses the literal body of man to represent the family of God, or body which is the Church, and shows that each of us are just members in that body, and not the whole body. It takes all the members to make the complete body. How tender and loving we ought to be toward one another, seeing that we are all one body. When you offend one member in his body, you are offending Christ. How can you expect the love of God to remain in your heart when you are offending and setting at naught some members in his body.

Paul puts great stress on us discerning the "Lord's body" and he says, if we eat of the bread and drink of the wine, unworthily, we eat and drink damnation to ourselves, not discerning the Lord's body. (1 Cor. 11:29). And he said, "For this cause many are weak and sickly among you, and many sleep."

Brethren and sisters, if you allow envy, jealousy, strife, or ill-feeling to linger in your soul and then partake of the Lord's supper, you are not discerning the Lord's body, for none of those things are in his body, and your soul will become sickly. I think I can hear some preacher say, "I am not sickly, for I am very active and strong." All sickness does not work the same. There was a man that came to our house one time who had the "Walking Typhoid Fever." He was very active and seemed to be strong, but the children were afraid of him. We looked upon him with much speculation, as he was a very active fellow. Some preachers seem to be very active and strong, but the little ones are afraid of them, and others look upon them with much speculation and wonder, and he has a tendency to scatter the flock. There are others who have a sickness and seem to be normal at times and then suddenly they are taken with a spasm. Then beware! for they will belch forth much unwise, earthly flavored stuff, and poison all around, causing havoc and bringing shame and disgrace upon the church. There is another sickness called, "devil possession." The object gets

filled with religious devils, and O, how strong they are and what great sermons they can preach.. Many will say of them, "This is the great power of God," and will take almost any kind of abuse and follow on thinking they are doing God's service and are following an angel from heaven. Those afflicted in this way will often become so stout that many innocent lambs are crushed and others are put to confusion, and the congregations they visit will generally resemble a city which has been struck by a cyclone. All of these things may have started back some place when they partook of the Lord's Supper, having envy, jealousy, and strife in their hearts, or perhaps had done their brother a wrong and had smoothed it over and covered it up without confessing the wrong and clearing it up, and by so doing, it was proof that they did not discern the Lord's body, for none of those things are in the body.

The Sunday night service was also greatly blessed of God as the Word went forth clearly and plainly and the Holy Ghost did His office work in convicting and drawing. As a result, there were six at the altar of prayer to get help from God. As they called upon God and the saints prayed, the Lord gave them the desire of their hearts, to which they testified.

The revival Spirit of God was working and it seemed good to all of us to continue the meeting from night to night as the Lord was leading.



Bro. George W. Stephenson, who is pastoring the little flock at Minneapolis, Minn. has been visiting with the saints here at Guthrie for a few weeks. He is zealous for the cause of God, and is given up to do God's will at any cost. The Lord has been using him to give us some good, wholesome truths. He left on April 18th for Minneapolis where he will resume God-given duties as an overseer of the Church of God which Christ has washed in his own blood.

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Obituaries

Sister Ida Daniels was born at Scattsville, Ky. July 4, 1880; departed this life January 17, 1941 at San Bernardino, Calif. She and her husband lived in California about twenty-two years.

Sister Daniels was saved a number of years ago, and was baptized in the Church of God. She lived a consistent life until the time of her death. She had been afflicted about a year. At different times she received help in answer to prayer. She was patient and kind, and trusted the Lord. But our heavenly Father, in His great wisdom, called her home. She leaves a husband and two sons, and many friends who miss her pleasant smile.

Funeral services were conducted by the writer, assisted by Bro. L. E. Davy and others in the beautiful memorial parlors, which were well filled by a listening audience. The text used was Heb. 9:27 and Rev. 20:6.

Emma Holden Cage.

Sister Sarah Emmaline Carn was born at Athens, Tenn. April 22, 1856. Was united in marriage to Bro. John E. Wilson at the age of 16. Bro. and Sister Wilson moved from Tenn. to Dade County, Mo. and settled on a farm near Dadeville, Mo. sixty-three years ago.

To this union, eleven children were born, seven boys and four girls. Those that survive besides her husband, are Arthur, Benton, Fred, and Orval Wilson of Greenfield, Mo., John W. of Springfield, Mo., S. H. Wilson of Drumright, Okla., Mrs. Sarah Neoma Barker and Mrs. Golden Grace of Laverne, Okla., and Mrs. Lucy Twentier of Lyman, Okla., 37 grandchildren, 57 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild; one sister, Mrs. Allace Brown of Tulsa, Okla. Two children preceded her in their infancy.

Sister Wilson was converted early in life and accepted this present truth of the church of God in 1895.

She was a kind friend, a devoted wife, loving mother, and a true Christian, which is the greatest tribute that can be paid to anyone.

Text: Proverbs 31:23, 31. Other scriptures used were Rev. 14:12, 13; 1 Cor. 15:35, 58.

Service conducted by writer, —R. M. Porter.

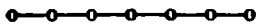


A CAR TO BE GIVEN AWAY

Would you like to have a car?
Could you do without a car?

In Philippians 2:4, we read, "Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others." There are many people who do not properly understand this scripture, and think that the apostle meant for them to look on the other man's things and try to get them away from him and possess them themselves. I am persuaded that the scripture has no such meaning. The true meaning of this scripture is that you should not put all your time in seeing that you have your wants abundantly supplied, but that you should look on the things that your fellowman has, and see that he is supplied with his needs. If you find him to be in need, you should put forth effort to supply him.

The saints are getting a fund together to buy a car for Bro. and Sister O. B. Wilson of Shawnee, Okla. Just make them a gift of a good car to use in the service of the Lord. They have been serving God for years and have stood true to God through the many storms of life and now they are not able to get around as well as in past years. It is over a mile from their home to the meeting house where he is pastor, and it is hard on them to have to walk that distance. Besides, they have numerous calls to visit the sick and to perform many other pastoral duties. They need a car, and I am persuaded that God wants them to have one. You may send your offerings for this car directly to Bro. O. B. Wilson, 728 N. Union, Shawnee, Okla., or to Faith Publishing House, Guthrie, Okla. and it will be used to purchase your Brother and Sister Wilson a car. The Lord will not forget to bless and reward you. "Let no man seek his own, but every man another's wealth" 1 Cor. 10:21.



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We are in need of a good supply of the "Select Hymn" song books. If any one has some of these used song books, just let us know and we shall be glad to purchase them from you. We also desire to purchase books that were published by the Gospel Trumpet Co. prior to 1910. Let us know what you have in this line. Address Faith Pub. House, Guthrie, Okla.

CAMP MEETING NOTICE

The 34th annual campmeeting of the Church of God will be held on the general southern camp ground at Hammond, La., beginning June 27th to continue over the next two Sundays, ending July 6th.

Saints and lovers of the truth are all welcome. Sleeping quarters will be provided on the ground and in homes near by, and meals will be served in the dining room. Those coming should bring straw ticks and bed linens if possible.

We expect Spirit-filled, God-sent ministers to be here to expound the Word.

We trust the Lord to supply the financial needs by free will offerings as heretofore. Any one who has fruit, vegetables, or any other food, or money which they wish to donate may bring or send same, and anything will be thankfully received.

See June issue of "Faith and Victory" for further particulars, or write to Chas. H. Bailey, Box 688; or R. J. Forbes, Box 543, Hammond, La. —Mr. & Mrs Ray Key, Box 370, Hammond, La.

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A WORTH-WHILE LEGACY

"And it came to pass, when they were gone over, that Elijah said unto Elisha, ask what I shall do for thee, before I be taken away from thee. And Elisha said, I pray thee, let a double portion of thy spirit be upon me. And he took the mantle of Elijah that fell from him, and smote the waters, and said, Where is the LORD God of Elijah? And when he also had smitten the waters, they parted hither and thither and Elijah went over." (2 Kings 2:9, 14.)

Praise the Lord for the wonderful thoughts that come to us from reading this portion of the word of God. Such things are of much concern and interest to the truly awakened soul. Lord, let our souls be more fed on these choicest viands! Let a double portion of thy spirit be upon me! Oh, what a noble desire that was of Elisha! What a blessed desire it would be today! But men are desiring everything else except even a single portion of God's Spirit. For, however one may look at it, it was God's beautiful Spirit that was doing these wonderful things through Elijah, that had so captivated Elisha. It is heart sickening to behold, today, what kind of a spirit the multitudes are crying for.

They are really crying for a double portion of Satan's spirit and do not know it (1 John 2:16, Jas. 4:4). It is a daily and hourly thing that men are saying, by words or actions, "Where is the god of this world?" But how many, like Elisha, do we hear crying, "Where is the Lord God of Elijah?"

I say not this to censure; but, oh, that I might be able to provoke some one to hunger after God. It is appalling to see the oncoming grimace of disappointment that is stalking down the hill slope of time to overtake, in such an hour as they think not (Matt. 24:44), the devotees of the god of this world.

But all this could be avoided and mankind could in-

herit the legacy, the deliverance he is going to some day want. If he would begin to cry, "Where is the Lord God of Elijah?" and then serve Him in truth and uprightness. What disposition are you going to make of your soul? Have you only spent your time and life here (and perhaps the one who is now reading this can see and feel the cold, icy fingers of death tightening down upon him) getting ready to live instead of getting ready to die? Will this give you satisfaction in the end? There is a day coming, my dear friend, when you will have nothing to stand upon. Will the preacher's funeral oration save you? Will the epitaph upon your tomb (though the dangerous words "Court of honor" be written upon it) save you? The prophet Isaiah asks us (Isa. 10:3) "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, if you have not already, I would urge you to ask for the "Lord God of Elijah," as Elisha did, without delay.

—J. H. Pierson.

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"Give And It Shall Be Given You"

There seems to be a slackness on the part of the dear saints on the line of giving. The enemy knows how happy a soul is that gives freely. That is why he reasons with us when we purpose to give to the cause of God. I am afraid the devil reasons us out of the joy we would get by giving freely. The enemy will show us a dozen things we need and tell us we have nothing to give.

I was in the Post Office some time ago, and had a dollar which I had purposed to give. The dear Lord impressed me who needed it, and the devil began to tell me I couldn't give it. He said I needed it. I never had such a great battle over a little thing. The dear Lord showed me who to send it to. I put it in a letter and didn't write a word. I don't believe I ever got such a blessing before. I let the enemy reason me out of a dollar one time and I lost it before I reached home. That taught me that it pays to obey the dear Lord. "It is more blessed to give than to receive." Acts 20:35.

If we will give, we will have to give. I believe the dear Lord talks to us today if we stay humble where He can tell us just what to give and to whom we should give it. Let us examine ourselves and see if we are doing our duty along this line. God loves a cheerful giver. People are so concerned about a fine home and everything modern. Let us be willing to live in a shack if the dear Lord wants us to, in order to make heaven our home. We don't need much here; we have a mansion up there. Praise His dear name.

Pray for me, that I may do my duty in all things.

—Laura Powell.

REPROOF AND INSTRUCTION

The dress question and the training of children have much to do with the happiness of our homes, the welfare of the church, and the stronghold of our nation. Many mothers of today are willingly and knowingly ignoring God's inspired Word (1 Tim. 2:9) by going out in scanty attire and allowing their innocent girls to do the same, with bare limbs. I believe with all my heart that immodesty is the most prevalent sin of our day. Invariably, the mother has the greater influence in the home. Therefore, whatsoever the character or conduct of the child, as a rule, will be the reproduction of the teaching and influence of mother while at home. They go out from home with fixed ideas as to what is morally wrong or right. I am made to wonder what kind of mothers will these little neglected half-clad girls make. We are told that "the nation's stronghold is the home." Then how strong will our nation be whose teaching comes from homes with improper discipline or none at all? Mothers, wake up; for if the home is the stronghold of the nation, then for God's sake, your own soul's sake, and that of your child, teach her modesty, protect her now before too late. The greatest protection God has ever given woman is her modesty, which is the greatest God-given charm that He has ever bestowed on woman. Then why abuse that most priceless God-given gift? 1 Cor. 11:15. If a woman have long hair, it is a glory to her; then if she bobs her hair, she is shorn of her glory, is she not? Is there anything modest about that? She is not only breaking God's law, but is giving occasion to the adversary to speak reproachfully (1 Tim. 5:14). To be wholly sanctified means to abstain from all evil and all appearance of evil—that which appears or looks like evil. Sometimes we preach, pray, and exhort, no one comes to the altar. Why? We need only to look around the house for the cause. Sometimes we see professed saints, sisters, mothers exposing bare limbs, etc., which is anything but modest for young men and boys to look at, arouse passions that drive some to desperation. Homes are broken up, rape, and murder follow in the wake of such careless undressed conditions, and who is to blame? Ask yourself this question. Some that used to disdain the wearing of socks by little girls now submit to the worldly style (some, however, to have peace in the home). "Oh, consistency, thou art a jewel!"

But worse than that, mothers allow their little girls who are even approaching their teens to go out nearly nude—their limbs bare with skirts (?) so short that when they stoop over reveal altogether too much. I have in mind some young girls that died with quick consumption because of the negligence of their mothers who failed to properly clothe them in times or periods, when if ever in life they

needed mother's care and advise, it was then. Modern dress and woman's insane worshipping of the idol style are responsible for the major portion of the crimes committed through vaunted sex appeal. When you adopt suggestive styles conducive to boldness and immorality, you create an impression on the baser sort. Many young women complain of being insulted on the street. Who is to blame?

While a railroad man in the east, sitting on my engine, going through cities and towns, in some places I had to go through the red light district. The red lights in the windows indicate the character of the inmates. Men of low character could be seen around these places. One time a woman living in an adjoining house put a red light in her window, supposedly to see what the effect would be. The result was, she had some visitors that she had to call help to get rid of. Who was to blame? Herself, no one else. The same with some of our innocent girls today. By putting on these ungodly garments, patterns from the Paris under world, or in other words, hanging out signs that cause young men and boys to think that they are just a common "loose Jane" (as they express it) who expects to be insulted. Women who abbreviate the dress, sometimes want you to believe it is to economize on material. Eve was the tempter and the modern dress is making women true daughters of Eve, so the Adams can truthfully say, the woman did tempt me with their nakedness and disobedience, and become a cause for shame. It is claimed that the fall of every nation can be traced back to the decline of its womanhood.

Many times have we got up and changed our seat because of the free exhibition of knees plus? Existing conditions among professors is the answer to the question, "Why do we not see more healing done?" But in spite of all the above, God has a clean, pure church ready for heaven, purified made white and tried without spot or wrinkle, ready to be revealed. Thank God, I am a Christian because of my dear mother's teaching and training, Amen.

Mother dear, when I am done with time and things down here,
I'll meet you in that glory land, and join that happy, happy band.

Should any of your children miss it and go to hell,
They can not say you did not teach or treat them well.

—G. E. Harmon

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ONE WAY

An artist drew a picture of Christ standing, knocking on the door of a mansion. A man stood just inside the door. The artist called a friend and asked him if he could see anything wrong with the picture. His friend answered that there was only one knob on the door and that on the inside. He

asked how Christ could come in. "He can't come in," said the artist, "unless the man on the inside opens the door and lets him come in."

Rev. 3:20 says, "Behold, I stand at the door and knock: if any man hear my voice and open the door [heart's door] I will come in to him and will sup with him." Friend, is Jesus knocking at your heart's door for entrance? If so, why don't you let him in, for you are the only one that can open up your heart's door and let Him in.

"He that cometh unto me, I will in no wise cast out." "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden and I will give you rest." "There is no peace, saith the Lord, unto the wicked." "The wicked are like the troubled sea, when it cannot rest, whose waters cast up mire and dirt."

"Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him: and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon."

Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth and the life; no man cometh unto the Father but by me," "I am the door, by me if any man enter in he shall be saved," "Neither is there salvation in any other. For there is no other name under heaven given among men whereby we must be saved."

—Ray H. Freeman.

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Hammond, La.—Greetings to all the dear saints in Jesus' name: I feel that it would be to the glory of God for me to write my testimony. I am truly glad that I can report victory in my soul tonight over all the sins and evils of this old world. Jesus is my Savior, Sanctifier, Healer, and Keeper, and I am encouraged to press on and fight the good fight of faith and make heaven my home. I surely do love the dear saints, and I enjoy their good testimonies in the "Faith and Victory."

The Lord surely has been precious to my soul, and I feel His sweet presence, and as I write, my cup is running over with the joys of God's salvation. It is wonderful how the Lord has been blessing husband and me, and providing for our needs. We expect to trust Him to supply all our needs for both soul and body, also our financial need. We are striving each day to lay up our treasures in heaven where moth nor rust doth corrupt and where thieves do not break through nor steal; "for where your treasure is, there will your heart be also."

Dear ones, pray for me, as I have trials and tests and need grace and patience. I want to prove faithful at any cost.

Your sister in the one body,

Mrs. Audrey (Buttram) Baumgartner.

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Champaign, Ill.—Dear Saints: Greetings in Jesus' name. I surely enjoy the "Faith and Victory" paper, and I am sure the "Evening Light Watchman" was God's plan. I have only found the evening light in the past eighteen months, and how precious it is to me!

I am still on a bed of affliction and cannot meet with the church very much, but I am looking to God for healing. Pray to that end. Also pray much for some problems confronting my family.

Yours in His name,

Sister Mack.

◆ « Young People's Section » ◆

A QUESTION

Ye watchmen and workers
In Zion's fair field,
Are you working together
As in prayer you kneel?

Do you know the condition
Of your harvest field?
Are you out on your mission?
What will be your yield?

Or is there discouragement
Hid away in your breast
That will keep you from working
And doing your best?

—Ethel K. Miles.

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Editorials

God's blessings attend those who obey His commands. The blessing is not in the knowing of them, but in the doing of them. "Happy are ye if ye do them." Our love is shown to the Lord by the way we respond to His known will for us. Service through love is not burdensome, therefore His commandments are not grievous to those who love Him. What perfect peace and rest abides when one knows he is doing the will of God! Mortal man can never find a happier state this side of heaven. As Bunyan would say, we would be "fools of very great size" to turn away or refuse Him who has been and is so interested in our soul's welfare beyond this world.

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In late years, the millennial teachers have emphasized their theory that Christ failed to set up His kingdom (literal kingdom, as they suppose) at His first advent and that His kingdom is in postponement until His future coming. Furthermore, they point to a restored Roman Empire, during which time Christ will come and set up His "literal" kingdom, dethroning Mussolini who, they say, is to be the world-dominating antichrist. Such far-fetched theories certainly appear very weak when we know the facts that Mussolini's so-called Roman Empire is being torn to shreds and he is fast losing popularity among his own people. What great blindness and error! The spirit of antichrist was already working in Paul's day; for he says, the "mystery of iniquity doth already work." John says, "Even now are there many antichrists." Jesus instituted and organized a spiritual kingdom at His first coming, and

men have been pressing into it ever since, through repentance and remission of sins. "The kingdom of God is not meat and drink"—not a literal kingdom. The Bible nowhere suggests that Christ will ever set up a literal kingdom on this earth. When time shall end, God's people will be taken to heaven—the eternal home of the saints.

"Now, Faithful, play the man, speak for thy God:
Fear not the wicked's malice, nor their rod.
Speak boldly, man, the truth is on thy side:
Die for it, and to Life in triumph ride." —L. D. P.

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Adair, Okla.—Dear Readers: Greetings. It has been quite some time since I have written to all of you. Some are wondering where I am since my testimony hasn't appeared. I want to tell you that I am in the way called strait, going forward, living to the best of my knowledge, encouraged to press onward and upward. I can't begin to tell all the blessings the good Lord bestows on us, so I just tell you He is good to me. I learn more how to trust Him, and He bears my burdens for me when they get heavy.

My burdens have been heavy and the cross I met seemed too great to bear, but the scripture that reads, "He is a present help in time of need" is true. We just can't express in words how good the Lord is to those who love and obey. When the cross is heavy and the burdens press and we sink to our knees beneath the load, our song turned into prayer and tears (let the merry heart sing Psalms, let the afflicted pray), the Lord quickly comes to our rescue, takes our burdens and gives us a song. How many of us would take other people's cares, difficulties, hardships, and give them the pleasures we enjoy if it could be done?

If we remember that earth has no sorrow that heaven cannot heal, we wouldn't feel so bad about the crosses we meet along the way.

Let us all take courage, heaven is not far off.
Pray for me.

I remain your sister in the Church, Selma Hiebert.

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DEATH

The very thought of death gives us a feeling of horror and makes our natural "self" shrink from the grave. When we visit a cemetery or a place where many have been laid to rest, it makes our hearts heavy; and sometimes we are impressed with the thought, "What is life after all? It seems as if we linger just a very short time on earth, and then all our accomplishments, fame, and honor is partially subdued in the grave." We feel as though today we live and tomorrow we have an appointment to meet with the chilly hand which summons us to the vast region beyond the river of death. This is the feeling of people who have no hope beyond this life.

On the other hand, if we have made preparation

for death, not only by our good works, but by really experiencing a heart-felt salvation and giving our talents and time to the Master's use, we have a feeling of security even though death should suddenly take us. We feel as if "to live is Christ, and to die is gain." We rather feel happy when we see the time nearing for our departure from this life. If we have our treasures and hopes stored in heaven "where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal," we feel as though heaven holds all for us. We are as pilgrims and strangers in the earth and are just passing through to a better land, where we shall know no sorrow and God shall wipe all tears from our eyes. When we have this hope, we really get homesick for heaven and feel no horror or fear when death approaches us, "for we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens."

Life is uncertain, but death is sure. Death is an appointment we must meet whether we have made preparation or not. Death not only takes old people, but it takes babes and young people who have just started out to have a good time and gain a name of honor. So let us prepare to meet God so that death will not overtake us unawares. God will have the last word with us, and I sincerely hope that all will have the pleasure of hearing him say, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant, Enter into the joys of thy Lord."

—Ruby Doolittle.

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CORRESPONDENCE

Scio, Ore.—Dear Bro. and Sister Pruitt: May the Lord bless you and keep you true and ever humble is my prayer. Tonight finds me still saved and trusting in the Lord for all things. He is so good to us.

I am having lots of trouble with my eyes. Will the saints all please be in an agreement with me that the Lord will give me good eyes to read his word, and for the duties of life? I want the saints also to pray for my papa's eyes. He thinks he is about to go blind, but we know the Lord is able to give him his sight. He is living for the Lord.

We are praying and planning for a campmeeting this summer.

Your sister in the one body, Emma Busch.

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Lincoln, Nebr.—Dear Bro. and Sister in Jesus: Please forgive me for not writing sooner. Some time past I wrote you, asking you good saints to pray for me. And praise the dear Lord, I was healed. I have been working since that time. I am trusting in His dear name. I am sending some money; not much but do put it where you need it to help the Lord's work.

May the Lord help you in your work. Please pray for me that I may get closer to my Saviour.

Sister McMahon.

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Caruthers, Calif.—Dear Brother and Sister Pruitt: I like your paper fine. I heartily agree with you in belief. I am an ex-bartender. Less than five years ago

I was a bartender at my own bar. From reading the New Testament, I found the Lord Jesus Christ. His blood made me whole. I was over 40 years old, and had hardly gone to church at all. I didn't know one from another. I commenced to go to one then another trying to find one I would be satisfied with. I finally joined the Pilgrim Holiness, but there was so much worldliness in it that I withdrew and went to the Nazarenes. They got so bad I left them, and now I am not a member of any man-made organization, and never will join another one; but can testify, I know my name is written in heaven, praise God.

May the Lord bless you and yours in your work, and keep you true till He comes, which time I think will soon come. Yours in His precious name, F. C. Tarlton.

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Charlottesville, Va.—Dear Brother Pruitt, greetings in Jesus' name: I am glad I can report victory over sin and the devil by the grace and help of the dear Lord. I can't praise and thank Him enough for the way He has kept me in His precious Word, and the way He has supplied my needs and has kept me well in body. I have presented my body to him a living sacrifice, and my desire is to do what he has for me to do. I am scorned and criticized on every hand, for which I praise and thank God. Our dear Lord suffered the same way, and I am willing to suffer anything he wants me to by the grace and help of the Lord. Without Him we can do nothing. My heart's desire is for my life to be a lamp to lead someone to Christ. My life is open to the world. I think the only Bible most of the sinners read today is the life of a Christian.

Pray for my unsaved family, and that God will guide me and help me to do His will. I want to always be humble and obedient to His word. Write me when you can. I remain a sister in the one body,

Mrs. J. J. Shouse

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Newport, Tenn.—Dear Bro. and Sis. Pruitt: I surely enjoy your paper, "Faith and Victory." I believe you are teaching the clean, Holy Bible way; and that is the only true way. I love all the saints of God and would be so glad if I could make my home with a holy Christian family. I am a homeless widow and my health is not so very good in some ways. I want all the saints of God to pray for our blessed Lord to heal my body for His glory if it is His will. And pray for a good Christian home to be opened up for me. I would be glad to hear from some saints of God making me welcome in their home.

God bless you all, Route 2 Mrs. L. E. Reinhardt

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Osyka, Miss.—Dear Bro. Pruitt, Greetings in Jesus' dear name: I want to tell, by the help of the Lord, of His goodness to me. I have had one of my fingers mashed. I hit the end of my index finger on my left hand with a hammer, bursting the end of my finger. It mashed about two-thirds of the nail off. This happened about six weeks ago. I asked the Lord to take the pain away, and I can thank and praise His holy name, He did answer my prayer. I only had one pain after that. It felt like a knife or something stuck in it, lasting about as long as it would take you to snap your fingers. About two weeks after, I hurt it, the end of my finger looked like it would rot off. But I held on to the Lord, knowing he was going to heal it. A few days later, it began to look better, so I let some of the men on the job see it. It was the first time they had seen it since the day I hurt it. Some of them tried to

talk me into going to the doctor or to use some kind of healing powder. I told them no, the Lord would heal it completely when he got ready.

Thank the Lord, it is completely well now. The Bible teaches us that Jesus healed all manner of sickness and affliction when he was on earth. It also says, "He is the same yesterday, today, and for ever." That is enough to prove to us that He can heal today if we live for Him and trust Him.

Your Brother in Christ,

Clyde Lea.

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San Diego, Calif.—Greetings in Jesus name: I truly thank God for salvation this morning, and for a determination in my soul to go all the way with Jesus. Pray for me that I will be all he would have me to be. God bless and encourage your hearts and strengthen your bodies that you may be able to carry on in the Lord's work. We had a ten nights meeting here in San Diego, closed last Sunday. It was a good meeting. Bro. Miles was in the meeting and was in my home part of the time. He is surely a true saint of God.

I am not so well in body and am asking you folks to stand agreed for the healing of my body and for the healing of my daughter, who is in very poor health. She is not saved, but I am looking to the Lord for the healing of her body.

Your sister in Christ,

Mrs. Lena O'Malley

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Rawkawlin, Mich.—Greetings in Jesus' dear name to all: Dear beloved ones in Christ Jesus, I have wanted very much to write to you about the "Faith and Victory" paper. I have been helped by that paper you sent me some time ago.

I am a shut-in sister and sin shut out. I am a co-worker in tracts. I told Jesus when He saved me that I would do anything he asked me to do for Him. So by faith and prayers he sent me tracts to hand out to the lost souls. A good tract will help any one to get saved if they will read and re-read it. Then they can go and tell others what Jesus has done for them.

I haven't much money coming in, only as my girl gathers junk and sells it. My boy got killed June 16, 1940. He was the only help I had at that time. My husband broke his back and was in the hospital 48 days. He is now at home walking on crutches. I thank Jesus for all the trials, for I can see him in all of them. He never fails us if we do our duty and obey him.

So take courage, dear co-workers. We shall not always be in prison or in trouble. God has prepared for us a crown if we are faithful and stand the test.

May God richly bless you.

Mary Clements.

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Ky. State Prison—The Lord impresses me to write again. He showed me in my sleep, the sun as it had risen and made its way from the east to the west. He showed it to me when it was almost gone down behind the western hills. Darkness had covered the face of the sun, and it refused to shine and bring forth its brilliant light, which lessened the light of the day. While I stood watching the sun as it had almost gone down, the Lord instilled these words into me: "We are almost living in the last day." Then the Lord gave unto me wisdom and knowledge to understand the meaning of all this. The narrow space that the sun had to travel before it would be hidden from the eyes of men and women represented the time given to get our souls ready to meet Him in peace. It is almost gone and we are just about to the end of our journey. The darkness that covered the face of the sun represented the spiritual

darkness that is enshrouding the inhabitants of the earth. Our time is short and our days are just a few, so let us work out our souls' salvation with fear and trembling.

At another time the Lord showed me a great host of dangerous and ferocious beasts that had been captured by the power of God and were in my care. The meanest one that had been captured was the old black leopard. These words came to me, "Through many dangers, toils, and snares I have already come." Then he showed me the interpretation of the dream. The wild, ferocious beasts which I saw represented the wicked and sinful generations of this world that had been captured by the power of God through our Lord Jesus Christ, and have been tamed through the Grace of God shed abroad in their hearts. When a person is living an upright life before God, he (or she) is harmless, for the evil and the hatred of his heart has all been washed away. But when a person is wicked and living in sin, he is dangerous for he has a heart and ways like a black leopard.

Bro. Pruitt, I want you and everyone to know that I enjoyed reading and studying the Christian paper, "Faith and Victory." These wonderful papers that I receive each month help me so much. I thank you for them and for all you have done for me since I have been in prison. I thank you also for helping me to find God. I am still saved and my mind is yet made up to go all the way with Jesus. It surely is wonderful to be saved and know it. I have been happy every day since I got in touch with God. God has called me to preach the Word.

I have been in prison four years, and I was in the prison house of sin many years, but now my soul is free. If it had not been for you I would still be dead in sin.

May God bless you.

David R. Anderson.

State Hospital, Ill.—Dear Bro. and Sister Pruitt: Greetings in Jesus' dear name. Some time ago my husband wrote you asking you to pray for me in behalf of my afflictions and the Lord has wonderfully helped me for which I truly thank Him. Then a few days ago I wrote you about my husband mashing his finger so severely, and God has marvelously undertaken for that and his finger is healing up nicely. We certainly do thank the Lord for this, and we appreciate your prayers and encouragement so much.

Yours in Christ,

Anna Mae & Albert N. Harris.

Washington, D. C.—Bro. Pruitt and saints of the Print Shop, greetings in Jesus' name: Thank the good Lord, today finds me still saved and pressing on, trusting in His holy Word for guidance. I want you saints to agree in prayer for me that the Lord will completely heal me, and that I will have strength and power to go and sing His gospel in songs. I have consecrated my life to Him to sing his gospel. I do hope I can come to Guthrie once more to meet the dear saints of God in the one body; for it was there I was helped to see the real truth. Also pray for my daughter that the Lord will keep us daily. I hope some day I can help more to keep the good work going. "If it wasn't for the Lord, what would I do? He is everything to me." Missouri Tillman.

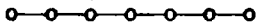
Fairview, Okla.—To the dear saints every where, Greetings in the holy name of Jesus: I am here where I do not get to hear or see personally many saints, but I am comforted in you. David of old said: "To the excellent, in whom is all my delight." My soul is happy in Jesus. It is my pleasure to write about Jesus to you, and tell you some things I know about Him. I have no ministers to preach to me nor a meeting place to go, but I hear from heaven out of the word of God—wonder-

ful sermons of truth. These truths influence me heavenward. The Word of God helps me to live, by it I live. All my strength I draw from Jesus. He is the vine and I am one of the branches. I draw my strength from the vine; his life blood is flowing in me. It is Jesus every where—all and in all. The secret of God's will is taught and revealed to me as I consecrate to all of God's will, having a desire in my heart to keep His commandments. There was a time in my life when I thought of Jesus according to Isa. 53:3: "He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief; and we hid as it were our faces from him: He was despised, and we esteemed him not." Now I know of his love to me, for "He hath borne my griefs and carried my sorrows," when as yet I did esteem him stricken, smitten of God and afflicted. He was wounded for my transgressions, he was bruised for my iniquities: the chastisement of my peace was upon him; and with his stripes I am healed. I was like a sheep going astray; I had turned to my own way; but the Lord laid my iniquity upon him. All this, Jesus has done for me. O, there is honey in the Rock, Christ Jesus, for me, and whosoever will may come and sup with him! O, man, "Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if any man hear my voice and open the door, I will come in to him and will sup with him and he with me." "To him that overcometh, will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne." He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches." Rev. 3:20-22. "Blessed is he that readeth and they that hear the words of this prophecy and keep those things which are written therein: for the time is at hand." Rev. 1:3. Again in Matt. 17:5: "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye him."

I am washed from my sins in the blood of Jesus, and determined never to serve Satan any more. Pray for me.
—Mrs. Eva Penner.

Seminole, Okla.—Dear Bro. Pruitt: I thank the good Lord for his care, he has been blessing me, and I hope He has been doing as much for you. I am so thankful that I am still saved and walking in the light. I mean to go all the way home with him. Pray for me.

Your sister in Christ, Annie Miller



Colorado Springs, Colo—Greetings to the saints of the Faith and Victory Home and elsewhere: I wish to express the comfort and encouragement I have received from reading your little paper. It was sent to me by a friend, and is a welcome guest in my home.

I was saved when a child under the Gospel Trumpet movement, and when it failed I became identified with the Brotherhood Pentecostal Church of God in Christ, and now that it has failed I am just wondering which way to go. I have a special request for prayer that the Lord will heal my body, for I know Him as a healer as well as a Saviour of the soul.

Your blood-washed sister, Stella M. Triplett.

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A SOLID FOUNDATION

When we build a house or building of any kind that is intended for permanent use, we are very careful to lay a good, solid foundation to build upon; because on the foundation rests all the body of the house. Therefore, all the future usefulness and life depends upon a good, solid foundation; so that when the wind and rain beat upon the house it will stand

firm and straight and never fall because it is built upon a solid foundation of stone or cement. Read Matt. 7:27.

If all professed Christians were as much interested in knowing for sure that the foundation of their churches were as solid as the foundations of their material buildings, I am confident that many million more souls would be able to stand the storms of life, and be saved at the Judgment. Why? because they had built on a solid foundation, Jesus Christ. Read Heb. 1:6. If there is any one thing that we should be sure about, it is: Are we in the Church that Jesus built. Jesus said to Peter (Matt. 16:18), "And I say unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I WILL BUILD MY CHURCH; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." Jesus said this just after Peter had confessed and affirmed to Jesus, that: "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God" (v 16). This was Peter's answer to Jesus' question, "Whom do men say that I the Son of Man am? And they said, Some say that thou art John the Baptist, some Elias, and others Jeremias, or one of the prophets." (v 14). Then after Peter said that he (Jesus) was the Christ, the Son of the living God, Jesus said, "Blessed art thou, Simon Bar-Jona; for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven." (v 17). Then Jesus said, Upon this rock—not upon Peter; but upon what God had revealed to Peter that Christ was the Son of the living God (v 17)—I will build MY CHURCH, "a spiritual house." 1 Pet. 2:5. This simply means that Christ is the rock or main corner stone and foundation. "For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ" 1 Cor. 3:11. "And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone," etc. Eph. 2:20. This doctrine cuts out all the man-made church foundations; viz, their own idea or belief: saying, we all believe that Christ is the Son of God, but we can belong to any church that suits our belief, for (they say) we have a right to worship God according to the dictates of our own conscience. The Constitution of the United States gives all people the right to worship God (any kind of god, images, etc) according to their own conscience; but the Bible does not give them such liberty. God says, "I am the only true God, Choose this day whom you will serve, God or Baal." We cannot worship two Masters; neither can we belong to and worship in two churches at the same time; viz, God's spiritual church where we worship God in spirit and truth and earthly man-made, organized, and man-named, so-called churches that are built upon their human (different beliefs) foundations. Yes foundations, a plenty of them, named after their own choice of heroes or idols: John the Baptist, Wesley, Luther, etc.—most any name not found in the Word of God—all claiming to be the Church that

Jesus built, or a branch of it.

False prophets preach that all, both saints and sinners, sin more or less every day in thought, word, and deed. They lay the blame upon poor old Adam, saying they inherited the carnal, sinful nature from Adam and cannot get rid of it until death. Some expect to hold onto it after death and have it prayed out and burnt out in purgatory. All churches built upon such foundations will fall, because they are not built upon the solid rock, the blood of Jesus that cleanses from all sin. In John 3:7, Jesus told Nicodemus, "Ye must be born again." In the third verse he said, "Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. That is where the trouble lies with so many professed Christians. They cannot see the kingdom of God, which is the Church of God. In John 3:5, Jesus said, "Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God." Read Luke 16:16. Then in 1 John 3:6, we read, "Whosoever abideth in him sinneth not: whosoever sinneth, hath not seen him, neither known him. Let no man deceive you, he that doeth righteousness is righteous even as he (Christ) is righteous. He that committeth sin is of the devil, whosoever (anyone) is born of God doth not commit sin. In this the children of God are manifest, and the children of the devil." Read 1 John 4:1-7 and find out who has an anti-Christ spirit. It is the preachers and others who say Jesus Christ does not come in the flesh, or natural body. That is that spirit of anti-Christ. Who has the anti-Christ spirit? He that will not confess that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh. This anti-Christ spirit teaches that Christ comes in and saves the inner (spiritual) man from sin, but doesn't save the outer, carnal man from sin. This limits the power and grace of God. He (Christ) has all power in heaven and earth. John, speaking about the anti-Christ spirit, said in 1 John 4:4, 5, "Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them" (the anti-Christ spirits) How? "because greater is he (Christ) that is in you, than he (anti-Christ) that is in the world. They are of the world; therefore speak they of the world, and the world heareth them. (Yes they do.) We are of God; he that knoweth God heareth us; he that is not of God, heareth not us. Hereby know we the spirit of truth and the spirit of error." (v 6.). Read all of First John with other scriptures that I have referred to, and you ought to see what I am trying to explain; viz, the church of God was built by Jesus Christ, and he (Christ) is the foundation (founder). Also he is the door, the only way to get into the church, and that by repentance and faith, and that his blood cleanses from all sin, sanctifies, makes us holy, ready to meet Him. This is the only solid foundation that is safe to build upon, by being added to instead of joining the church.

—C. S. Wyatt.

If Christ Had Come Today

Our Lord has told us all to watch
His coming to discern:
For in an hour when we think not,
Our Saviour shall return.

Suppose that He had come today,
At morning or at noon,
Or in the evening? For we know
It will be very soon.

Would I have been ashamed before
Him; as He looked on me?
Have I been glorifying Him
Who died to set me free?

What thoughts possessed me, as about
My daily tasks I went?
What of those hasfy words I spoke,
When I was tired and spent?

That visit which I meant to make,
That word of comfort say;
I'd ne'er have had another chance,
If Christ had come today.

When pausing on the step to greet
My neighbor with a word,
How strange I did not say one thing
About my precious Lord.

Why is my time so occupied
With every trifling thing?
Will I not gain a single soul
As trophy for my king?

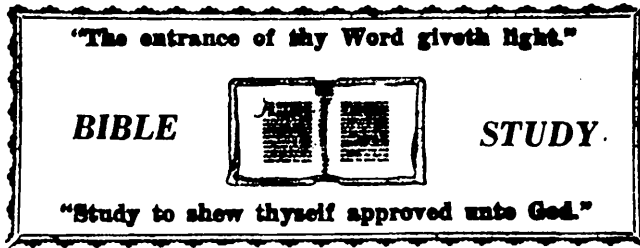
I know that all around me, souls
Are dropping into hell,
And yet I go my tranquil way,
As though all things were well.

Lord, as I contemplate these facts,
I hide my face with shame.
Oh, wake me, rouse me, Lord; I pray,
And stir me into flame!

I once was lost and doomed myself,
But someone prayed for me,
And someone told me of the Lord,
Who died to set us free.

Can I withhold from others, that
Which I received so free?
And thus neglect the work which
Christ entrusted unto me?

Nay, help me, Lord, to live for Thee,
My privileges prize;
That I may never be ashamed
To meet Thy loving eyes. —Sel.



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Sunday, April 6, 1941

THE CHURCH ENLARGING ITS FELLOWSHIP

Sunday, May 4, 1941

Daily Readings and Meditations

April 28 to May 3.

- M. The church enlarging its fellowship. Acts 8:1-8.
- T. Philip and the Ethiopian. Acts 8:26-40.
- W. Foreigners converted. Isa. 19:18-25.
- T. Gentiles become fellow citizens. Eph. 2:11-22.
- F. Jonah's widened horizon. Jonah 3:1-4.
- S. Nineveh's prompt repentance. Jonah 3:5-10.

Printed PortionActs 8:1-8, 14-17, 25.

Acts 8:1. And Saul was consenting unto his death. And at that time there was a great persecution against the church which was at Jerusalem; and they were all scattered abroad throughout the regions of Judaea and Samaria, except the apostles.

2. And devout men carried Stephen to his burial, and made great lamentation over him.

3. As for Saul, he made havock of the church, entering into every house, and haling men and women committed them to prison.

4. Therefore they that were scattered abroad went every where preaching the word.

5. Then Philip went down to the city of Samaria, and preached Christ unto them.

6. And the people with one accord gave heed unto those things which Philip spake, hearing and seeing the miracles which he did.

7. For unclean spirits, crying with loud voice, came out of many that were possessed with them: and many taken with palsies, and that were lame, were healed.

8. And there was great joy in that city.

14. Now when the apostles which were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent unto them Peter and John:

15. Who, when they were come down, prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Ghost:

16. (For as yet he was fallen upon none of them: only they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.)

17. Then laid they their hands on them, and they received the Holy Ghost.

25. And they, when they had testified and preached the word of the Lord, returned to Jerusalem, and preached the gospel in many villages of the Samaritans.

Golden Text: "Therefore, they that were scattered abroad went every where preaching the word."—Acts 8:4.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

Stephen was accused of blasphemy because he boldly declared the truth. He had encountered the displeasure of those who trusted in their own self righteousness and

their diligence to keep the letter of the law by telling them that the temple would be destroyed and the customs of Moses changed; then at his trial aroused their fury by telling them that they resisted the Holy Ghost. No doubt, the infuriated mob felt they were the victors when they had stoned Stephen; but his glowing countenance, his forgiving spirit, and his triumphant death proved that he was the real victor.

The siege of severe persecution that followed Stephen's death resulted in the scattering of Christianity far and wide in a short space of time, and Saul, the leader, was finally won to the faith which he ignorantly thought it was right to destroy.

The Lord works in mysterious ways, His wonders to perform. Jesus had told them that they would be witnesses of Him in Jerusalem, and Samaria, and the uttermost parts of the earth, but He did not tell them that severe persecution would be the means used to accomplish this (though he had warned them to expect persecution.) Joseph told his brethren who sold him into Egypt, "It was not you that sent me hither, but God," and so it was in this case. The persecutors meant it for evil and must give an account for that evil, yet God caused it to work for good to them that loved Him.

Philip was another of the seven deacons who had been chosen to wait tables. But God promoted Him, and made of him a successful evangelist, with power to cast out devils and to heal the sick. He was not one of the twelve. Because the Holy Ghost fell upon none of these converts until Peter and John came, many have concluded that this power was given only to the twelve. Indeed, it seemed to be God's plan that the twelve be the first ones used in this way; but notice in next Sunday's lesson that Ananias, who was not one of the twelve, laid hands on Paul and he received the Holy Ghost. Also, the Lord used Paul in this way, and he was not one of the twelve.

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THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE HOME REGARDING BEVERAGE ALCOHOL

Sunday, May 11, 1941

Daily Readings and Meditations

May 5, to May 10.

- M. Parental responsibility. Deut. 6:4-9.
- T. A temperate family. Jer. 35:1-11.
- W. Rewards and penalties Jer. 35:12-19.
- T. The Nazarites. Num. 6:1-8.
- F. Being a good example. 1 Cor. 8:4-13.
- S. Warning against evil influence. Hab. 2:15-20.

Printed PortionDeuteronomy 6:4-7; Jer. 35:5-10.

Deut. 6:4. Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is one Lord:

5. And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might.

6. And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart:

7. And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up.

Jer. 35:5. And I set before the sons of the house of the Rechabites pots full of wine, and cups, and I said unto them, Drink ye wine.

6. But they said, We will drink no wine: for Jonadab the son of Rechab our father commanded us, saying, Ye shall drink no wine, neither ye, nor your sons for ever:

7. Neither shall ye build house, nor sow seed, nor

plant vineyard, nor have any: but all your days ye shall dwell in tents; that ye may live many days in the land where ye be strangers.

8. Thus have we obeyed the voice of Jonadab the son of Rechab our father in all that he hath charged us, to drink no wine all our days, we, our wives, our sons, nor our daughters;

9. Nor to build houses for us to dwell in: neither have we vineyard, nor field, nor seed:

10. But we have dwelt in tents, and have obeyed, and done according to all that Jonadab our father commanded us.

Golden Text: "Train up a child in the way he should go; and when he is old, he will not depart from it."—Prov. 22:6.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

Drink and be damned—condemned by the highest tribunal in all the universe: God's immutable Word, upon which the worlds are hung, established, and kept. Surely the heavens, with all their starry forms, declare the glory of God. They shall pass away, but His Word will remain; and it says, "Touch not, taste not, handle not;" "At the last, it biteth like a serpent and stingeth like an adder." When it "giveth its color in the cup," it is beautiful to look upon; but the disastrous results are the same. Our bodies are about four-fifths water. Alcohol, the destructive element in wine, whiskey, beer, gin, etc. has a great affinity for water; therefore, the watery tissues of the body are absorbed by this fiendish monster, ALCOHOL. "Al Ghoul"—These two words, along with all such words as Satan, Apolyon, demoniac, etc. spring from the same region of thought: "destroyer." See where it comes from—HELL; and "Whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise." The wise shall shine as the stars forever, when he makes up his jewels. The consumption of the water of the body causes the "craving" for more of the same destructive agency that causes it.

The more you drink, the more you want; the more you want, the more you drink; till death comes with the demons of hell to wrap your beleaguer soul with the serpents that went down with the first drink.

Safety first, last, and all the time! There is NO food value in alcohol, no benefits to be obtained in any manner. It does not warm the body when cold, it does not cool the body when overheated; yet some take it for a nightcap at night, and an eye-opener in the morning—deceived by their own ignorance (willingly inflicted). They take it to cure everything from the itch to the smallpox—A sure cure (?), a general panacea for every ailment (?) either fancied or real. God help us and give us sense and wisdom to avoid it; it is the way to where "the worm dieth not and the fire is not quenched."

"Fear God and keep His commandments for this is the whole duty of man." "And his commandments are not grievous." There is but one perfect cure for this pernicious habit, this soul-destroying demon; and that is, the Blood cure, "the Blood of Jesus Christ cleanseth from all sin," drinking included. The soul filled with the love of God is the only sure cure and protection against relapses into sin after once being delivered. Let us lay aside every weight and the sin which doth so easily beset us and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, who is able to keep that which we have committed unto him, who is able to do the exceeding abundantly above all that we think or ask. A devil in every berry of the grape when fermented into a drink.

BROADENING CHRISTIAN HORIZONS: SAUL'S CONVERSION

Sunday, May 18, 1941

Daily Readings and Meditations
May 12 to May 17.

- M. Saul, the persecutor. Acts 9:1-8.
T. Saul's conversion. Acts 9:9-16.
W. Paul's testimony. Acts 22:1-13.
T. Giving up all for Christ. Phil. 3:1-14.
F. Saved through grace. Gal. 1:11-17.
S. Appointed to service. 1 Tim. 1:12-17.

Printed Portion Acts 9:1-16.

Acts 9:1. And Saul, yet breathing out threatenings and slaughter against the disciples of the Lord, went unto the high priest.

2. And desired of him letters to Damascus to the synagogues, that if he found any of this way, whether they were men or women, he might bring them bound unto Jerusalem.

3. And as he journeyed, he came near Damascus: and suddenly there shined round about him a light from heaven:

4. And he fell to the earth, and heard a voice saying unto him, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me?

5. And he said, Who art thou Lord? And the Lord said, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest: it is hard for thee to kick against the pricks.

6. And he trembling and astonished said, Lord, what wilt thou have me to do? And the Lord said unto him, Arise, and go into the city, and it shall be told thee what thou must do.

7. And the men which journeyed with him stood speechless, hearing a voice, but seeing no man.

8. And Saul arose from the earth; and when his eyes were opened, he saw no man: but they led him by the hand, and brought him into Damascus.

9. And he was three days without sight, and neither did eat nor drink.

10. And there was a certain disciple at Damascus, named Ananias; and to him said the Lord in a vision, Ananias. And he said, Behold, I am here, Lord.

11. And the Lord said unto him, Arise, and go into the street which is called Straight, and inquire in the house of Judas for one called Saul, of Tarsus: for, behold, he prayeth,

12. And hath seen in a vision a man named Ananias coming in, and putting his hand on him, that he might receive his sight.

13. Then Ananias answered, Lord, I have heard by many of this man, how much evil he hath done to thy saints at Jerusalem:

14. And here he hath authority from the chief priests to bind all that call on thy name.

15. But the Lord said unto him, Go thy way: for he is a chosen vessel unto me, to bear my name before the Gentiles, and kings, and the children of Israel:

16. For I will show him how great things he must suffer for my name's sake.

Golden Text: "I was not disobedient unto the heavenly vision."—Acts 26:19.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

As far as man's and Satan's power was concerned, Paul possessed everything needful to wipe out Christianity: brilliant reputation, zeal strengthened by hat-

red, and protection and support of those who had authority among men to empower him to search out and sieze any of "this way" (Jesus said, "I am the way") sparing neither sex nor age and stopping at nothing short of imprisonment and death. But to Jesus had been given ALL power in heaven and earth; which power, when manifested in Saul's case, effected the greatest change that can take place in the heart and life of a human being—that of being translated from the kingdom of darkness (devīl) into the Kingdom of God; from death in sin, to life in Christ; from rebellion against God, to obedience to Him; from a state of guilt and condemnation, to one of justification and peace; from an enemy of God, to a friend of God; and from God's wrath, to His mercy. Though God seldom strikes one down with an outward visible light as in Saul's case, yet this change must take place in the heart and life of every individual before he is a child of God.

Every child of Satan who has reached the age of accountability persecutes Jesus in some way, whether wilfully or ignorantly. Jesus regards persecution of his followers as equivalent to persecution of Himself.

Light from heaven must appear to every soul before he can be awakened to his need of a change of heart, "No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him."

"Who art thou, Lord?" Many are forming opinions about who the Lord is, but few really honestly investigate to find out from Him, whether the testimony which He has given of himself is true or not. If more souls who are confronted with the gospel truths would sincerely ask this question, there would be no infidels.

"What wilt thou have me to do?" No conversion is complete that does not place the soul entirely at Christ's commands.

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BROADENING CHRISTIAN HORIZONS: PETER'S VISION

Sunday, May 25, 1941

Daily Readings and Meditations
May 19 to May 25

- M. Peter's vision. Acts 11:5-10.
- T. The gospel for all men. Acts 11:11-18.
- W. The glorious prophecy. Isa. 61:1-9
- T. No respecter of persons. Rom. 2:1-11.
- F. Spreading the gospel. 1 Thess. 1:1-10.
- S. Salvation for all. Rom. 10:11-21.

Printed PortionActs 11:5-18.

Acts 11:5. I was in the city of Joppa praying: and in a trance I saw a vision, A certain vessel descend, as it had been a great sheet, let down from heaven by four corners; and it came even to me:

6. Upon the which when I had fastened mine eyes, I considered, and saw four-footed beasts of the earth, and wild beasts, and creeping things, and fowls of the air.

7. And I heard a voice saying unto me, arise, Peter; slay and eat.

8. But I said, Not so, Lord: for nothing common or unclean hath at any time entered into my mouth.

9. But the voice answered me again from heaven, What God hath cleansed, that call not thou common.

10. And this was done three times: and all were drawn up again into heaven.

11. And, behold, immediately there were three men already come unto the house where I was, sent from Caesarea unto me.

12. And the Spirit bade me go with them, nothing doubting. Moreover these six brethren accompanied me, and we entered into the man's house:

13. And he showed us how he had seen an angel in his house, which stood and said unto him, Send men to Joppa, and call for Simon, whose surname is Peter;

14. Who shall tell thee words, whereby thou and all thy house shall be saved.

15. And as I began to speak, the Holy Ghost fell on them, as on us at the beginning.

16. Then remembered I the word of the Lord, how that he said, John indeed baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost.

17. Forasmuch then as God gave them the like gift as he did unto us, who believed on the Lord Jesus Christ; what was I, that I could withstand God?

18. When they heard these things, they held their peace, and glorified God, saying, Then hath God also to the Gentiles granted repentance unto life.

Golden Text: "And Peter opened his mouth, and said, Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons."—Acts 10:34.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

God had scattered his people to broaden the Christian horizon, and blessed their labors by "working with them, confirming the word with signs following." Now a new step was to be taken. Though Isaiah had prophesied that Christ would be the Saviour of the Gentiles as well as the Jews, and Christ had told them that the gospel of repentance would be preached unto all nations; yet it seemed that the Jewish disciples did not realize it. The Lord had not revealed everything to them at once, but little by little he taught them more about his great plan of the redemption of fallen humanity.

Now Peter, in a vision, is given the startling command to eat beasts and fowls which according to the Levitical Law were unclean.

We believe that there is a two-fold meaning to the vision—literal and symbolical. The chief purpose of the vision was not to show that the ceremonial distinctions between foods were now done away, but God used this in a symbolical way to show Peter that he was no longer to regard the Gentiles as dogs and unfit for association as heretofore. But if the Gentiles were no longer to be regarded as an unclean people, then the food which they were accustomed to eat (that which Jews considered unclean) could no longer be regarded as unclean. If they were to associate with Gentiles, they must eat their food. "Eat what is set before you, asking no questions for conscience' sake." Peter realized that there was a deeper meaning to the vision than that regarding the meats, and he was perplexed concerning its meaning. Then God revealed to him the meaning: verses 11 and 12—go with Gentiles nothing doubting.

God definitely showed his approval of this missionary move, by pouring out the Holy Spirit upon the Gentile believers at Caesarea as he had on Jewish believers at Pentecost.

We thank God that He is no respecter of persons but in every nation he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with him. Now therefore we, who are saved (born again), are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God, instead of being as we once were: "without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world."