

FAITH AND VICTORY

The EVENING LIGHT WATCHMAN



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UNSELFISH LOVE

O love so pure, so great, Divine!
 And then to think he's willed it mine
 On terms of mercy: I'd just believe—
 Is hard that finite man conceive.

Terrestrial worm of small degree,
 And yet Jehovah thought on me
 To draw me from the path of sin,
 Reach down in love and take me in.

How can his love e'er measured be
 That God shewed forth toward you and me?
 Greater love hath none to give,
 Than that he die that others live.

O, love so pure, with no alloy,
 Could forfeit up in heaven such joy
 And die to save a wretched soul,
 To make a guilty sinner whole.

O, love so great, that even death
 No barrier was but gave his breath;
 And laid his precious life adown
 That we poor sinners heir a crown.

O, love Divine, from God above
 (He's but Divine can send such love)
 To wretched mortals steeped in sin
 And freely pardoning, take them in.

O Lord, I want to love thee more,
 Right here upon this mundane shore;
 The very most that we can do
 Can ne'er repay our Lord so true.

For when we in sin, so deeply lay,
 Bright shining Sun of spiritual day;
 When men lay helpless in a spiritual grave,
 God sent his love down here to save.

We owe him more than our hands can do,
 More than a heart that's ever true;
 Yet in his Infinite love he'll take
 The best we can do for Jesus' sake.

—J. H. Pierson.

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WATCH YE THEREFORE AND BE YE READY

God has had true watchmen all down through the years of time who have sounded out warnings to his people. We read in Ezekiel: "So thou O son of man, I have set thee as a watchman unto the children of Israel; therefore thou shalt hear the words at my mouth and warn them from me."

His watchmen today are crying out against sin, and warning people to flee from the wrath to come. The true watchman gets his message and authority direct from God. Then how necessary it is for us to take heed and turn from sin with all our hearts.

After we have forsaken sin and been cleansed by the precious blood of Jesus, then listen what he says to each one: "Watch and pray lest ye enter into temptation." Why? Because our adversary the devil is going around as a roaring lion seeking whom he may devour (1 Pet. 5:8). We also read in Rev. 12:12, that the devil is come down unto us in great wrath, knowing that he hath but a short time. Job 1:7 tells us how he walks to and fro in the earth. He knows each of our weaknesses and that is where he will work the hardest; but I am so glad the scripture says that we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities (or weaknesses) but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. For in that he himself hath suffered being tempted, he is able to succor them that

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are tempted. And here is his promise to us, "There hath no temptation overtaken you but such as is **common** to man and God will with every temptation make a way of escape that ye may be able to bear it." We must constantly be on the watch. Look to him and pray without ceasing. Greater is he that is in you than he that is in the world. Praise God.

The enemy doesn't always come as a roaring lion, but is sometimes transformed into an angel of light. I believe this is the way he takes advantage of many people. You know he even quoted scripture to Jesus. He may whisper things to us sometimes and this is one of the places we need to watch closely. We have the word of God which is the sword of the Spirit and in John 4:1, he tells us to try the spirits and not to believe every spirit.

The enemy is after everyone and we have nothing to boast of only through Christ. The word tells us to boast not thyself against tomorrow, for ye know not what tomorrow may bring. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof. We can only trust his grace to take us through. Peter boasted and told Jesus he would die with him, he would never leave him. He might have been stronger and more able to have carried out his intentions had he watched and prayed as Jesus asked him to do, but he slept instead.

In 1 Thes. 5:6, we read, "Therefore let us not sleep as do others, but let us watch and be sober."

Just awhile before his crucifixion, he exhorted his disciples to be watchful. Luke 21:36: "Watch ye therefore and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man."

I believe we as the people of God today need this exhortation as much as the disciples did then.

Jesus says to watch and be ready. I believe he means not only to be ready to die, but to be ready to live and meet the enemy of our souls with victory.

We can be more than conquerors through him who loved us and gave himself for us, if we watch and pray.

I sincerely desire the prayers of all the dear saints that I will be led by his loving spirit at all times and fill the place he has for me to fill.

—Sylvia E. Shoon.

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THE FAITHFUL FEW

"Fear not little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom." Luke 12:32. These words fell from the lips of our blessed Saviour as he was teaching and instructing his disciples concerning the things pertaining to the kingdom of God. In Matt. 7:13, 14, we read, "Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way that leadeth to destruction, and many there

be which go in thereat: Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way which leadeth unto life: and few there be that find it."

I am sure the Saviour knew the hearts of men, and that he was acquainted with all their ways, and in looking over the vast multitudes he saw that there were only a few that would be willing to deny themselves, take up their cross and follow him. He said that "men loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil," and that they would not come to the light lest their deeds should be manifest or made known. "He that doeth good cometh to the light." The Bible teaches us that in the last days the people would be lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God, and that many would have a form of godliness, but deny the power thereof. Jesus also said in his doctrine and in his exhortations to the people that as it was in the days of Noah, so shall it be at the coming of the Son of Man.

Dear ones, as we look around today, we can see that the word of God is being fulfilled on every hand. There are only a few that are really walking in the narrow way, just a few that will take time to live holy and to humble themselves at Jesus' feet to learn of him and to walk in his way. Not very many are interested in the things of God. Go to the house of God or the place of worship where the truth is being held forth in all its fulness and purity, the large crowds and the throngs are not there. You will find them at some pleasure resort or some place of amusement—out joy riding, down at the bathing beach or somewhere seeking after something other than God. God is not in their minds, but thanks be unto God, there are a few that can sing, "I have left all the world to follow Jesus." They are the ones that can say, "I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go unto the house of the Lord." They are faithful to their trust. To them it is not a load, neither is worship to them a task. They can be depended upon. They are faithful. They enjoy prayer meetings; also, just a frivolous excuse will not cause them to miss. They are full of song and prayer. The presence of God is in their souls, and to them Jesus is still saying, "Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom." And for their encouragement, he has said, "For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." These words have been a source of encouragement and consolation to the faithful few who dare not forsake the assembling of themselves together in the name of the Lord. Malachi says, "Then they that feared the Lord spake often one to another, and the Lord hearkened, and heard it and a book of remembrance was written before him for them that feared the Lord, and that thought upon his name, and they shall be mine, saith the Lord of hosts, in that day

when I make up my jewels: and I will spare them as a man spareth his own son that serveth him."

That will be a glorious time and a happy meeting together of the faithful ones from the east, west north, and south, when the Lord comes to make up his jewels. Will he find you watching and waiting? Can he say of you, or to you, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant?" Are you one of the faithful few? Keep pressing on a few more days. A few more risings and settings of the sun, a few more prayers, a few more tears, and labor on earth shall cease. "Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life." Rev. 2:10c. —Ulysses Phillips

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WHAT LACK I YET?

The young rich man that came to Jesus may have been overbalanced by his love of riches, yet he had an anxious desire to know his duty toward God. After being told what was required of him, the question, "What lack I yet?" certainly indicates a disposition of heart that is to be praised. He was not just exactly satisfied with his present record although it included that great foundation principle—"Love thy neighbor as thyself." And the fact that Jesus loved him argues sincerity in all his claims and questions.

Paul manifests this same disposition of heart when he said, "Now I rejoice in my sufferings for you, and fill up that which is behind of the afflictions of Christ, in my flesh for his body's sake which is the church." It seemed that the young rich man could not live out his desire, but Paul has given us a real example of faith that knows no bounds; and surely we should not be willing to follow the character that has come down in history as a failure in preference to characters, the very mention of whose names make us better.

But perhaps the young rich man,—failure as he seemed to be, is ahead of many of us. It seems that we suffer no uneasiness over the thought of "What lack I yet?" We find thousands of excuses for not doing many of the commands of the Lord, and rejoice that we have been permitted to indulge ourselves in every fad of a fast age, while souls all about us are going to perdition and many are suffering for the necessities of life. Instead of the question, "What lack I yet?" we so often hear, "Do you think the Lord will require that of me?" (in reference to some of His plain commands). They seem to want to get through with the least possible service.

The feeling that prompted the question, "What lack I yet?" if nourished and kept alive, would solve the problem of building up the cause of Christianity everywhere. If such a restless desire were in the hearts of God's people, it would mean a missionary in every destitute field, and they would not be left

to starve or be bound hand and foot for lack of means to carry on their work. It would mean a fellowship that would bind God's faithful together so that when one member suffers all the members would suffer with it.

It would seem that this great desire in the young rich man was smothered out by greed for worldly riches. It makes us sad to think of him. But brother, sister, the absence of this restless desire,—"What lack I yet? What more can I do?" in our hearts indicates the same condition of heart that led this young man to destruction.

With Paul let us watch for the opportunity to suffer hardship for Christ. —Lottie L. Jarvis.

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"Behold thy Mother"—John 19:27.

How beautiful the example of our Lord while in the most extreme agony, he provided for the one who bore him.

We are commanded to rise before a hoary or aged head; in other words, to honor the aged.

Gypsy Smith, in the height of his popularity, visited his father in England. An old Gypsy was speaking to his father and Gypsy Smith interrupted him. His father reproachfully rebuked him saying, "Hush, a man is speaking." The Gypsies are considered an inferior class of people but it seems they kept the commandment, "Honor thy father and thy Mother, that thy days may be long upon the earth." Exodus 20:12.

While the government to some extent is providing for the material needs of the aged (for which we are grateful indeed) let us not forget that sympathy, patience, and kind consideration shown them will never lose its reward. The ones who have watched over us in our helpless years, should be given the best care, cheerfully rendered, when their steps are uncertain, when their hand trembles, and when their mind is worn and weary. Give them the best room, the best chair, read to them something that will refresh them, the Word of God especially, all themes are represented in the Bible, beautiful historic facts, the Psalms are full of poetry, the words of Jesus in the gospels are always satisfyingly rich.

Let us do unto others as we shall wish to be done by when we approach the setting of our earthly sun. Above all, let us live in harmony with our blessed Saviour, so we will always be appreciative and kind to everyone regardless of age.

At this time when the majority of people are lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God, when the disobedience to parents, pride and ungodliness are on the increase, remember that the Word of God is true, "Be sure your sin will find you out."

—Marie Pauline Sass.

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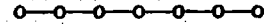
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Editorials

The camp-meetings will soon be here again. Let us all pray that God will reap a harvest of precious souls during these many camp-meetings. You will find a number of camp-meetings advertised in this issue of "Faith and Victory" paper. Your notices should be in to this office by the 20th of June if you want your camp-meeting notice to appear in the July issue. We are not expecting to put out an August number of the paper, as we shall be engaged in meetings this summer.



The work at the "Lord's Print Shop" is moving nicely and the Lord is blessing the printed truth to the good of many souls. Many are writing and telling us of the blessings of God upon them and of how much good the Lord is getting to them through reading the literature.

It makes our hearts glad to know that we can be a worker together with Him in getting this glorious truth of the evening light to precious eternity-bound souls.

Once in a while we get a letter from some worldly-wise person who seems to think that we are fanatics and extreme in our teaching of the scriptures. Then again, on the other hand, we will get a letter from some other person who has "gone to seed" or some certain opinion he has of the scripture, or has become "lawfied" in spirit and he intimates that we are compromisers. Such letters containing the opinions of men do not move us to vary from the truth. There is much false holiness in the world and there is also true holiness, which is in harmony with the spirit and truth of the scriptures.

A very common saying among many is this, "I believe in staying in the middle of the road." What do they mean by the "middle of the road"? The scriptures teach us in Isaiah 35th chapter that: "Highway shall be there and it shall be called the way of holiness." If you are on God's highway, whether in the middle or otherwise, you are on the way that leads to heaven. All of his highway is clean, pure, and holy. Really now, what do they mean by being in the middle of the road? Do they mean that they want to be on the road that is partly of the world and partly of God? If so, I wish to say that we find no such place mentioned in the word of God for his children to travel. Jesus says, "Either make the tree good and his fruit good; or else make the tree corrupt and his fruit corrupt: for a tree is known by his fruit." Matt. 12:33. That does not sound like there is any "middle-of-the-road" place for saved children. The fact is, God's children are "not of the world." And they are not on any man's "middle-of-the-road" place. His children are just simply not of the world and they do not dress in the fashions of the world, nor do they have things in

common with the world. They do not bear the fruits of the world in dress, neither in slang nor revelry. They do not just about half-way fix up like the world and try to justify themselves by saying, "I believe in staying in the middle of the road." People, as a general thing, who say such things are of the world, and have a self-righteousness in place of the righteousness of Christ in the soul. There is no "middle-of-the-road" place for God's children; for a soul either belongs to Satan's Kingdom or God's Kingdom. There is no neutral place or middle ground for any soul. If you give the world your fingers thro' the influence of Satan, he will soon take your hand, then your arm, and will control you while you are deceived with a profession and self-righteousness.

It is not compromise to bear and suffer and wait upon souls that have very little light and knowledge of truth. But it would be compromise while waiting to endorse such or begin in a small way to do as they do. To bear, wait, and suffer for souls while standing true to light and knowledge given you is a clear manifestation of the Spirit of Christ in your soul.

It is not fanaticism to stand firmly and clear for all the truth of God's word; but one can become fanatic while standing if they get "lawified," harsh, and hard on precious souls that the spirit of God has not as yet revealed full truth to. Those who imbibe that kind of a spirit will "lord it over God's heritage," and thereby club, crush, and kill some precious innocent souls, and their numbers will dwindle down to a few who move with their swing. Oh, that Christ could fill more souls with his Spirit so they could have heavenly wisdom!

In Psalms 142:4, we read, "No man cared for my soul."

When I read this scripture, I thought of the many years that I lived in sin, crushed and bruised by Satan and no one seemed to care. God forbid that any of us should get careless and indifferent to lost souls all about us. Are there souls around about us that will go into eternity and will be able to report, "No man cared for my soul?" Has your love for lost souls grown cold? If so, you have lost the Spirit of Christ and in your luke-warm state will be spewed out of his mouth. Awake unto righteousness and sin not against your fellowmen.

Several years ago, while we were in the barn weeping and praying over lost souls, the thoughts came to us that many have never heard the truth of the gospel; and as we prayed on, the Lord spoke these comforting words to our soul: "They shall hear." We came from that place of prayer with much comfort in our souls and since that time the Lord has helped us to get the truth to souls; by the printed page and by evangelistic work to a degree beyond any thought that ever entered our heart.

Dear soul, if you mean business with God, he will prove to you that he always means business with you and will help you to get truth to souls to such a measure that none will be able to say at the Judgment that you cared not for their souls.

The spirit of Christ in you should prompt you to talk to unsaved souls, hand them a tract or a paper that tells them the way of salvation, and thereby clear your soul from the blood of all men.

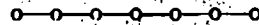
To those whom you think would read it, have the "Faith and Victory" sent for a year. Stir up your soul in the work of the Lord lest that great day of God Almighty come and find you sleeping.

Just think of a poor soul in sin struggling against Satan who is a thousand times stronger than he, bruising him, crushing him, driving him on in sin, causing him to get into fights, or to steal, lie, rob, getting him into jails or prisons, causing him to give way to the lust of the flesh in drinking, gambling, and using poison tobacco, making life miserable, going down to a devil's hell to torment where there is weeping, wailing, and gnashing of teeth. Can you hear that soul in torment crying, "No man cared for my soul"? Brethren and sisters, let us give the gospel of true holiness to the people by the printed page and in every way possible. The time is short, the night will soon come.



— NOTICE —

In the last issue of the paper, we put a notice that we wanted to buy used "Select Hymn" song books, and we have received but very little response. Surely there are many of these song books that are idle, not being used, that should be in use. We are making a standing offer of thirty cents each for all used "Select Hymn" song books sent to us, providing the books have the backs on and no leaves torn out. Just send the books to us by mail, for the book postage is only 1½ cents per lb. Just mark "BOOKS" on the outside of package and put on 1½ cents per pound postage and mail them unto us and we will return thirty cents each for books received.



Pray Ye For This Need

In the last issue we made mention of the saints buying a car for Bro. O. B. Wilson of Shawnee, Okla. We are pleased to state that up to the present time there has been \$160.00 sent in with which to purchase a car. Bro. Wilson is very thankful to the Lord and the saints for this amount. But to buy a car that would be suitable and would give several years of satisfactory service he should have \$300.00. Those who have some of the Lord's money to help buy this car, should send it in during the next few weeks or by the 12th of June as they are in very much need of this car.

We have just printed a book for H. W. White of Jefferson, Oregon, entitled "From Sin to Salvation." He gives his experiences through life. It is a very interesting 64-page book, and may be obtained for 20 cents post-paid to you. Send for one today. You can get them from this office or from the author, H. W. White, Jefferson, Oregon.

— NOTICE —

I would like to have a middle-aged, good Christian woman who wants a good home to live with us—my husband and me. We prefer a church of God woman. Mrs. Ernest Vail, 11 William St., Butler, N. J.

—MEETING REPORT—

A meeting, owned and blessed of God just closed in our home. It lasted two weeks and the presence of God was felt from beginning to end. Sister Ruth Murphey of Goodpine, Louisiana was here with us to preach the gospel in the meeting, and God used her to preach it in its fulness. Sister C. C. Carver of Shreveport led the singing. The saints and ministers of Hammond and Oak Grove came in and helped us. May God bless each one. Three came to the altar for salvation. I am rejoicing and praising God. My husband and his sister and father claimed salvation, and the Lord touched my body and healed me, Praise God. I want to thank the saints for their prayers and words of encouragement in my affliction caused by the accident. The last of February a cow got me down and broke some ribs and bruised one of my limbs, which caused quite a bit of suffering. But our God is still in the healing business. Praise his holy name. I am encouraged to press on in the narrow way. Greetings of Christian love to all the saints.

Pray for husband and me.

Your saved sister,

Katherine Simpson.

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Obituaries

Ruben Dillard was born in Howard County, Ark., June 22, 1883 and departed this life April 19, 1941 at the age of 58 years, 9 months, and 25 days.

He was united in marriage to Henretta Hill in the year of 1903. To this union two children were born, one girl and one boy, Sammie L. Samson, and Melvin Dillard.

He lived in Arkansas until he moved to Oklahoma in 1930, where he lived with his daughter until death.

He was a good citizen and was loved by all who knew him. He was of the Methodist faith until he received the truth with the evening-light saints in April, 1941. He leaves to mourn their loss, one sister, Minnie Davis, one daughter, Sammie L. Sampson, and one son-in-law Hosie Sampson and a host of relatives and friends.

Willie Stevens Flynn, born April 6, 1879, passed from this life May 9, 1941. He leaves behind six sons: Dallas and Angus of Loranger, La.; Luther, O. D., Melvin and Cullie of California; one daughter, Mrs. David Joiner of California; four sisters and one brother.

We understood that for some time before his death he felt he was fast declining and would soon appear before his Maker, so began praying for forgiveness of his sins. Almost two weeks before his death he prayed through, which brought great joy to him and he said he loved everybody. He was a different man. Surely, "Old things pass away and, behold, all things become

new." He manifested great patience and hope of heaven during his extreme suffering in the rest of his illness. When I think of the mercy of God, it almost overwhelms me. Never before had I seen this man under conviction though I had seen him under the sound of the gospel numbers of times; but late in life the Lord sent the Spirit of conviction to his heart to give him opportunity for salvation, so he came into the kingdom in the eleventh hour. He surely wept with conviction, and said it didn't seem that preaching of the gospel ever affected him, but this affliction made him realize his lost condition. So we say, brother, rest on where tears and sickness are never known, but joy and peace have full sway with no doubts and fears to molest. Funeral conducted by the writer. Text: Rev. 20:6. His body was laid to rest in the Ford Cemetery beside his wife who passed from this life over twenty years ago, not far from Independence, Louisiana.

—Mrs. Katherine Key.

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Campmeeting Announcements

THE NATIONAL CAMPMEETING of the Church of God will be held July 13 to 27, inclusive, at Monark Springs, Mo. The shingled roof is now on the new pavilion which we expect to use for the meeting. This 4-acre campground is located in the picturesque valleys and hills of southwestern Missouri, just five miles due east of Neosho, which is the County seat of Newton County. Graveled and paved highways lead to Neosho from all directions. Those coming by bus or train should notify Bro. Strech in advance of the time of your arrival in Neosho, so someone can meet you at the station and take you to the camp ground.

This campmeeting extends a hearty welcome to all as a place where sinners may receive Bible salvation, sanctification for believers, and healing for the sick and afflicted. All true believers will find a blessed fellowship with all the saints who have been born of the same Spirit. The message in this "evening time" is a call for the return to "one fold" of God's people who have been scattered by isms and schisms. We are certain that the Holy Ghost is capable of governing the meeting, so we have no need of a prearranged program. Holy Ghost ministers will preach the Word definite and simple without fear or favor. Let all the saints come praying and expecting the Spirit to work in a mighty way.

Meals will be served at the dining hall through the free-will offering plan. Tents may be rented on the grounds for \$2.50, and camp cots 50 cents each. Be sure to bring you pillows, bedding, and straw ticks. In order to have funds to start the meeting, please send your offering to the secretary, L. D. Pruitt, by June 15. All contributions of groceries, meats, fresh and canned fruits and vegetables will be appreciated, and please send the same direct to Bro. Strech.

For further information, address Bro. John Strech, P. O. Box 281, Neosho, Mo.

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

THE OKLAHOMA STATE CAMPMEETING of the church of God will convene Aug. 1st to 10th, inclusive, at Guthrie, Oklahoma. The campground is located in the 600 block on W. Warner Ave., just one block north of Highway No. 33 on Sixth Street.

Come and enjoy a 10-day feast on heavenly manna. The Lord will be present to supply the need of soul and body. Come to be saved, sanctified, healed and encouraged. Ministers of this state and other states will be present to preach the Word with power and authority.

Meals will be served at the dining hall on the free-will offering plan. No tents will be available to rent, but rooms may be rented near the grounds. The saints at Guthrie, as in the past, will provide sleeping quarters for as many as possible. Bring your pillows, bedding, and strawticks. Please send all offerings and provisions for the dining hall to Fred Pruitt of this office.

The workers here at the office cordially invite you to visit the publishing plant while attending the campmeeting, and see the effort that is being made to publish the gospel by the printed page.

—L. D. Pruitt.

General Southern Campmeeting

The 34th Annual Campmeeting of the church of God will be held on the general southern camp ground at Hammond, La. June 27th to July 6th, inclusive.

Saints and lovers of the truth are all welcome. This will be a good place to obtain food for your hungry souls. Come praying for a good meeting, and do all you can to support it in every way. We are expecting good things from the Lord.

The meeting will be run on the free-will offering plan. Meals will be served in the dining hall. Sleeping quarters will be provided on the ground and in homes near by. We request those who can to bring their own pillows, towels, bed linens and straw ticks.

Hammond is located on the I. C. railroad and on highways 190 from the west and 51 from the south.

Donations or free-will offerings will be appreciated.

Write for further information to Chas. H. Bailey, Box 688; or R. J. Forbes, Box 543, Hammond, La.

—Mr. & Mrs. Ray Key, Box 370, Hammond, La.

Oregon Campmeeting

We are planning to have a camp-meeting, if the Lord wills, from July 10th to 20th here in Oregon at the farm home of Sister Emma Busch, located two and one-half miles southwest of Staton, Ore. The nearest railroad is Jefferson, Ore. All who are interested in the old-time gospel preached and lived without compromise or fanaticism are welcome. Come prepared to care for your needs in regards to shelter and beds as much as possible. Meals will be served and other needs met as the Lord provides.

We are expecting Sister Nellie Poulos of Highland, Calif. and others as the Lord leads to preach the Word. Any wishing information, please write to Mrs. Emma Busch, R. 2, B. 175, Scio, Ore.

Yours for a blessed, holy meeting with the Lord's approval on all that we say and do.—Mrs. Hazel Creason

THE CALIFORNIA STATE CAMPMEETING at Pasadena will begin Friday, June 27 and will run at least 10 days. The saints felt that it was best to set no definite closing time, but let the Lord lead. The meeting may continue after the ten days, or possibly continue on in night services. We are looking forward to having a good meeting, and are asking the saints to be agreed in prayer with us that the power of God be manifested in saving souls.

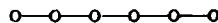
The location is the corner of Washington and Mentone Streets. For further particulars, address Bro. R. W. Morgan, 1302 Lincoln Ave., Pasadena, Calif.

CORRESPONDENCE

Lansing, Mich.—Dear Brother Pruitt, Greetings in Jesus' name: May the divine wisdom of God and the mighty power of the Holy Spirit continue with you in the best church paper with the most soul food and sound doctrine of any paper now published, thank God for ever! I pity or feel sorry for the person who cannot indorse the truth published in "Faith and Victory." There is only one perscription for such persons, and that it an altar of prayer. This is no age for white-washing or compromise. All the sects (including holiness people) have gone on the rocks, tampering with the world and worldliness. So has the Gospel Trumpet—so-called in name but far from the old standards of the former Gospel Trumpet. The remnant people coming out from this worldly crowd and taking a stand is the only refuge to hold up the old standards and to close up the breaches and build the walls of Zion and raise up the city of God and make the church of God real to the standard of the word of God. Brother, some folks claim to stand for this reformation, but they do not see the real church. If they did, their life would be different in conversatiön, in business dealings, in holy living, in holy boldness for the truth, in separation from the world, and in a life of inspiration to others, in the shout of victory, in the power of the Spirit of God, laughing for joy, crying for joy, walking and leaping and running for joy, and without fox-fire. Blessed be God forever!

Yours in the faith,

Edward Fagan.



Bigelow, Mo.—Dear saints everywhere: I have been intending to write for some time. We greet all of you in our Saviour's name, who died for us. We owe so much to Him. We want every one to pray earnestly for us. Floyd still needs prayer for his eyes. They are still afflicted. We don't do anything but trust the Lord, so we are expecting healing. God can and will heal. I need your prayers too. I am not so well. I have a pain in my side. I am trusting God to heal me, for I know he will. We mean to live for God at any cost.

I also feel like writing in behalf of Bro. John Strech. As he went home from here a short time ago, he stopped over in Kansas City to preach for some saints there. Someone broke into his car and stole everything he had, leaving him only what he had on. Some of you already know about his loss; but for those who do not know and would like to help him, I have written this. We are sure the Lord will supply his needs, he is so good to us. We are so happy to trust the Lord.

From one who wants to please the Lord,

Mrs. Floyd Knapp.

Overgaard, Ariz.—Dear Bro. Pruitt and Family and children of God far and near: My heart rejoices in peace this morning in a dark, wicked place where no love of God is. I am so glad to know that there are precious children of God everywhere although many of us are alone in places where no one understands us or cares for our fellowship, as we try to not keep up with the world. Praise his name who said, "If you were of the world, the world would love its own, but you are not of the world even as I am not of the world." I would rather suffer with Jesus alone and gain everlasting life with him than to gain the whole world and be lost. Surely, Jesus is the most wonderful friend in this life; he never forsakes me or never leaves me alone. I find when all earthly friends forsake me, Jesus sticks closer than a brother. I so long to be in the fellowship of God's people. How my heart does long to be a witness for him, for I want to see Jesus save the whole world which he poured out his life-blood for, and it surely grieves me sorely and puts a burden on my heart for lost souls. I have tried to testify and be a witness for Jesus among the ones here who believe in man-made churches. I have prayed and done what I could to show the ones who are lost in sin and darkness that through the blood of Jesus is the only way. Praise God for the tract that you sent with the church upon the rock and Bible. That is the church this poor soul has belonged to for 22 years. My name has not been on a church book since Jesus wonderfully saved my poor, sinful, darkened soul when I was 18 years-old, and helped me through my youth to live a clean, upright life. I have lived the story of the cross before all my children and husband and am standing on the promises of God for their salvation. I praise him for clean habits in my home—no tobacco smokers, no snuff or tobacco chewers, no liquor drinkers—and it is all because of my prayers to God for guidance in teaching them of sin and righteousness. Surely I have tried to live God's way. There have been many thorns, and many hard trials. Sometimes I almost fell beneath my cross. When all seemed lost, God reached down and lifted me up and gave me courage to go on. I cannot speak what I want to for him. I surely have much to be thankful for. My mother who asked for prayer some-time ago is lots better and will be able to go home from the hospital in the near future because God heard prayers. For 22 years heaven has been nearer to me. Jesus has been a real friend. I shall never forget that most wonderful night when I first heard the way of salvation. It was new to me. I accepted it with my whole heart and Jesus flooded my soul with the glorious light from heaven and poured his Holy Spirit upon me, and showed me a remarkable vision, and that sealed my heart forever (if I stay on praying grounds and obey his will). I was led in the spirit and taken all through that beautiful land where the city lies four-square and it had no need of light for the glory of God shone everywhere. It glistened like every kind of ruby, pearl, diamond, and gold. It was a glorious sight to behold. I felt the spirit of God as I went through that city with streets of pure gold. I came to the river clear as glass coming out of the throne. I looked and beheld the trees bearing fruit bending over the river. I tried to reach for a bunch of grapes and they were too high to reach. I heard singing (it was "Where the healing waters flow.") I went miles through many beautiful flowers and palm trees. All alone I wandered through that plain gathering flowers. I said, "What place is this? what beautiful place can this be?" I heard a voice say, "You are in heaven." I looked up and saw a beautiful band of angels coming toward me. I knelt down and they came around me in

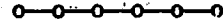
a circle and said, "Rejoice and we will rejoice with you." Later two angels parted and said, "Look yonder, behold He cometh." I looked up and saw Jesus coming to me. He was a shining spirit, but was real as can be. He held out his hand and said, "Come unto me." I bowed my head. He put his hand on my hand, and oh glory to God, the Spirit went through me like I had a chill. I heard him say, "My child, thy sins are forgiven." And no one can ever know the joy unspeakable I received. I began to rejoice and opened my eyes on earth, when I thought I was in heaven with Jesus. It is truly wonderful what the Lord can do and will do for all who will believe on him. I prize the truth highly and am deeply interested in God and his word. I have the little picture of the church on the wall close to the door where others will see it. It is surely being noticed by all. I have many friends here now and am praying God to save them and send a preacher here. God bless all the saints everywhere. A faithful servant, Della Harris.

Here is part of a song that came to my heart as soon as I saw the picture:

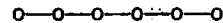
Built on the Rock, without spot or wrinkle,
Is the church of the living God.
Born of his Spirit, filled with His glory—
It's the way the apostles trod.

Built on the Rock on the solid Rock,
Is the Church of the Living God.
The gates of hell can never prevail,
For it's built on the solid Rock.

Built on the Rock and will stand forever;
It is God's earthly government
To shine on earth and draw all saints together,
Holy Spirit to earth was sent.



Valeene, Ind.—Dear Bro. and Sister Pruitt, Greetings in Jesus name: May a double portion of his holy power and blessings rest and abide with you and all your helpers in his work and the dear saints everywhere is my prayer. My soul is so burdened on account of the awful sinful wicked condition of humanity that I must look on every day, it seems like some times I can hardly live. Oh, it is the longing of my soul by God's holy and divine power to do something to awaken people before it is too late, as I know it is going to be that way—yes, in a few days with some around here. Some are on their death bed with incurable diseases and they are not saved. It makes me cry to God for the salvation of their poor souls before the door of mercy is closed in their faces. Now, bless your dear precious hearts, I want to ask a special interest in your prayers and that you will reach the throne for me and that God will give me the longing desire of my heart, the victory and power of the Holy Ghost to work and testify for his praise and glory. Your brother, in the faith, B. J. Trinkle.



Mercedes, Texas—Dear Bro. Pruitt, Greetings in Jesus' dear name: Oh, how thankful I am to him for his tender care to all that will love him and do his will from the heart. I received the papers all right. Many thanks for them. The "Faith and Victory" is a dear friend to me. Now please pray for me and for my loved ones that they may get saved. Also for my left eye, that I may read the good things and keep encouraged while here in this world of sin. "On the word of God I calmly rest, With a sweet assurance in my breast; For I know it is His holy will, Each promise to fulfill." Thank the Lord for his blessed word. May God's richest blessings rest and abide with all of you, is my daily prayer. Mary Leeper.

« Young People's Section »

Some One Had Prayed

The day was long, the burden I had borne
Seemed heavier than I could longer bear,
And then it lifted, but I did not know
Someone had knelt in prayer.

Had taken me to God that very hour,
And asked the easing of the load, and He,
In infinite compassion, had stooped down
And taken it from me.

We can not tell how often as we pray
For some hurt one, bewildered and distressed,
The answer comes—but many times those hearts
Find sudden peace and rest.

Someone had prayed, and Faith, a reaching hand,
Took hold of God, and brought Him down that day!
So many, many hearts have need of prayer—
Oh, let us pray!

—Grace Noll Crowell.

Editorials

The time for campmeetings is near at hand again. These are special efforts put forth for the salvation of the unsaved and the edification of the saints. In order to accomplish these objectives, earnest and prevailing prayers must ascend for the Lord to anoint for the preaching and hearing of His Word, and that the Holy Spirit may arrest and convict the sinner. When we consider the value of a never-dying soul—that one soul is worth more than the whole world—we certainly ought to make use of the avenue of prayer to move the Lord to pour out a spiritual revival in every campmeeting this season. Any sacrifice is not too great to make in an effort to rescue perishing souls. Not only will the saints rejoice to see sinners repent, but also the angels in heaven.

Saved young people can avail themselves of this privilege of prayer, though they may not be able to preach like Paul or Peter. When we have desires and burdens upon our hearts, the Lord has told us in His Word to enter into the secret closet, close the door and pray to our Father in heaven and the promise is that He would reward us openly. Prayer will move and change circumstances. Have you found it so? See how God answered prayer for Moses, Elijah, David, Samuel, Daniel, Peter, Paul, and in your own

experiences. Let us have more living, active faith in God, for He is just the same today and will be forever.

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In the various campmeetings, time will be allowed each day, as in previous years, for the young people to have their own meeting in which they may freely witness and exercise themselves in the Lord's service and labor for the salvation of the lost. You will derive spiritual blessings by entering wholeheartedly into these services.

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Bro. Willie Murphey, a young man whom the Lord has called to the gospel work, has been holding services at various local country school houses. The Lord is blessing his labors, and some have become interested in the truth. In these meetings, he is assisted by other young people of the Guthrie congregation. We need to pray for the Lord to raise up more young workers to take the places of those who are going down the western slope of life, and whose sun is nearly set.

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That great final judgment day is seen and described by John the Revelator. Rev. 20:11-15. The Lord will sit upon a great white throne, and before Him shall be gathered all nations—all the dead and the living will be there. In the presence of this great throng the Revelator saw that "the books were opened, and another book was opened, which is the book of life, and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works. And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire." That day will be most serious when the books are opened. We, today, will be judged out of the book of the New Testament, for Jesus has already said that the words that He spake would judge us in the last day. You can now read and know His commandments and be prepared for that day. By taking heed to the present preliminary judgments from God's Word, we need not wait until that last day to know our standing with God. It is possible for you to know that you "have passed from death unto life."

Another book will be opened—the book of life—and those whose names are not found written in this book will be cast into the lake of fire. This was the book that had been sealed with seven seals, and after a search of earth and heaven, only one Person was found who could break the seals and open the book, and that was Jesus Christ—the Lion of the tribe of Judah. If your name is found written in

the book of life in that day, it will be only through the merits of Christ's atonement for your sin. Happy is the person the day when he knows that the Infinite pen has been dipped in the blood drawn from Immanuel's veins and his name clearly written in the book of life in heaven. Can you sing, "I know my name is there"?

—L. D. P.

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OUR BEST FOR CHRIST

If we were expecting to have our picture taken, we would desire to look our best, for the finished picture would show just how we looked. If we were short in stature, the picture would show that we were short. If we were tall, our image in the picture would be tall.

If we were to take a picture with the object of interest, Jesus Christ, the negative representing our hearts and the finished print our lives, what great care would be taken that the finished print be the best. It would show exactly what the camera was focused on. We could not expect to get a picture of any object without focusing the camera in that direction. How carefully we would watch the finder to see that the object was in the center. We cannot expect Jesus to be seen in our lives unless we focus our hearts on Him. But no picture was ever made, to my knowledge, by merely turning the camera in the direction of the object. The picture is formed when the shutter opens. It must go through certain process before it becomes a finished print. Thus we must open our hearts to God and let the Holy Spirit do his work that God may imprint his image there.

The film, which is sensitive to light, must be exposed long enough to make the picture distinct. If it is not exposed long enough, the negative will be light, and the objects, if they show at all, will be very faint. If we would be like Jesus, we must follow his example. He lived a life of prayer. We must wait before him with the shutter of our hearts open that we may partake of his divine nature and show forth his graces. Satan often would hinder in the hour of prayer. Many times he will bring some entertaining thought to draw the mind away from prayer or bring to the mind a pressing duty. If we are not careful, Satan will rob us of our sweet communion with God.

"Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer
That calls me from a world of care."

Have you found it sweet? It is through prayer and studying God's Word that we gain strength to face the battle of life. It is through prayer and study that we become Christ-like.

One person failed in getting a picture of a very lovely scene in a deep canyon because they failed to give it time enough. The negative was so faint that

a person could hardly tell that there had been any exposure. It takes time for Christ to impress his image upon our lives. Especially in the dark hours of life when friends have forsaken, when the heart is grief-stricken over the loss of a loved one, when we've suffered financial loss, we must spend time with God. We want the trials in life to lift us up and be stepping stones to higher heights. If we fail to pray when all seems dark, instead of being lifted to higher heights, we will be crushed and discouraged.

"God's way is best if human wisdom

A fairer way may seem to show,

'Tis only that our earth-dimmed vision

The truth can never clearly know."

Instead of getting crushed and discouraged, let us look up and keep our eyes on Jesus.

The photographers are careful in developing and printing the films. Finger prints, dust, and scratches on the negative will show on the finished picture. So must the seeds of truth planted in the heart be guarded diligently. "Keep thy heart with all diligence, for out of it are the issues of life." Prov. 4:23. Satan will try to hinder those seeds from growing to maturity and bearing fruit in our lives. It is possible to spoil a picture by taking two exposures on the same film. How carefully we must guard that nothing in our lives will work against our efforts to grow more like Christ. Satan does not want us to be Christ-like, and he will try many ways to kill out any seeds of truth already planted. If in no other way he can work successfully, he will try to choke them out with the cares of life. Read Matt. 13:1-14, also 1 John 2:15, 16. Let us open our hearts to God and close them to everything that would sap spirituality.

The photographer is careful to let nothing between the object of interest and the camera, for it will show in the picture. A tree or bush in the way may partially or completely hide the object. Let us watch diligently and search ourselves that we let no idols hinder. We may not be fully aware of it, but if our hearts are honest and we let God search us, he will show us if we are holding something too dear; such as, houses, family, or money.

The more sensitive the film, the quicker the picture is made. Very sensitive films are used for pictures when there is poor lighting or when it is necessary for a very short exposure period. Let us keep our hearts sensitive toward God and our lives pliable in his hands that we may hear the faintest whisper, that we might be our best for Christ.

"I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me." Gal. 2:20.

—Fern Fortner

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Neosho, Mo.—To all the Saints: I felt the Lord would be pleased for me to send my testimony. I am truly thankful for the victory I now possess. I am sure it means more to me than anything the world could

offer, because everything the world has to give us will perish. But the victory the Lord gives is a thing that will last. I am also glad that I am serving a "God of all grace." So to those who have failed to have the grace they needed in trial, I am sure they were not serving the God that I serve, because He has promised grace to every humble heart. I can truthfully say, "His grace has never failed in my life." I am not saying that I have not made any mistakes, because I am sure they are far too many to mention; but never a time can we blame the Lord for our failures.

I often think of the scripture, "He that humbleth himself shall be exalted." I am sure that doesn't mean that we will have a big name, because many times it will seem that our reputation is gone; yet we are exalted in the Lord. I am sure the Lord sometimes has a terrible time getting us to the place where He can exalt us. Many times it takes suffering of both soul and body. By this I mean that it often takes persecutions and that mental suffering to make us humble before the Lord. But to me, the blessings we receive are sufficient to make us content to suffer. My prayer now is, "If there is any self in me, help me to be willing to stay in the furnace till the Lord can see His image reflected in me."

With Christian love, Anna Fetters.

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Kawkawlin, Mich.—Greetings in our Master's name, my dear beloved brother: I thank you for those tracts and books you sent me. I only wish I could shake hands with you. It makes my heart leap for joy to know that we shall meet on that bright shore, never more to part, Amen. I feel good in my soul to think I can hand a tract to a lost soul. I pray that many more souls in the state penitentiary in Ky. will get saved. It makes us happy.

Your sister, Mary Clements.

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Dear Bro. Pruitt, Greetings in the name of Him who said, "Follow me and I will make you fishers of men." How can we say we are following Jesus if we are not fishing for poor lost souls? There are so many poor lost souls whose eyes have been blinded by the God of this world. They are as men blindfolded going over a precipice. Oh God, help us that we may be able to win some of them to Christ. This is a big wicked city and I am so little in the midst of it. May all the dear saints at Guthrie hold me up in their prayers. Like Jesus said, we need to be wise as serpents and harmless as doves. And oh, how much I realize the truth of this statement as I endeavor to work for God and lost souls here in this big wicked city. I just feel so little for a big job like this and then I think of what Paul said, "When I am weak then am I strong." Oh, I thank God for his precious promise, for he said to Paul, "My grace is sufficient for thee, for my strength is made perfect in weakness." I know I am little and weak, but oh, how my heart doth rejoice when I think of the mighty God we serve. For we are laborers together with God. Ye (we) are God's husbandry. Ye (we) are God's building. So I mean to take a firm stand for God and his precious truth and come boldly to the front with this determination, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." The secret of his strength is found in the truth of Paul's statement, "I am crucified with Christ; nevertheless I live; yet not I but Christ liveth in me." And so Paul said, "God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified to me and I unto the world." What God

was to Paul, so He is to every one of his true, obedient children, for again Paul makes the broad statement, "And they that ARE Christ's HAVE crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts." So if we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit. Amen. G. W. Stephenson.

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Kansas City, Mo.—To the "Faith and Victory" paper: I am a young mother of two lovely children. I have been serving the Lord for a good many years. My mother and father are both ministers in the church of God. I had my tonsils removed very recently. On the seventh day afterwards I hemorrhaged. Of course my husband summoned the doctor at once. He was quite awhile arriving. In the meantime we were praying and trusting the Lord for healing. The doctor arrived but couldn't stop the bleeding. He rushed me to the hospital, but on the way the Lord healed me. The bleeding stopped instantly. Praise the Lord! I was also healed this last winter of a very bad throat infection. The Lord healed me slowly but thoroughly. He heals in many different ways. I am trusting him fully and intend to do so until the end. Pray for my husband that he may be saved before too late.

Yours in Christ, Mrs. Walter McKinley, Jr.

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Island, Ky.—Dear Bro. and Sis. Pruitt, and the people of the Son of God: I thank our dear heavenly Father this morning for Jesus, who died and bled on the cross for all the dear people of this world. I love Jesus more and more each day, and I praise him for leading you dear people on in your good work. I received your papers and tracts, also the little "Faith and Victory" paper. My heart fills with praises for our Master when I read your little paper through. I wish it could be larger. I read it over and over, and enjoy reading it more than any other paper I have ever read. I always did want to get that kind of a paper. I thank the Lord for sending that dear lady into my home wanting me to subscribe for it.

Pray for me. I am a Christian mother. My husband is also a Christian and my home is happy since we both found the Lord. We have six boys. Please pray for us, for we need your prayers and the Lord's guidance.

Yours in Christ, Mrs. Ines Chambers.

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Madisonville, Tenn.—Dear saints, one and all: I am so glad I can report to the dear saints everywhere that I have the victory in my soul. I desire every day to say or do some deed that will cause unsaved people to get saved and those that are in man-made churches to know they are not free. I was once there in the cage, and I wondered why I couldn't feel free. I knew the Bible said we would be free for Christ said, "If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed." I never could feel that I was free, but praise the Lord, when the Lord gave me the full light of being tied up, or yoked together with unbelievers, I got my freedom. I don't want to say anything to hurt any weak child of God for I know I was saved before I came out to all the light, but now I couldn't go back and be saved because I know we are born into the church of God, and the way we get out of it is to sin out. For years I felt like it wasn't right to join those man-made churches, but I didn't understand it like I wanted to. I just couldn't see the evil of the thing, but praise the dear Lord for the evening light. "Brighter days are sweetly dawning, Oh, the glory looms in sight, For the cloudy day is waning, And the evening shall be light."

Saints, when you read this, pray much for me. I

have met many of you and talked about the good things of the Lord. May God bless Sister Key and her husband in their labors for the Lord. I am rejoicing in his love. May God bless Bro. Foster of Yorkshire, Ohio, and the church there and everywhere. Love to all his saints. I would enjoy hearing from any of you dear saints. Your sister, Martha Jenkins.

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Los Angeles, Calif.—Greetings dear ones in Christ Jesus' dear name: I am indeed glad that I can report victory in my soul today. I am for the oneness of God's people for which Christ prayed in John 17:11.

I thank the dear Lord that I have found the real, true church of God. For years I had belonged to a Methodist church. I was saved in 1938 with the Gospel Trumpet movement, but my poor soul was still longing for more of the truth, so I kept on seeking until I found the true church of God, and along with several other of God's dear saints, we all made our escape out of her; praise the dear Lord. A few turned back again, but Jesus said, "My sheep hear my voice and I know them and they follow me." John 10:27. I am so glad to be saved and will never go back to confusion and strife again, no never. I have a great desire to do all that I can for perishing souls, and I want to pay my debt to them, for it is indeed sad to think of the lost world. If those poor souls would only read their Bible and accept God's one true way instead of man's many wrong ways, many precious souls would be added to the Lord. Many think that all churches are churches of God. That is because they do not love God and will not accept his one and only way. If they would, they could soon see the difference in the church of God and churches of men. God's church is a Bible church—Gal. 1:13; 1 Cor. 1:2; Acts 20:38; St. John 17:11. Here we see the one church and one name. "Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men whereby we must be saved" Acts 4:12. Oh, how plain, and how awful to think of the many images of men, also women, who have founded and built their own church; but the above scripture plainly points out that there is no salvation in any other name. "Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it. Except the Lord keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain." Psa. 127:1.

In Matt. 7:13, we read about the broad way that leads to destruction, the way that is so easy to find and enter. Dear friends, this is the same broad way that multitudes are travelling today.

I am deaf, having lost my hearing in 1924, and I desire the prayers of all the dear saints that the Lord restore my hearing. He is able.

Your brother in Christ Jesus, George Williams.

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Lansing, Mich.—Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ: Greetings this beautiful morning. May the Lord reign forever and ever. I do thank you for the encouraging letter, as perhaps you realize it takes real courage to stand on the truth that was once delivered to the saints. I do know I stand alone but I am going to stand for the salvation God has delivered to us, Jesus being my helper. Pray for me. I have a husband and nine children I want to see in glory and I know it will take the real old-fashioned gospel to save them.

I have stepped out of Anderson church of God and want just the real. I am mailing out the extra copies of the "Faith and Victory" to different ones. I checked your literature, and find nothing but what is Biblical. Praise God for the truth. I felt God had a people that

would not be afraid to declare the whole truth.

Pray for us and may the Lord richly reward you.

Your sister in Christ Jesus, Mrs. Lucy Montroy.

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Utica, Pa.—Loving greetings dear Brother and Sister Pruitt and all the redeemed ones there: It was with great rejoicing and praise to God that I read the heading of God's own pure, clean little paper. Yes, brother, God is giving light and leading on, yes, leading on. He is giving you His very best to hand out to his hungry children; O, praise His precious, holy name! Dear ones, I just want to tell you that 54 years ago today (then Easter Sunday Morning) the dear Lord healed me sound and well in my own home and I have never taken one dose of medicine since and never shall. Now I am in my 92nd year, still happy on my journey home.

I have lived a very happy life—born of godly parents, converted at the age of sixteen, received the light of the pure church many, many years ago, attended Grand Junction and Moundville meetings many times, and not one hair's-breadth have I drifted from the true Word of God as taught there and in the blessed Book.

Farewell to all of God's little ones, Sis. W. A. McKay

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State Prison, San Quentin, Calif.—Dear Bro. Pruitt: May the blessings of our blessed Lord Jesus be ever yours to comfort you along life's road, as you travel on.

I was happy to hear from you again and to receive the tracts, also your letter. I have given them much study. They give somewhat of a different slant on what I have seen and been taught; yet brother, I am not going to say you are right, nor that you are wrong. There are two sides to anything or question, so I am going to do what you said in the closing of your letter: let God lead me; in other words, I am going to wait on God. I believe I am right when I say we are all alike to a degree; and that is when we have a conviction, we stand on that conviction regardless of what others may say or think. Am I not right? I believe I am. But when God gives us light on some subject, which before we thought we were right, and He shows us in a completely different viewpoint, then we have to say we were wrong and say, "Lord, you are right." So that is what I am going to do. I shall wait on the Lord. If He shows me, as He has you, I will say then it is right and I will adopt it as such. I wish to state this, I believe you are a true child of God. You could not go on if you were not, as you do, by faith alone. Brother, that is something I do not have yet, though I am striving to that point, bless God. I want that kind of faith, so as to see no darkness ahead, though it may be all dark and not a ray of light. No doubt, you have gone through such a place, yet trusting God to work out a plan somehow. Though you did not see the way, you knew in your heart somehow it would be done. Brother, that is the kind of faith I want to have, a faith that will not falter when the testing time comes. I know that is the faith that is needed to carry us through all the storms of life that come upon us, to overpower us as we travel on our way.

Yes, brother, I want to see you and have a talk with you face to face some of these days. I have sixty-two days yet to stay here. That is not long compared to what I have already been here; yet to some who have never been inside looking out, I say it would seem a long time to them. Think of being in prison, and yet free to walk the streets and do at will, then again to be in prison throughout eternity with the devil. My stay is

only a drop in the bucket to what eternity will be to those who know not God.

Brother, I am sending you a paper (The News) published inside, behind the walls. Hope you will like it. It may help you to understand how we live here in our city where the wayward sons of Aaron are put away for not complying with the laws of the land, also the law of God, which is the more important of the two; yet we should obey both, and must if we expect to live free here, and hereafter with the Lord.

May the blessings of our Most High God, the Lord of Lords and King of Kings be ever over to bless and keep you down through life as you go on your way, is my prayer to God for you and yours. —A brother, washed in the blood of Jesus, Ben Daws, No. 53018.

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BROADENING CHRISTIAN HORIZONS: THE ANTIOCH MOVEMENT

Sunday, June 1, 1941

Daily Readings and Meditations

May 26 to May 31.

- M. The gospel in Antioch Acts 11:19-26.
- T. A ministering church Acts 11:27-30.
- W. A missionary tour Matt. 10:1, 5-11.
- T. Persecution overruled Phil. 1:12-17.
- F. God; the source of power 1 Cor. 2:1-5.
- S. A growing church Eph. 4:11-16.

Printed Portion Acts 11:19-30.

Acts 11:19. Now they which were scattered abroad upon the persecution that arose about Stephen travelled as far as Phenice, and Cyprus, and Antioch, preaching the word to none but unto the Jews only

20. And some of them were men of Cyprus and Cyrene, which, when they were come to Antioch, spake unto the Grecians, preaching the Lord Jesus.

21. And the hand of the Lord was with them: and a great number believed, and turned unto the Lord.

22. Then tidings of these things came unto the ears of the church which was in Jerusalem: and they sent forth Barnabas, that he should go as far as Antioch.

23. Who, when he came, and had seen the grace of God, was glad, and exhorted them all that with purpose of heart they would cleave unto the Lord.

24. For he was a good man, and full of the Holy Ghost and of faith: and much people was added unto the Lord.

25. Then departed Barnabas to Tarsus, for to seek Saul:

26. And when he had found him, he brought him unto Antioch. And it came to pass, that a whole year they assembled themselves with the church, and taught much people. And the disciples were called Christians first in Antioch.

27. And in these days came prophets from Jerusalem unto Antioch.

28. And there stood up one of them named Agabus, and signified by the Spirit that there should be great dearth throughout all the world: which came to pass in the days of Claudius Caesar.

29. Then the disciples, every man according to his ability, determined to send relief unto the brethren which dwelt in Judea:

30. Which also they did, and sent it to the elders by the hands of Barnabas and Saul.

Golden Text "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek." Rom. 1:16.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

The city of Antioch was very intimately connected with the history of the apostolic church. It was there that the first Gentile church was founded (However, according to Acts 15:7, Peter was the first to preach to the Gentiles; therefore Cornelius and his household were the first Gentile converts; here the disciples of Jesus were first called Christians; and it was from Antioch that Paul started on his three missionary journeys..

Antioch was the capital of Syria and the residence of the Roman governors of that province. Its inhabitants were people of many nationalities, including Jews; therefore it served as a good place of refuge for the Christians who were driven out of Jerusalem by the persecution which followed Stephen's death. Since it was about three hundred miles from Jerusalem, they probably did not arrive there for some time after leaving Jerusalem. It is thought that during this time, Peter had had the vision and had been sent by the Lord to preach to the Gentiles at Caesarea, but these Christians had not heard about it yet. It was only natural that they should speak of the things which they had seen and heard—the life, death, resurrection, ascension, and future coming of the Lord Jesus, and the coming of the Holy Spirit, and miracles which had been performed—when they arrived in the new place, but at first they preached only to Jews. Then missionaries arrived, who no doubt, had heard about Peter preaching to the Gentiles, so they preached to the Grecians.

Notice the unity that existed among the entire body of Christians: When the news reached Jerusalem that people at Antioch had been saved, the church there cooperated by sending an able, spirit-filled man (Barnabas) to help them, who "was glad" when he saw the good work that had been done in that city, though he had no hand in bringing it about. He did not jealously stand aloof, but entered into the work and exhorted the converts to cleave unto the Lord—not unto man nor an organization.

The love of God in the heart will cause people to have a care one for another. It was this love which prompted the disciples at Antioch to send relief to their brethren in Jesus who had been stricken by the famine.

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BEGINNING OF WORLD MISSIONS

Sunday, June 8, 1941

Daily Readings and Meditations

June 2 to June 7.

- M. Christ's commission Matt. 28:16-20.
- T. The field is the world Acts 1:6-8.
- W. A missionary church Acts 12:25 to 13:3.
- T. The mission to Cyprus Acts 13:4-12.

F. A prophet's commission Isa. 6:1-8.
S. Spreading the gospel Rom. 15:15-21.

Printed PortionActs 12:25 to 13:12.

Acts 12:25. And Barnabas and Saul returned from Jerusalem, when they had fulfilled their ministry, and took with them John, whose surname was Mark.

Acts 13:1. Now there were in the church that was at Antioch certain prophets and teachers; as Barnabas, and Simeon that was called Niger, and Lucius of Cyrene, and Manaen, which had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch, and Saul.

2. As they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, the Holy Spirit said, Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them.

3. And when they had fasted and prayed, and laid their hands on them, they sent them away.

4. So they, being sent forth by the Holy Ghost, departed unto Seleucia; and from thence they sailed to Cyprus.

5. And when they were at Salamis, they preached the word of God in the synagogues of the Jews: and they had also John to their minister.

6. And when they had gone through the isle unto Paphos, they found a certain sorcerer, a false prophet, a Jew, whose name was Barjesus:

7. Which was with the deputy of the country, Sergius Paulus, a prudent man; who called for Barnabas and Saul, and desired to hear the word of God.

8. But Elymas the sorcerer (for so is his name by interpretation) withstood them, seeking to turn away the deputy from the faith.

9. Then Saul, (who also is called Paul,) filled with the Holy Ghost, set his eyes on him,

10. And said, O full of all subtilty and all mischief, thou child of the devil, thou enemy of all righteousness, wilt thou not cease to pervert the right ways of the Lord?

11. And now, behold, the hand of the Lord is upon thee, and thou shalt be blind, not seeing the sun for a season. And immediately there fell on him a mist and a darkness; and he went about seeking some to lead him by the hand.

12. Then the deputy, when he saw what was done, believed, being astonished at the doctrine of the Lord.

Golden Text: "And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." Mark 16:15.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

In the last verse of last Sunday's lesson, we learned that Paul and Barnabas had been sent to Jerusalem with relief for the brethren. In the introductory verse of today's lesson, we learn that their mission was fulfilled and they returned to Antioch with Mark.

Let us take special notice of the Antioch church, and find the different characteristics which made it a true church of God:

1. The presiding officer in this church was the Holy Spirit. No one can rightfully exercise office in the Church of God without the Spirit's call.

2. Its ministers were prophets, teachers, missionaries, etc.

3. Its membership consisted of Jews and Gentiles—not a separate congregation for each. Though unconverted Jews considered Gentiles as dogs, the love of God had broken down this stubborn wall of prejudice, and they were all brethren in Christ. (What a shame that so-called Christians of today divide themselves off into

groups and classes of colored and white, rich and poor, etc. God never owns such. "In vain do they worship me, teaching for doctrine the commands of men." "If ye have respect to persons, ye commit sin;" and "He that committeth sin is of the devil.")

4. Its doctrine was the full gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ—repentance toward God, faith in the Lord Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and baptism of the Holy Ghost.

5. Its worship was spiritual, with fasting and prayer. "The true worshippers shall worship the Father in Spirit and in truth."

6. Its spirit was one of love to all men. In last Sunday's lesson we read how they were concerned about the welfare of others in a temporal way; and in this lesson they manifest their love for the lost souls by sending out missionaries. God's true church has a missionary spirit. They must have, in order to obey the command in the golden text.

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PROGRESS IN WORLD MISSIONS

Sunday, June 15, 1941

Daily Readings and Meditations

June 9 to June 14.

- M. Preaching to the Jews Acts 13:26-33.
T. Preaching to the Gentiles Acts 13:14-52.
W. Justified by our faith Gal. 3:23-29.
T. Justified by God's grace Rom. 3:21-30.
F. Strengthening the believers Acts 14:21-28.
S. God's doings Isa. 12:1-6.

Printed PortionActs 13:44-52; Gal. 3:26-29.

Acts 13:44. And the next sabbath day came almost the whole city together to hear the word of God.

45. But when the Jews saw the multitudes, they were filled with envy, and spake against those things which were spoken by Paul, contradicting and blaspheming.

46. Then Paul and Barnabas waxed bold, and said, It was necessary that the word of God should first have been spoken to you: but seeing ye put it from you, and judge yourselves unworthy of everlasting life, lo, we turn to the Gentiles.

47. For so hath the Lord commanded us, saying, I have set thee to be a light of the Gentiles, that thou shouldest be for salvation unto the ends of the earth.

48. And when the Gentiles heard this, they were glad, and glorified the word of the Lord: and as many as were ordained to eternal life believed.

49. And the word of the Lord was published throughout all the region.

50. But the Jews stirred up the devout and honorable women, and the chief men of the city, and reared persecution against Paul and Barnabas, and expelled them out of their coasts.

51. But they shook off the dust of their feet against them, and came unto Iconium.

52. And the disciples were filled with joy, and with the Holy Ghost.

Gal. 3:26. For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus.

27. For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ.

28. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus.

29. And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

Golden Text: "For ye are all children of God by faith in Christ Jesus." Gal. 3:26.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

Much interest was aroused by Paul's preaching, but opposition was also aroused. The Jews could not endure to see them gain so much popularity. They contradicted the things spoken by Paul. Blasphemy is, attributing the works of God to the devil. The Jews had accused Jesus of blasphemy because he "made himself the Son of God"; but in reality, they were the blasphemers, because they accused Jesus of casting out devils by the Prince of Devils, when he did it by the power of God.

The Jews were God's chosen people; but "He came unto his own and his own received him not." They, the husbandmen of God's vineyard had killed his Son and rejected all the servants that had been sent unto them, and now God is preparing to "give the vineyard to others" (Read Luke 20:9-16.). They had made their own choice and put from them the words which would have brought salvation to them had they received them unto themselves—little did they realize the great penalty which they must suffer, both in this life and in that to come. And not only did they reject salvation themselves, but they did all they could to keep others from accepting it. As Jesus said, "Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye shut up the kingdom of heaven against men: for ye neither go in yourselves, neither suffer ye them that are entering to go in." They stirred up devout women and men (probably by telling them that the missionaries were teaching new and dangerous doctrines) until the apostles had to leave.

But the Gentiles were glad for they realized the value of the pearls which were "trodden under foot" by the Jews. They eagerly grasped the opportunity of hearing the gospel and securing its benefits.

When the gospel is preached, some harden their hearts and will not hear, therefore they cannot believe and be saved because "faith cometh by hearing." Others have hearts that are honest and tender toward God. These are the ones who are "ordained unto eternal life." "God is not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance," but he cannot save a person against his will; he cannot enter a heart that will not open to Him.

FIRST JERUSALEM CONFERENCE ON WORLD MISSIONS

Sunday, June 22, 1941.

Daily Readings and Meditations June 16 to June 21

- M. The council at Jerusalem Acts 15:1-11.
- T. The decision of the council Acts 15:12-21.
- W. The decrees of the council Acts 15:22-29.
- T. Righteousness by faith Gal 2:11-21.
- F. Freedom from bondage Gal. 5:1-6.
- S. Freedom in Christ Rom. 8:1-10.

Printed PortionActs 15:6-21.

Acts 15:6. And the apostles and elders came together for to consider of this matter.

7. And when there had been much disputing, Peter rose up, and said unto them, Men and brethren, ye know how that a good while ago God made choice among us, that the Gentiles by my mouth should hear the word of the gospel, and believe.

8. And God, which knoweth the hearts, bare them witness, giving them the Holy Ghost, even as he did unto us;

9. And put no difference between us and them, purifying their hearts by faith.

10. Now therefore why tempt ye God, to put a yoke upon the neck of his disciples, which neither our fathers nor we were able to bear?

11. But we believe that through the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ we shall be saved, even as they.

12. Then all the multitude kept silence, and gave audience to Barnabas and Paul, declaring what miracles and wonders God had wrought among the Gentiles by them.

13. And after they had held their peace, James answered, saying, Men and brethren, hearken unto me:

14. Simeon hath declared how God at the first did visit the Gentiles, to take out of them a people for his name.

15. And to this agree the words of the prophets; as it is written,

16. After this I will return, and will build again the tabernacle of David, which is fallen down; and I will build again the ruins thereof, and I will set it up:

17. That the residue of men might seek after the Lord, and all the Gentiles, upon whom my name is called, saith the Lord who doeth all these things.

18. Known unto God are all his works from the beginning of the world.

19. Wherefore my sentence is that we trouble not them, which from among the Gentiles are turned to God:

20. But that we write unto them, that they abstain from pollutions of idols, and from fornication, and from things strangled, and from blood.

21. For Moses of old time hath in every city them that preach him, being read in the synagogues every sabbath day.

Golden Text: "But we believed that through the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ we shall be saved, even as they." Acts 15:11.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

In order to properly understand today's lesson, the class should read the first five verses of this chapter. Judaizing teachers had come to Antioch and disturbed the church with their teaching that it was needful for them to be circumcised and keep the Law of Moses before they could be saved. Paul and Barnabas stood forth against this doctrine which would bring the Gentiles under bondage. The controversy was so great that they needed help to settle it, hence they referred it for decision to the Mother church at Jerusalem.

The elders at Jerusalem came together to consider the question, and after considerable discussion, Peter rose up and reminded the brethren of the time when God had sent him to preach to Gentiles, proving that it was the will of God that they should be saved, even though they were uncircumcised. And God himself, who knows the hearts of all men had put his seal of approval upon it by sending the Holy Ghost to them in the same manner that he had to the Law-keeping Jews. After God had accepted them and given them salvation, how could any man reject them?

Paul and Barnabas were of the same opinion, for God had worked mightily through them among the Gentiles; thus proving that he accepted them without being circumcised. God's will had been shown by his workings with them and they had already obtained that which the Judaizing teachers declared they could not have without submitting to the Mosaic ritual.

The address by James the Lord's brother was the climax of the council, and the discension was ended. He was a Jew and a keeper of the Law, but also had spiritual

discernment and realized the truth of Peter's, Paul's, and Barnabas' statements; so he decided in favor of Gentile liberty; with a few restrictions:

1. Pollutions of idols (Read Rom. 14:15 and 1 Cor. 8:10.)
2. Fornication. This was a moral law, but many of the heathen were so corrupt that they had lost sense of purity and had to be taught even some of the moral laws that we as Christians think would be branded upon the conscience of any human being.
3. Things strangled. (Read Lev. 17:13, 14 and Deut. 12:16, 23).
4. Blood. The Gentiles were accustomed to drinking blood, but God is not pleased with it because it has a tendency to make men fierce and animal-like.

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LESSONS FROM THE EARLY CHURCH

Sunday, June 29, 1941

Daily Readings and Meditations
June 23 to June 28.

- M. The gospel of glory 1 Cor. 3:1-11.
T. The gospel of liberty 1 Cor. 3:12-18.
W. The gospel for the Gentiles Acts 10:34-43.
T. Christianity's message Acts 13:32-39.
F. The growth of the kingdom Matt. 13:31-35.
S. The council of the church Acts 15:1-6.

Printed Portion 1 Corinthians 3:1-15.

1 Cor. 3:1 And I, brethren, could not speak unto you as unto spiritual, but as unto carnal, even as unto babes in Christ.

2. I have fed you with milk, and not with meat: for hitherto ye were not able to bear it, neither yet now are ye able.

3. For ye are yet carnal: for whereas there is among you envying, and strife, and divisions, are ye not carnal, and walk as men?

4. For while one saith, I am of Paul; and another, I am of Apollos, are ye not carnal?

5. Who then is Paul, and who is Apollos, but ministers by whom ye believed, even as the Lord gave to every man?

6. I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase.

7. So then neither is he that planteth any thing, neither he that watereth; but God that giveth the increase.

8. Now he that planteth and he that watereth are one: and every man shall receive his own reward according to his own labor.

9. For we are laborers together with God: ye are God's husbandry, ye are God's building.

10. According to the grace of God which is given unto me, as a wise masterbuilder, I have laid the foundation; and another buildeth thereon. But let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon.

11. For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

12. Now if any man build upon this foundation, gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble;

13. Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is.

14. If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward.

15. If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer

loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire.

Golden Text: "For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ" 1 Cor. 3:11.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

Paul was distressed over the conditions which existed in the church at Corinth. Notice some of his expressions and see if they fit your experience:

1. Babes in Christ—lacking in judgment of spiritual matters. It is right and natural that all should start the Christian life as a babe in Christ, and when, in this state, milk (simple gospel truths) is the proper diet. But babes should grow into men and put away childish things. It is discouraging to parents to see their baby become weakly and puny and not develop in the natural way. This was the cause of Paul's anxiety. He and other ministers had labored among them, and by this time they should have grown, but were still undeveloped.

2. Milk—the first principles of Christianity or elementary truths.

3. Meat—more advanced teaching, which can be understood and practiced by those who have gone on to perfection.

4. Carnal—they had been born again, hence raised above their natural state, but were still influenced by the "pull of the world," or fleshly desires.

5. Walk as men—behave like worldly people rather than those who have been born of the Spirit of Christ.

Envy, strife, and divisions are all caused by carnality in the heart. Paul and Apollos were just human instruments used of God to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ. Paul first sowed the gospel seed, then Apollos followed him and was used of God to water (preach and exhort) the seed that it might grow. But God alone should have all the glory, for their labors would have been in vain if God had not given the germ of life and caused it to grow.

This teaching is not heeded by the majority of professed Christians today. "False shepherds have divided and scattered the flock" until one is looked upon as an outcast if he just belongs to the family of God and will not annex one of the multitude of divisional names; such as, Methodist, Baptist, Presbyterian, etc. The true church has only one founder and one foundation, Jesus Christ. Since his church was founded, people have drifted into error and darkness; hence God has used men with a spiritual vision above that possessed by the majority of their contemporaries to start a reformation to influence people to return to the truths of His word; but no true reformer has ever claimed to be the founder of a church. This has been the work of carnal men, who saw the man (reformer) rather than the truth which he desired to bring to their darkened hearts; and said, "I am of Luther," "I am of Wesley," etc.

Some reformers have ignorantly built wood, hay, and stubble (teachings that will not stand the test of the Holy Spirit's fire), but others have willingly taught false doctrines to draw away disciples after themselves. Thank God, some have laid gold, pearls, and precious stones upon the foundation (precious, enduring truths, and sound doctrine). Sad indeed will be one's loss when he finds that much of his life's work has not been that which has edified the church of God; but still sadder is the case of those who will hear, "Depart from me, ye workers of iniquity, I never knew you." But blessed are they who hear "Well done, thou good and faithful servant." "Let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon."