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"Blessed are they who have not seen and yet have believed."

Child of mine, I love thee, listen now to me,
And make answer truly while I question thee;
For I see that shadows do thy soul oppress,
And thy faith so weakens, that I cannot bless.

Thou hast craved my power and presence in thy soul:
Wilt thou yield thee truly unto my control?
Wilt thou let me ever with thee have my way,
Yield thyself in all things, simply to obey?

Though my presence oftimes seems to be withdrawn,
Of my inward workings not a trace be shown,
Wilt thou count me present notwithstanding all,
Still believe I'm working even in thy soul?

When I give to others what I thee deny,
Flood them with my sunshine, wholly pass thee by,
Wilt thou still believe in my strong love for thee,
Yield thee to my purpose whatsoe'er it be?

When I to thy pleadings seem no heed to pay,
And thy foes grow bolder, claim thee as their prey,
Though toward thee I'm silent, wilt thou stand the
test,
On my word of promise lay thee down to rest?

If to these my questions thou canst answer, "Yes,"
Thou shalt be forever one I love the best;
To the inner circle of my favored few,
Thou shalt be admitted, and my glory view.

—Sel.

BURNING AND FUEL OF FIRE

In Isa 9:5 we read, "For every battle of the warrior is with confused noise; and garments rolled in blood." This is a good description of the bloody wars across the ocean. Carnal, ungodly men use force and carnal weapons to kill and slaughter one

another, and their wars and fightings are with confused noise and garments rolled in blood.

The next part of the same verse of scripture reads, "But this shall be with burning and fuel of fire." The war that is going on now in which truth is warring against error is not being fought with carnal weapons, but by the Spirit of our God. The Spirit of our God burns the truth into the souls of men and error is rooted up as they yield themselves to God. Jesus Christ is the life, the truth and the way. When He came preaching the gospel, it was with "burning and fuel of fire;" and Satan and his religious hosts which were in error immediately arrayed themselves against him. Herod wanted to kill him when he was just a child. His gospel had no place in the hearts of the majority of the religious Jews, but they sought to kill him. They abused him in a carnal way and finally did kill the body; but God resurrected him and He is alive forevermore, and the truth still goes marching on as his Spirit lives in his believing children.

Malachi speaks very plainly of the war that Jesus would set in motion when he appears. In the third chapter and second verse, we read, "But who may abide the day of his coming? and who shall stand when he appeareth? for he is like a refiner's fire, and like Fuller's soap: and he shall sit as a refiner and purifier of silver; and he shall purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver, that they may offer unto the Lord an offering in righteousness." You can see by this that his gospel was to be with burning and fuel of fire. (Holy Spirit fire).

Again we read in the fourth chapter of Malachi concerning the day of Christ. "For, behold the day cometh that shall burn as an oven; and all the proud, yea, and all that do wickedly shall be stubble: and the day that cometh shall burn them up, saith the Lord of hosts, that it shall leave them neither root nor branch." Then he continues and tells us what they will do that fear his name.

In Matthew third chapter, we read what John the Baptist, the forerunner of Jesus said. In speak-

ing of Jesus he said, "He shall baptise you with the Holy Ghost and with fire." Matt. 3:11.

The 12th verse reads thus, "Whose fan is in his hand, and he will thoroughly purge his floor, and gather his wheat into the garner; but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire."

The fan that is in his hand is the Holy Spirit or Holy Ghost, as King James Version has it, and the floor is the hearts of those who yield unto him. The Holy Spirit will purge, burn, and consume up every carnal element in the heart and fit them for heaven. They will be gathered into the garner, but the souls that rebel or draw back will be counted as chaff and will be burned with unquenchable fire.

In John 16th chapter, we find what the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, will do when he is received into the hearts of his believing children. "He will reprove the world (sinners) of sin, and of righteousness and of judgment: Of sin because they believe not on me; of righteousness, because I go to my Father, and ye see me no more; of judgment, because the prince of this world (sinners) is judged." The same Holy Spirit that worked through Jesus and was as "Burning and fuel of fire" against sin and evil of every kind is now working in and through his believing children who have received the Holy Ghost and the truth is warring against error and bringing judgment with condemnation upon every rebellious soul.

What a contrast there is between the Spirit of Christ and warring, carnal nations. They murder, slaughter, and kill while Jesus says, "But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them that despitefully use you, and persecute you." Matt. 5:44. Why should we do this, Jesus? Answer: "That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven."

The nations of the world are doing absolutely contrary to the teachings of Christ and yet many of them are trying to pass themselves off as the children of God. You who endorse such bloody acts are no better in the eyes of God than those that do them.

Truly, the whole world lieth in wickedness and are arrayed against the true teachings of Christ. Paul says, "If any man have not the spirit of Christ, he is none of his." Rom. 8:9.

Every soul is either ripening for heaven or for hell. If you continually and freely yield yourself to the Lord and his pleasure, your soul will be ripening for heaven and the glory world; but if you refuse and rebel against his will and pleasure, your soul will be ripening for hell and destruction. There is no neutral ground for any man or woman. You are either day by day traveling the broad way to hell and everlasting burnings, or you are traveling the narrow way to heaven and immor-

tal glory.

Souls that are saved are called to follow the Lord, who did no sin neither was guile found in his mouth, when he was reviled he reviled not again, when he suffered he threatened not but committed himself to Him that judgeth righteously (1 Peter 2:22, 23).

If we who are saved prove faithful in this life through all the fiery trials, continually saying from the heart, "Thy will be done"; then will the fire of the Holy Spirit purge, cleanse, and purify our souls and he will choose us to dwell with him in glory. Read Matt. 10:22 and Rev. 2:10. "He that endureth unto the end shall be saved." Let each saved soul continually yield themselves unto the Lord as clay in the Potter's hand that He may mold you into a vessel of honor and glory that when this earthly house or tabernacle is dissolved, ye may be ready to enter into that house not made with hands—that glorified body which is eternal in the heavens. Read 2 Cor. 5:1. —Fred Pruitt.

THE TWO ADAMS CONTRASTED

1st Cor. 15:45 to 48.

The first Adam a living soul; the second Adam a quickening Spirit.

The first Adam formed of the dust of the earth; the second Adam conceived by the Holy Ghost from Heaven.

God brought the first Adam into the world without the woman; He brought in the second Adam without the man.

The Spirit of the Lord brooded over the earth before the first Adam was formed; "The Spirit of the Lord" overshadowed Mary before the second Adam was born.

Each Adam began life free from the taint of sin.

Each Adam had a nature capable of sin.

The first Adam could have remained sinless, but did not; the second Adam could have consented to sin, but would not.

The first Adam was tempted by Satan and fell; the second Adam was tempted by Satan and arose triumphant.

Because of the first Adam's sinfulness, all became sinners; because of the second Adam's sinlessness, many became sinless.

From the first Adam we derive the carnal mind; from the second Adam we derive the Spiritual mind.

The first Adam came and lost all; the second Adam came to save all.

By sin the first Adam lost the Divine Image in man; the second Adam came to restore the Divine Image in man.

The first Adam laid the blame for his sin on

the other fellow; the second Adam took the blame of all others' sins on Himself (Isa. 53).

The first Adam ate of the forbidden fruit of the tree; and for this the second Adam (Christ) was nailed to the tree.

The first Adam tilled the ground cursed with thorns which pricked his feet, having no shoes, just a coat (Gen. 3:21); for this the second Adam (Christ) wore a crown of thorns on His brow.

In the first Adam all die; in the second Adam all may be made alive.

The first Adam brought all the misery there is in the world; the second Adam seeks to take all the misery there is out of the world.

Neither Adam when brought into the world were Mortal or Immortal, but "Eternal." Mortal means subject to death. The first Adam was not subject to death till he sinned, then he became "the first born of death" (Job 18:13); the second Adam (Christ) was not subject to death till the sins of the whole world were laid on him in the Garden, He was the first born of many brethren (Rom. 8:29)—born from above.

In the Resurrection, He only hath "immortality" (1 Tim. 6:16), which applies only to the resurrected experience.

Follow the first Adam, you will land in hell; follow the second Adam, you will go to Heaven.

—Geo. E. Harmon

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"Behold He Prayeth" Acts 9: 11

The man who persecuted the church of God was praying, so that the Lord could now send one of His servants to deal with him. The prayers of a just man or woman avail much. How satisfying to know that when all other avenues are closed the way to the throne of grace is always open, and we are so graciously invited to ask largely and without ceasing. When Elijah's servant gave up in despair because of their numerous enemies, his master prayed. Then he saw that God's people had a much more able company in their favor than their enemy. You may not be able to walk miles as you used to when you were able to give assistance to the needy, or pray or preach in public, but you can enter into your closet and pray to your Father which is in secret.

Mrs. W—would not allow her husband to pray in the house because he prayed so loud, and she had embibed some false doctrine; so he resorted to the cave, or would go out in the country where he was welcome. Up in some pasture surrounded by mules and cattle he would commune with the KING of kings, and the Almighty Dictator would give him orders and supply him with the "joy of the Lord" which was his strength.

Moses, while herding cattle got his commission and was led on to become the greatest lawmaker, to whom even today the worldly wise have to go for wisdom. David, while herding sheep experienced the fact that if the God of Abraham was obeyed, he would be enabled to kill lions, bears, and Goliaths.

Yes, one person and God are the majority; or rather GOD and one person—we must always put God first. Our Saviour, the night before He finished the plan of salvation giving you and me a chance to be overcomers over sin and hell, prayed. He agonized until his sweat was as it were great drops of blood. Let us pray and live it.

—Marie Pauline Sass

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"Behold the Lamb of God That Taketh Away the Sin of the World."

Jesus said, "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." Rev. 3:20. Friend, is Jesus Christ the King of glory at your heart's door knocking for entrance? If so, why not let him come in; for he wants to come in and make his abode with you. If you will only open your heart's door and let him come in, then you can dine with a King. He will open up the store house of heaven or the power house of God and then you can live on the good things from the Father's table. For Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth and the life. No man cometh unto the Father but by me." "I am the bread which came down from heaven," saith the Lord. He that eateth this bread shall live forever (John 6:63).

It is the Spirit that quickeneth. The flesh profiteth nothing. "The words that I speak unto you, they are spirit and they are life."

You may boast of your ancestors and feel that you are entitled to great things because of the family into which you were born; but a fleshly birth will not merit salvation for you, regardless of how noble it is. Jesus said to Nicodemus, the ruler who came to him by night, "Ye must be born again." John 3:1-8. God requires this same thing of every one. The requirements which you must meet in order to be born again are: repent of your sins and accept Jesus Christ as your personal Saviour and His blood as a sacrifice or forgiveness of your sins. Then He will do the rest and perform in your heart that miracle, the new birth. "If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed." "Come, let us reason together, saith the Lord: though your sins be as scarlet they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson they shall be as wool." —Ray Freeman.

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Editorials

As we did not print and send out any "Faith and Victory" paper in August, it has been some time since we have written you; but we have not been idle by any means, for we find work to do for the Lord all the time. The Lord favored us in many different ways and we have had the privilege of attending the General Southern Campmeeting at Hammond, La., which was a good meeting and much blessed of the Lord. We enjoyed being with the saints in the south. The Lord has some very devoted souls in Louisiana, souls that will go through at any cost. We were greatly encouraged there.

The meeting at Kentwood, La. was a good meeting and the Lord blessed in the preaching of his word.

After returning from Louisiana, we attended the National Campmeeting at Monark Springs, Mo. This meeting was the best meeting yet to be held there. The Lord did mightily work and the saints were so precious to each other. The word went forth with power and demonstration of the Spirit. Many souls cried unto God for mercy, believers were sanctified and the saints were melted together more than ever. The attendance was good. Saints came in from all parts of the United States. The oneness and unity of God's children was in great evidence. God is surely gathering his lambs and sheep together.

The next campmeeting was the State Campmeeting at Guthrie, Okla. It was a precious meeting from beginning to end. The same oneness, love, and good will was manifested as in the other campmeetings. The Lord poured out his truth through his sacrificing ministers in this meeting, and as in the others, souls were saved, believers sanctified and there were

many reports of definite healing. It was a glorious time for the children of God.

In summing up the workings of God in the different campmeetings, it is easy to see that the children of God are getting more humble, meek and lowly, and it is easier for God to bring them together, melt them together and build them together.

In Hebrews the 12th chapter and the 26th verse, we read, "Yet once more I shake not the earth only, but also heaven." It seems to me that this scripture can be applied to this present time; for truly the earth is being shaken. This, no doubt, refers to carnal men that are earthly in nature, and we see this being fulfilled in the many bloody wars which un-saved men are engaged in. Nations in turmoils and upheavels, wars and rumors of wars—surely kingdoms and nations are being shaken. Then we think of heaven being shaken, which, no doubt, means the ecclesiastical heavens both satanic and godly, and true spiritual men and women. In the next verse, he says, "That those things which cannot be shaken may remain." Surely, the spiritual element of this world or Gospel day is being shaken. Many new and religious doctrines are springing up that the enemy is counting on to undermine faith in the living God. Preachers among the saints are drawing off after themselves little cliques and clans. Being conceited and full of "puff" they make a big claim of being "IT," and put on quite a show of power and demonstration while they belittle and speak evil of God's lambs and sheep, giving out that they are "some great one." Surely God is shaking the ecclesiastical heavens so that those who cannot be shaken will remain.

If one has a clear vision of the Body of Christ, the church of the Living God, they will not be moved at all by winds of doctrines nor by exalted preachers who want to be the head of something, and in order to exalt themselves brand God's little ones as hypocrites or evil workers. Truly, the shaking time is on and many are falling as leaves from a shaken fig tree, backslidden in heart, filled with their own ways, (Prov. 14:14) yet go on professing to follow the lowly Lamb of God. How shameful all this is, yet God sees it is needful in order to gather his children into one and make up his jewels for his coming (Mal. 3:17)



In the beginning God made a beautiful garden. Everything was lovely in that garden. Everything was there that man's heart could wish for to make him happy and satisfied—beautiful flowers and perfect made trees with the finest kinds of all manner of fruits.

When God created man it is said that "He put man in the garden," that he might enjoy all the good things at his hand and sweet communion with his heavenly Father. His loving heavenly Father just gave him one commandment; but sad to say, the

man and woman with plenty broke that commandment and God was compelled to drive them out of the beautiful garden. It was sad, indeed a very sad day for this man and woman, but through the mercy of God he promised them that the seed of the woman would bruise the serpent's head. The serpent represents Satan who deceived them and spoiled all their joy and happiness.

In due time the seed of the woman came, which was Christ. He was tempted too, but under much different circumstances. He was led into the wilderness (Matt. 4:1) and there among naturally hard and disappointing things surrounding him, he was tempted of the devil, but was victorious. And now, since Christ has come and is bruising old Satan under his feet, he gives us the victory over the flesh, the devil, and the sinful world.

In the beginning he "put man in the garden," but now since Christ has come, he "puts the garden in the man." Our souls become the garden of the Lord and he is the husbandry. He tills and tends it and causes it to bring forth the luscious fruits of the Spirit as we keep yielding ourselves to his blessed will.



In the sacred scriptures, we often find the writers referring to our souls as "the land, field, or garden of the Lord." Isaiah 51:3 says (in speaking about our hearts which were as a wilderness before we were saved) "And he will make her wilderness like Eden, and her desert like the garden of the Lord: joy and gladness shall be found therein, thanksgiving and the voice of melody." In Isaiah 58:11, we read, "And the Lord shall guide thee continually and satisfy thy soul in drought, and make fat thy bones: and thou shalt be like a watered garden, and like a spring of water, whose waters fail not."

In Jeremiah 31:11, we read, "For the Lord hath redeemed Jacob (which refers to us, his saved children), and ransomed him from the hand of him (Satan) which was stronger than he. Therefore, they shall come and sing in the height of Zion (the Mount of the Lord, the city of God, the church of the Living God) and shall flow together to the goodness of the Lord, for wheat and for wine, and for oil (rich spiritual food) and for the young of the flock and the herd: and their soul shall be as a watered garden, and they shall not sorrow any more at all" (will not sorrow for wondering where the fold of the Lord is).

In Prov. 24:30, we see what will take place in the garden of our soul if we become careless and indifferent about always yielding to the Lord and pleasing Him. We shall be counted as one slothful and void of understanding. The garden of our soul will be all grown over with thorns and nettles and the wall of salvation will be broken down. The

enemy will come right in and the beautiful flowers and fruit that would have been, will be blasted, withered, and the soil of our soul will become hard, parched and dry. By neglect one can soon become poverty-stricken in soul. "How shall we escape if we neglect so great salvation?" Heb. 2:3.

Let each one that is saved continually yield to God's will so He can water the garden of our soul, dig in it, till it, and tend it, walk in it, live in it and rejoice in it because of its beauty and luscious fruit.



Some Greeks came to Philip and said, "Sir, we would see Jesus." John 12:21.

Jesus began to speak and said, "Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit. He that loveth his life shall lose it; and he that hateth his life in this world shall keep it unto life eternal."

And as he talked on to them, he no doubt saw and perceived that they did not understand his speech, could not really see Him and his heart became burdened and he began to pray. As he prayed and asked God to glorify his name, there came a voice from heaven which said, "I have both glorified it, and will glorify it again."

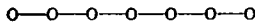
Some one, hearing the voice, said, "It thundered. Others said, An angel spake to him." No doubt, those Greeks who represented the wisdom of this world, only heard a noise as thunder. Their spiritual ears were dull of hearing. They were too full of the world to hear the voice of God. They loved a life here. Millions of souls are that way today; and many others love the world and its ways so much that when God does speak they misunderstand the message and give out mixed up teachings that just confuse souls and cause them to go in the wrong way. Paul said, "I am crucified with Christ: Nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh, I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me." Gal. 2:20.

In Col. 3:1, we read, "If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Set your affections on things above, not on things on the earth. For ye are dead, and your life (your life) is hid (is hid) with Christ in God. When Christ who is our life shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory."

Paul says that the "Preaching of the cross" is foolishness to the Greeks." (1 Cor. 1:23). Most all people today, when told that they must be crossed up with the world with self crucified and put to death and that they must be dead and not of the world, will look upon you as though you were speaking foolishly. Many others talk such things but

never practice them, and being not doers of the word they deceive their own souls.

All saved men and unsaved men have a grave in their souls and someone is dead and buried there. If you are fully saved and ready for heaven, you have a grave in your soul and old SELF is crucified, dead, and buried there. If you are unsaved, you also have a grave in your soul and Jesus is crucified, dead and buried there. How is it today, my friend? Most all professors of Christ today are like the second son in the parable Jesus spake: He said, I go, sir, and went not. (Matt. 21:30). People generally seemed to be filled with their own self-righteousness. They say in words, Yes, Lord, I will follow you; but they do not obey his teachings and instructions. When we are hearers of the word and not doers, we are deceiving our own souls. I pray that these professors will fall on Jesus and be broken (Matt. 21:44) repent, and become doers of the word.



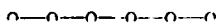
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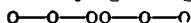
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NOTICE TO SAINTS

Sister Annie Wiley of Hennessey, Okla. is preparing to take a company of ministers to La. to do missionary work among the colored people of that state. She has been working in the state some recently and finds it to be a very needy field, and many precious souls there are hungering for the truth. Those who feel led of the Lord to help in this missionary effort can send offerings to Annie Wiley, Hennessey, Okla. or send to Faith Pub. House, Guthrie, Okla. and we will see that she gets it to use in carrying the gospel to these souls



PRAYER REQUESTS

Will all the readers of the "Faith and Victory" please pray very, very earnestly for me that I will get a definite experience of salvation?

Please pray earnestly that I may find all my lost relatives. Also pray for their salvation.

Pray for the salvation of my brothers and sisters.

—A Reader.

National Campmeeting Report

The 1941 National Campmeeting of the Church of God which closed with victory on July 27th was held in the new pavilion on the new camp ground at Monark Springs, near Neosho, Mo. The interest and attendance this year was greater than ever and it now appears that the pavilion and other accommodations will have to be enlarged in the near future.

However, the most important was the spiritual tone of the meeting. This was excellent in every respect. It was truly a blessing to see the saints (many new faces) come on the grounds from all directions of the compass and the Spirit of God in each heart blending all together in holy love and fellowship. Of a truth God's scattered few are returning to Zion (one fold) with joy and gladness. Sweet unity prevailed throughout, and the powers of discord had no part in the services. The Holy Spirit was the leader and Governor (no pulpit committee) and He gave the messages, and chose the time and ministers to deliver them. Conviction rested heavily on the unsaved from time to time, and a number surrendered. Believers were sanctified, and on the grounds there were many cases of definite healing in answer to prayer. Fifty or more ministers were present, and a number of messages were directed to the saints, especially emphasizing the urgent call of God for a further return to the deeper truths and practices of the Bible in this "evening light" of the gospel day. These messages received favorable hearty response from the saints. Toward the end of the meeting the New Testament ordinances of the Lord's Supper and feet-washing were observed by about two hundred saints who were made happy in obeying the Lord's commandments.

In the business meeting the duration of the campmeeting was discussed. Heretofore it has covered two weeks, but in the best interest of all persons and problems concerned it was agreed that future meetings should be held only ten days. The date set for next year is July 17 to 26.

During the meeting a movement was started to build a dining hall on our own camp ground since some of the older saints are unable to walk the distance to the dining hall which was built by the saints and surrounding community in the public park several years ago. However, this could still be used for sleeping quarters during future meetings. The proposed new dining hall would have three floors—a basement cut in the side of the hill, the ground floor for cooking and eating, and floor above for sleeping quarters. Promises for this purpose have amounted so far to more than \$300, but considering the cost of \$1000 for material beside the labor, it will be necessary for all the saints to be concerned about com-

pleting this project. Since plans have been made to fence the grounds, plant shade trees, and make other improvements, we will have a single fund to be known as the "Camp Ground Improvement Fund" which will also include the dining hall project. Let us increase this fund immediately, so that it will represent more than a name only. Consecrated lives will sacrifice freely for the Lord's work.

There are still a few lots for lease on the camp ground. A lot 24 x 24 ft. may be leased 99 years for \$10, accompanied by lease contract regulations and agreement. Your purchase of a lot will help to build the dining hall. Send all contributions to the "Camp Ground Improvement Fund" and requests for lot information to the national secretary, L. D. Pruitt, 1005 W. Mansur, Guthrie, Okla.

—L. D. Pruitt.

Meeting Reports

To all the saints scattered abroad, greeting:

I feel it will be to the glory of God to report of his wonderful works in the little campmeeting that has just closed, and which is on record in his book of remembrance. No tongue can tell, neither can pen write the wonderful things that our God did for us—all praise and honor to his name.

Sister Emma Busch, a widowed saint, and Sis. Hazel Creason, whose husband was unsaved, began some months ago praying and talking about having a campmeeting on Sister Busch's place, near Stayton and Scio, Ore.

Part of the few scattered saints within reach rather discouraged the idea, feeling that the time and place, etc. was not appropriate. Others, including the writer, agreed to do all possible to help, but frankly admitted doubt as to any one coming and to the success of the undertaking. Sister Busch wrote to Sister Nellie Poulos of San Bernardino, Calif., asking if she could come. When the letter reached Sister Poulos she was very sick in bed; but God impressed her and she wrote that by his grace she would come. God raised her up and sent her to help in his work. Then all the saints went in earnest prayer to God for him to send whomsoever he wanted to preach his word, but to hold his hand against everything that was not clear for God. The Lord had a couple of his servants in Missouri, Bro. D. A. Gibson and Bro. Allen. He spoke to them, and by faith in God, who never fails, they started to Oregon and arrived safely in Jesus' name.

From the beginning the sacred presence of God was felt on the ground. God poured his eternal truth through lips of clay with all holy love. The hail stones of his truth fell as consecrated ministers delivered the messages as moved by the power and Spirit of God. Our hearts melts as we write of the power that flowed from God. Twenty-two were brought to God. Others were sanctified and a number healed. God never failed us and the old time glory that always follows consecrated service swept over the grounds from time to time in blessings that never can be told. The last day twenty-three followed the Lord in baptism and forty-seven took part in feet washing and the Lord's supper.

In this meeting the pulpit committee worked perfectly. The right message was chosen at the right time and the right minister chosen to deliver it as delivered to them from on high. There was not the least

discord in the committee as it consisted of the FATHER, SON and HOLY GHOST. They are one and all the true ministers and saints are workers together with them, hence there was no discord.

Now we desire the prayers of all the saints that the wonderful work will grow and spread in this part of the earth.

Your brother saved by grace through faith,
—Sam Wilson

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The State Campmeeting of California was held at Pasadena commencing June 27th and lasting over two Sundays. The Lord gave a good meeting which was enjoyed by many of the saints of God. Quite a number came from different parts of the state. The attendance was good. The Lord worked in the midst of His children by manifesting His power in saving, sanctifying, and healing. Quite a number were saved. The word of God went forth in its purity in the humility of the Spirit of Christ. Much lasting good was accomplished.

The early morning prayer service was especially beneficial. The presence of the Lord was so near. We enjoyed the fellowship of Sister Bonnie Wells. Many expressed how much they delighted in hearing her words of love, and what benefit they received. We appreciated the coming of Bro. and Sister Ostis Wilson of Anthony, Kans. Bro. Wilson remained for the campmeeting and other meetings. The Lord surely blessed him in the giving of His precious word. A number of home ministers of Calif. were present and used of God to give out the word. A meeting held by Bro. Wilson at Glendale previous to the Campmeeting was a good success where a number of souls were saved. Then afterwards a meeting was held in Los Angeles, which was but a continuation of the good work. Twelve followed the Lord in baptism, which was administered by Bro. E. M. Zinn. Others are yet to be baptized.

On the last Sunday of the series of meetings, the ordinances of the House of God were observed. About 75 happy saints took part in the same. It was encouraging to have Bro. and Sis. J. W. Youngblood of Pomona, Calif. Bro. Youngblood, who has been so very much afflicted, was able to sing some of his inspiring songs.

In behalf of the State Camp ground lot which is adjoining to the chapel at Pasadena, the Lord wonderfully blessed in the purchase and it is all paid for. Another lot next to this one is available at a very reasonable price. Many expressed themselves, they felt God would be pleased to purchase this lot also; which would give ample room for small tents and a parking space. There has already been some money given for the purpose of this additional lot. It is in a beautiful location. We are much encouraged with the outlook for the future success of the work. Expenses of the campmeeting and ministry were liberally taken care of. The command is to go forward by the help of our Saviour. We give the Lord the praise for all that He has done. In holy love.

Your Sister in the work of the Master, Emma H. Cage

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Akron, Ohio—The revival meeting that was held at Akron, Ohio was grand. It began June 6th and continued unto the 15th. The old time truth was preached in its purity and God sent the holy fire and there was great joy in the camp of the saints. There was a large attendance from start to finish. Four accepted Christ as their Saviour. Visiting ministers were Bro. John Strong Chillicothe, Ohio; W. K. Knight, Tulsa, Okla.; Bro. L. L. Jackson, Sister Sallissia Griffin, Sister Frances Bell, Okmulgee, Okla. On Wednesday Bro. L. L. Jack-

son, Bro. Knight, Bro. Malone. Bro. Jones and Sister Cordelia Jones (The Pastor at Akron), Sister Jackson, Sis. Dickson, Sis. Griffin, and Sis. Bell went to Warren, Ohio, about 42 miles from Akron, Ohio to hunt some of the lost sheep who, when they heard the call, came hungering for the old time truth. We ate a good dinner at the home of Sister Hattie Wilson, after which we had a good service and enjoyed a good spiritual dinner. Souls were hungering for the truth, so the fire is beginning to burn there.

Some saints came from Sandusky, Ohio, about 84 miles from Akron on the second and third Sundays. Bro. L. L. Jackson and wife, and Frances Bell spent part of Saturday and the night in Cleveland, Ohio and left some of God's rich truth there and returned back to Akron Sunday morning. Our souls were made to rejoice as the fire fell. In the late afternoon 29 saints took part in the ordinances. —Frances Bell.

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IN MEMORY OF MOTHER

Dear Mother's gone and left us here
To weep and pray alone;
The angel called and she arose
With wings of love went home.

"I want to go where Jesus is,"
From her lips so sweetly fell.
How sweet to know that she has now
With Jesus gone to dwell.

She called her children one by one
It seems we hear her yet:
"Meet me again in heaven," she said—
We hope none will forget.

Her chair is empty, her voice is stilled,
No more we hear her pray;
But we shall meet our Mother dear
Some bright and happy day.

Our home is lonely, sad, and still,
Our hearts with sorrow swell,
We bow our heads and humbly say,
He doeth all things well.

Farewell, dear Mother, Fare-U-well
Until we meet above;
Your looks, your words, and name so dear
We'll never cease to love.

—Susie Whipple

Obituaries

Marthe Howard, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elisha Howard was born Mar. 22, 1856 in Shelby County, Ill. Passed away at her home in Anthonv, Kans. July 4, 1941, in her 86th year. On Aug. 7, 1888 she was married to John H. Patton, and to this union one son was born, who passed away in infancy. Her survivors are, her husband John H. Patton, one step-son, Samuel L. Patton of Helena, Okla., 4 grandchildren, and a number of nieces and nephews.

Aunt Mattie, as she was affectionately called by all who knew her, loved and served the Lord from early childhood, and being left an orphan at the tender age of nine years, she learned to lean heavily upon the strong arm of the Lord. She received a knowledge of the Truth some 35 or 40 years ago through the preaching of Bro. Sam. Helm. She loved the Truth and ways of God and was found faithfully at her post of duty these many

years, and many times she would be seen at the house of God, when she would almost have to be carried in, so great was her love for God's service and her desire to hear the Word of God.

Aunt Mattie will be greatly missed by the congregation at Anthony, where she has lived some 18 or 20 years, but knowing her desire to go on to be with Jesus, we can only rejoice with her that the last battle has been fought and the final victory won. Due to the absence of her Pastor, O. B. Wilson, Jr. the funeral service was conducted by her nephew, T. E. Howard of Chanute, Kansas, assisted by the writer, —Opal Wilson.

HEAVEN

I am thinking today of that beautiful home
I shall reach when the sun goeth down.
There I will meet with my dear Savior
And wear a bright glittering crown.

There I will meet with my dear loved ones
Who have gone on before.
There I will sing with them and the angels
On that grand and beautiful shore.

Dear saints, I loathe to leave you,
But my Savior calls away,
So come some day and visit me
And spend that long eternal day.

I enjoyed being with you
While I was in this world.
I am going home to be with Jesus
Where all is peace, joy and love.

Dear sinner friend, I beg of you
To give your hearts to God,
And be ready to meet the Savior
Ere you sleep beneath the sod.

I am going home
With Christ to dwell—
That blessed home I love so well.
Farewell, farewell, I am going home.

By Aunt Mattie Patton, and requested by her to be read at her funeral.

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Bro. Wm. Bray was born in Texas, Nov. 16, 1873, died July 8, 1941, 2 a. m. at Tulsa, Okla.

Bro. Bray was converted early in life and united with the Methodist Church. In the year 1921 he attended a meeting at Morning Star where he heard and accepted the truth. Later he felt the hand of God on him for the ministry—which call he obeyed. God blessed his labors and caused him to be a blessing and encouragement to many by his godly life and living example. He will be missed by those among whom he labored.

A former wife preceded him in death. He leaves to mourn his passing a wife, two brothers, one sister, a number of other relatives and friends.

While sadness has come to our hearts, we sorrow not as those who have no hope.

Across the river on the shining shore,
There he will dwell for aye
Where loved ones meet to part no more
In a land of perfect day.

Funeral preached by Bro. Ulysses Phillips. Text: Psa. 55:6, "Oh that I had wings like a dove! for then would I fly away, and be at rest."

Interment in cemetery near Tullahassee, Okla. May God comfort the sorrowing in our prayer.

« Young People's Section »

RESCUE THEM TODAY

Q, child, of God, lift up your eyes,
There are souls at stake today;
You have no time to waste, be wise
And rescue them today.

The Lord hath work for you to do.

You must His Word obey;

Oh, list! lost souls are calling you!

Oh, rescue them today!

Now God will help you do your part;

Just trust in Him away;

Speak in His name to some dear heart,

Help save some soul today.

Soon time for rescue will be o'er,

No time now for delay.

Soon they will drift to that dark shore,

Oh, rescue them today!

—Sel.

Editorials

Quite some time has passed since we were privileged to write through this column to the young people scattered abroad. In the last issue, the July number, the illustration of "Babylon confusion" occupied the space ordinarily allowed for the Young People's section. However, we are happy to again send Christian greetings to all our young readers.

We can witness in our own experience to the truth spoken by Solomon that "the path of the just is as a shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day." The path of life gets brighter and sweeter as we draw closer and become more acquainted with the Lord and His marvelous ways, and by meditating and feasting upon the living Word of God. Earth loses its charms as by faith we behold the splendor of our eternal home. Yet how often we see those who once "confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth" becoming too familiar with the world and its ways, and as a result, their spiritual vision is blurred and they cannot read their title to a heavenly home as clearly as they once did. The enemy of all souls would ensnare every child of God if possible, even if it takes years. We must have the grace and power of God in our hearts continually. We cannot stand alone against the wiles of the devil. Surely this is why so many emphatic warnings are given us in the Word of God that we should watch and pray, and be sober. Often as I think of the

momentous question of our eternal destiny, I recall to mind the words of the last song written by Bro Warner:

"O my soul, press on to glory!

Worlds of bliss invite thee on,

Evermore to be with Jesus

When this walk on earth is done."

We may be young in years now, but this life will soon be over, and what we pass through for the Lord's sake will matter but little at last.

One person testified that he was "devil proof" which would imply that he was beyond the possibility of being overcome by our common enemy. We know that we need not fall a victim to his cunning devices yet as long as life lasts we are subject to his temptations and our destiny for heaven will not be sealed eternally until we are faithful unto death. The spirit of lukewarmness and indifference to spiritual progress will rob one of the joys of salvation. O, how we need to examine ourselves and exhort one another daily, as the Word commands us. Since wickedness is increasing, there is a tendency of the love and zeal for God to cool off. These conditions should warn us all the more to be faithful servants.

Our nation is calling for young men to place in its army. Likewise, the Lord is calling for young people, and in the campmeetings which we attended (Monark Springs and Guthrie), quite a number of young people were saved and placed in the Lord's army. We are indeed thankful for these new recruits, and may the Captain of our salvation inspire them with courage and grace to overcome in the battles of life. The weapons of our warfare are not carnal, for we are enlisted in a much nobler cause. In this army there are no "draftees"; they are all volunteers. Lift up the shield of faith and wield the sword of the Spirit and you will conquer.

We would appreciate testimonies, articles and poems from the young saints for this young people's section. Let us be workers together with Christ to inspire and encourage victorious lives. Each member of Christ's body has a work to do. Are you active in your humble place? —L. D. P.

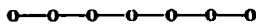
THE LITTLE THINGS

Great things are made up of little things. So it is with us. If we are faithful in performing the little tasks in our every day life, we will then be able

to accomplish greater tasks. If we begin to think the little things are not worth noticing we are on dangerous ground, for it is the little foxes that spoil the vine. When malice, hatred, envying or strife begins to creep in, we should nip it in the bud right then and not wait until it has become habitual with us. How many hearts have been made sad because of angry and cutting words that were spoken to them. This may seem a little thing, but nevertheless, many hearts may bear the wound until death claims them. Just one little word that isn't fitly spoken may well be one of the little foxes that spoils the vine; and if not attended to will sap our spirituality until we find our soul lacking in spiritual food. Let us remember this truth: A word that is once spoken can never be recalled. Pure words belong to a holy life; language that is free from slang, vulgarity and the spirit of the world.

If some of the little things have grown to be giants, we must put on the whole armor of God, that we may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil and go forth to conquer. These giants are not flesh and blood but are principalities, powers, rulers of the darkness of this world, and spiritual wickedness in high places. If we have faith in God, he will help us slay these giants. But they will be much easier killed if we slay them while they are yet little. So let us mind these little things instead of looking for some great task to do and there will not be so much danger of self getting in the way of our progress.

—Ruby Doolittle.



Dewey, Okla.—Dear saints scattered abroad: I feel led to put my testimony in the paper of my experience at the Monark Springs Campmeeting.

The incident occurred July 25, 1941 at the evening service. While we were kneeling in prayer, all at once it seemed my heart would run away with itself. I felt like I should go and lay down. As I started to my tent my brother (Charles Smith) asked me what was wrong. He told me my face was flushed and that I looked like I was ill. I told him to get Mother and some of the saints to come and pray for me. I went to my tent and lay on the bed. They were soon there to pray for me. As soon as they had finished praying for me, I got up and went back to meeting, but I felt so weak I asked Mother to take me outside so I could get some air. She started to take me to our tent but I couldn't hold up long enough so they took me to the closest tent to lay down. They called more of the saints to pray for me. While they were praying for me I passed away. They felt my pulse and realized I was gone. They started praying for me and I was brought back. I couldn't see nor talk to them, so they prayed for me and my sight and speech returned. Then they asked me where I went and I told them that I went to heaven. They asked me who I saw. I told them that I saw Jesus and that he told me to come back and get sanctified and to get as many others saved and sanctified as I could. I told him I would get sanctified and that I would try my best to get people saved and sanctified. They asked me if I wanted to get sanctified and I said, yes. They prayed

for me and I got sanctified and I felt a lot better.

While the altar call was going on I got three of my girl friends to go to the altar for sanctification, and they surely did get blest. I am trying my best to get others closer to Him.

Those of you who aren't saved should stop and think about the condition you are in and get saved before it is too late. Those who are saved, pray much for me.

I am fifteen years old. It would encourage me very much to hear from you. If you wish to write, my address is 1301 N. Wyandotte, Dewey, Okla.

Your sister in Christ, Ida May Smith

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Obituary

Robert Milton Porter was born July 10, 1877 near Fayetteville, Tenn. Departed this life July 2, 1941, just eight days before his 64th birthday at his home in Springfield, Mo. He came to Missouri in 1899 and was united in marriage to Pearl Brown March 7, 1901. To this union were born nine children, seven sons and two daughters. Three sons preceded him in death. Surviving him are his wife; four sons, Jewell and Lee of Springfield, Mo., Don and R. M. Jr. of El Monte, Calif; two daughters, Lela Gibson of Springfield, Mo. and Pauline of the home; seven grandchildren; four brothers; three sisters.

Bro. Porter was converted at the early age of fifteen, remembering his Creator in the days of his youth. He has been preaching since 1916. He moved to Springfield in 1922 and has been pastor there about 12 years. He was engaged in a meeting four miles from Springfield at the time of his death and had preached that night. He went to bed about midnight and was found dead in bed about five o'clock in the morning. That is being faithful until death.

Of course he is missed much by the dear family and missed from the ministry, but we are sure our loss is heaven's gain. Paul said for him to die was gain and to be absent from the body was to be present with the Lord. The funeral was conducted by O. E. Wilson, Sr. at Springfield, Mo. and buried at Carthage, Mo. Text: 2 Tim. 4:6-8, and Rev. 14:13.

I'M GOING HOME

I'm bidding this world good-bye to live with the Savior
on high,
And meet with my loved ones, where life just begins;
And won't that be home again.

—Chorus—

And won't that be home sweet home,
Where sorrows and heartaches are gone
Where death and it's terror will leave you alone,
O won't that be home sweet home.

My treasures are all up there, where Jesus has gone to
prepare;
I'll share with all Heaven, the joys of that home,
And won't that be Home again.

He gave me lease on my life, to live to the glory of God,
To save some poor soul, that's in darkness and sin,
And won't that be home again. —R. M. Porter.

In Remembrance of our Loving Husband and Father:

'Tis so lonely here without you,
We miss your kind and loving way;
But you can depend on us being true,
So we can meet at the last Great Day,

We know some of the trials you went through;
Some of the heartaches, knocks, and grief;
But to know you stood loyal and true
Gives us much comfort, joy and relief.

A good example has been your life
To us and your little flock,
Who will continue to hold the banner high,
And stay upon the Solid Rock.

—Loving Wife and Children.

CORRESPONDENCE

Benson, La.—Dear saints, greetings in Jesus' dear name: I wish to write my testimony once more before the Lord calls me home. Dear saints, I am so glad that Jesus saved me in time. I can truly say today that I am saved from sin and walking in the narrow way of God. Dear saints, if I never write another testimony in this life I want all the dear saints to meet me in that sweet home where Jesus is.

Your sister in Christ, Dollie Brown

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Reform, Ala.—Dear Bro. Pruitt: I will write my testimony to tell you how the dear Lord helped me when I was sick. I told the dear Lord that I would testify to it if He would heal me, and He did. He is so good to me. He also healed my daughter.

Your brother in the one body of the dear Lord,
George Hood.

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Winslow, Ark.—Dear Brother Pruitt. Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus: I thank God for the blessings he has sent upon me. Oh, that I could do more for him! My mother has been with Jesus five years and I intend to be with him and her some day or other. It is sad to know the condition of our world. Prayer is the only thing that will change things a bit. We need prayer and more of it. The lack of prayer was the cause of the fall of Babylon. As the picture in the last "Faith and Victory" showed, it has all kinds of man made rules to go by but few keep God's word. I thought the picture was wonderful. It showed the true condition of the world.

Christians, pray for me to receive more light on his word and works.
S. G. Burkett

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Elsa, Texas—Dear Bro. and Sister Pruitt: I thank God this morning for Salvation and this opportunity to write to you. I wrote you just before your trip to Florida in regard to my son who had been in a weakened and sickly condition for quite a while. He wanted me to write that letter, and was so much encouraged to know you were praying for him. He is well now except for weakness and has a firm determination to serve God at any cost and escape the awful punishment that is the reward of the wicked and all who neglect the salvation of their souls. I am staying with my only daughter now. She is expecting her first child soon. Pray for us here, that God will help in every way needful.

I pray God will bless and supply and keep you in his tender care.

With much love, Lovina Eberle

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NOT A HEATHEN

I used to think him heathen
Just because—well, don't you see,
He didn't speak good English,

And he didn't look like me;
He had a burnt complexion,
Which is heathen, everyone knows;
He ate a heathen's rations,
And he wore a heathen's clothes.
Yes, you'd know him for a heathen
If you judged him by his hide;
But, bless you, he's my brother,
For he's just like me inside.

—Sel.

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THE HAPPIEST MAN IN THE WORLD

Tonight, I sit on the hard, iron bunk in a dreary prison cell. Everywhere I look I am surrounded by stone walls and cold, steel bars. I am dressed in the convict's garb of dishonor, the stripes, with a number on my back. Perhaps I have not a friend in this world, and I should be cast down as most miserable of men.

But no, I am one of the happiest men in the world. I have found a treasure. I am richer than Solomon. I want to share my happiness with others; because the more I share, the more I have. I have found Jesus Christ and He is my Friend. I am no longer friendless and alone, and Someone loves me. What a wonderful Friend we can have in Jesus!

Early in the evening there had been a great thunder storm and the sky turned black. Even now, as I peer through the bars in the little window, all that I can see is a patch of black sky—yes, there is one star a-shining—perhaps like a candle in God's window it was lighted by a mother's prayer to guide her wandering boy home.

The storm reminds me of my life in the underworld and in prison when I was bound down with the chains of sin in the devil's chaingang. It seemed that no power on earth could free me from bondage. But thank God, someone did care for my soul, and a rainbow of light shined in prison, for a good Christian worker passed through one day and handed me a little tract and a "Gospel of St. John."

I had plenty of enforced idleness on my hands and while sitting in that prison cell I read the little tract and began to study the Gospel. By the flickering candlelight I read far into the night; and over and over again I read: "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

Conviction seemed to grip me and I got down on my knees and prayed, "Lord, have mercy on me a sinner." I prayed as I had not prayed since I was a little boy at my mother's knee. That night in that old prison cell I accepted Jesus as my Saviour. What a wonderful feeling came over me. Truly it is won-

derful to be born again in Jesus Christ. If He will only accept my humble life, I intend to be like Jerry McAuley and try to lead others from bondage in sin's prison.

When I was a young man I was a soldier boy in the last World War. While at training camp I had some spare moments, and some well-meaning organizations felt that the soldiers should be entertained, and came to the camp with all kinds of amusements and also handed out cigarettes. I learned to smoke the weed, also to gamble and a few other bad habits. I felt what was the use—I was to go across the seas—and maybe get shot or killed tomorrow—so I may as well enjoy life today. Oh, if someone had only handed me a Gospel of St. John in my army training camp days; it might have saved me many years of having to live in sin.

During the World War there was a tremendous craze to entertain the soldiers, so gigantic programs were put on to this end. "Give our boys a good time." Now, following that not unworthy motive, our land became swept off its feet seeking fun and frolic—we truly became lovers of pleasure. Every wild device the devil could invent was put into action. The enemy of the soul opened a thousand doors to young people. Drinking at the roadhouses beergardens; gambling on the nickle slot machines; dancing, smoking and cocktail parties are the rage; and Sundays the roads are filled with automobiles and alcoholic wrecks. The automobiles are often used as assignation houses on wheels, where indulgences are often practiced by boys and girls in their teens.

Why are the prisons crowded with young men, not yet out of their teens? They are no longer taught obedience at home. In many states the Bible cannot be read in public school—and yet, the taxpayers allow so-called educators to teach evolution and communism and other isms. Is it any wonder the youth of the land like to read the trashy sex magazines of the present day, to listen to the slush of the gang-buster programs on the radio; and to see the vile movies put out by Hollywood about gangsters and other loose characters. Youths are being taught that this kind of life is romantic and full of adventure. It takes a costly lesson for them to learn that crime does not pay.

Perhaps all of us are not criminals at heart and are carefully obeying man's laws. But are you also obeying God's laws? His laws are perfect, converting the soul. Why not obey His law today, which is a law of love. Why not help some other poor soul to find this great love, and why not hand to some other poor boy a copy of the "Gospel of St. John." You may help to win his soul for the Saviour, and then you will truly be able to say, "What A Friend We Have in Jesus."

"Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither hath it entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him."

Prisoner No. 33246, State Prison, Nashville, Tenn.

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JESUS, THE LIGHT, THE TRUTH, THE WAY

As we think over God's goodness to us, we are made to feel as the Psalmist of old when he said, "O Lord, how manifold are thy works! In wisdom thou hast made them all: the earth is full of thy riches" Psa. 104:24.

How dependent we are upon his goodness. How helpless and undone we are without him. In Acts of the Apostles 17:25 we read: "Neither is worshipped with men's hands, as though he needed anything, seeing he giveth to all life, and breath, and all things." Again in Job 12:10, "In whose hand is the soul of every living thing, and the breath of all mankind."

We only have one short life to live here in this world and we see plainly by these two scriptures who gives us our life. This alone should cause us to feel our obligation to live it for His glory.

"Happy is the man who hath the God of Jacob for his help, whose hope is in the Lord his God: which made heaven, and earth, the sea, and all that therein is: which keepeth truth forever: which executeth judgment for the oppressed: which giveth food to the hungry. The Lord looseth the prisoners: The Lord openeth the eyes of the blind: The Lord raiseth them that are bowed down: The Lord loveth the righteous: The Lord preserveth the strangers; he relieveth the fatherless and widow: But the way of the wicked he turneth upside down. The Lord shall reign forever, even thy God O Zion, unto all generations. Praise ye the Lord." Psa. 146: 5-10.

My heart goes up to him in praise and thanksgiving this morning as I think of his lovingkindness to me. He gives to us the breath of life, health and strength and supplies all of our needs according to his riches in glory.

While I was in sin, going on heedlessly from day to day, trampling his mercies under my feet, seeking for pleasure, something that would satisfy (and we never find it until we come to him who is our satisfying portion) he extended his mercy and spared my life. He sent his loving spirit to draw my heart to him, which is one of his greatest blessings, for in John 6:44. Jesus says, "No man can come unto me except the Father draw him." As I began to pray and seek Him with all my heart I was made to realize how far I was away from him. I saw my lost and undone condition before Him. What a burden of sin and guilt rested upon my soul. I was so helpless and there was none to help. I could

scarcely eat nor sleep for about two weeks, but his loving Spirit led me step by step and showed me the way. He showed me so plainly how Jesus died on the cross for the sins of every one and how we when in sin are led captive by Satan at his will. I saw myself hopelessly lost until I fell at the feet of my Savior. He did for me what no one else could do. He took that heavy burden and gave me peace and rest. Praise the Lord for deliverance. I was a captive but mercy released me.

He is no respecter of persons. He will do the same for all who seek him with their whole heart. Deut. 4:29, 2 Chro. 15:2. He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek him.

Jesus says, "Come unto me and be ye saved."

There is no other way. The scripture says, "He that climbeth up some other way the same is a thief and a robber. The way of the cross leads home. There is none other name under heaven whereby a man may be saved (See Acts 4:12). Many are waiting until some future time thinking there will be some other way, but they will be disappointed and wish they had taken heed to that loving Spirit that knocked at their heart's door.

I was working in my garden one morning, hoeing and thinning out some sweet corn. As I cut down the extra stalks, my heart was impressed with this scripture found in Matt. 15:13, "Every plant which my heavenly Father hath not planted shall be rooted up. I thought of those nice stalks. How I hated to cut them down! They looked as nice as the rest and even nicer than some I left standing but they were not in their place. That is just the way it will be with us, dear ones. If we are not in our place when he calls for us, we will be rooted up and cast out. Jesus says, "Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."

In one of his parables, Jesus spoke of a man who came to a wedding not having on his wedding garment. When he was asked why he came that way he was speechless. There was no excuse he could offer. He was bound hand and foot and cast into outer darkness. Many excuses are offered in this world, but when we stand before Jesus who then will be the Judge of the universe, we too will be speechless if we are not prepared to meet him.

He died for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities, and by his stripes we are healed, if we come unto him.

Jesus says, "Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn of me, for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

What an exchange! When we come to him with that awful burden of guilt and sin, He takes it and gives us rest to our souls. His yoke is easy and His

burden is light. "Come let us reason together, saith the Lord, though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool."

Praise and thanks be unto Him who made it possible for us to live soberly, righteously, and godly in this present world. The scripture says our own righteousness is as filthy rags in his sight. When we are made to see our lost condition before him, truly we feel just that way. We haven't a thing to offer. We must come as the song says: "Just as I am without one plea; but that thy blood was shed for me." Our only hope must be in Jesus. He is the light, the truth and the way. —Sylvia E. Shoop.

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Jesus Will Make You Happy

Dear readers, those of you who are not saved, and in trouble and sorrow, heavy hearted and feel lonely, friendless and unhappy, go to the Lord. Call upon Him, turn to Him for help for He will bless you and save you and help you out of trouble. It makes no difference who you are, where you are, or what your trouble may be or what circumstances surround you. Jesus can deliver you; there is nothing too hard for our loving God to do (Jer. 32:17), no heart He can not change, no life so sad that Jesus cannot make it happy. He understands, He knows your heart-aches, He came to heal (Luke 4:18), no sin is too great for Him to forgive. There is no one in the world that he does not love. He says, "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest" Matt. 11:28.

Dear children of God, whatever your temptations and trials are, and if the enemy is working hard to try to discourage you, look up, keep praying. If the enemy ever succeeds in getting you to yield in any way to a temptation, flee to the Lord and ask his forgiveness. Do not give up and go back into sin. Seek a deeper work of grace and be determined to fight on and resist temptation.

Many souls become discouraged when in their hearts they want to do what is right; but because they have been overcome in some way, they have given up and gone back into sin. God is merciful. He will not forsake you, but will forgive and help you to go on and serve Him. His Word says that He will not forsake those who seek Him. With Him there is forgiveness (Psa. 130:4).

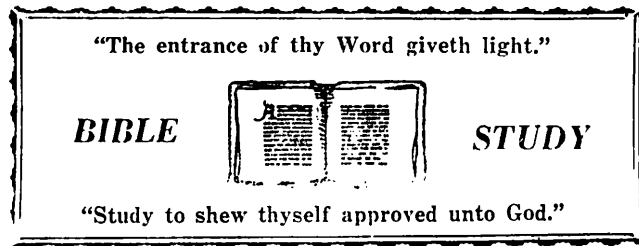
Christ is the only refuge. Dear saints, we sing, "What a friend we have in Jesus, All our sins and griefs to bear." This good old song tells us to take everything to God in prayer. Let us do this. Cast all of our cares upon him and be encouraged to press on regardless of what may come.

—Becky Brown

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REVELATION: A MESSAGE TO PERSECUTED CHURCHES

Sunday, September 7, 1941

Daily Readings and Meditations

September 1 to 6.

- M. A vision on the Lord's day Rev. 1:9-20.
 T. Toil and patience Rev. 2:1-7.
 W. Faithful unto death Rev. 2:9-11.
 T. God knows Rev. 2:18, 19.
 F. Imperfect works Rev. 3:1-6.
 S. The open door Rev. 3:7-13

Printed Portion Revelation 2:1-11.

Rev. 2:1. Unto the angel of the church of Ephesus write; These things saith he that holdeth the seven stars in his right hand, who walketh in the midst of the seven golden candlesticks;

2. I know thy works, and thy labor, and thy patience, and how thou canst not bear them which are evil: and thou hast tried them which say they are apostles and are not, and hast found them liars:

3. And hast borne, and hast patience, and for my name's sake hast labored, and hast not fainted.

4. Nevertheless I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love.

5. Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent.

6. But this thou hast, that thou hatest the deeds of the Nicolaitanes, which I also hate.

7. He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of God.

8. And unto the angel of the church in Smyrna write; These things saith the first and the last, which was dead, and is alive;

9. I know thy works, and tribulation, and poverty, (but thou art rich) and I know the blasphemy of them

which say they are Jews, and are not, but are the synagogue of Satan.

10. Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer: behold, the devil shall cast some of you into prison, that ye may be tried; and ye shall have tribulation ten days: be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life.

11. He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; He that overcometh shall not be hurt of the second death.

Golden Text: "Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life." Rev. 2:10.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

This epistle is directed to the minister (angel is a messenger or minister) sent by the Lord to oversee the church, and points out the state of the church under his care. Rev. 1:20 explains this verse more fully.

God said, "I know thy works." The eyes of the Lord are in every place beholding the good and the evil and nothing is hid from his view. As we study God's message to these churches, let us apply them to ourselves as individuals and as a church.

The good is mentioned first. Backsliders are easily discouraged and are usually ready to quit at the slightest provocation, therefore it is necessary to encourage them about the good that remains in order to bring them back to a full enjoyment of that which they have lost.

1. They were still laboring.
2. They were patient.
3. They could not tolerate evil men.
4. They had not imbibed false doctrine.
5. They had not fainted, or given up.
6. They hated the deeds of a corrupt sect.

BUT—They had lost their first love. In spite of their good deeds, patience, and orthodoxy, they had lost their spirituality. Nothing can take the place of this with God. "Though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not charity, it profiteth me nothing."

But thank God, there is still hopes for those who will come God's way. Here is the remedy:

1. Remember—Consider the blessed experience which you once had when your heart was filled with spiritual ardor, love, joy, peace, concern for lost souls, a care for the saints, zealosity for God's cause heavenly mindedness, fervency in prayer, faithfulness in reading God's word and carefulness lest you offend in any point.

2. Repent—Go to God with a contrite heart for your carelessness.

3. Do the first works—All that you did when you were first saved do again.

OR ELSE—You'll have no part nor lot with Christ here nor hereafter. You'll be entirely cut off.

Those who are not spiritually deaf will hear the warnings of the Spirit and to hear is to heed and obey.

To the church at Smyrna—As God spoke to the church at Ephesus, so he spoke to this: "I know thy works;" but it was a comforting message to them for it brought only commendation. "If our hearts condemn us not then have we confidence toward God."

They had been stripped of all their worldly possessions for Christ's sake but were rich in heavenly treasures—heirs of the kingdom.

There were persons there who were Jews by race but because of their opposition to the truth had forfeited their right to this name. They had blasphemed by applying a sacred name to an unholy thing. "He is not a Jew which is one outwardly . . . but he is a Jew which

is one inwardly" (Beware lest you blaspheme by taking the name "Church of God.")

Tribulation ten days indicates a period of suffering. All who will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution. Be faithful UNTO death even if you must lay down your life. The second death is the death of the body, which will not hurt one (See 1 Cor. 15:54-57.) who has been resurrected from the first death—soul death, being dead in trespasses and sin.

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THE ETERNAL GOD, THE SOURCE OF HELP

Sunday, September 14, 1941

Daily Readings and Meditations

September 8 to 13.

- M. The Lord God Rev. 4:1-11.
- T. A vision of God Isa. 6:1-6.
- W. Invincible in God Jer. 1:13-19.
- T. Divine security Jer. 17:5-8.
- F. A source of help Isa. 40:27-31.
- S. The strength of life Psalm 27:1-3.

Printed Portion Revelation 7:9-17.

Rev. 7:9. After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands:

10. And cried with a loud voice, saying, Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb.

11. And all the angels stood round about the throne, and about the elders and the four beasts, and fell before the throne on their faces, and worshipped God.

12. Saying, Amen: Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honor, and power and might, be unto our God for ever and ever. Amen.

13. And one of the elders answered, saying unto me, What are these which are arrayed in white robes? and whence came they?

14. And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said to me, These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

15. Therefore are they before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple: and he that sitteth on the throne shall dwell among them.

16. They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more; neither shall the sun light on them, nor any heat.

17. For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters: and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes.

Golden Text "Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, which was, and is, and is to come." Rev. 4:8.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

"In this scene the vision is carried forward to the close of the long period of tribulation and persecution to the church of God, when all her enemies are finally overthrown; and here are the glorious results, the harvest gathered: a great multitude whom no man can number, gathered out of all nations, and kindreds, and peoples, and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands, the symbols of victory. The scene is laid in heaven, and refers undoubtedly to the end of time when the heavenly world will be opened up to all the faithful who have suf-

fered for Christ amid the trials and the oppositions through which his church is called to pass in this present world. We are expressly informed by one of the elders who these are in white robes and whence they came, so there can be no question respecting them. This is the glorious company of the redeemed of all ages who 'came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple; and he that sitteth on the throne shall dwell among them. They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more; neither shall the sun light on them, nor any heat.' What a contrast with the scenes of earth, when oppressed by famine, and cold, and nakedness, and peril, and sword, they were killed all the day long! But their sufferings are over." —F. G. Smith in "Revelation Explained."

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OVERCOMING THE ADVERSARY

Sunday, September 21, 1941

Daily Readings and Meditations

September 15 to 20.

- M. The accuser cast down Rev. 12:7-12.
- T. The song of the Lamb Rev. 15:2-4.
- W. The victory of faith 1 John 5:1-5.
- T. Victory in poverty Phil. 4:10-13.
- F. Victory over self Rom. 7:22 to 8:2.
- S. Armed for victory Eph. 6:10-16.

Printed Portion Revelation 12:7-12; 15:2-4.

Rev. 12:7. And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels,

8. And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven.

9. And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.

10. And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night.

11. And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.

12. Therefore rejoice, ye heavens, and ye that dwell in them. Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time.

15:2. And I saw as it were a sea of glass mingled with fire: and them that had gotten the victory over the beast, and over his image, and over his mark, and over the number of his name, stand on the sea of glass, having the harps of God.

3. And they sing the song of Moses the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying, Great and marvelous are thy works, Lord God Almighty; just and true are thy ways, thou King of saints.

4. Who shall not fear thee, O Lord, and glorify thy name? for thou only art holy: for all nations shall come and worship before thee; for thy judgments are made manifest.

Golden Text: "And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death" Rev 12:11.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

Many teach that the conflict taking place in today's lesson was in the eternal heaven between Beelzebub and Christ; but let us lay aside preconceived ideas and consider the true facts with our hearts reaching out to God for truth and right. This is to be understood the same as the wonders in heaven. John, while in the Spirit saw in a vision what took place upon the earth.

Michael (or Jesus Christ, see Jude 9, 1 Pet. 3:21, 22) was in conquest against the dragon (Paganism or Rome under Pagan religion); not in the eternal heaven where peace, purity, and holiness reign, but in the religious heavens here on earth. We read of spiritual wickedness in high places; also sitting together in heavenly places.

When Jesus appeared on the scene with his glorious gospel of Salvation, Paganism was the universal religion. Rome held universal sway. Even the Jews, as a nation, had forsaken God, with a few exceptions and accepted Pagan religion. The gods of wood and stone and animals, even the sun, moon, thunder, war, etc. were their gods. What condition did Paul find on Mar's Hill in Acts 17? The Old Dragon, Satan or Paganism held the highest position on earth when Christ came to save the world. But, thank God, when Michael (Christ) and his angels (the ministry) went forth under the anointing of the Holy Spirit, Paganism, the idolatrous worship was dethroned and cast out of the hearts and lives of men and women and His kingdom set up instead.

Note the manner of their warfare: Not with swords of steel, but they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and the word of their testimony. The weapons of their warfare were not carnal, but mighty through God.

When the Pagans took a Christian to the stake and the flames were taking his life away, he testified that the blood of Jesus saved him. The testimony of one Christian in death at the stake would often convert a number of Pagans. Thus the blood of Jesus set forth in testimony slaughtered more Pagans than it was possible to slaughter Christians. The time soon came when the Christians far outnumbered the Pagans and they threw down their arms and asked admittance into the church.

—O. C. Porter.

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FULFILLMENT OF HISTORY: THE NEW JERUSALEM

Sunday, September 28, 1941

Daily Readings and Meditations
September 22 to 27

M. Things to come Rev. 21:1-7.

T. The Prophet's vision Isa. 2:1-4.

W. The New Jerusalem Rev. 21:9-21.

T. Life in the Holy City Rev. 21:1-8.

F. The light of the city Rev. 21:22-29.

S. The river of life Rev. 22:1-5.

Printed Portion Revelation 21:1-7, 10-12, 22-24.

Rev. 21:1. And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea.

2. And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

3. And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God.

4. And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying; neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.

5. And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And he said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful.

6. And he said unto me, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely.

7. He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son.

10. And he carried me away in the spirit to a great and high mountain, and shewed me that great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God.

11. Having the glory of God; and her light was like unto a stone most precious, even like a jasper stone, clear as crystal.

12. And had a wall great and high, and had twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and names written thereon, which are the names of the twelve tribes of the children of Israel:

22. And I saw no temple therein: for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it.

23. And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof.

24. And the nations of them which are saved shall walk in the light of it: and the kings of the earth do bring their glory and honor into it.

Golden Text: "He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son."
Rev. 21:7.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

In the book of Revelation we study the conquest of the true church against the false—light against darkness and truth against error. We see huge political machines and religious systems rise to supremacy and fall to obscurity. We trace these deceptive spirits through the pathway of centuries only to take their place in the lake of fire. On the other hand we witness the saints of God following their captain, the Lord of hosts, on to victory. This reward and our eternal home is the theme for discussion in this lesson. One might say, I wish you would explain these scriptures. May the Lord help us, to open our hearts to the word and believe them and act accordingly.

The earth will be burned up (not over) the heavens shall pass away. Then surely we shall need a new abode or home which will be the New Heaven and New Earth. The New Jerusalem or the church is partly on earth and partly in heaven.

Those who have come up through great tribulation, if they remain faithful until the end, God will comfort, Verse 4. This is the reward of the faithful. How thankful we are for these promises. But how awful (ver. 8) for those who deny the Savior entrance into their heart in this world.

Dear reader, have you accepted Christ as your Savior? Would it not be better to suffer affliction with the people of God until we are welcomed into this heavenly home, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season?

Let us go with the Savior apart from the elements of the world, taking pleasant strolls in the courts of our God that he might open the eyes of our understanding to behold the glories and splendor of that eternal city into which we shall have an abundant entrance. How our hearts do magnify the Lord!

—O. C. Porter.