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THE BIBLE

God's precious Word, God's holy book
That gives us light for every look
Upon its pages filled with love
Sent down to us from heaven above.

Oh, precious book that lights our way
From darkness into perfect day:
It is a lamp unto our feet,
And makes our happiness complete.

As every day we read and drink
The message of God's love, and think
Of Him who sent his only Son
To seek and save us every one.

This book of love which God has given
Will surely guide us all to heaven,
If we but follow in the way
That leads us to the perfect day.

God's word will stand while ages roll
And at the judgment we are told
This open book we'll have to face
When we have finished life's short race.

Oh saints, let us be careful then
And not forget to live like men
Who for their precious Savior look
According to God's holy Book.

—Geo. W. Stephenson.

"Neglect Not The Gift That Is In Thee"

We wish to notice the advantage of development in our physical and mental gifts that we might also see the need of developing our spiritual gifts. To attain the highest efficiency in our physical work, it is very necessary that we develop our muscles by frequent activity, exercising them in the way that they are to be used. It is just as true with

our mental faculty; we may be talented or gifted on certain lines, but to leave them unimproved, or fail to develop them, only means to forfeit your gift and to fall far short of what you could be, and should be. The one that is gifted in art, drawing or painting, his first production with his brush may be a very crude affair, but let him develop his talent by being studious and faithful in practice, then it is wonderful what he can produce with his paint and and a few strokes of his brush. He can make the most beautiful landscape, showing all the beauties of nature, the setting of the sun in the western horizon, but this can only be done by developing the natural gift. I speak of these only to show that we can not make success on any line without developing our gifts, by making special efforts. It requires time, means, patience and determination; never give up, never become discouraged, for that is the worst thing that you can do. Keep trying.

But the thing that burdens my heart, and the thing that is doing the greatest injury to the great cause of God is the fact that many are failing to improve the talent that God gave them. Some seem to think if they can only drift along and finally make it into heaven that they have done their full duty in life, but oh what a sad mistake. The Bible says, "Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling." After we get saved, it is just as impossible to make a success in a Christian life without perseverance, determination, meditation and prayer as it is to raise a good crop without work. "Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone." James 2:17

When you are impressed by the Spirit of God to do some work for Him, work at it with all your heart. "And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily as to the Lord, and not unto men." Col. 3:23. Your first efforts may appear as crude as the artist's first painting and may be criticized by many, but if you will keep humble and be just as faithful as the artist with his paint and brush, God will bless your labors, and the gainsayers will be put to silence. "Study to show thyself approved unto God, (not to man) a

workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." 2 Tim. 2:15.

Dear saints, be careful about idling your time away with gossip, keeping up with the daily news such as murder cases, baseball news, serial fiction stories and funny papers. There is enough going on in the world today to take up all of our valuable time and rob us of the time that the Lord has given us to read, pray and study His Word. Some people let the radio take up half of their time at morning, noon and evenings—perhaps the only time that they have for reading the Bible, then wonder why their meetings are so dull and low in spirituality. Study the Word, meditate on heavenly things, seek the Lord to know if there is any thing that you can do to promote His cause. This will go far in developing your talent that God has given you; then watch the meetings, and see if they don't grow in interest, spirituality and power.

"For the kingdom of heaven is as a man traveling into a far country who called his own servants (he called no other servants except his own) and delivered unto them his goods." Mat. 25:14-30. Here we notice that he delivered his goods unto his servants according to their ability. The servant to whom he gave five talents gained other five, and the other faithful servant to whom he gave two talents gained two. We notice that the reward of these two faithful servants were the same: "Enter ye into the joys of thy Lord." It would have been just as hard for the servant that received the one talent to have gained one as it was for the one that received five to gain other five; and if he had been faithful with the one talent that God gave him, no doubt, his reward would have been the same as the two that gained other talents, because He rewards us according to our faithfulness and not according to our ability. The Lord has surely delivered His goods to us, and expects us to use them whether they be small or great. He will increase our talents as we exercise those that we have.

Now there are many gifts in the Church, and all are given by the same Spirit. But there is one gift that all of God's people must have, and without it we cannot please God. "But without faith it is impossible to please Him." Heb. 11:6. This gift can not be developed without being associated with other graces. "And besides this, giving all diligence, add to your FAITH virtue, and to virtue knowledge and to knowledge temperance, and to temperance patience, and to patience godliness, and to godliness, brotherly kindness, and to brotherly kindness charity." 2 Pet. 1:5-7. It further reads, "For if these things be in you and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren, nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ." To add to our faith virtue means to have a bold and courageous

faith. Faith must also be associated with patience, which helps us to wait on the Lord, be composed; not excitable. Brotherly love must also accompany our faith. This will help us get our very soul into our prayers. This will help us to pray that effectual fervent prayer. This will also help us to visit the sick with cheerfulness. After we have been called to visit the sick, we should pray earnestly for them and encourage them to believe for their healing. Then we should not wait to be called back to see them, but visit them daily if possible until they are well.

May the Lord bless us on the line of developing our gifts and callings that God has so graciously entrusted to us. "Neglect not the gift that is in thee." 1 Tim. 4:14, 15. "Meditate upon these things; give thyself wholly to them that thy profiting may appear to all. Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them, for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee."

—R. M. Porter.

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PREPARE TO MEET THY GOD

To many it may seem a very difficult thing to get ready to meet God. I told a man not long ago that he ought to get saved. He answered, "That would be a hard thing to do." With man alone it would be an impossible thing, but all things are possible with God so let us have faith in God for the scripture hath said, "Without faith it is impossible to please Him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him." Heb. 11:6.

Some may ask: What is God? Let the scriptures answer. "God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth" John 4:24.

Satan is also a Spirit—an evil spirit—and all men who have not been delivered from this evil spirit by faith in the blood of Jesus Christ are in darkness and cannot understand the truth: for Satan, the master of all unsaved people, keeps lying to them and dulls their hearing and blinds them to the truth to keep them from believing in God and being saved ready and prepared to meet God. He is so wicked that he wants to hold them in sin and in the end bring them into torment where the worm (soul) dieth not and the fire is never quenched. Satan is seeking your eternal ruin and God is seeking your eternal happiness with Him. You are the one that must do the choosing in this life.

Now, the question comes again, "How can I prepare to meet God? We shall let the inspired word of God answer.

The first thing you need to realize is that you

are a sinner in the sight of God and that because of your sins which you have committed you are separated from God and lost. Jesus came to seek and to save the lost. So being a sinner and lost, he is seeking after you, for he loves your soul so much that he was willing to suffer at the hands of cruel men, be pierced and give up his innocent blood that we sinners by believing might be cleansed from sin and made innocent before God. What a happy day it is for a sinner when Jesus takes away his burden of guilt and sin and there is nothing between him and God his Creator. God is abundantly able and willing to do this for every sinner that will plead guilty as being a sinner and ask God to have mercy on him and forgive him. God is faithful and just to forgive us if we ask Him. Read 1 John 1:9.

Isaiah the Prophet says, "Behold, the Lord's hand is not shortened that he cannot save; neither is his ear heavy that he cannot hear: But your iniquities (only yours) have separated between you and your God, and your sins (just yours) have hid his face from you that he will not hear." Isa. 59:1, 2.

Jesus is the only one that can take away your sins and put you in touch with God so you can hear his voice and be a companion of his and have power to live free from sin every day.

In Proverbs 28:13 we read, "He that covereth his sins shall not prosper: but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy." If you want God to have mercy and save your soul you must not try to keep your sins hid from God but be honest and confess them and from the heart forsake them and God will have mercy upon you and save you, blot out all your transgressions as a thick cloud, will separate them from you as far as the east is from the west and will not remember them against you any more. Oh, the joy and peace of having knowledge that all your sins are forgiven and that there is nothing now between you and God.

In getting forgiveness of sins you will become born again, which is necessary for everyone that would "prepare to meet God." Jesus says, "Ye must be born again." John 3:7. The first time you were born, you were born of the flesh, a fleshly birth; but this time you must be born from above, a spiritual birth, which will mean that a new life from heaven has begun in your soul, a life that is clean, pure, and holy, a life that gives you power to please God in all your words and deeds, a life that will give you an assurance that you are prepared to meet God.

One may say, how can I attain to this heavenly state? I have no power to change my nature. I have often tried to quit evil and have failed times without number. That is true, you have no power to make the change, for it is written, "Can the Ethiopian change his skin, or the leopard his spots? then, may ye also do good, that are accustomed to do evil." Jer. 13:23. You can no more begin to do good

unless God changes your heart than a leopard could change his spots, and that is just why "ye must be born again."

Jesus says, "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." Matt. 11:28. You who are labouring to live free from sin and can never do it, just come to the Lord and he will deliver you from sin and give you soul rest.

The way to come unto the Lord is to plead guilty of being a sinner, have godly sorrow in your heart for committing sin, ask God to have mercy upon you and to forgive you and he will be faithful and just with you and will forgive you. Then believing him, you will have peace from God as you accept the blood of Christ as an atonement for all your sins. There is all joy and peace in believing.

Jesus says, "Blessed are they that do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled. When you get to the place that you want the righteousness of God in your soul more than any thing in the world, when you become sick and tired of sin and are willing to forsake the sinful world and all of its revelry and sin, then you will be found of Him, not having your own righteousness any more, but the righteousness of God which is by faith in the atoning blood of Jesus Christ. No man or woman is prepared to meet God until he or she possesses the righteousness of God in the soul. Self righteousness is only as filthy rags in the sight of God. We must be born again and have the righteousness of God in our hearts to be prepared to meet Him.

Dear sinner friend, we beseech you to seek God until He rains his righteousness down upon you and then, and only then, will you be prepared to meet God. Oh, do prepare to meet God. Satan is only seeking your ruin and eternal destruction. Flee from sin and folly and be prepared to meet thy God.

—Fred Pruitt

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Preserving Power of God's Righteous Judgments

"For the Lord will not cast off his people, neither will he forsake his inheritance. But judgment shall return unto righteousness: and all upright in heart shall follow it." (Psa. 94:15).

Amidst the tribulations here in this life, (Jno. 16:33) it should be a consolation to know, the eternal God who cannot lie has promised not to leave his suffering children. We read the following in Heb. 6:16-19: "For men verily swear by the greater: and an oath for confirmation is to them an end of all strife. Wherein God, willing more abundantly to shew unto the heirs of promise the immutability of his counsel, confirmed it by an oath. That by

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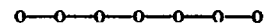
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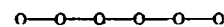
“Work on, work on, nor doubt, nor fear.
From age to age this voice shall cheer:
Whate'er may die or be forgot,
Work done for God, it dieth NOT.”

Editorials

We will be receiving subscriptions on the "three months" offer until the 15th of November. Please get your subscriptions in to the office by this date so that the paper will start going to the addresses with the December issue. This special "3 months" offer will close on the 15th of Nov., so please do not send them later than this date. We are expecting the Lord to get the truth of the gospel to a great many souls through the "three months" offer of the Faith and Victory paper. Let each member of the "body of Christ" do all he can to extend the gospel to others. The Lord is giving you another opportunity to help your relatives, your friends and neighbors to get acquainted with the blessed Savior.



There are just two families in this world, spiritually speaking. One family has been born only once, excepting those who have slid back into sin, and the other family has been twice born. The first birth is a fleshly birth and is earthly. The second birth is a spiritual birth and is heavenly or from above. Jesus told the unsaved Jews, "Ye are from beneath; I am from above: ye are of this world; I am not of this world." John 8:23. Jesus told the Father in his prayer for the disciples that "They are not of the world, even as I am not of this world." John 17:16. If we are truly born from above and continue in Christ we will be no more of the world than Christ and His disciples were of the world. We should not follow the course of this world nor cater to its fashions and fads but be glad and willing to be His "peculiar people, zealous of good works." Titus 2:14. Peter says, "But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people: that ye should show forth the praises of Him who hath called you out of darkness into His marvelous light." 1 Peter 2:9.

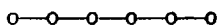


At this writing, the 9th of October, we who are on an evangelistic tour are at Los Angeles, Calif. where we are engaged in some meetings while visiting and enjoying the association and fellowship of the saints of God. We have visited isolated saints in Colorado, Wyoming, Washington, Oregon and California, holding some cottage meetings. Also held four days' meeting with the saints at Anthony, Kan. and several days' meeting near Stayton, Ore., where the saints have built a meeting house. Many tracts, papers and books have been distributed and God has been blessing, protecting and caring for us all along the way. We are sure that this tour has been ordered of the Lord. We expect to be back to the office at Guthrie by the 17th of October.

During the coming winter months it does not seem that we will have much time for evangelistic work as there is much printing work waiting for us at the "Lord's Print Shop." So we mean to keep very busy for Him as souls are in urgent need of the pure gospel of Christ.



"Salvation" is a word that few seem to fully understand. In a Bible sense it means "deliverance from sin." Any one who professes Christ and is not free from sin does not have salvation. A man or woman who commits sin is lost and on the broad way to destruction. Just professing to follow Christ will not save you; you must be delivered from sin. Jesus says, "He that committeth sin is the servant of sin," and John says, "He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested that He might destroy the works of the devil." 1 Jno. 3:8. Satan planted his seed of sin in the hearts of the first created mankind and Paul says in Rom. 5:12 that "by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned." Jesus came to this world, lived in a fleshly body and did no sin, but was pure and innocent. He suffered evil treatment at the hand of sinners was spit upon, lashed, slapped, mocked and finally hung between thieves, robbers, and murderers as though he was the vilest of sinners, and through the piercing of hands, feet and side he poured out His innocent blood as an atonement for our sins. The just died in order that the guilty might be freed from sin. Paul says in 2 Cor. 5:21, "For He hath made Him to be sin (died as though He was a sinner) for us, who knew no sin (did not have any sin) that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him."



The following Editorials were written after our return to Guthrie, Okla.

The office force which has been away in evangelistic work doing all they could to get the truth to men by passing out tracts, papers, and books and proclaiming the truth from the pulpit and on the streets in personal work and in homes has returned to the "Lord's Print Shop;" and are now busily engaged in printing tracts, papers, and booklets.

Bro. and Sister Ray accompanied Bro. Darius Gibson, Bro. Egbert Allen and wife, and Bro. Murphey Allen to Madisonville, Tenn. where they held a meeting in a needy field. They returned to the office work on the morning of Oct. 17th, a few hours later than the company from Oregon and Calif. arrived. We find a large number of our different tracts are out of stock and many others are nearly out, so we shall have much printing work to do this winter.

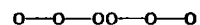
It takes much praying, working, time, and means

to keep this pure, clean literature going out, but we know that God who has called us into this service will supply even as he has done in the past. Our eyes are upon Him and our expectation is from Him. We ask the co-operation of all the members of the body of Christ in getting this truth to the people. There never was a time when the world was in greater need of the unadulterated truth of God's word. Brothers and sisters, pray for us and the workers at the "Lord's Print Shop." We mean by his grace to glorify Him in our bodies and spirits which are his.



— NOTICE —

Bro. C. Z. Stonecypher whose former address was Hastings, Nebr. is now pastoring the church at Clovis, New Mexico. Those wanting to write him or his wife should address your letters to 817 Wallace St., Clovis, N. M. He will be glad to send you one of his books entitled, "Divine Healing in the Mind of God." Send him some stamps for one of these books.

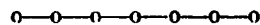


Bro. G. E. Harmon of Glendale, Calif. 334½ Arden Ave. has written manuscript on "The Ordinances of the New Testament." Christians everywhere are in need of clear concise teachings on these scriptural truths and we are thankful to God that he has put this upon his heart. It will make a booklet of 16 pages or more. We are expecting to print up a thousand or more of these booklets and the cost will be twenty dollars or more. If the Lord wants you to help us get this booklet in circulation, we shall be thankful to God for any offering you may send.



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GOSPEL GIVING

For some time I have been burdened to write on this subject, especially since traveling from place to place for the past few years, and seeing the neglect on this line, especially to the pastor. My heart has been grieved to see some poor (financially) pastors living on bare floors and barely enough means to live on and never grumble or complain, while some of the members just have to have their floors all covered nicely and plenty of good furniture. To thus neglect your pastor is a termite or parasite which eats away one's spiritual vitality by imperceptible degrees.

For several years in the past I have been a pastor. I well remember one meeting about 35 years ago when the evangelist that came to help us took more money with him out of the congregation in a ten days' meeting than I received in the six years of my pastorship. I never did nor never will preach to "give me." I will not allow any one to rob me of this liberty. One evangelist said "you ought to starve because you don't." Well just before I starved I did not. Here is my slogan, "I have been young and now I am old yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken nor his seed begging bread." Yet this is a duty some are neglecting. Now what does the Word say about it? 1 Cor. 9:9, "For it is written in the law of Moses, Thou shalt not muzzle the mouth of the ox that treadeth out the corn." In the tenth verse we see this was written for the ministers' sake. Eleventh verse, "If we (ministers) have sown unto you spiritual things, is it a great (wrong) thing if we shall reap your carnal things." Read down to the 14th verse which says, "Even so hath the Lord ordained that they which preach the gospel should live of the gospel." Paul did not use this liberty but did "desire fruit that may abound to your account." Phil. 4:17. Neither does He want the burden to fall on one but wants an equality. 2nd Cor. 8:13, 14. In my evangelistic work I have received as much as twenty-five dollars from one congregation and used it all in getting to and helping support the next meeting. Paul had the same experience. "I robbed other churches to do you service." 2 Cor. 10:8. I have known some congregations to give one evangelist fifty dollars to one dollar to the pastor. This they should have done and not left the other undone.

I am sure that all the saints want to do and will do right in this respect if they really understand just what their duty is, and the great responsibility that rests on the pastor. There is no other office in the Church with so great responsibility as that of a Bible pastor. Oh how few seem to understand this fact. I know what I am talking about, for I have officiated in every office in the Church

of God. I know the heartaches, the sleepless nights in silent prayer to God for wisdom to know how to plead, correct and exhort, deal with or nurse the dear babes in Christ. What one thinks is the thing to do or preach is sometimes offensive to some one else. Many times the cause of Christ is hindered because the pastor is hindered from doing what God has impressed him to do. Occasionally some of the babes seem to feel it their duty to dictate to the pastor when or what he should or should not preach. If all who profess to be born again could but understand God when He said, "Touch not mine anointed, and do my prophets no harm," (1st Chron. 16:22) there would be greater advancement on spiritual lines. All should recognize the pastor as a God-sent watchman over the flock (Acts 20:28) "to feed the flock" and keep the wolf away.

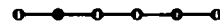
Here I wish to mention a great mistake some in the past have made by sending for an evangelist without knowing who and what he is. When he would come he would talk with every one but the pastor. No one must preach except the evangelist, and trouble followed. In one instance, under my own observation, a man crooked in doctrine was upheld and the pastor crushed. A God-sent minister will never go in any congregation and undertake a meeting without the consent or approval of the pastor. Beware of false prophets which come to you in sheep's clothing. Mat. 7:15. Also remember Faith and Victory cannot be printed on promises, it takes gas, lights, and machinery. —G. E. Harmon.

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CORRESPONDENCE

Sandusky, Ohio—To the dear saints of God scattered abroad: Greetings in the name of our blessed Redeemer. I am still saved and fighting for truth and right. I mean to ever hold up the blood-stained banner of King Emmanuel. I heard the Macedonian cry in the distance and moved in the fear of God who directed me to this part of His vineyard. I find the harvest is truly great. Much of the grain is falling ungathered. I pray God that He will send more true laborers into the field.

May the God of peace that brought again Jesus from the dead ever lead us and may we sink deeper in his holy will is my prayer. Your brother in the defense of the faith,
Clyde C. Smith



El Paso, Tex.—To all the saints scattered abroad, greetings: I am so thankful to report victory over sin and the devil, and all his ways. I am just rejoicing in the Lord with a desire to walk closer to him each day and to serve him more and more. I am so thankful that God saved me and sanctified me when I presented my body a living sacrifice to him and he accepted it. Now I praise him for his blessings in both soul and body, and am able to say amen to his will. No, I am not discouraged, not for a minute. God created my body and framed it as

he saw fit and I am pleased with it. Then he gave me a spiritual body to live in the tabernacle of clay, and I am also pleased with it. Then he gave me his word that is so plain that a child can understand it.

I am praising God for permitting us to attend the camp meeting at Monark Springs, Mo. and I do thank our God for his goodness to see fit to sanctify me there.

He healed me when the saints prayed for my hearing.

I was not afraid to ask him for more healing but was pleased just to get what he had in store for me. I had not been able to exercise my sense of smell for several years and I had never asked God to heal me of that, but when He restored my hearing, to my great surprise He just touched my sense of smell too.

Dear brother, sister, I do hope you can understand that God has all we need in the healing line and will give us all we need in a spiritual way too. When we ask for something from Him according to his word it is time to be ready to receive just that thing for He says he withholds nothing from his children that is for their good. There is no use asking him for something that we can not expect to receive for we must have faith. Praise God, he hears his children when we obey him and walk in the light of God. Praise God for a faith that reaches all the way to heaven's throne.

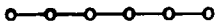
Since wife and I returned home, I have had some wonderful experiences in various ways but can not relate them all because of lack of space.

After arriving home I noticed I had a terrible itching in my feet and they were so angry looking and tormented me terribly when I took my shoes off. They bothered me at other times too but were worse when my shoes were off. One night I took my shoes off. My feet looked queer and just tormented me so I could have torn them to pieces it seemed and would have felt relieved. Wife and I were having family worship before retiring so our souls would be stimulated through the night. Wife was reading. I began to wonder what was wrong with my feet and it seemed like the devil jumped on me with both feet with all the power he had and suggested to me that I had athlete feet. I then looked and just agreed with him that he was right. If we will just listen he will surely entertain us royally. The next message from him was, What are you going to do about it now?

Well, I knew God and just what to expect when I asked him to rebuke the imposition of the devil and drive out every symptom. I asked him to do it then, and He touched me within ten minutes from the time I saw what was wrong with me. Praise God for his word, and healing power, and the best of all, his keeping power.

Oh, brother, sister, it means everything to live for God and to obey him. I have my ears open to God and when he asks me to do something I am waiting. Just pray that God can use me to his glory, and I know he can, praise Him always.

Your blood-washed brother, A. G. Duncan

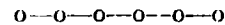


Ft. Wayne, Ind.—Dear Bro. and Sister Pruitt: How good the dear Lord has been to us. I praise Him today for saving, sanctifying, and healing grace, also his keeping power. Praise God from whom all blessings flow. What a wonderful Savior we have in Jesus, blessed Son of God, greatest friend of mankind. I am trusting Him to take us through. I do all my own work and take care of my children. We have three beautiful girls. What peace, love, joy, and contentment we find in our home.

May you find Him at the end of the road your greatest friend. Thank you for your prayers and may the Lord richly bless you and yours. Mrs. Ada Strawser

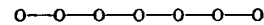
Charleston, W. Va.—Dear Bro. and Sister Pruitt: We greet you again in the dear name of Jesus. Our hearts are lifted in praises to our God for His goodness and mercy to us. We are thanking Him for salvation and the desire He has put in our hearts to go all the way with Him, and we know the way is not all sunshine. We are partakers of the sufferings of Christ here in this world of sorrow, and as we read in the Word of God, if we are partakers of His sufferings here we will be partakers of His glory in the world to come. So we should rejoice and walk humbly with Jesus, being willing to go without the camp bearing His reproach. I often wonder if many were as I when I first learned of the precious truth of God and was so wonderfully saved. I thought it would always be sunshine all the way, no test or trials but a glad rejoicing. I thank God he has taught me that to go with Him we too must suffer only a drop compared to the cup He drank; but as we draw close to Him even though our hearts are sore and bleeding from sorrow and tests of this life we can safely place our hand in His dear hand and say, Thy will be done. Yes, sometimes it is hard for the flesh to die, but oh, what joy in the spirit when we know that Jesus does all for our good. We praise Him and our heart says Amen to His will.

Dear ones, we have been going from door to door passing out tracts and sometimes stopping in where we are invited and talking to souls about the Lord. We find some that are hungry for the truth of God, then we also find some set in their own way. We are passing postal cards addressed to your office, thinking it would induce some to send for free sample of paper and tracts. We want to do all we can for our dear Lord who has done so much for me
Sister Beatrice Spaur.



Marshall, Mich.—Dear Bro. in Christ, Greeting in his most holy name. I feel led to testify to God's goodness to me. I think it was the last week in September that I felt my time was short here. I took sick suddenly and got so bad and in so much pain that I could not pray. I continued to get worse all the time. It seemed I could not stand much more. I told my wife to pray but there was so much excitement and Grace was crying and taking on so she had to leave the house to get hold of God. In a short time she came back and said she had received the answer. In a little while I was all right. How I do praise God because he is so merciful and good to me. I never have a thought of even looking back to the things of this old world, praise our God. I do love the dear saints of God.

Dear Bro. Pruitt, how we do love you and the good work you are doing. We surely love the little paper "Faith and Victory." We need your prayers and may God bless you and family and co-workers is our daily prayer.
Bro. Wm L. VanZandt



Gordo, Ala.—Dear Bro and Sister Pruitt: I wish to tell of the Lord's goodness to me through the pages of your paper. In the winter of 1940 I was very sick with the flu. I felt better and got up but took a backset and had to go back to bed. I got so bad I could not walk. I told the dear Lord if he would heal me I would write my testimony and he did heal me. Praise his holy name! He is so good to me.

Please pray that the Lord will heal my body. I have heart trouble and other troubles. I know the Lord can heal them all.
Estellar Mullin

Yorkshire, Ohio—Dear Bro. Pruitt and all the holy brethren, greeting in love in Jesus' dear name. May grace, mercy, and truth abound to each of you is my prayer. I have been very poorly in health most of the summer if I would work a few hours I would be bedfast for two or three days but, thank God, the holy brethren have been praying for me and the last day of August God healed me. I can't find words to express the gratitude and thankfulness to God and my faithful brethren for the effectual fervent prayer that was offered up for even me. I am 75 years old and have been married 51 years the 13th of this month. I am looking up and pressing on toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus my Lord.

The work at Union City is in good condition. I am not the pastor but I go there to worship. Sister Opal Williams is the pastor and is a good Spirit filled minister and is doing all she can for the good of the cause, but they are in need of a car to visit the sick and haul in the old and feeble saints. I am asking those of you who are able to send us an offering to get a car for the pastor and Sister Nottingham to use for that purpose. Just send the offering to Sister Nottingham, 360 North State Line St., Union City, Ind. or to J. W. Foster, Yorkshire, Ohio.

I am asking the prayers of all the saints and co-operation of the church for Bro. W. D. Lemands of R. F. D. 4, Box 201 B, High Point, N. C. We should help him in every way we can to secure a campmeeting site somewhere in the East. Please take this to the Lord in prayer. The campmeeting at Union City was good. There were about ten or twelve ministers present to preach the Word. Some ten I believe were saved, some were healed, the church comforted and built up in the faith once delivered to the saints. There was no trouble to settle. Thank God, all in the church love each other and live in peace. Remember me in your prayers that I may fill my humble place in the body where God has called me to fill. My heart is stirred for the lost souls of men and for the dear saints. Brethren, let us keep filled with the Spirit of God that we may be where God will work in us as he did in Jesus. The time is short. I want to hear him say, "Well done thou good and faithful servant, enter into the joy of thy Lord." J. W. Foster.

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Barnsboro, Pa.—Dear brethren, Find enclosed 25c for the renewal of my subscription for the "Faith and Victory" paper. I enjoy it very much.

I have been serving the Lord for about eight years. I was born into God's church and don't believe in joining anything since I am joined to the Lord by one spirit. The scripture says that whom the Lord sets free is free indeed; and, praise God, I am enjoying my freedom.

My prayer to God is that all his dear children will be set free from all man made pens and that the poor sinner come to the knowledge of the truth, because Luke 1:77 says that we would have knowledge of salvation. Thank God, we can know. Pray God that he will keep us faithful, and that we will be overcomers in his kingdom.

May God bless you and keep you on the solid Rock, Christ Jesus. Your brother, Earl Graffius

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Lansing, Kans.—Dear Bro. Pruitt and Family and saints scattered abroad: I will take this way to thank the saints for the prayers that have gone up for me during the time I have been here in prison. There is work to do here for the Lord and I am glad I can stand for Him, praise His holy name.

I was a cripple for years and was getting worse

when the dear Lord sent Bro. and Sister Key to my home. They prayed the prayer of faith for me and I have been getting better ever since. I can stand for my Lord and Savior no matter where I am. I get your paper and read every line of it. It does my soul so much good. I also hear from some of the saints. Pray for my family and me while I am here in prison. W. H. Dungan, Box 2.

Yesterday's burden I'll forget,
No one to help me bear it.
Tomorrow's burden, if I'm here yet,
Jesus will help me bear it.
But for today's, today is set
For Him and me to bear it.

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To the saints, greeting in Jesus' name: I will give my testimony. With Bro. and Sis. Harmon and Fern Fortner, I left San Bernardino, Calif., June 13th. We arrived at the home of Bro. Duncan in El Paso, Tex. Sat. where we stayed over Sun. and had services in his home. Bro. Harmon brought a message on sin which was enjoyed by all. From there we went to Port Arthur, Tex. to the home of Sis. Henry, where we had a good visit, also visited some of my cousins there. Then we traveled on to Hammond, La., arriving June, 18th. A meeting was in progress near Kentwood, La. about 40 miles from Hammond so we went on to it. It was a good meeting. Then we attended the Hammond Camp Meeting and went on to the National Camp Meeting, stopping in Ark. for services one night. After the national meeting we went on to the Guthrie Camp Meeting. The meetings were all good and blessed of God. I was especially impressed about the wonderful healing at the Monark Spgs. meeting. A young girl was raised from the dead in answer to prayer and others were healed. Bro. McGlassen testified that the Lord wonderfully healed him. I believe we had the straightest preaching this year that we have had for years. Surely the time has come when all professors and hypocrites and trouble makers will have to cut loose or repent and get saved. The ministers in general sees time short and God is shaking heaven and earth and all that are not standing true and making for peace will be shaken loose. God is going to have a clean work and a clean people without spot or wrinkle, so all who want to go this way, the Bible way, will have to stop talking, fussing and lay aside evil speaking, malice, hatred, envy, back biting and all things that they hold in their hearts must be gotten out. They must be pure and holy, loving everybody, even their enemies, for the Church of God is holy and without spot or wrinkle or any such thing. God's people are free from sin, free from evil speaking, free from tattling, free from making trouble; but they love each other and work for peace instead of trouble. W. I. Miles.

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—Meeting Notice—

Our winter meeting at Hammond, La. is to begin the night of November 26th to continue over two Sundays or as long as the Lord may lead. All saints and lovers of the truth are welcome to attend and we are expecting a feast from Father's table and are praying the Lord to send Spirit-filled ministers to preach the Word. Mr. & Mrs. Ray Key

◆ « Young People's Section » ◆

Jesus Saved My Soul From Sin

I was covered in darkness
 As though in a flood,
 There was only one way to escape:
 One way I jumped I knew I'd be lost,
 The other I'd surely be safe.
 I trusted in Jesus, and asked him to show
 Me how to get to the light.
 He answered my prayer, and before me appeared,
 A cross that was shining and bright.
 I jumped to the cross. Thank God, I was safe!
 I wanted to help someone else;
 I prayed for a friend who was close to my side,
 And told her how God saved myself.

This vision one night I saw in a dream,
 Yet how true has most of it been.
 I realize now that once I was lost
 On the raging ocean of sin.
 I gave Christ my soul, and he saved me, praise God!
 I'll tell others the story so grand.
 Just give Christ your soul,
 Let him have full control,
 And He'll guide you to that Beautiful land.
 By faith He will show you the cross where he died.
 If you're saved you must cling to that cross,
 Then tell others the news, and let your light shine
 To a world that is dying and lost.

—Alice Elizabeth Hall

Editorials

All the people of God, both young and old, have a common enemy to fight. The Word of God tells us how we can always be victorious when we come in contact with the devil and his temptations. We read: "Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw nigh to God, and He will draw nigh to you." Jas. 4: 7-8. Trying and struggling to resist the devil in our own strength will surely fail, but when the enemy is resisted in the name of the Lord and at the same time we begin to draw nigh to God, Satan must flee. After resisting the devil we must not stop there, but go right on with the next part of the instruction—"Draw nigh to God," and the promise is that He will draw nigh to us. By faith we can, regardless of the roarings of the enemy, draw near our Father for grace and spiritual power. What a refuge we find and a feeling of safety we experience when in time of temptation we can lock up

and truthfully say, "The Lord is my Shepherd."

Satan must be ignored. Many people listen to the devil too much, and some times they meditate on his suggestions for two or three days at a time even when they know they are from the enemy. One will say, "The devil has been whispering or talking to me all day." The text says, "Resist the devil and he will flee from you." You don't have to listen to the devil all day, though he may return several times in a day. You can derive no good from the devil's conversations, so end it abruptly when his voice is detected. Begin to praise the Lord for past benefits and rejoice in expectations of future blessings. The more you thank the Lord, the less you will feel disposed to obey the whisperings of the evil one.

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Bro. and Sister Hyrum Ray, workers here at the office, have gone to Tennessee in company with Bro. Darius Gibson and others to hold a meeting. The last report from them was that the interest and attendance was increasing, and we trust that souls will be saved. They have been away more than two weeks, but are expected to return soon.

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The young people of the Guthrie Sunday school began a movement several months ago to enlarge the chapel and provide separate class rooms. Sunday school offerings were set aside as a building fund. Their interest kindled the interest of the congregation to the extent that a decision was made to build the addition this autumn with the idea of providing more seating capacity for the coming Assembly meeting which is held annually during the Christmas holidays. Accordingly, the saints went to work and now the extension (16 ft. by 22 ft.) is practically completed, for which we truly thank the Lord and feel that His hand was leading in the project from beginning to end. Bro. G. W. Stephenson, who has been pastoring the congregation at Minneapolis, Minn., came to help us with the masonry and carpenter work, and we were benefitted by his experience in the building trade. We appreciated also his labors as a minister among us. He feels led to get out in the evangelistic work, and will be leaving here soon to answer calls for meetings.

—L.D.P.

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Guthrie, Okla.—To the young saints and friends scattered abroad, we send greetings of love in Jesus' name: When material is being collected for the Faith and Victory paper, we are usually so busy helping prepare manuscript for it that when it is finished

we feel we have done our part; but recently we have felt we should write our personal testimony.

We are still pressing on for the Lord, and very thankful that we can be numbered among His peculiar people who are not of the world. The pull of the world is so strong that many are giving up and walking no more with the Lord, and we find that it is often necessary to take inventory of our own spiritual condition and press a little harder lest we be numbered among the many whose love is waxing cold.

While we were out in meeting we noticed that the most neglected Scriptures as far as we were able to discern were: Mat. 26:41; Mat. 18:15; and Eph. 4:32.

In His service, Mr. and Mrs. Hyrum Ray
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HAVE YOU SEEN HIM?

Isaiah saw Him in the temple. Moses found Him in the wilderness. The Hebrew children saw Him in the furnace. Job found Him in the midst of severe affliction. Jacob saw Him at Bethel when beset by danger. He came to Joseph in the dungeon after years of imprisonment and slavery. Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness, just previous to the beginning of his life-work. Paul was given a thorn in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to buffet him, that the power (and revelations) of Christ might be entrusted to him.

Strange places to meet the King! Are we willing to go our part of the way, that we may meet Him face to face?
-----Lottie Jarvis.

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"FEAR THOU NOT." Isa. 41:10

"Fear thou not, for I am with thee," is a promise given to God's children, to those who have repented of their sins, made restitution, and are enjoying the blessing of the Holy Spirit as a guide. In time of sorrow they have the confidence that all is working out for the glory of God and their good. They may not be permitted to live in luxury, (although the dear heavenly Father will occasionally throw in some pleasant surprise for our encouragement) but our bread and water is sure. They will be misunderstood by their nearest kin and best friend, as often, "they of your own household" are, like Jesus says, your enemies. He Himself could do no mighty works in his home town because of their unbelief.

"The joy of the Lord which is their strength" is so far beyond the trifling things of time, so that all worldly pleasure and what those who are not right with God consider great, seem unworthy of consideration. To those who are indifferent to their

soul's welfare He says, "I will mock when your fear cometh." Prov. 1:26. You may say, "I have plenty of time," but you do not know at what moment you will be ushered before your Creator unprepared. "Prepare to meet thy God" is a commandment given to all. Go to some public institution, see those poor helpless children who are physically handicapped because of the sins of the parents. They are products of lust rather than love. The parents did not heed God's law, and they as well as the children must suffer the consequences. Does not God say that the iniquity of the fathers will be visited upon the children unto the third and fourth generation? Exo, 20:5. You cannot disobey the plan God laid out for you without paying the penalty. God surely is love. All His commandments are for our good, but His justice demands that disobedience shall result in suffering physically, morally and, most outstanding of all, spiritually, of which there is no end.

Take the safe way. Repent, turn away from sin and make restitution. God will forgive. He is able to keep you without joining any sect or denomination.
-----Marie Pauline Sass.

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A CIGARETTE'S TESTIMONY

Some folks think that I am small and trivial; but let me tell you that I am somebody in America. I am the boss of millions of men and women. I rule even boys and girls. I am in demand everywhere. There was once a time when men would not take me into the presence of women without apologizing for my presence, but now even the women have opened their hearts to receive me. I now go into the select circles of society.

I remember that the First women to welcome and make me feel at home were the inmates of the Brothel, but now even some Bible school teachers like to have me around.

Of course, because of what I am, my presence must be cultivated. Most folks have a distaste for me at first, but because I have become so Popular, they finally overcome their Natural Repugnance, really learn to like me, and INSIST upon having me around.

I know I Smell Bad but they don't seem to mind that after awhile. They take me into the restaurants and hotels even though my presence makes it almost impossible for those who have not learned to like me, to enjoy their meals. That tickles me, for I am supremely selfish and care not for the comfort of others. I am the M. D.'s friend for I keep him busy looking after Patients. I help the Undertaker; for I help Bronchitis, Nephritis and other Diseases to fill the Cemeteries.

I delight to wear out the Heart, slow down the

Liver, and poison the Blood. I especially delight in helping folks to damn their souls and dig their Hells.

Nothing pleases me any more than to blockade the way for the Holy Spirit to convict folks of their need of Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord. I've got a lot of people fooled and they don't seem to know it. It makes me smile to see women and girls handle me. They think it smart to have me around, but I foul their breath, spoil their complexion, yellow their teeth and brown their fingers.

Poor fools they are!

I not only go into swell society; but I am also the "Pal" of Cards, Beer, Whiskey, Drunkards, Gamblers, and Cut-throats.

I always feel at home among the Guttersnipes. In fact, I am so much at home in the gutter and in garbage cans that some folks bound in my fetters will even pick me up where a buzzard would scorn to touch me. I feel at home everywhere except in a prayermeeting. That's entirely out of my line. However: I want you to know, whether you think so or not, that I am somebody of Tremendous importance, for I AM A CIGARETTE.

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Beloved of God, NOT forgotten, but remembered! "Fear not—thou shalt not be forgotten of Me, saith the Lord" (Isa. 44:20). How comforting, yea, exceedingly precious, to know that our Great High Priest is on the Throne, ever living to make intercession for us.

Tenderly He whispers, "Fear not.

I, the Lord, remember thee."

Child of God, trust on with cheer!

Thy great Father's help is promised

Every day throughout the year.

NOT forsaken, but most precious

Thou wilt ever to Him be.

Beloved, be of good cheer; the Lord will never forget thee. He that keepeth thee will not slumber. For the Lord hath said, "I will never leave thee nor forsake thee." (Heb. 13:5). Again He says, "My Grace is sufficient for thee." (2 Cor. 12:9); "Let not your heart be troubled" (John 14:1). "Lo, I am with thee always even unto the end of the world" (Matt. 28:2, 21); "I remember thee" (Jer. 2:2).

Remember His promise, "I have prayed for thee that thy faith fail not." Our light affliction is but for a moment compared with the eternal weight of glory. "Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you, but rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings; that, when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy" (1 Peter 4:12).

'Tis but a little while to abide in this vale of tears—soon thou shalt obtain gladness and joy, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

Your life is hid with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory (Col. 3:3, 4).

May the Lord bless you, dear friend, and strengthen, sustain and comfort you day by day, until we see Him face to face. —Sel.

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Meeting Reports

Sandusky, Ohio—To the dear saints of God: We greet you in the precious name of Jesus.

The Sandusky meeting which began Sept. 21st and continued until Oct. 5th was a glorious success. The gospel was preached simple, full and free. Six precious souls were saved and nine were baptized.

Bro. H. S. Chaney of Akron, Ohio, a faithful, tireless, and self-sacrificing minister of God, began this great work with nothing but the grace of God in his soul and a determination to win souls, and today there are about sixteen happy saints who rejoice with him in the God of their salvation. Bro. Chaney was ordained to the gospel ministry, and one Bro. Crooks was ordained as deacon.

Every need in the meeting was fully and freely supplied. There was not lack at all. Love, joy, peace and full fellowship prevailed throughout the entire meeting. Visiting ministers and gospel workers were: Bro. C. E. Smith of Okla. City, Okla., Sisters E. Hudson and C. Tomlin, Kansas City, Kan., Sister C. R. Jones and husband, Akron, Ohio, Mother Wilcox, Akron, Ohio, Bro. Wm. Jackson and wife, and Geo. Johnson and wife, and the writer.

—L. L. Jackson.

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Middletown, Ind.—Dear Bro. Pruitt: Greeting to you and all the saints at Guthrie and elsewhere. Yes, we are still saved and in the battle against sin and wrong. We are praising God because he still trusts us with burdens for lost souls. We also thank Him for the good tent meeting just closed at Spring Port, Ind. and the good results. Bro. R. F. Shrout and I are by God's help going to labor together there. God is raising up a work there. Arrangements have been made to have prayer meeting on Wed. nights and morning and evening worship on Sundays at the home of a sister who got saved in the meeting, Sis. Mary Jane Rogers. We are also praying for a building to have meeting in. There is a place that would make a fine place to worship. We are praying and waiting on the Lord. Pray for this work that God will keep us all in his will and add to this little flock such as should be saved. Also there are some under

conviction that have not yet yielded to God's call. There are about ten families who will worship here, with only one and two in each family saved. The outlook is very favorable for a good work. During the tent meeting which lasted three weeks, many saints came in to help. Bro. and Sis. John Strong and Nellie were with us 2½ weeks, and there were some from Union City, Ind. and Yorkshire, Ohio, also Bro. Sam Barton and wife of Tulsa, Okla. and Bro. Ray Key of Hammond, La. stopped in to be with us one night. Bro. Barton stayed two nights. Also Bro. and Sister Losh from Muncie, Ind., Bro. Angus and family from Chillicothe, Ohio, and Bro. and Sis. Spaur from Charleston, W. Va., some from Ky. and some saints from New Castle, Ind. came. It seems rather lonely that they are all gone home, but thank God, some time not far off we shall meet with the saints never to part, by God's help. Praise God for his goodness to us all. With holy greetings.

Your saved brother, Wm. Pearson.

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God's Righteous Judgments

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two immutable things in which it was impossible for God to lie, we might have a strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold on the hope set before us: which hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and which reaches into that within the veil."

In the text above three propositions appear to us. The Lord will not forsake his people. For their standard they must meet and accede to a righteous judgment. All the upright in heart **WILL** accept this standard.

In corroboration of the foregoing scriptures last mentioned above in relation to the first proposition we quote also from Rom. 8:38, 39, the following, showing the faithfulness of God: "For I am persuaded (assured of God) that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

But this blessing from God is a dependency. In other words, it is dependent on the second proposition, which is, they must accede to righteous judgment. Praise the holy and righteous God for his righteous judgment.

It is precious to think that God is such a God as this. That all his works are done in truth (Psa. 33:4), and that he is righteous in all his ways and holy in all his works (Psa. 145:17). Just think about it, when one surrenders to God, unlike with earthly kings and other rulers, he is dealt with from the standpoint of absolute righteousness. Such a God

is worthy of all love and adoration from his human creatures. Should we not be glad for this second proposition, that judgment shall return unto righteousness, which is to straighten us up so that we will be presentable before God? Surely so.

And the last thought, **All the upright in heart shall follow it.** When judgment returns unto righteousness it lifts up Jesus to where he can be seen and it has the most wonderful drawing effect of any thing in existence (Jno. 12:32). This is the standard that the upright in heart shall follow. And as long as they are upright in heart they will follow it.

Dear soul, do you have any reluctance in submitting to the righteous judgments of God? Just now it would mean inestimable blessing when the devil is trying his hardest to make inroads into the work of God by a schismatic spirit.

May God help for Jesus' sake. —J. H. Pierson

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CORRESPONDENCE

Bogata, Tex.—Dear Bro. Pruitt: Greetings in Jesus' dear name to all the saints. I want to write my testimony, may be it will help some poor soul.

I have been praying for two years trying to receive the infilling of the Holy Ghost. I had sought for this experience at the Pentecostal church, but got under the power of the evil spirit. I prayed and fasted two days for God to send a preacher full of the Holy Ghost power and faith and that could interpret the tongues. Bro. C. C. Carver and wife came to my house but couldn't stay long. But the Lord sent them back and we had a glorious meeting. I am so thankful! They had to pray for the evil spirit to be cast out and God heard our prayer. The power that you receive trying to get the tongues is not of God. I am so thankful and hope I can help some one see the real true light that may be as hungry as I was. I would get under the power and they would say, "That is Jesus. Acknowledge it and he will come in." But my poor hungry heart would be no different. What I received only filled my jaws and not my heart.

But the Lord sent his saints to my rescue—Sister Ruth Murphey, Sister Eva Mitchel and children, and Bro. and Sister Carver and children. The Lord gloriously filled me.

I trust this letter will help others that are hungry. I could write much more but guess this is enough now.

A sister in Christ, Mrs. Nellie Lovell

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Urbana, Ill.—Dear Saints of God, Greetings in the name of our dear Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. I am glad that I can report victory in my soul during these perilous times. I thank the Lord for full and free salvation. I am so glad that we are serving a Lord that hears and answers prayer. He saves, and sanctifies the soul and heals the body.

I am still praising God for what he has done for me, especially in the last month, glory to God. Here is my testimony and story as brief as possible.

Some years ago I took the T. B. and was advised to be operated on. I was in the Nazarene church at that time. They spoke of divine healing but did not practice it much. Sister Iva Slade of God's mission explained divine healing to me, but before I got light on it I consented to go to the hospital for a rib operation to satisfy

the doctors. They operated two times, taking three ribs out at a time in order to close the cavity in my lung. It was after the second operation that I had the spiritual vision of the twelve apostles. It was the most beautiful sight I have ever seen. I realized that the doctrine that they taught should be followed today. That convinced me that the denomination that I was in was wrong so I had my name removed from the church book, and now I am free from all bondage. I was ready to go to the operation room for the third operation; but Sister Slade and the saints at God's Mission in Urbana were praying God to block this operation so he did. I was told to go back to Urbana and return in two months time if the cavity was still there. When the X-Ray was taken the cavity was not there. Thank God for healing power!

A brother from Ohio visited me here at the Sanatorium and told me how wonderfully the Lord could heal. So I left the Sanatorium on faith believing against the doctor's advice. The doctors told me to leave God out and trust them; and to trust God for my soul and man for my body. I told them I wasn't going to compromise I was going to serve God and trust him for both soul and body; so they decided I was crazy. The health doctor here got a warrant to have me tried for insanity. I testified for the Lord at that hearing that I was going to trust Him for body and soul. They decided I was crazy so they sent me to the Hospital for the Insane of Kankakee, Ill. I told the sheriff that took me there that I wouldn't stay there long for God would deliver me out of there. He delivered me in about three weeks, praise his holy name. The three weeks that I spent in the insane asylum is permanently stamped upon my memory, it was awful.

Some saints from Okla and La. visited me and encouraged me very much. Sister Iva Slade and the saints from Urbana visited me twice a week and all that encouraged me. To show me they still had power, they put me here in the sanatorium against my wishes. I don't know how long I'll be here but I know God is going to deliver me out of here a well man. I have a saved and sanctified wife who has stuck with me through these fiery persecutions, although she is being persecuted almost as bad herself. We have three precious little boys, five, four, and two and one-half years of age. They all love Jesus. It is awful hard to be taken away from my dear family, but I am determined to trust God no matter what the devil does or tries to do, for heaven is my goal.

I would like for you dear saints everywhere to be agreed that God will see fit to deliver me out of here according to his will. I have committed all to him. I have all on the altar. I am going to work for God in evangelistic work when I get out of here. I feel assured of my calling. Pray that God will have his way.

I hope this testimony will help some one, for the hard times are to come yet and we must be prayed up at all times. If you care to write me, I would be delighted to hear from any of the saints of God. Your brother in Christ, John Hawn, The Outlook San. Urbana, Ill.

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Obituaries

Sister Lee Berta Ervin was born in Morline, Texas. Later moved with her parents to Oklahoma. She departed this life Sept. 11, 1941 in Los Angeles, California. January 5, 1910 she was married to Mr. Manton Ervin.

Sister Ervin was converted early in life at the

age of 13 years. Having a desire to walk in the way of Jesus, in the year of 1914 she received the full gospel of the "evening light" and lived a consistent Christian life. She fought a good fight of faith, walking in the light as it was revealed to her.

She leaves to mourn her passing, her husband, two sisters, Mrs. Cornelious of Oklahoma and Mrs. Lane of Canada, a number of neices and nephews, many friends and saints that will miss her sweet presence.

Funeral services were held in the Saints' chapel in Los Angeles, conducted by the writer and assisted by Bro. L. E. Davy and others. Text: 2 Tim. 4: 6-8. The body was laid to rest in the beautiful Evergreen Cemetery where other bodies of the saints are at rest awaiting the call at the great resurrection day to "arise and meet the Lord."

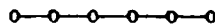
"Silently, silently, sleep the peaceful dead;
Mournfully, sighingly, tears o'er them are shed.
Tho the dust to dust returneth, yet their spirits
now have gone

To the God of love who giveth, and their works
do follow on.

Silently, silently, they are laid to rest,
Free from care over there, dwelling with the blest.
They shall bear no more life's burdens, sickness,
sorrow, death, or pain;

In the Spirit land they're waiting where with
Christ their souls shall reign."

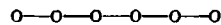
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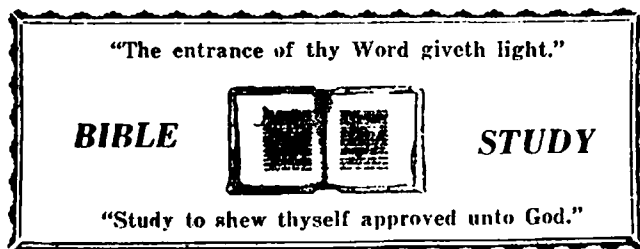
Viola Timberlin, daughter of Alanson and Mary Jane Griffin born Sept. 28, 1860, departed this life at Auburn, Ind. Sept. 15, 1941, age 80 years, 11 months, 17 days.

She leaves to mourn their loss one adopted daughter, three sisters, two brothers, five grandchildren and a host of other relatives and friends. She was united in marriage to Silas W. Timberlin Feb. 20, 1881. Her husband preceded her in death 17 years ago.

A precious one from us is gone,
A voice we loved is still;
A place is vacant in our home
Which never can be filled.
God in His wisdom has recalled
A boone His love has given,
And though the body slumbers here,
The soul is safe in heaven.



Simon McDonald, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. W. McDonald was born April 5, 1923, died September 19, 1941, age 18 years, 5 months, 14 days. He was married June 1, 1940 to Miss Dorothy Louise Lowe, daughter of Bro. and Sister Ole Lowe of Springfield, Mo. To this union one son was born which preceded him in death April 23, 1941. Simon was killed in a car wreck in which Bro. Lowe was badly hurt. He leaves wife, father, mother five brothers, five sisters and many other relatives and friends to mourn his death. Simon loved the saints and they loved him. His funeral was conducted in the Thieme Funeral Chapel in Springfield, Mo by John W. Wilson. Text: The last part of Job 24:22—"and no man is sure of life."



SIN AND ITS CONSEQUENCES

Sunday, November 2, 1941

Daily Readings and Meditations

October 27 to November 1.

- M. What sin is Rom. 14:13-23.
 T. The harvest of sin Gal. 6:6-10.
 W. Confessing sin 1 John 1:5-10.
 T. Cleansing from sin Isa. 1:16-20.
 F. The blessedness of forgiveness Psa. 32:1-7.
 S. New creatures in Christ 2 Cor. 5:14-19.

Printed PortionGal. 6:7, 8; 1 John 1:5 to 2:6.

Gal. 6:7. Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.

8. For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting.

1 John 1:5. This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.

6. If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth:

7. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.

8. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

9. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

10. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

2:1. My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous:

2. And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world.

3. And hereby we do know that we know him, if we keep his commandments.

4. He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him.

5. But whoso keepeth his word, in him verily is the love of God perfected: hereby know we that we are in him.

6. He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also so to walk, even as he walked.

Golden Text: "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." 1 John 1:9.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

Sin is transgression of God's law and does not include mistakes of the intellect. Mistakes are made because of lack of knowledge while sin comes from the heart. We can profit by our mistakes by doing better the next time; but sin, whether big or little, is a reproach to any person, and God warns us not to be deceived for he will

not allow it to go unpunished—"The wages of sin is death." Eve was deceived into thinking that sin would not cause death, and her sons and daughters of today are following her example, giving no heed to God's warnings.

The depraved condition of the natural heart is the cause of outward sins; and, because people have been unable to live righteous lives in their own power (they have concluded that everyone has to sin daily in thought, word, and deed, and have manufactured scriptures to bear out their theory. Jesus died to save his people FROM their sins.

Many deny the existence of sin in the natural man, therefore cannot see that they ever have sinned. It is this kind of people that make God a liar for he says, "All have sinned." Those who sin are walking in darkness, so if they claim to be Christians they are liars, for a Christian is one who has fellowship with Christ. We are told to confess our sins, renounce them, and trust in Jesus for pardon and cleansing. "Jesus' blood can make the vilest sinner clean." When Jesus cleanses one from ALL unrighteousness, that one does not continue in sin as he did before the cleansing, but is raised above sin to walk in newness of life; old things have passed away and all things have become new. He will not be perfect in knowledge, but perfect in purpose, serving the Lord with all his heart, soul, mind, and strength.

If you have not experienced this change, Jesus has not yet become your personal Saviour. "The gift of God is eternal life." You can not have eternal life and death at the same time. God's gift of eternal life is yours for the asking and taking, but you can not sincerely ask for it until you give up sin and its wages.

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REPENTANCE AND FAITH

Sunday, November 9, 1941

Daily Readings and Meditations

November 3 to 8.

- M. Father and son Luke 15:11-24.
 T. John preaches repentance Matt. 3:1-9.
 W. Jesus preaches repentance Mark 1:14, 15.
 T. Paul preaches repentance Acts 20:17-24.
 F. The way of salvation Luke 7:41-50.
 S. Saved through faith Eph. 2:1-10.

Printed PortionLuke 15:11-24.

Luke 15:11. And he said, A certain man had two sons:

12. And the younger of them said to his father, Father, give me the portion of goods that falleth to me. And he divided unto them his living.

13. And not many days after the younger son gathered all together, and took his journey into a far country, and there wasted his substance with riotous living.

14. And when he had spent all, there arose a mighty famine in that land; and he began to be in want.

15. And he went and joined himself to a citizen of that country; and he sent him into his fields to feed swine.

16. And he would fain have filled his belly with the husks that the swine did eat: and no man gave unto him.

17. And when he came to himself, he said, How many hired servants of my father's have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger!

18. I will arise and go to my father, and will say unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and before thee,

19. And am no more worthy to be called thy son: make me as one of thy hired servants.

20. And he arose, and came to his father. But when he was yet a great way off, his father saw him, and had

compassion, and ran, and fell on his neck, and kissed him.

21. And the son said unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and in thy sight, and am no more worthy to be called thy son.

22. But the father said to his servants, Bring forth the best robe, and put it on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet:

23. And bring hither the fatted calf, and kill it; and let us eat, and be merry:

24. For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found. And they began to be merry.

Golden Text: "Repent ye. and believe the gospel." Mark 1:15.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

The younger son took a journey into a far country (away from God) and began to be in want (under conviction); but instead of coming Home to Father's House, he went and joined himself to a citizen (denomination) of that country, and he (denomination) sent him into his fields (movement) to feed swine (unregenerated hearts.). Being too honest to beg and getting nothing to eat (true bread of life) himself he came to himself (the parting of the way, Zech. 21:19 "Choose ye this day").

He then decided to go home. When confession was made he was saved. Then the father said, "Bring forth the best robe" (sanctification); "and put a ring on his hand" (endless ring of love). Notice that the father has the ring put on him, he does not put it on himself. This can be compared to a custom very prevalent among the worldly people today. The young man places a wedding ring upon his bride's finger so all other men will know she belongs to him. Just so does Jesus speak concerning his wife: "By this shall all men know ye are my disciples if ye have love (the ring) one to another" John 13:35. The father also said, "Put shoes on his feet" (preparation of the gospel of peace, Eph. 6:15) "and bring hither the fatted calf" (the real meat that the carnal mind knows not of, John 4:31-32); "for this my son was dead (dead in sins, Eph. 2:1).

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UNION WITH CHRIST

Sunday, November 16, 1941.

Daily Readings and Meditations

November 10 to 15.

M. Union with Christ John 15:1-10.

T. One body in Christ Rom. 12:1-8.

W. One spirit in Christ Eph. 4:1-7.

T. Having the mind of Christ Phil. 2:1-11.

F. Alive with Christ Eph. 2:13-22.

S. Members of Christ 1 Cor. 6:15-20.

Printed Portion John 15:1-10.

John 15:1. I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman.

2. Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away: and every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit.

3. Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you.

4. Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me.

5. I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.

6. If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a

branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned.

7. If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.

8. Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples.

9. As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you: continue ye in my love.

10. If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love.

Golden Text: "Abide in me, and I in you." John 15:4

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

This lesson teaches our spiritual relationship with Christ if we have been born of his Spirit. Many organizations have sprung up out of the earth and people have joined themselves to them and are fed by them as branches are fed by a vine. These are false vines, for Jesus is the only TRUE vine and sends life-giving food into all of his true followers. He wants his people to join nothing but him.

The Father cares for the vine and branches and expects each branch to bear fruit (8th verse). There is a two-fold element in bearing Christian fruit. The first one is in producing that Christ-like nature or bearing the fruits of the Spirit: love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance and such like. The other is the use of the talents which God has given to win souls to Christ. However, this has a very close connection with the first because one must bring forth the fruits of the Spirit before he can do anything which brings outward results.

As a result of obedience to Jesus' teachings, the disciples had received spiritual life and could bear fruit, hence Jesus said they were clean through the word. Many get saved (become a branch of Christ) but let the "care of this world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and he becometh unfruitful." Our lesson says the Father takes them away. When they are taken from the vine they have no more spiritual life regardless of the profession they continue to make.

It is as foolish for a person to try to bear Christian fruit when he is not abiding in the vine, Christ Jesus, as it is for a branch to try to bear fruit when it has been severed from a vine. It is needful to keep His commandments if we wish to abide in Him (v. 10).

Consider the value of the promise in verse 7.

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PRAYER AND THANKSGIVING

Sunday, November 23, 1941.

Daily Readings and Meditations

November 17 to 22.

M. Prayer with Thanksgiving Psa. 103:1-5.

T. Two prayers in contrast Luke 18:9-14.

W. Thanksgiving for food Acts 27:33-36.

T. Thanksgiving in every prayer Phil. 1:3-11.

F. Thanking God for everything Eph. 5:15-21.

S. Thanksgiving and giving 2 Cor. 9:10-15.

Printed Portion Matt. 6:5-15; Eph. 5:20;
1 Thess. 5:16-18.

Matt. 6:5. And when thou prayest, thou shalt not be as the hypocrites are; for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and in the corners of the streets, that they may be seen of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward.

6. But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet,

and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly.

7. But when ye pray, use not vain repetitions as the heathen do: for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking.

8. Be not ye therefore like unto them: for your Father knoweth what things ye have need of, before ye ask him.

9. After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.

10. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.

11. Give us this day our daily bread.

12. And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.

13. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

14. For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you:

15. But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

Eph. 5.20. Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

1 Thess. 5:16. Rejoice evermore.

17. Pray without ceasing.

18. In every thing give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.

Golden Text: "Pray without ceasing... In everything give thanks." 1 Thess. 5:17, 18.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

Prayer is communion with God, and since God is a spirit, it can only be done through the Spirit. Whether praying alone or in an assembly it is necessary to shut out the world and all disturbances and pray alone to the Father. Prayers are said by some to make them appear more pious, by others because they are called upon to help go through a form of worship, by some to let others know what they believe, etc.; but all this is not communion with God. This scripture does not mean to teach against praying in public, nor long prayers, for if the heart ascends to God with the prayer, such are in order.

The Lord did not mean for the disciples to commit to memory this prayer that is commonly called "The Lord's Prayer," and say it, nor do we have any record of them doing so. He said, "After this manner pray ye." Observe the manner of the prayer. God is praised and recognized as the one who supplies all of our needs both spiritually and temporally. This was given to the disciples before the day of Pentecost at which time the kingdom came with power. Since then God's will has been done in earthen vessels as it is in heaven.

Our trespasses against God while in sin far exceed any wrong a fellowman can do to us. We cannot expect Him to forgive us if we are not willing to forgive others.

A true child of God has abundant reason to rejoice evermore, "having the promise of the life which now is and that which is to come."

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CHRISTIAN LOVE

Sunday, November 30, 1941

Daily Readings and Meditations

November 24 to 29.

M. The great commandment Matt. 22:35-40.

T. Love supreme 1 Cor. 13:1-13.

W. God is Love 1 John 4:7-16.

T. The love of Christ Eph. 3:14-21.

F. Christian love Rom. 13:8-10.

S. Love ministering John 21:12-17.

Printed Portion.....John 13:34, 35; 1 Cor. 13:1-13.

John 13:34. A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another.

35. By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.

1 Cor. 13:1. Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not clarity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal.

2. And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing.

3. And 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.

4. Charity suffereth long, and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up,

5. Doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil;

6. Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth;

7. Beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things.

8. Charity never faileth: but whether there be prophecies, they shall fail; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away.

9. For we know in part, and we prophesy in part.

10. But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away.

11. When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things.

12. For now we see through a glass darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then I shall know even as also I am known.

13. And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity.

Golden Text: "We love him, because he first loved us." 1 John 4:19.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

Christ gave this new commandment during his last night on earth. He set the example, even dying for His enemies. Because He loved, all who possess his spirit will love.

Paul explains what the love that Jesus commanded us to have will do. Many eloquent sermons may be preached, but they can not reach the heart of mankind unless backed by divine love. Consider the worthlessness of sounding brass and a tinkling cymbal in awakening souls to their need of Christ. If one had the gifts mentioned in verse 2, he could surely gain a multitude of followers yet in God's sight he would be NOTHING.

Verse four should convince everyone that people can not get to heaven on their good works.

Love includes patience, kindness, generosity, humility, courtesy, unselfishness; does not boast or show off, it is never glad when others go wrong, is calm under trying circumstances, does not hold grudges, and will last when everything else has failed or ceased to be.

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"It isn't the thing that you give away
Or the price of the gift that counts;
It isn't the words that your kind lips say,
But the love in your heart that counts."