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TIME SPEEDS ON

New Years come and old years go;
And time like a river great doth flow
a vast and shoreless sea—
ever ending eternity.

Our friends, some of them have gone.
They've played their piece, they've sung their
song.

Each year takes its greedy toll,
While many strive to reach the goal.

But one thing I have often found:
That with success someone is crowned,
Whose eyes have been alert to see
The present opportunity.

And went forth some seed to sow
In weary hearts that sure would grow—
Seeds of confidence and love
To blossom in the world above.

Oh, may we find in this New Year
A chance to help some burden bear;
A chance to make some path more bright,
To help some wanderer see the light.

Time flies fast, so let us work,
Nor from a single duty shirk;
But may the Lord the whole year through
Help us each task to faithful do.

When we our little piece have played,
And some must step from the parade;
May we live on, our light still glow
While New Years come and old years go.
—Ulysses Phillips.

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A NEW CREATURE

"Therefore if ANY MAN be in Christ, he is a
new creature: old things are passed away [past
age]: Behold, all things are become new." (Present
age) 2 Cor. 5:17.

This truth was uttered by the apostle Paul who
was a "chosen vessel" of God, and spoke as he was
moved by the Holy Ghost.

He said, "If any man be in Christ he is a new
creature." In other words, if a man is in Christ, he
is a new creature. His old life with its former ways,
thoughts and deeds has passed away, the new life
from heaven now begins to control the man and he
does and acts like heaven would have him do.

Jesus in his exhortation to Nicodemus said, "Mar-
vel not that I said unto thee, ye must be born again"
John 3:7. Although Nicodemus was a ruler and stood
high in the estimation of the people, he could not
understand how a man could be born again.

Wise men of earth have great knowledge of
earthly things, but generally very little of heavenly
things. Men today think they know all about how a
baby is born of the flesh, but the fact is, there are
mysteries even in this which they have to leave with
God; for after all is said and all searching is done,
the fact remains that it can only be this way because
in the beginning God commanded them to reproduce
of their kind and it is so because he commanded it to
be so. The same mighty God, the God of all creation
has also said, "Ye must be born again" and he makes
it very strong and imperative when he says, "Verily,
verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again
he cannot see the kingdom of God."—3rd verse.

"That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and
that which is born of the Spirit is spirit." Our child-
ren are born of the flesh and are flesh and in order
to be spiritual, having life from heaven they must
be born again in order to be true children of God.

When they are born again and allow God to
lead them by his Spirit they will be the sons of God
for Paul says, "For as many as are led by the Spirit
of God, they are the sons of God." Rom. 8:14. John
says, "Behold, what manner of love the Father hath
bestowed upon us that we should be called the sons
of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because
it knew him not." 1 John 3:1.

When our children are born into the world, phys-
ically speaking, they are new creatures. The whole

family, neighbors, and kinsfolk are interested in the new born babe, and the father is very much pleased when all declare, "It looks just like its father." It is also pleasing to the Heavenly Father when we are born of the Spirit if we have his likeness inasmuch that the neighbors and kinsfolk can report it to be so.

We cannot see the spirit of God enter into a man which makes him a new creature; but it will be easy to see the effects of it if the Spirit abides there; for it will make him a new creature. He will gamble no more, will cease drinking poison liquor, will not swear, tell or laugh at smutty yarns, will not dance nor be found at the shows, card games, and picnics of the world, will no longer use poison tobacco, no more will he lie, steal, cheat, or swindle, and will not conform to the world in dress. But he will obey the scriptures and deny all worldly lusts and ungodliness and live sober righteously and godly in this present world (Titus 2:12).

Jesus told Nicodemus that he could not see the wind but could hear the sound thereof. It is true. There are many things we cannot see with the natural eye. You cannot see the bullet as it leaves the gun barrel, but you can see the effects of it. The mother may say, "I can just see my baby grow." That is a mistake, she can tell that it is getting heavier and larger but she cannot actually see it grow. So is everyone that is born of the spirit. You cannot see the spirit come into them, but if they yield to it and the Spirit abides in them you can see the effects of it being there.

Dear reader, whosoever you are, I beg you to yield yourself to God with godly sorrow and repentance, turn away from all the sin and folly of this world and have faith in God for he will have a way of depositing the seed of truth in the womb of your soul and cause you to be born again and be a new creature, ready for heaven.

Paul told the Galatians, "For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision availeth anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creature." Gal. 6:15. Truly, my friend, "Ye must be born again."

Peter tells the young converts to "Lay aside all malice, and all guile, and hypocrisies, and envies, and all evil speaking, as new born babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby." 1 Peter 2:1, 2.

In Matt. 9:16, Jesus said that men do not put a piece of new cloth on an old garment lest the rent is made worse. It will not do to patch yourself up with a profession of religion. The world is cursed with patched-up religion. Folks that patch up their self-righteousness and claim to be Christ's give Satan an opportunity of playing God to them and he makes them believe and teach all manner of false things which are confusing and ruining many souls. Do

not try to patch up an old experience, but remember the words of Jesus, "Ye must be born again." As our children are born in a fleshly sense and become new creatures and are added to our family by a new birth, so ye must be born from above and become a new creature spiritually. Then you will be added to the family of God. As you yield to him and his will you can be a son or daughter of God and he will be your God, governing and ruling you through this time world.

Dear friend, Jesus said, "Verily, verily, I say unto thee, except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." John 3:3. —Fred Pruitt.

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PERILOUS TIMES

"Know this also that in the last days perilous times shall come, for men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God; having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away." 2 Tim. 3:1-5.

The apostle here enumerated eighteen sins which were to be prevalent in the last days. So instead of the world becoming better as it nears the end, it is waxing worse as the years come and go. **Selfishness and covetousness**—It is not hard to see that these signs here mentioned are becoming more prominent as time goes on. Men become stuck on themselves. We have heard some ministers say, "You can't tell me anything." Well, that is a fact, too; for some are not teachable. Some work harder for the dollar than for souls. Some consult with themselves only, like a preacher whom I spoke to once about talking to himself. He said that he had two reasons. One was that he loved to talk with a smart man; the other was, he loved to hear a smart man talk. This is like the Pharisee who "stood and prayed with himself." Covetousness and selfishness go together.

Disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy—the Bible says, "Children obey your parents for this is right." Now, parents, you must obey your children to avoid a fight. One of our brethren, while driving on the highway, picked up a lad about 15 years old. He said he was leaving home and gave as his excuse: "Pap and mother won't mind me any more." And he had to leave.

Unthankful—They receive blessings every day from God, but are not as thankful as the hog under the acorn tree. They do grunt out their satisfaction while picking up acorns.

Unholy—Those who despise holiness and godliness, and he was not speaking of Pagans either, but of those who have a form of godliness. The many sects today are full of this class of people. Read Rom. 1:28-32 and see what happens to people who do not like to retain God in their knowledge. God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient, being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, maliciousness, envy, murder, debate, malignity, whisperers, backbiters, boasters, etc.

Without natural affection—It is truly deplorable to see the lack of natural affection, especially among women. Some would rather lead a little dog with a string than carry a darling babe. I have known them to kiss the little dog and call it 'Mama's darling.' The lack of natural affection is the cause of thousands of divorces.

Implacable—A spirit of unwillingness to be pacified is a great sin at this time. This is seen in the great strikes all over the land between labor and capital. The result has been and is the cause of wars, famines, pestilences, etc.

False accusers—Those who find fault with nearly everybody and everything. A jealous spirit and a lying spirit follow in its wake. Homes have been broken up, blood has been spilt, and souls are going to hell because of it.

Incontinent—Those who do not restrain their natural desires, given to licentiousness, drunkenness, surfeiting, immorality, etc. It is terrible beyond description. Licensed saloons and road houses, and houses of ill-fame are evils resulting from these things, and all point to the soon coming of the Lord.

Fierce—or ferocious, those who are cruel and have no mercy.

Despisers of those that are good—no respect for those who love the Lord, honesty and poverty despised, austerity on every hand, men and women ruled with an iron hand. Oh, that men would learn to love the Lord! But "the heart is deceitful above all things and desperately wicked."

Traitors—Traitors to their country, traitors in politics, traitors in their homes. A traitor betrayed Jesus. Destruction of property and life are some of the results. Saints of God, if our lives are not filled with God, they will be more destructive than constructive. Some who mean well, perhaps, pray for more power, and thus expose their souls to deception. It is a mistake to pray for more power. Pray for more of the fullness of God, more of the abundant life, more of his divine nature, and you will have more power.

Heady and high minded go hand in hand—Self-conceited, easy to do a rash act, who thinks highly of himself. "He that is slow to anger is better than the mighty, and he that ruleth his spirit than he that taketh a city."

Lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God—
"The lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life is not of the Father, but of the world." All of these prominent, popular sins are practiced by those who have a form of godliness but deny the power thereof. If any man love these things the love of the Father is not in him. All their talk about the world becoming better is cheap talk, and indeed a vain hope, and it is a direct contradiction to the prophets and apostles, and to Jesus, also, who said that iniquity will abound, distress and tribulation on earth. "The earth is defiled because they have transgressed, and the transgression thereof shall be heavy upon it" (Isaiah). "And there shall be a time of trouble such as never was since there was a nation" (Daniel). And, "As it was in the days of Noah, so shall it be also in the days of the Son of man" (Christ). "There shall be mockers in the last time" (Jude)—drunkenness and its results. It is said the United States every year paid out about nine hundred million dollars for liquor, six hundred million dollars for tobacco, five hundred and five million for bread, three hundred and three million for meat, one hundred and ninety-seven for boots and shoes. This table is based on the report of the commissioners of internal revenue, 1887. With these figures before us, how can any one say the world is getting better all the time? These figures are almost unbelievable, but these figures have increased terribly since women have taken up the cigarette smoking habit.

Dear reader, shun the very appearance of evil. Lay hold on eternal life. —G. E. Harmon.

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In memory of our dear husband and father,
Charles A. Bucklin,
who passed away three years ago—Dec. 17, 1938.

Daddy, you have gone and left us,
How we loved you, daddy dear.
But we know you are resting
In a loving Savior's care.

Daddy darling, how we miss you,
Miss your tender loving care.
Your sweet smiles and words of kindness,
Will still linger with us here.

Daddy, how you've toiled and suffered
In this world of sin and care,
But dear daddy, we will meet you
Where there'll be no pain or care.

Daddy dear, though you are sleeping
In a little graveyard near,
You are gone but not forgotten,
By the ones you loved so dear.
—Loving wife and children

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Editorials

We are now entering into the New Year of 1942. As our mind goes back over the labors and activities of the past year it brings contentment and satisfaction. As we view or review the work of the past year, both in the “Lord’s Print Shop” and in evangelistic and pulpit work, it makes us very grateful to God, and with thanksgiving we praise his holy name. A greater volume of tracts, papers and booklets has gone forth from the Faith Publishing House than in any previous year, and from reports that have come in, the Lord has made the literature a greater blessing to a much larger number of people than in other years.

The encouraging letters that our readers have written us have helped us over many trials, and the offerings which His consecrated children have sent in for the work has proved to us again in a much larger way that He has saints in different places that are led by His Spirit and are willing and obedient when He makes known to them to send means to help the work in His “Print Shop.” We can truthfully say that we are entering into this new year with much courage in our hearts from above and we mean by His grace to keep yielded to God and be a worker together with Him in getting the gospel of salvation to the people by the printed page.

We know not just what the future holds for us, for nearly the whole world is torn and bleeding with

war, including our own nation. The prophecies are fulfilling fast and nations are fast ripening for destruction; for it seems that all nations have in truth forgotten God. Many are worshiping God in lip service but their hearts are far from Him. God says in his word, “Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves; but rather give place unto wrath: [in the other] for it is written, Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord.” Rom. 12:19.

There is no doubt but that the true children of God will be persecuted more and more as time goes on and God’s family as a church will shine more and more unto the perfect day.

Great darkness seems to be developing and settling down upon the people and it is again becoming like it was when our Lord was in the world. The Light is shining into the darkness and the darkness is not comprehending it. The hearts of men are becoming darkness by disobedience to God’s word. The more in darkness they are the greater hatred they will have for the children of light. Jesus said, “If the world hate you, ye know that it hated me before it hated you.” John 15:18. In the 20th verse he said, “If they have persecuted me, they will also persecute you; if they have kept my saying, they will keep yours also.”

Let us all keep the Lord sanctified in our hearts, set our bodies apart for him to live there that we may know how to answer every man.

By the time this January paper reaches our readers, the Assembly Meeting at Guthrie, Okla. will be in full motion and the saints that have gathered in to this meeting will be receiving heavenly food and their souls will be going out to God in praise and adoration for his goodness to the children of men.

We are expecting to be able to report a glorious meeting through the February paper. The meeting will not close until the fourth of Jan. 1942.



We have printed several booklets since putting out the last issue of the Faith and Victory paper. One 16-page booklet entitled, “If We Could See Ourselves As Others See Us, ? ? ?”; another, “The Ordinances of the New Testament,” an 18-page booklet written by G. E. Harmon of Glendale, Calif.; and another book of “Songs” by Elder J. W. Youngblood of Pomona, Calif. This book also contains his autobiography and is very interesting. We will mail all three of these booklets to you if you will write for them and enclose a five cent postage stamp for wrapping and mailing them.

If you want some of the 1942 Scripture Text Calendars, you should send for them at least before the first of January. These are large beautifully painted calendars with a scripture text for each day of the month throughout the year of 1942. Every leaf has a colored Bible picture. The price post paid is, 30c each, four for \$1.00 or ten for \$2.00.

You can now get the eleven issues of the Faith and Victory paper published during 1941 in book form for 35 cents each, postpaid. We are making up only fifty copies of these books, so if you want one send for it at once. The fifty books of the 1940 papers which we made last year were soon taken.

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We are sending the season's greetings to all of our readers and wishing you a blessed and prosperous New Year, both in soul and otherwise. The Faith Publishing House is in better shape to serve you now than it has ever been and we are expecting a volume of business during the coming year which will be much greater than in previous years. The business of the Lord is of greater importance than all other enterprizes which are of the world. We certainly do appreciate your past cooperation in getting the gospel to men by the printed page, and we have faith in God that you will continue in this warm and whole-hearted service, that we will all continue to be workers together with God in reaching souls with the gospel of peace and good-will to men. Brothers and sisters, pray for us and the faithful workers here in the office.

The Lord has supplied his "Print Shop" with another worker, Clifford Wilson of Oregon. He is a young man twenty years of age who is giving his life, time, and talents to the Lord. At this writing he has been here only a few days, but seems to be taking hold of the work nicely. If the work keeps increasing, the Lord will need to add another worker soon. Our heart only says, "Thy will be done."

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—Meeting Notice—

The Lord willing, the saints in Oregon will have an assembly meeting beginning Jan. 16. and lasting 10 days. It will be held at the same place as the camp meeting at Sis. Busch's country home 2½ mi. southwest of Stayton, Ore. Saints and lovers of the truth will receive a warm welcome. Let us all pray earnestly for a good meeting. Any wishing further information may write Emma Busch, Scio, Ore. R. 2, Box 175 or to me at Jefferson, Ore., R. 2, Box 175A.

Your blood-washed brother, Ira D. Stover.

—Meeting Report—

The meeting at Natchitoches, La. was a wonderful meeting owned by the dear Lord. The word went forth under the anointing of the Holy Ghost. When the people heard the word they seemed to want it, and would come and listen. Even some young people were willing to give up all and live for the dear Lord. Eleven claimed the victory. We are still thanking the dear Lord for his goodness to us. We found some wonderful people down there who had much care for the saints.

We want to thank all the dear saints for their prayers and offerings; and we thank the dear Lord for giving us a safe trip there and back.

Those who went were: Bro. and Sis. Lewis Williams, Sister Ada Davis, Sister Ethel Robinson, and myself.

—Annie Wiley.

Correspondence

Bro. Pruitt, I am writing to all the congregations, asking for a donation for Brother Johnie Johnson to keep up the payments on his car. He doesn't keep well and is not able to do hard work. He helps us old people to get to meetings. He is a saved young man and the Lord needs his service. He doesn't use the car for himself alone but helps others. Please do all you can for him and God will bless you. His payments are due on the 10th of each month. Please send to Sister J. B. Sowell, 1747 N. Madison St., Tulsa, Okla.

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Sumter, S. C.—Dear Ones: I don't know just how to begin my letter to you. I am not saved now as I once was saved though my whole heart's desire is to live a pure life and do the Lord's will. I have an unsaved husband who has always been a heavy drinker. It was through the wicked ungodly life that he lived that caused me to back slide. I know God's way. I was brought up and taught that the church of God was the right way. I am forty-four years of age. My life is so unhappy. Please pray that I get back to God as I once was. I promised my darling mother seventeen years ago before God called her home on high that by God's help I would meet her in heaven. Oh, my heart fee's so burdened! Please pray that God will soon get hold of my unsaved husband's heart and change his wicked, ungodly life, and save us both, and that my home will be a happy one.

Just a few weeks ago my dear old father was bitten by a Black Widow spider. When I got to him about four hours afterward, he was swollen all over and in so much pain he was nearly out of his mind. Others told me to call a doctor, but I told them "No." They to'd me that he was going to die if I didn't. I knew that my father's Doctor was the Lord. I have scen him near death's door many times but God healed him without any medicine. I wired the Publishing House at Guthrie, Okla. and God healed him through prayer. Of course, he looked sick for days but he was healed.

Please remember me in your prayers that I may get just where he would have me. I read the little paper and enjoy it so much. Sometimes I get so full when I read the good letters I have to stop for tears.

Mrs. Irene Evette

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Paris, Tenn.—Bro. Pruitt: I am writing to ask all of you to pray for me. I have T. B. and I want to live to raise my little children and live for the Lord. My desire is to live a true and holy life for the Lord that I'll be ready when he sees fit to call me. I am praying to be healed and get the Holy Ghost, and so live that every one will know I am living for the Lord. I know the Lord can heal. He has healed me so I can sit up most of the day. I am so thankful to him for being able to be up. I am taking the Faith and Victory paper. I think it is wonderful and can hardly wait from one time to another to get it to read. It helps me so much to read it. I do wish there were a holy church here, for I believe it is the right church.

May God bless all of you in your works for the Lord.
Mrs. Mildred Humphreys.

Dear Saints abroad: I greet you in Jesus precious name, who's name is above all names, because God gave him this name. I am glad to report victory through Jesus our Lord, who has conquered sin, flesh, hell and the devil, and everyone who will can conquer through him. I know that Jesus paid it all. When I came to him he made me a new creature, gave me of his life and put my name on the Book, and blessed be God, I know it is there this evening. The Lord our God has done great and wonderful things. I have forgotten many great blessings that I have received for soul and body, but I know God is a living God who hears and answers prayer. Sinners know nothing about this because they cannot understand spiritual things. One can only become spiritually minded when he is born into the kingdom of God by the new birth. Read what Jesus said to Nicodemus, John 3:6.

I am glad He knows the thoughts and intents of our hearts and he takes care of his own. I wish to glorify the Lord for what He has done for wife, son, and myself. I want to praise him before the saved and unsaved through the Faith and Victory for the way He saved us from a terrible accident and perhaps death.

Some time ago I had a heavy burden for our son and could not get rid of it for along time. I knew there was danger ahead of some kind. We talked to our unsaved son about it and told wife. I plead with God to spare our boy's life. There is power in prayer, (James 5:16, "The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.") The devil is willing and anxious to destroy souls before they get saved.

On the Sept. eve our son had his wedding, wife, son and I had to go about twenty miles to the bride's home. Before we left I had a premonition about something to happen. A voice said to me clearly in our home, "Now if you should have a crash with your car on the way out to the bride's home." I was alarmed. Our son had almost a new Buick. He is an experienced driver and has driven through all kinds of danger safely in the heaviest traffic. I knew the enemy meant harm. Wife and I also each had a fearful dream about our son's well-being shortly before that time and told each other, also our son, who felt a little concerned with all that ill foreboding. I pleaded with God before we left home and rebuked the devil and powers of hell in the name of Jesus. I felt better and somewhat relieved. On our trip we felt much impressed to tell our Son many things about God's requirement of him and how to start a successful home. Son drove the car, wife was in the front seat with him, and I in the back seat. He said little and listened closely. I prayed part of the way and rebuked the evil powers.

When we had gone about two-thirds of the way we were driving on a wide road and there was scarcely any traffic. It was dark. A car came toward us going at least 55 or 60 miles per hour. As it came near us it crossed the center. We were traveling at a moderate speed and as the car approached the boy slowed up and crowded the car toward the bank. The car hit us with such impact it reared our car for a couple hundred feet. The whole left side of our car was almost torn off. Had the other car struck us six inches closer to the center, we might not have had a chance to tell the story. After the crash there was no excitement. Son only said, "He struck us." Wife usually gets very excited in narrow places, but she was so calm it was wonderful, and not a scratch and no after effect. The impact was so terrible it threw the right front door open where wife was sitting but it did not throw her out. How wonderful that the Lord was with us. We felt so calm, we could have gone right there with the Lord to heaven. Oh, dear readers, it is wonderful to be ready, to have peace with God and

no enmity toward men. The hit-and-run driver drove on and will have to stand trial some day before God; but we kept the peace of God, which passes all understanding. We made our trip some way to the bride's home and every thing went on nicely. The burden from that time left me; although I am praying daily for our son.

I could give different cases of God's wonderful intervention in my behalf and family and his wonderful healing on our bodies. I give Him all the glory through Jesus our Lord.

Dear brothers and sisters, pray and look up to God. He is your only mighty Protection at all times if you cling to him. Dear sinner friend and church member, take warning: in such an hour as you think not, the Lord may come as your Judge, and what will you do or say if you meet him unprepared. You've wasted the time God allotted you, and now you realize the day of salvation is gone forever and you are not saved. Awful, terrible—for ever lost! Please let me invite you to the Saviour who is waiting for you anxiously and wants to make you happy forever. Yours in Jesus, Otto Koehler.

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Richmond, Ind.—Dear Bro. Pruitt: Greetings in Jesus' name. I am sending a little offering for the Lord's work. Use it any place you think it is needed most. It is not much but I believe the Lord is able to increase it as much as he was able to increase the loaves and fishes.

We have had a very nice fall. It has been very mild so far and we have kept very well for us as we are not very strong any more; but our help is from the Lord, and we know he is able to take care of us. He has promised not to leave or forsake us. We would like for you to remember us when you pray. Hope you and family are well and the work of the Lord is prospering. "The harvest surely is ripe and ready for the reapers."

Your brother in Christ,

Thomas Decker.

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New Orleans, La.—I send holy greetings in Jesus' dear name. I have been reading your wonderful paper which my soul delights to read. Thank God for his Son Jesus. Oh, how I love Him. He is more than all the world to me. I do pray for this paper and would send something to keep it going, but we are behind in work. If the Lord helps us we will send something. We are glad to help and will do anything to keep the work of the Lord going on, for truly we are nearing the end if I can understand God's word.

Will all the saints please add my name to their prayer list? I am sick and need to work much. I know God can heal.

Sister G. W. Ivy

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Loranger, La.—Dear Saints, greetings of love, It has been some time since I have greeted you through Faith and Victory. I am praising God for His great salvation and healing power; and rejoicing over the meetings held this summer.

After camp meeting, Bro. Everett Hilbun and wife, and I went to Batchelor, La. where we had a good meeting. Several were saved and some sanctified.

A little later we went to Midway, La. where Sister Ruth Murphey labors for the Lord. In the ten-days meeting there four sought the Lord. Sister Carver led the singing and Bro. Carver came for the last of the meeting.

After that Sisters Murphey and Carver and I went to Olla, La. for meeting over the week-end. Four came to the altar. The presence of the Lord was felt from beginning to end. A young man and wife sought the Lord. He wonderfully saved them and they went to work for him immediately. That was six weeks ago. On

Nov. 18 we went back to Olla for six days. Eight souls came to the altar of prayer. Our souls were much encouraged. Sister Estes lives there, and had lived for God alone for some time. The young man I mentioned is her son. When he got saved he began praying and fasting for his father. Two weeks ago at Midway he was saved, and he too went right to work for God. They surely are saints in word and deed.

I am now at Sister Carver's home in Shreveport, La. We expect to go to Bogata, Texas tomorrow for a few days meeting, Sister Murphey, Sister Carver and I.

Dear saints, be encouraged and let us work and pray. There are many souls who need Jesus. Each one of us has a work to do, a place to fill.

I also want to praise God for healing me of every affliction I had. It has been some time since I could testify to being completely well; but thank God, I am completely well and enjoying myself in the Lord. Pray for me that I fill my place in the Body of Christ at all times. Much Christian love, Mrs. Katherine Simpson.

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Ithaca, Mich.—Once more we greet you all in the blessed name of Jesus, trusting all are well and happy there. We thank the Lord with you for the new folder you possess and may it last many years to spread the pure gospel by the printed page.

We are comfortable and happy in our new home here in Michigan. Our address is now Ithaca, Mich. R. 1, instead of 2700 Armitage Ave., Chicago, Ill. We feel assured the Lord was in the change and He made the way for us. Earl is working for a county Newspaper and the folks seem nice and congenial. We just don't know what the Lord has for us up here; but one thing sure, we mean to fight the good fight of faith just like we did back in Chicago, by the grace and power of God.

We are all settled now and we are cozy and comfortable and it is home-like here. The sun shines on both sides of the fence and all are satisfied, at home, at school, and at shop. Best of all, we feel God smiling down on us and working for us for our good. We are still living in Psalm 37:4 and can testify it is joy unspeakable and full of glory to draw our life from Him who said, "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life."

Breathe a prayer for us occasionally that we continue to be that obedient one that the Spirit of Christ can dwell in. In Christian love, Earl and Hazel Brown.

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Metamora, Ind.—Dear Bro. Pruitt and all the saints in every place who read the Faith and Victory paper and call upon the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, both theirs and ours: Greeting in Jesus' name. I feel led to testify through the Lord's little paper, "Faith and Victory," which is (I hope) read by all the saints that know about this paper and can see "the church" that Jesus built. The Lord has wonderfully blessed and kept me safe from all harm both in soul and body since I last testified through the paper and my faith grows stronger day by day. I am so thankful that I found the true way of salvation about forty years ago and never have doubted the genuineness of the one church or kingdom on earth that Jesus built or founded, which is composed of every born-again child of God, which is the family of God, both in heaven and earth, Eph. 3:14-15.

When the last child is born into God's family, Jesus will come in the clouds (not onto the earth as some teach) and take every every one of his born-again brothers and sisters to the place he has purchased for them; and they will forever (not 1000 years) be with the Lord. The wicked (which means any body who commits sin, whether he is a professed Christian or not, 1 John 3:8-10) will be

left in the fire that will melt and burn up all earthly things (2 Pet. 10:11). "Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought we to be in ALL HOLY CONVERSATION and GODLINESS."

Dear brothers and sisters, I am persuaded by the signs of the times according to the scriptures that we are living in the latter end of the grace dispensation. See 2 Tim. 3rd chapter. And that this old wicked world (earth and all) will pass away forever. We are commanded to be ready (this means Jew and Gentile) when he comes, have on the wedding garment, fine linen robe, which is the righteousness of saints.

I know by personal experience and observation that almost all the division, compromising, and going back into sectism (causing many saints to backslide and lose their souls) has been caused by the teaching of some leaders that had (as they thought) some new light on the liberty of conscience, tolerance, etc. All of you old-time saved and sanctified saints ought to remember the first little no harm FOX (tie) that started the great compromise and division in the church of God a few years back, and behold, what havoc has been and is being wrought by that little fox (seed of a worldly, fleshly spirit). It has grown into a full grown fox; yea, taken in many other ferocious beasts as helpers, viz: wolf, a sectish spirit; lions and tigers, soul killing, pride of life, conforming to worldly fashions and habits. And the end is not yet, but near. They shall wax worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived. Oh, how dangerous it is to lean just a little toward the world. I know this by personal experience that when we partake of anything, large or small, that is condemned by the word of God, our faith is weakened accordingly and the way is opened up for Satan to bring in more worldly evils that deaden our conscience so that soon we shall begin to call bitter, sweet and sweet, bitter. The Holy Ghost is grieved away and is not allowed to lead in worship nor any other part of the Lord's work; therefore the human substitutes for the Holy Spirit, and cater to man's modern inventions to (try) save sinners, viz: a well educated preacher, D. D., etc. who dresses in modern style and will not preach nor say anything against pride, etc, and just let the sisters dress up or down as they please, have a fine half-nude choir with plenty of instrumental music, stand and pray (the sisters might get some dirt on their knees), no amens, nor praises to God, etc. A sect, holiness-fighting preacher is more welcome in their meetings than an old-time Holy Ghost filled saint of God.

Let us be ready to go when the Lord comes. Amen.
Yours in Christ, C. S. Wyatt.

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OBITUARY

Jacob Fingerly was born in Douglas County, Kans. Oct. 4, 1865; died Nov. 18, 1941 in Whittier, Calif. He had lived over his three score and ten; and the past forty-one years he lived in Whittier, Calif.

Jake, as he was familiarly called, was reared in the Dunkard faith; but during the last few weeks of his sickness became very tender toward God and the saints.

He leaves to mourn his death two brothers and one sister: Dove Fingerly of northern Calif.; S. L. Fingerly of Whittier, a church of God minister; and Mrs. Lizzie Clark, of Whittier, Calif. Funeral service was conducted by E. M. Zinn of Whittier assisted by Bro. G. E. Harmon of Glendale, Calif. Texts used, Heb. 9:27; Job 14:5.

Funeral was held in Siewerts Funeral Parlors and the body laid to rest in Rose Hill Cemetery.

THE TWO RESURRECTIONS

There must be a death before there can be a resurrection. God told Adam, "For in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die." Gen. 2:17. He did eat of the forbidden fruit and died spiritually (later physically) and brought the whole human family under sin and death. Wherefore "as by one man sin entered into the world and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men for that all have sinned." Rom. 5:12. Some people say Adam began to die. No, he died. This was a spiritual death, not a literal death. Read Rom. 5:14, "Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses even over them that had not sinned after the similitude of Adam's transgression who is the figure of him that was to come." Also Daniel spoke of Christ, saying he would come and make an end to sin. See Daniel 9:24. "Seventy weeks are determined upon thy people and upon thy holy city to finish the transgression and to make an end of sins and to make reconciliation for iniquity and to bring in everlasting righteousness and to seal up the vision and prophesy and to anoint the Most Holy," which is Christ. This was speaking of Christ coming to put an end to sin and to bring in everlasting life to all people that would accept it. So Christ tells of this wonderful salvation as the first resurrection. John 5:24-29 shows both resurrections. Verse 24, "Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word and believeth on him that sent me hath everlasting life and shall not come into condemnation but is passed from death unto life." And v. 25, "Verily, verily, I say unto you, The hour is coming and now is when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God and they that hear shall live." Dear readers, this is the first resurrection: resurrected from the dead state of sin. Christ is our first resurrection. "And you hath he quickened who were dead [past tense] in trespasses and sins." Eph. 2:1. Verse 5, "Even when we were dead in sins hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;) And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus." So we were raised up; not from the grave, but from the dead state of sin; and made us alive in Christ. This is the first resurrection and the second death hath no power over those who hath part in the first resurrection. See Rev. 20:6. But those who continue in sin and wickedness are the ones who will be cast in the burning lake which is the second death. See Rev. 21:8. Blessed are those who have part in the first resurrection, for they are the ones that will arise to meet the Lord in the air to ever be with him.

The teaching that the righteous will rise 1000 years before the wicked is false teaching. For both saint and sinner will be resurrected at the same time. See John 5:28-29. "Marvel not at this; for the hour

is coming in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice and shall come forth; They that have done good unto the resurrection of life and they that have done evil unto the resurrection of damnation." These are Christ's words.

1 Thes. 4:13-17 from which people take their false theory is dealing only with saints. We that have been resurrected from the dead state of sin and are here when Christ comes with the saints that have passed on will stay right here until the general resurrection takes place and the saints that are in the graves come forth. Then we shall join them and all meet the Lord in the air to ever be with him. When the resurrection takes place all will rise, both saint and sinner. Read Daniel 12:22. He tells us of some awakening to eternal life and some to destruction.

—W. I. Miles.

The Purity Of Little Girls

Annie Miller was helping Mrs. Burnett with the children's spring and summer clothes. She had sewed with her two weeks in the fall and had been so industrious and so clever with her needle that Mrs. Burnett had engaged her long ahead of time for the spring sewing. A friend had told her of the young seamstress, and something of her life. Annie was an inmate of the Crittenton Home, and though her baby was three years old now, she still stayed on, being a great help to the matron in the sewing room of the institution. And because she was a quiet, well behaved girl she was allowed to work out for a week or two now and then to make a little extra money for herself and child.

Mrs. Burnett had grown very fond of Annie; the girl, she could see, was refined, well educated and had been reared in a decent home. And Annie appreciated Mrs. Burnett's kind, friendly attitude, and did the very best work she could for her. One day as they sat in the sewing room, putting the finishing touches on the little girl's gingham and linen dresses, Mrs. Burnett glanced out of the window at a car which had stopped at her next door neighbor's gate. "Look, Annie, there is Nina Wilson," she said, "Isn't she the loveliest thing?" A slim graceful girl was coming up the walk and both women watched her with interest until she disappeared in the house.

"Nina makes me think of a dainty rosebud, unfolding before my very eyes," said Mrs. Burnett.

"Does she live in the next house? I don't remember to have seen her before," said Annie.

"No, this is her uncle's home. Nina is the daughter of Judge Wilson, who lives over on Avenue B. She is an only child and her parents value her as if

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Can Christ Depend On You?

Down here on earth where there is sin,
Where doubts and fears contend within,
Where Satan finds so much to do,
Can Christ the Lord depend on you?

When fierce temptations try the soul,
And clouds of night obscure the goal,
When many prove themselves untrue,
Can Christ the Lord depend on you?

When others with a scornful look
Deny God's pure and holy Book,
Do you with love its pages view,
Can Christ the Lord depend on you?

When comrades turn to ways of wrong
Are you still prayerful, brave, and strong?
Are you among "the faithful few,"
Can Christ the Lord depend on you?

Whate'er may come, whate'er may go,
Do you your colors bravely show?
In all you think, or say, or do,
Can Christ the Lord depend on you?
—Mrs. J. M. Hunter.

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Editorials

Fourth Sunday Young People's Meeting

The Tulsa, Okla. congregation announces that the 4th Sunday of each month, beginning with the 4th Sunday of January, 1942, will be the regular date of their young people's meeting at that place. All young people are cordially invited to attend these meetings on each 4th Sunday.

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Word has been received that Bro. O. B. Wilson, Jr. of Anthony, Kans. began a revival at Union City, Ind. on Nov. 30. The congregation there desired the prayers of the saints for an increase of the work in that community.

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In Exodus 20:12 we read, "Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee." By this commandment children are obligated to honor and obey their parents. A touching example of the devotion of a father and son is told of John Paton, who afterwards became the noted South Sea missionary. At one time, when leaving home, there lay

before him a walk of about forty miles. His father walked with him for about six miles, then they parted. The father and son loved each other dearly, and the parting scene was full of sorrow sweetened by deep affection. "God bless you, my son! your father's God prosper you and keep you from all evil," said the tender-hearted father. After going some distance, John climbed a high piece of ground to see if his father was still watching him. At the same moment his father climbed the dyke to see his boy. John watched him climb down. "I watched," he said, "through blinding tears, till his form faded from my gaze; and then hastening on my way, vowed deeply and oft, by the help of God, to live and act so as never to grieve or dishonor such a father and a mother as He had given me."

With reference to the keeping of this commandment we have the testimony of an aged saint of the Guthrie congregation. On next Sunday, Dec. 14, Bro. J. J. Boebel will have reached the age of 90, and he attributes his long life and anticipation of living to be 100 to the fact that he did honor and care for his parents. He was converted in his home land of Germany when a young man and came to the United States soon after. For the past 20 years he has been associated with this congregation. He has no children or relatives, but the Lord has verified His promise to supply every need of those who trust and obey Him. Still active and making long walks each day, he lives alone near the chapel in a cabin built for him by the congregation several years ago.

We might "give the flowers today" by adding that he is faithful in the Lord's service, visiting the sick, helping those in need in many small ways, and handing out tracts and papers over the city. He loves the Lord and the songs of Zion and almost always has a number to call when it is time for the services to begin. "Honor thy father and mother that thy days may be long upon the land."—L. D. P.

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Pressing Against The Current

The Christian life is as a boat steering across the waters. If we become lukewarm or indifferent we naturally let our boat drift down stream, the easiest way with least resistance; and if we do not change our course will lead into everlasting destruction, for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it. Matt. 7:13.

By the grace of the captain of my boat I am determined to cross over to the other side. I may be called to go through swift waters (water is type of people, Rev. 17:15), perhaps go around rocky crags (obstacles). For all who will stand for righteous principles will meet with opposition because light dispels darkness and the Prince of the power of the air loves darkness. Nevertheless Satan's time is short.

The Spirit and the bride say, Come, and let him that heareth say, Come, and let him that is athirst come, and whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely. Rev. 22:17. Mrs. Chas. Reese

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PURITY OF LITTLE GIRLS

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she were made of gold," said Mrs. Burnett with a smile.

"A pure and lovely girl is worth more than her weight in any earthly treasure," said Annie quietly.

"That is what Mrs. Wilson thinks, and she is the loveliest mother; my ideal of what the mother of a sweet young girl ought to be. She is interested in everything which touches Nina's life and yet is scrupulously careful as to what those things shall be. She doesn't forget that the girl is young and sees to it that she has a proper amount of pleasure with those of her own age. But not one bit of loose or careless behavior is allowed. There are no auto rides at night, and no gatherings of any kind without the presence of some grown person.

"How old is she?" asked Annie.

"She is sixteen, a girl's loveliest age, when she is unfolding so beautifully into womanhood. And yet, it is perhaps the most critical period of her life too, when, more than any other time, she needs the tender, watchful care of a wise mother. Oh, Mrs. Wilson has been such a lesson to me in this respect. When my own little daughters have reached Nina's age, I intend they shall be guarded in just the same way," said Mrs. Burnett.

There was a little pause, then Annie looked at Mrs. Burnett and said, "Why wait until they are budding into lovely young girlhood to bestow all that watchful care upon them, Mrs. Burnett? Why not give it to them now?"

"Why, they are nothing but children," exclaimed Mrs. Burnett in surprise. "They do not need it now; that is, not in just the same way."

"I know that is just how most mothers look at it, but I also know that it is a very grave mistake," said Annie sadly. "We have a habit of looking at childhood as a time of care-free, happy innocence and forget that the devil is just as busy putting temptations into the paths of children as of grown people"

"Oh, I know children are tempted to tell stories and deceive their parents, and even to take things

which do not belong to them, but surely, Annie you can't think that the question of her virtue touches a little girl's life as it does an older one," said Mrs. Burnett.

"Perhaps not, yet I do mean that the question of a little girl's purity is often at stake," said Annie. "I believe that many a girl who falls when she is sixteen or eighteen or twenty, in spite of the tender, watchful care of her mother, would have been saved that terrible step if her mother had given her the same protecting care when she was six, or eight or ten years of age."

Mrs. Burnett looked at the young woman in silence, too much surprised to speak.

"Listen, Mrs. Burnett," said Annie, "you know that I have a little fatherless child at the Home. But you don't know any of the particulars of my story. Painful as it is, I am going to tell you that story, hoping that it will put you on your guard about your own little girls. My mother was a good woman, but she did not see that from the time a girl begins to play with other children, every year of her life is a critical one. No, like you, she thought that the very innocence of childhood would see me safely through those early years, and then, with the dawning of young womanhood she became tenderly solicitous and on her guard. But it was too late. I had started wrong when I was eight years old."

"How terrible," cried the other woman.

"It is not necessary to conclude that I was an unusually depraved child. I wasn't, but I did have the intense curiosity about life's mysteries that other children have, and since I was allowed to play freely and for long hours at a time with little neighbor boys and girls, in the orchard, the woodlot and the large barn on my father's place, we children had ample opportunity to say and do a great many things our parents never dreamed of. And yet," said the girl, with a bitter smile, "I have heard the mothers in our neighborhood congratulate themselves that we children had such a safe place to play as father's big old barn, with its many stalls and lots full of sweet, clean hay."

Here Mrs. Burnett made a sudden motion as if to rise from her chair, and her eyes glanced uneasily out the back window toward the garage, a favorite play place for the children and their friends. But she sank back again as Annie continued her story.

"Of course, we knew we were being very bad children, but the devil whispered that it didn't make much difference what children did when they were so young; that we would not even think of such naughty things when we were older, but would be sweet and pretty and good like the grown young ladies we knew. This went on, now and then, for several years. By the time I was twelve years old

I began to realize it wasn't so easy to be a sweet, pure young girl as I had thought. I truly wanted to be but the memory of those ugly things back there beat me down. I felt that I could never be like girls whose childhood had no black spots, because they had been better cared for. 'What's the use of trying to be sweet and pure now?' I asked myself, 'I am different and nothing can alter the fact.' I grew reckless and you know the rest of the story."

The girl was weeping by this time and as she wiped the tears from her eyes, she cried out, "Oh, that mothers would realize how priceless is the modesty and purity of little girlhood! If they did, they wouldn't be so careless of it, or take so much for granted. They seem to think that the child's chastity is a question of the future. But it isn't true: it is a question of now. And because parents do not see this, children are left together in the most unguarded way, and sin is much more common among them than you have any idea of. I want to say another thing, Mrs. Burnett, which may cost me your friendship, and that is that the dresses you have made for Dorothy and May are not modest. Oh, I know that they are in the style, but I believe with all my heart that the devil gets up the styles for little girls these days. I am not so surprised that worldly people should be governed by such fashions, but the thing I can't understand is that you Christian mothers will fall right into line, and send your little daughters out half naked because it is the style. There is May, twelve years old, and large for her age. It is very natural that she should still be just a child in your eyes, but she doesn't look that way to other people. She is developing rapidly and may at any time pass from childhood into young womanhood. Yet between her socks and the short dresses we have just finished for her there is a stretch of big bare legs, reaching half way to her waist. Dorothy's are even worse. Neither of them have sleeves in their little frocks and the necks are cut very low. Of course, Dorothy is only six years old, but Mrs. Burnett, how can you expect her to grow into a modest young girl when all her life she has been used to exposing the larger part of her body to the gaze of the public? People have lots to say these days about the immodest dress of women and young girls' but I think the most indecently clad creature among us is the average little American girl, whether she is six or twelve," cried Annie, her eyes bright with intense feeling. "I have heard but one minister speak on this subject, the others are busy crying out against the insufficient dress of older girls and women. But this man said the trouble with the grown ones began back in childhood; that he didn't see how it was possible to produce a generation of modest young women from a crowd of half-clad little girls. And that

when a mother thoughtlessly followed the styles of today in dressing her little daughter, she was making her exposed little body a target for the white slaver by the time she was six years old."

A silence fell between the two women. Mrs. Burnett was grave and thoughtful, and the excitement had died out of Annie's face. At last she said quietly: "The time will come I suppose, when my little girl will learn from someone that her mother hasn't always been a good woman. But by the grace of God, she shall never be able to say that I was a careless mother, for I shall guard her purity as the most priceless thing on earth; not only the purity of her young womanhood, but of her childhood, as well. And because I want her to be a modest as well as virtuous child, I shall not put dresses on her which only half cover her little body."

"I believe that you are going to be a wise and good mother, Annie," said Mrs. Burnett, "and there is no reason why I shouldn't be also. I am going for a few minutes out to see what the children are doing." She paused at the door and looked back. "And while I am gone you may begin to rip the hems out of those dresses; we will let them down so they will cover the little girls' knees," she said.

—Mrs J. T. Benson

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HOPED AGAINST HOPE

"Who against hope believed in hope, that he might become the father of many nations, according to that which was spoken, so shall thy seed be." Rom. 4:18.

Abraham "hoped against hope." The Lord told Abram (later Abraham) to go out of his country and from his kindred to a land he would shew him, and he obeyed. He was 75 years old when he left his kindred in search of that place. That would make Sarai (afterward Sarah) his wife 65 years old (Gen. 17:17). And they had no children yet (he and Sarah) and Sarah was barren. Yet God had promised him to make him a great nation—through his and Sarah's children. Not only was Sarah barren, but it had "ceased to be with her after the manner of women" (Gen. 18:11)—long since. Yet God promised him that his children and Sarah's should be as the stars for multitude (Gen. 15:5). Was this hoping against hope? And yet he staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief (Rom. 4:20). O, praise our God for this enheartening thought. Well, the Lord performed his promise to him (Gen. 18:10) in the birth of Isaac (Gen. 21:1-3) when she was 90 years old and Abraham 100. Was not this a reward for hoping against hope?

But the end is not yet; for God did tempt Abraham (tried him) (Gen. 22:1). The Lord told Abra-

ham to take his only Son Isaac to the land of Moriah and there offer him for a burnt offering (verse 2). This, he proceeded to do with a steadfast faith anchored in God. We behold with deepest admiration, his deliverance and blessing as given in the remaining part of this chapter. Such is the power and beauty of God's Almighty, delivering hand. O, saints of the Most High, is not this a beautiful demonstration of God's power, and faithfulness to his promise? Is not this a warm invitation to us to trust in him for greater things? Is not this a challenge to us? There is nothing here so beautiful as seeing God's hand manifest in fulfilling his good promises to man. O, may God send a mighty increase of faith among his saints, that will show God a mighty, wonder working God among his people.

How many of us is there whose hearts God has enlightened, who does not know God has just the same power to work wonders today as in Abraham's day? Do we not know God's wonder-working hand needs to move today as much, and more, than it was needed in Abraham's day?

The devil has done the human family much like the "mud dauber," a species of wasp that deposits its eggs in mud cells, treats the spider. It runs about hurriedly over the ground and when it overtakes a spider it can manage, it stings it. This poison it injects into the spider by its stinger is Uris acid in nature which so stupefies and deadens the sensibilities of the spider that it renders it helpless, yet it retains its warmth. Thus, when the "mud dauber" places the spider in its cell and caps it over with mud it hatches out the "dauber's" eggs and furnishes nourishment to develop the young.

Likewise, the devil is stinging the human family with all manner of stupefying agencies and causing them to be "dead while they live" (1 Tim. 5:6.)

Lord, steady our faith. Increase our faith as the saints in light that we may better meet the increased needs to break the stupefying agencies of the devil that hold people so bound in their clutches. May God increase our hope against the hopelessness of the present day as far as the Word will warrant in the face of God's intended judgments.

—J. H. Pierson.

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HOW TO BE SAVED

Men and women of all ages have inquired the way to God and heaven, and the answers have been many and varied, as God and the devil both had a part in giving the answers.

God, in speaking through Isaiah says, "Seek ye the Lord while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near" Isa. 55:6. It is clear that there will be a time when the Lord cannot be found, a time

when he will not be near. In the seventh verse he tells us how to seek him. "Let the wicked forsake his way and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the Lord and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon."

Another question to be answered is, who are the wicked and who are the unrighteous? Any person who is a rebel against God is a wicked person, for a rebel is one who revolts from his allegiance or defies constituted authority. This is evil if in principle or practice. A person can sin in principle without outwardly committing the act. See Matt. 5:28. If we want to steal, if we hate a person, if we cheat by short weight or measure, if we lust after the opposite sex, if we do any known wrong, if we refuse to do what we know we should do, we are wicked. If we have quit doing the bad acts, but have not been converted or made righteous, we are unrighteous. We cannot save ourselves; we must have the blood of Christ to atone for our sins, and we must quit sin before this can be done, or the full work done. We must be convicted, or know that we are sinners, know that we have wronged God. If we let the Spirit have his way, this will cause us to have godly sorrow for our sins, will cause us to repent or quit and turn from our wicked way. After we have quit sinning, it is not hard then to believe God forgives us. Then go on unto perfection, sin no more, make heaven sure.

—Wm. H. McLendon

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REWARD--FUGITIVE FROM JUSTICE

Did you ever see a hunted criminal? He has a furtive countenance and is always looking behind him to see if an officer of the law is at hand. He has no real peace of mind day or night. He awakes from a fitful slumber expecting to hear an ominous knock upon the door. His picture is posted in every public building and every police department in the country has his fingerprints and description. He never knows at what moment he will be apprehended and brought to justice.

There is a large reward on his head and it seems that every man's hand is against him because he has not only broken the laws of man; but also the laws of God—the Ten Commandments.

Are you a fugitive from justice?

The notorious bank robber, John Dillinger, was a fugitive from justice, and he was shot down as he came out of a movie theater by Uncle Sam's G men. He never knew his judgment on earth was so close at hand.

Those western outlaws, Clyde Barrow and Bonnie Parker, were shot down in their speeding car by waiting sheriffs on a lonely road. Their day of judgment came swiftly.

The Bible says, "The law of the Lord is perfect converting the soul." Are you living up to God's law or are you also a fugitive from justice?

Some day we will have to appear before that final judgment seat. You and I and everyone will have to appear in that great court, and we know not the day nor the hour.

"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." Jno 3:16.

When you appear in that great courtroom, will Jesus say, "This man knew me when he was upon earth and kept my commandments and acknowledged me before men." And then your sentence will be, "Enter into everlasting life and the joy of Heaven." Eyes have not seen the wonders which our Heavenly Father hath prepared for them who love Him and keep His comandments.

But if Jesus says, "Depart from me, I knew thee not," how terrible is that condemnation to the punishment and torments of Hell for all eternity.

God hath said, "Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation." —2 Cor. 6:2. Are you keeping God's laws and accepting His free gift of salvation in the name of His blessed Son, Jesus Christ? Will you remain a fugitive from justice in danger of sure condemnation; or will you accept Jesus Christ as your Saviour and enter into the joys of everlasting life in Heaven? Don't wait until justice overtakes you and it will be too late. Jesus wants to pardon you today. —Prisoner No. 33246, Tenn. State Prison.

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SALVATION

CHRIST OUR SAVIOUR

Do you know my Saviour? Jesus the Saviour of the world? "And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name Jesus; for he shall save his people from their sins." Matt. 1:21.

He saved me from my sins, and he will do the same thing for you if you will meet his conditions. To be saved from your sins does not mean to join a church. It means to be born into the kingdom of God by a spiritual birth. Jesus said unto Nicodemus, "Ye must be born again." Nicodemus was a church member, above reproach. He had obeyed the commandments from his youth up, yet Jesus said unto him, "Verily, verily I say unto the, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."

BORN OF THE SPIRIT

To be born of the spirit of God is to be born into God's family: "For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named." Eph. 3:14, 15.

THE SPIRITUAL BIRTH FOLLOWS REPENTANCE

"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.

REPENTANCE

Repentance means to forsake our sins, praying earnestly to God for forgiveness, believing that there is power in the blood of Jesus Christ to cleanse us from all sin. "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." 1 John 1:7.

A NEW CREATURE

For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision avail-eth anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creature" Gal. 6:15.

When our sins have been washed away by the blood of Jesus, we at once enter into a new life; instead of being led by old Satan, and engaging in the sinful things of the world, we are led by the Holy Ghost and at once engage in holy, and righteous living. We love to obey God and to do the many things that are pleasing in his sight. Instead of hating many whom we meet, we have love for all, even our enemies. We love to see them saved. If possible, we would take them in our arms and carry them to the Saviour that we have found. We love to tell others about this new life, and of the power in Jesus' blood to cleanse from sin and to heal our sicknesses. It makes us love to read the Bible, the word of God. We do not read the Bible for an excuse for sinning, but for more light, so we can live better lives, and be more useful in the service of God.

DEAD TO SIN

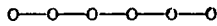
We have no desire for the sinful things of the world, for we have died to sin, been resurrected with Christ, and are walking in newness of life. "Buried with him by baptism into death, that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life." Rom. 6:4.

OVERCOMING THE WORLD

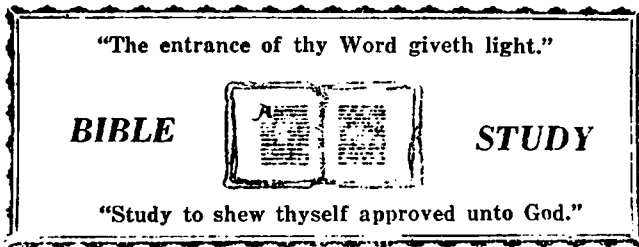
With the Holy Ghost in our hearts, we are able to overcome the world. 'Tis true, we have temptations, but God gives us grace to overcome all of them. "There hath no temptation taken you, but such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able but will with the temptation, also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it." 1 Cor. 10:13.

This is Salvation: deliverance from sin. My dear sinner friends, don't you want this salvation? If so get acquainted with this wonderful Saviour and live a happy, useful, and contented life in the service of God.

—Jeff Turner.



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THE SYNOPTIC GOSPELS: MATT., MARK, LUKE

Sunday, January 4, 1942.

Daily Readings and Meditations

December 29 to January 3.

- M. The Messiah promised Isa. 11:1-5.
- T. The Messiah's purpose Matt. 1:1, 17, 21.
- W. The Messiah proclaimed Luke 1:1-4.
- T. The Messiah's preaching Mark 1:1, 14, 15.
- F. The Messiah's power Mark 2:1-12.
- S. The Messiah's promise Acts 1:1-5.

Printed PortionMatt. 1:1, 17; Mark 1:1, 14, 15;
Luke 1:1-4; Acts 1:1-5.

Matt. 1:1. The book of the generation of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham.

17. So all the generations from Abraham to David are fourteen generations; and from David until the carrying away into Babylon are fourteen generations; and from the carrying away into Babylon unto Christ are fourteen generations.

Mark 1:1. The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God;

14. Now after that John was put in prison, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God.

15. And saying, The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel.

Luke 1:1. Forasmuch as many have taken in hand to set forth in order a declaration of those things which are most surely believed among us,

2. Even as they delivered them unto us, which from the beginning were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word;

3. It seemed good to me also, having had perfect understanding of all things from the very first, to write unto thee in order, most excellent Theophilus,

4. That thou mightest know the certainty of those things; wherein thou hast been instructed.

Acts 1:1. The former treatise have I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to do and teach,

2. Until the day in which he was taken up, after that he through the Holy Ghost had given commandments unto the apostles whom he had chosen:

3. To whom also he shewed himself alive after his passion by many infallible proofs, being seen of them forty days, and speaking of the things pertaining to the

kingdom of God:

4. For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence.

Golden Text: "Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners." 1 Tim. 1:15.

Practical Truth—Our knowledge of Christ's life and teachings, derived from the Gospels, is adequate to our needs.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

During the next six months we shall study the life of Christ as set forth in Matthew, Mark, and Luke. The purpose is not to present historic facts; but rather by giving the pupils a connected view of the work of Christ in winning souls, they may be constrained to follow His example.

Today's lesson is an introductory lesson.

God promised Abraham that in his seed should all the nations of the earth be blessed. Abraham believed God and it was counted to Him for righteousness. He "died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of them, and embraced them." Forty-two generations passed before this promise was fulfilled in the coming of Christ (the seed of Abraham) to the world. Truly, in Him are all the nations of the world blessed. As one German writer has said, "The life of Christ concerns him, who, being the holiest among the mighty, the mightiest among the holy, lifted with his pierced hands empires off their hinges, and turned the stream of centuries out of its channel, and still governs the ages."

Mark tells us what Jesus preached. The 14th and 15th verses make it very plain. The kingdom of God was at hand then; not over two thousand years away, or when Jesus comes the second time. The Law and the Prophets were until John. Since then the kingdom of God is preached and every man presseth into it. How? Repent and believe the gospel.

If all would read the gospels with open hearts and unbiased minds, there would be no atheists in the world. It is important that you read with this purpose in view: "That thou mightest know the certainty of those things, wherein thou hast been instructed."

A portion of the first part of Acts is included. It was written by Luke. He said his first book recorded those things which Jesus did and taught. This part of Acts tells of the promise which Jesus gave the disciples just before his ascension. Neither did it stop with the disciples. We read in Acts 2:39, "For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call. God is still calling today.

As we study in these Synoptic Gospels (meaning gospels which present a similar view of the life of Jesus) "all that Jesus began both to do and to teach," let us not be hearers of the word only, but be doers of it.

"Whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed."

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THE INFANCY AND BOYHOOD OF JESUS

Matt. 1, 2; Luke 1, 2.

Sunday, January 11, 1942.

Daily Readings and Meditations
January 5 to 10.

M. The Saviour in prophecy Isa. 9:2-7.

T. The Saviour born Matt. 1:18-25.

- W. The Saviour identified Luke 2:25-35.
 T. The Saviour acclaimed Matt. 2:3-12.
 F. Jesus' normal boyhood Luke 2:41-52.
 S. Jesus' early training Isa. 7:10-16.

Printed Portion Luke 2:25-35, 39, 40.

Luke 2:25. And, behold, there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon; and the same man was just and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel: and the Holy Ghost was upon him.

26. And it was revealed unto him by the Holy Ghost, that he should not see death, before he had seen the Lord's Christ.

27. And he came by the Spirit into the temple: and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him after the custom of the law,

28. Then took he him up in his arms, and blessed God, and said,

29. Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word:

30. For mine eyes have seen thy salvation,

31. Which thou hast prepared before the face of all people;

32. A light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel.

33. And Joseph and his mother marvelled at those things which were spoken of him.

34. And Simeon blessed them, and said unto Mary his mother, Behold, this child is set for the fall and rising again of many in Israel; and for a sign which shall be spoken against;

35. (Yea, a sword shall pierce through thine own soul also,) that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed.

39. And when they had performed all things according to the law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own city Nazareth.

40. And the child grew, and waxed strong in spirit, filled with wisdom: and the grace of God was upon him.

Golden Text: "Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and man." Luke 2:52.

Practical Truth—The infant Jesus was an earnest of the redemption God was about to provide.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

Though different incidents are recorded in the gospels, Matt. and Luke concerning the birth of Jesus, they fit together perfectly. The order of these events is: The arrival of Mary and Joseph in Bethlehem and the birth of Jesus there; His birth announced by the heavenly host to the shepherds in the field; the presentation in the temple forty days after Jesus' birth (which event is recorded in the printed portion); the visit of the wise men; the flight into Egypt to save the child from Herod's plot; the return to Nazareth after Herod's death; and the visit to the temple when Jesus was 12 years old.

The gospels were written by those who loved and followed Jesus after he began his earthly ministry, so we have very little knowledge about his early childhood. Neither is it important that we have such a record for it would tend to divert attention from the great plan of his life on earth, which was not brought to light in his boyhood days. His birth was important because it was the fulfillment of prophecy, and the great event to which all the Jews were looking forward—Though they did not recognize him when he came. The baby was important because he was the Son of God, and would become the sacrifice which men could accept for the pardon of and cleansing from their sins.

"To lighten the Gentiles"—When Christ was preached to the Gentiles and they believed on Him, the truth about God, sin, and salvation was revealed to their souls which had been in darkness and ignorance concerning these things in the past ages.

Jesus is "the glory of thy people Israel" in more than one way, but we like to think of it in this way: Israel, in a true sense refers to God's chosen people. The descendants of Abraham were literal Israel to whom a light of revelation was given by Moses and the prophets. But all those who have been "translated from the kingdom of darkness into the kingdom of his dear Son," are spiritual Israel. Truly, spiritual Israel can sing, "He's my joy, my hope, my GLORY; He is all in all to me" for in Him we live and move and have our being. Praise God!

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JOHN THE BAPTIST AND JESUS

Matt. 3:1-17; Mark 1:1-11; Luke 3:1-22.

Sunday, January 18, 1942

Daily Readings and Meditations

January 12 of 17

- M. John prepares the way for Jesus Luke 3:1-6.
 T. John exalts Jesus Luke 3:15-18.
 W. John baptizes Jesus Matt. 3:13-17.
 T. The baptism of repentance Mark 1:1-8.
 F. The baptism of the Holy Spirit Acts 2:1-8.
 S. Christian baptism Acts 2:37-41.

Printed Portion Luke 3:1-6, 15-17, 21, 22.

Luke 3:1. Now in the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate being governor of Judaea, and Herod being tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip tetrarch of Ituraea and of the region of Trachonitis and Lysanias the tetrarch of Abilene,

2. Annas and Caiaphas being the high priests, the word of God came unto John the son of Zacharias in the wilderness.

3. And he came into all the country about Jordan, preaching the baptism of repentance for the remission of sins;

4. As it is written in the book of the words of Esaias the prophet, saying, The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.

5. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be brought low; and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways shall be made smooth;

6. And all flesh shall see the salvation of God.

16. John answered, saying unto them all, I indeed baptize you with water; but one mightier than I cometh, the latchet of whose shoes I am not worthy to unloose: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire:

17. Whose fan is in his hand, and he will thoroughly purge his floor, and will gather the wheat into his garner; but the chaff he will burn with fire unquenchable.

21. Now when all the people were baptized, it came to pass, that Jesus also being baptized, and praying, the heaven was opened,

22. And the Holy Ghost descended in a bodily shape like a dove upon him, and a voice came from heaven, which said, Thou art my beloved Son; in thee I am well pleased.

Golden Text: "Thou art my beloved Son; in thee I am well pleased." Luke 3:22.

Practical Truth—The witness of John concerning Jesus, and of the Father at his baptism, ought to be accepted by all.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

John the Baptist was the connecting link between the old dispensation and the new.

"The conquerors of the East sent a herald before them to call the people of the countries through which they marched to prepare for their approach. A "King's highway" had to be carried through the open land of the wilderness, valleys filled up, etc."

A great conquering King had come to this world. The territory which he was to conquer was the hearts of mankind. This territory had so long been neglected that it was nothing but a wilderness; so a herald or fore-runner had to be sent before the King to prepare the way for Him.

There were hearts exalted by pride that had to be humbled or brought low. Isaiah prophesied of this time as follows: "The lofty looks of man shall be humbled, and the haughtiness of men shall be bowed down; and the Lord alone shall be exalted in that day." A man cannot accept the truth and be saved as long as he is deceived. The Bible tells us that a man who thinks himself to be something when he is nothing deceiveth himself. Some thought themselves to be something, but John called them a generation of vipers.

Then there are those who have been crushed and humbled by others until their lives were filled with gloom and despair. "All flesh shall see the salvation of God," placed the poor and humble on a level with the others.

Repentance prepares hearts for the entrance of the King. Folks sing the song, "While on others thou art calling, Do not pass me by." It is the King's business to conquer and take over new territory, so he will not pass one by if there has been a "King's highway" prepared there so he can enter.

John came in the spirit and power of Elijah; and so weighty was his preaching that the people were ready to consider him the promised Messiah; but he took no glory unto himself. Rather, he pointed to one "mightier than I."

Jesus knew no sin but he was baptized that in all things he might be an example for us. Perfect obedience brought words of praise and the Holy Spirit from the Father. It will do the same for His sons and daughters today.

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THE TEMPTATION OF JESUS

Matt. 4:1-11; Mark 1:12, 13; Luke 4:1-13

Sunday, January 25, 1942.

Daily Readings and Meditations

January 19 to 24.

- M. The temptation of Jesus Matt 4:1-11.
- T. Jesus vanquishes the tempter Luke 4:1-13.
- W. The temptation in Eden Gen. 3:1-8.
- T. Why resist temptation 1 Peter 5:6-11.
- F. Perils of temptation James 1:12-15.
- S. Flirting with temptation 1 Cor. 10:6-13.

Printed Portion Matthew 4:1-11.

Matt. 4:1. Then was Jesus led up of the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil.

2. And when he had fasted forty days and forty nights, he was afterward an hungered.

3. And when the tempter came to him, he said, If thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread.

4. But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.

5. Then the devil taketh him up into the holy city, and setteth him on a pinnacle of the temple.

6. And saith unto him, If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down: for it is written, He shall give his angels charge concerning thee: and in their hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone.

7. Jesus said unto him, It is written again, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God.

8. Again, the devil taketh him up into an exceeding high mountain, and showeth him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them.

9. And saith unto him, All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me.

10. Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve.

11. Then the devil leaveth him, and, behold, angels came and ministered unto him.

Golden Text: "For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin." Heb. 4:15.

Practical Truth— Jesus overcame temptation, and so may we.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

Jesus, the Son of God, had to come to this world and take upon himself a fleshly body to be tempted in all points like we are. After he had been set apart for, he began his work in earnest. His work was to fight with, and overcome the evil one who had so long been man's hard taskmaster and God's enemy.

There was nothing wrong with hunger and nothing wrong with working a miracle to supply it at God's command; but it was wrong to do it at the devil's bidding. If Christ had adopted the policy of working miracles to supply his needs he could not be touched by the feeling of our infirmities, and faith would not be exercised in God's parental care. He chose the right though it meant personal sacrifice; and thus we must do many times, if we overcome the enemy of all righteousness and make heaven our home.

To tempt God is to challenge Him to prove His power to fulfill His promises rather than have that childlike trust in Him to take Him at His word. It casts doubt on His truth to put it to the test to see IF it really is true. That could have been a good sign to the unbelieving Jews to prove that he was the Messiah; but it was not to be by "might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord."

It truly seems like the kingdoms of the world and all the riches thereof belong to the devil to give to those who serve him, and many have renounced God to gain more of the world—miserable creatures to throw away eternal life to grab for a glittering bubble which bursts when this fleeting life is over (and sometimes before). The truth is, the devil is permitted much power, but it is only temporary. God allows temporal things to be taken from his people to see if they love him more than these. The Holy Ghost led Jesus into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil. It would be well for us to keep this in mind. The tests and trials will not seem so hard if we know we are being led by the Holy Ghost, and He will not permit us to be tempted above that we are able, but will with the temptation also make a way for our escape that we may be able to bear it. How comforting are the words, "My grace is sufficient for thee." "Resist the devil and he will flee from you. Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you."