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SELFISHNESS

The dog stepped over to purloin the kit's food,
And some think it quite ill manered and rude;
And I will agree, as soon as it's told—
It's a picture not pretty, myself, to behold.

But is it that ugly, when it's only a dog?
(And the same might be said of a cow or a hog)
With no moral aspect on their vitals to draw;
When they won't have to answer—they've broken no
law.

But what about man, of an order so high,
To redeem whose soul a Saviour must die?
When he robs his fellow to bestow it on self
And will do anything to pile up such pelf?

If ever I saw a homlier thing
From the vassel in the ditch, to a stilted up king,
I don't know the time, I'll freely admit,
And to make further search one might as well quit.

I really don't know, what it is, to me,
That's so ugly a sight, for human eyes to see,
As deeds of selfishness from the hands of men
As onward they travel on their hourly ken.

And all over the earth, every where you look,
You can see this monster in most every nook;
Stealthy old vampire waylaying the road,
To rob poor toilers instead of lifting their load.

It crucified Jesus on the murderous cross,
To usurp his honor, try to profit by his loss;
Then deny his resurrection God so gloriously gave
Claimed his disciples stole him right out of his grave.

It's robbing its millions of body and soul;
Nothing left out, it doesn't seek to control.
It's piling up high it's treasures on earth,
And selling the treasures that are of true worth.

It is threatening just now to drench the world, all
in blood,

The rights of all others to trample in the mud:
Satan's at the bottom, and selfishness the means,
Of cursing the earth with it's sickening scenes.

But, oh, dreadful day when the settlement shall come
And the burnings of torment is reckoned as the sum;
And they can't die, but will be roasted all in hell,
Eternal the sufferings, no mortal can tell.

But 'twill only be fair to hold out a hope
If they'll turn to Jesus and repent of this sin,
For the multitude of mortals who in selfishness grope.
He'll forgive their iniquity and welcome them in.

—J. H. Pierson.

— "Remember Lot's Wife." —

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Marching Along The By-Path

A by-path is a private or obscure path near the main way or leading out from it. Along a well-traveled road to a certain point there are often many by-paths which appear to be branches of the main line, and are used for convenience; but upon closer examination it is found that they do not belong to the main line, neither are they for the travelers of that road, and furthermore none of these paths lead to the end of the road.

In the spiritual realm there is but one road leading from earth to heaven. Jesus said: "Strait is the gate, and narrow is the way." It is not only the main line, but it is the only line. It is a narrow way, but it is sufficiently wide to admit every one who will forsake all other ways. There is abundance of room for the travelers who walk thereon to exercise their liberties, abound in the grace of God, and be abundantly satisfied. Leading in another direction is a road of which Jesus said: "Wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat." Immediately following this, he says, "Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves. Ye shall know them by their fruits." Matt. 7:13-16.

This broad way has many well-beaten by-paths,

some of which extend so closely alongside the narrow way that if the enemy can attract the attention of the pilgrims, he will try to convince them that the by-path is a part of the narrow way, and that it is much better and smoother for traveling, that it is perfectly safe, and has more "Christian liberty." Beware! that path leads to death, and it soon leads out into the broad way. It has no connection with the narrow way. There is a gulf between the two roads, and the by-paths all belong to the broad way.

In the 33rd chapter of Ezekiel we read of the watchmen on the walls of the city. In ancient times in those countries people lived in cities that were surrounded by high walls, which were a protection against the attacks of their enemies. On the top of the walls were watchtowers, and watchmen were placed there whose duty it was to keep vigil and in case an enemy came in sight he was to blow a trumpet and warn the people of the approaching danger, so that those without could flee to a place of safety, and all could be in readiness. If any one were destroyed because of the watchman not giving the alarm, the watchman paid the penalty with his life. But if the alarm were given and the people did not heed it and were overtaken by the enemy, their blood was upon their own heads; the watchman had done his duty and delivered his soul.

This is a representation of the church of God. His ministers are the watchmen. They stand upon the walls of Zion, and when the enemy makes a raid they have grave duties to perform, to properly warn the flock. Sometimes it is difficult to detect at once sufficiently to expose the enemy, until the fruit is manifest. He does not always appear in the form of a lion, or represent himself to be an opposer of the truth. Jesus said there would come those who wore sheep's clothing, but within were ravening wolves. That is, some would have a profession and claim to teach the true way of salvation, and their hearts would be far from God. Some become deceived, and believe they are right when they are wrong, and lead many astray, working division instead of "striving to keep the unity of the spirit."

Ever since Jesus Christ began his ministry here on earth the devil has made raids on the church and sent out his false messengers to deceive and destroy the followers of our Lord. When he can not to advantage use his special agents in open opposition to the truth, he changes his tactics and has them to make a high profession and declare that they are saved and sanctified, and claim to teach the "whole truth." These are they who go forth in "sheep's clothing." They apparently have a cloak of righteousness, but are filled with false doctrines; and they enlist as many of the followers of Jesus as they can induce to step over into the by-path of the enemy.

A false doctrine can always be traced back to a false spirit. In order to accomplish his desire in establishing a false doctrine, he keeps the worst phase of it in the background and agitates the minds of the people over some minor affair of but little importance in comparison with that which he hopes to accomplish, and the thing mentioned is probably only one of the fruits of the thing itself, and can be set forth

in a very plausible manner, some times to the extent that it would really seem that a person would exhibit his shallowness and narrow-mindedness to offer any opposition.

In this manner the minds of many honest souls are attracted and secretly diverted from the true way little by little, with only the apparently plausible things in sight, while the dark schemes and pitfalls of the enemy lie hidden as snares for those whose faces are being turned in the wrong direction. The Holy Spirit cautions, chides, and warns, but some go on and on and step into the by-paths, and still have as great a profession as before, and charge right and left with their accusations against those who are still on the "narrow way" so far behind the times. They now have "new light." The solid truths and doctrines of the New Testament now seem to be more like vague traditions of the past, propagated by old fogies.

At the present time the enemy has laid a snare for the people of God. His schemes are deep-seated, and his darts are aimed at the very vitals of the church. The object is to destroy the spirit of this reformation, by getting it on the side-rack of compromise. He has been defeated time and again in openly attacking the chief doctrines of the New Testament, but now in a shrewd manner he seeks to gain the conflict by stealthily turning the people of God into drifting into worldliness of dress, and on other lines.

Those who thus become dazed by the enemy soon have their minds and hearts so veiled, and are so far in the fog and mists of confusion that the glorious truths and doctrines that were once held so sacred, now seem obscure and gives place to a broad-mindedness, which is extreme. The holy kiss, and washing of the saints' feet, are soon discarded entirely, and thought to be only for people of past ages and ridiculous for people of God to put in practise today. The experience of sanctification next becomes questionable, then the doctrine. Divine healing is attacked. The belief that it is in the atonement seems to fade away; they know of no one who has the gifts of healing, and soon there is nothing very sure or definite about healing after all. The church seems to have lost its exclusiveness. Sectarianism is not so bad after all, and the revelry of Babylon is a drawing-card to get the people interested in the Bible. The millennium doctrine—that great deception of the devil—now begins to seem plausible, and hell fire almost fades into oblivion.

This state of affairs is what the church has to face at the present time. A deceptive, exalted, independent, devilish compromise spirit is sweeping over the land. While everything heretofore mentioned is included in the working of such a spirit, although all may not always be manifest at the same time, yet the principal thing held before the people to attract their attention and agitate their minds is a little article of dress, which within itself is a small matter, but is only as a "will-o'-the-whisp," as it were, to attract attention, while the spirit back of it throws its coils of pride and deception about the heart of the follower.

It is a matter much to be regretted that two or three ministers in this reformation have become so blinded by such a spirit as to don their superfluous paraphernalia and take the pulpit, even at a camp-meeting, and upbraid as fanatical the saints who would not fall into line with the same. There may be circumstances where such an article of dress would not be objectionable when required in holding a business position, but it is a superfluity in the assemblies of the saints. The Word of God stands today as it always has, and to wear a superfluous article will lead to other superfluities and open the gates to worldly conformity and pride; and a compromise spirit that will plead for worldly conformity will plead for letting down on doctrinal lines.

Then what is the matter with those ministers? They have stepped over into the by-path of the broad-way and are "headed for the dump-pile." Is that not too strong a statement? some one may say. No. And the sooner they are made to realize it, and the people see it, the better it will be. It is downright compromise of the devil. It is the spirit of the thing that we are after, and we trust the men themselves may find deliverance. That the gifts of the Spirit are being manifested in the church has already been publicly called in question. A revision of our literature has been called for, to throw out teachings and doctrinal points that have a tendency to offend the "better class," and to show a spirit of "broad-mindedness," eliminate the narrow, contracted ideas.

Some good brethren have favorably considered some of the things propagated and expressed themselves accordingly, not discerning the false spirit back of it. Their souls may not yet have become tarnished, but the danger comes, when a false spirit is exposed and rebuked, when some one undertakes to defend it. Then it fastens upon him and he partakes of it. It becomes more clear to him that it is the clear new light, and true light, and he is ready to stand up for it even to his very life-blood. He is ready to defend it privately and publicly. He will write it all over the country and will mention the names of many other brethren "who believe the same."

Fanaticism and compromise are equally dangerous; neither of them belong to the highway. Beware of both! This compromise spirit can be effectually exposed and rebuked without resorting to fanaticism. To fall under the power of such a spirit is to lose the spirit of judgment and drift on almost any line—it may prove to be harshness or it may be the opposite. O, ye noble men of Israel, ye watchmen on the walls of Zion, bestir yourselves! Sound the alarm in Zion; deliver every man his soul.—E. E. Byrum. Taken from "Gospel Trumpet" dated Sept. 15, 1910. Writer was editor at that time. On Jan. 5, 1942 at the age of 80 he passed to his reward.

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The Pure In Heart Shall See God

"Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God." Matt. 5:8. If only the pure in heart shall see God, then it takes more than an ordinary profession of religion to see God. One must become HOLY IN HEART, saved by power DIVINE. One must be born again, as Jesus said while talking to Nicodemus, John 3:3, of the Spirit of God, not of the flesh. One must be cleansed from all guilt and sin. One must find Jesus and be delivered from all satanic power. One must be grafted into the TRUE VINE (Jesus) and have the sap of the VINE flowing into his heart and life. One must be SAVED from ALL SIN, and be filled with the HOLY SPIRIT. He must operate in the REDEEMED heart. This will cause him to do the will of the Lord while living in this world. Here is the only place that we can glorify our Creator, right here on earth. Unless we have this holy life and walk we shall be only one of the five foolish virgins who had no oil in their lamps, Matt. 25:1-12, when they heard the call, "Behold, the Bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet Him." But to their consternation, they found no oil in their vessels, and so no light. One can always be present in the congregation even of the saints, one can read his Bible daily, yes, can testify, pray, and profess, still lack the oil (HOLY SPIRIT). Yet without the HOLY SPIRIT he is an empty vessel, and can't go into the Marriage Feast, and can never see God in peace. Then why not go the whole way and get the Spirit of God right down into the heart where it can work in and through us to do God's will, and our heart become pure in Him? Many professors will find to their dismay that their hearts have not been made pure and God could not work in and through them to the redemption of others. Only the pure in heart shall see God in this life or in the next.

I. Edith Kriebel.

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During the Guthrie State Assembly Meeting the saints were burdened to get a car for Bro. Darius Gibson and wife, home missionaries, who have a trailer house and carry the gospel to many places where very few ministers will go. An offering was taken up in the meeting and through this effort we have some over forty dollars to start with. They are worthy ministers, consecrated to suffer for Jesus sake and perishing souls. The Ford car, which he has now, through excessive use is practically worn out, and we are persuaded that God wants him to have a good serviceable car. We know of one now that can be purchased for \$300.00. It is in good condition and has new rubber all around. Those who want to invest some money for the Lord can send your offerings in to us at the office. Please send your offerings in before the 20th of February as we want to buy the car by that time, or sooner. (Editor)

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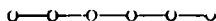
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Work done for God, it dieth NOT.”



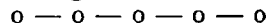
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Editorials

The work at the “Lord’s Print Shop” is moving along nicely. Tracts, booklets, and papers are being printed all the time and sent forth to precious souls. While the nations are clashing, warring, and killing because of the deceitfulness of sin, the saints of God are holding fast to God and great peace is filling their souls. All the workers here in the print shop are entering into this new year with courage and good will toward all men. We are expecting God to do great things during the year of 1942, as we keep on the whole armour of God. Our warfare is not carnal, but mighty to the pulling down of strong holds.

There never was a time when carnal men have had so many deadly instruments of war to kill and slay one another. It also seems that there never was a time when Satan had so many devices schemed to destroy souls; therefore, it behooves you and me to keep on the whole armor of God that we may be able to ward off all the fiery darts of the enemy, and having done all to stand, just set God apart to live in our hearts regardless of surrounding conditions.

We need your prayers and cooperation in this difficult work of getting the true gospel of Christ to men by the printed page. Remember us here in the “Lord’s Print Shop” when you pray. We shall pray that God keep your soul untarnished with sin and the world throughout this New Year.



“Watch, pray, and do” makes a spiritually healthy soul and no one need be poverty stricken in soul of they will do these things. If you pray for some one that is in need and put forth no effort to help them as you could, your prayer would only be words and vain praying. If you pray for God to save souls and put forth no effort to get the truth to them, it is a vain prayer. God expects every one of us to use whatever he puts in our hands to his glory. The more he gives us the greater is our responsibility in giving to the needy and the cause of God so the gospel can go to the multitude of souls that are in sin that they might not be lost in torment. Too many saints give as some man may urge and beg them to do. We ought to be led of the Lord in our giving. Ask God to show us and be willing to do as he leads. Learn to let the Spirit direct you and God will be more real to you. Giving is as essential to the soul as breathing is to the body. A cheerful, willing giver will be made rich in his soul. “As many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.” Rom. 8:14. Jesus says, “If a man love me, he will keep my words.” John 14:23. Read Isa. 58th chapter and practice its teachings throughout this new year, and your soul will become fat and flourishing. Read also, Luke 6:38. Let us quit playing religion and become a “Lively stone” in the building of God. Read what God says about giving in the third chapter of Malachi. God says, “Return unto me and I will return unto you.” James says, “Be ye doers of the word and not hearers only, deceiving your own souls. There will be many a man and woman who professes to be a saint who will be weighed in the balances and found wanting at the judgment day because they

were a stingy giver of the things that God put into their hands. God is letting us do as we please now, and we should be very careful how we please to do, for he is going to bring every one of us into judgment. You can make excuses and withhold from God's cause now, but in the judgment day you may hear these words, "Thou wicked and slothful servant. Bind him hand and foot and cast him into outer darkness where there is weeping, wailing, and gnashing of teeth." If God gives you ability to make money or have many things of this world that is your talent and you should be diligent to use all in such a way that God will be glorified. Never let the devil slacken you down in giving and doing good. Sow to the Spirit, not to the flesh. The devil, through the flesh would have you to hold and withhold from the cause of God. "Resist the devil and he will flee from you, draw nigh to God and he will draw nigh to you. Begin now and cease playing religion and be earnest and sincere in serving the Lord and this new year will be a blessed soul prospering year for you.

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In 2 Timothy 2:3, the Apostle Paul said, "Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ." This teaching is just as much to us today as it was to Timothy. When one gets saved and begins to live and act like God leads him and the word teaches, he will be crossed up with this world of professors; and the enemy working through them will make his way here hard on the flesh. There will be many things to endure. If we make a good soldier for the Lord we will not entangle ourselves with the affairs of this sinful world or this life, so we will be free to please God who has called us to be a soldier.

Peter said, "Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you." Saints that are beloved of the Lord have fiery trials and they should not think it strange, but know that the trying of their faith worketh patience. If saints exercise themselves properly in them, they will be more like heaven after they are over than before. No one that follows the Lord in this world need expect to be free from trials, persecutions, and hardships in different manners; for it is not possible for us to be a member in the body of Christ without being scourged, pierced, and mocked.

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In 1 Cor. 12:27 we read, "Now ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular." He plainly tells us saved people who have the spirit of Christ that we are the "Body of Christ," or members that make up his body in the world today, his church, and Paul compares us to the human body. One member is not the whole body, but all the members make the whole body. Each member has his work to do. Are you functioning as a hand in the body? Remember the hands of Christ not only ministered unto the needy, but they were also pierced. Are you a foot in the body? Remember, the feet of Jesus not only carried him about, but they became tired and weary,

and finally a spike was driven through them. Are you a member of the head? Remember, the head was slapped and a crown of thorns pierced his tender brow. The back was lacerated and every member of his body suffered with anguish, pain, and humiliation. My dear brother, sister, you cannot be a member of the "Body of Christ" in this sinful world without going through sufferings. If you have no sufferings, chastisements, and humiliations, then are ye bastards and not sons and daughters. In other words, if you get along with the worldly minded professors without them persecuting and making things naturally hard for you, if they never ridicule you, revile you, speak evil of you, lie on you, and perhaps say that you are narrow-minded, ignorant and fanatic, then are ye born of another spirit, and not of Christ, not a member in his Body. The world will love its own. Christ will love his own and make a way for us to go through. We furnish the willingness and faith, and he furnishes the power, wisdom, and grace.

We are living in the days when it is going to be easily seen, "Who's who" in the fold of God. The Lord is making up his Jewels (Malachi 3:17) and many will have to be chiseled and made to shine with much polishing before they will be ready to be caught up to meet the Lord in the air. You can be one if you continue to be willing and obedient in His hand.

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Paul tells us that we are knit together and that all the members of the body have tender care one for the other. When one member suffers, all the members suffer. If all those who profess to be saints were crucified with Christ and dead to selfish interests, it would do away with relationship religion and race prejudice and members would not be easily hurt or offended. Those who get hurt and easily offended at their brother manifest selfishness and carnality. If you are dead to selfish interests and filled with the Spirit of God, you will look upon your brother as such and will always feel that he means no injury to you. You will continue to love him or her and see the good in them. There is a vast difference between one getting their feelings hurt and the Spirit of Christ in them being grieved.

When we understand that we are the "Body of Christ" or members that make the body, that God sets the members in the body as it pleases him, it ought to make us very humble and become perfectly satisfied to be a member in that Body and willing to function with all the other members of the body without murmuring or complaining. Some members of the body have more important places to fill and other members of the body are just helpers to them, but all if faithful, fill important places, for if any member fails to work in harmony and unity, the whole body is hindered.

Consider the feet. They may have great reason to murmur against the ears, eyes, and brain. The eyes may see something and the ears hear something. They carry it to the brain. The head bids the feet to move and carry the rest of the body. In fact the

whole body gets in motion to work for the best interest of the body, because the eyes have seen something and the ears have heard something, or in other words because the important members have functioned in their proper place. Christ is the head of the body, the church. He is the governor, yet he places some members in the body which He uses to carry out His plans, causing other members of the body to work in harmony with them, and they edify the whole body, getting glory to his name. The ones that God calls to fill the most important places in the body, if dead to selfish interests, are the most humble of all the members and do not work friction and trouble; but bear and suffer long and are kind, are not puffed up, do not vaunt themselves, and envieth not. They do not behave themselves unseemly, seek not their own, are not easily provoked, thinketh no evil. They dislike all division, do not want anyone to be under bondage to them, and are fervent in spirit, serving the Lord.

— "Remember Lot's Wife." —

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Obituary

Howard Arnold Miles
Born August 29, 1941
Died January 6, 1942.

It seemeth such a little way to me
Across to that strange country, The Beyond;
And yet, not strange, for it has grown to be
The home of those of whom I am so fond.

—Sel. by Mrs. S. E. Harmon.

Funeral services Jan. 8th. Text: Mark 10:14—G. E. Harmon. Suffer little children to come unto me, for of such is the Kingdom of God.

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Assembly Meeting Reports

Los Angeles, California

Duarte, Calif.—Dear Bro. Pruitt, greetings. May the Lord reward you richly for spreading his TRUTH is our continual prayer. We just closed a wonderful assembly meeting in Los Angeles, Calif. which was owned and blessed by the Lord. There was perfect harmony throughout the meeting—not one jar in the midst of the entire group from the pulpit to the door. Souls were saved, sanctified, and healed, and visitors enlightened. Division makers were exposed and the Lord's work is moving on with victory. Steps were taken to keep a clean work because we know Jesus does not recognize any other.

May God bless you. Pray for me. I am having a battle for my health.

Yours in the Master's service, L. E. Davy.

Guthrie, Oklahoma

As the time drew near for the assembly meeting, the saints did much praying that God would make the meeting a blessed gathering together of the saints. There was a feeling that God was going to work, and that our expectations were going to be fully realized.

The first service was held on Christmas Eve and was precious to all present. Several ministers had

already arrived. Bro. Key and Bro. Everett Hilbun from La. and Bro Sam Wilson from Ore. were present. Other ministers soon came. Ministers and saints from over the state began to arrive and added more spiritual life, and the meeting was on in earnest. Every minister that took the pulpit was fired up from heaven with a message that was wafted to the hearts of the listeners by the Spirit of God causing rejoicing among his little ones. In many of the services some one was at the altar either for forgiveness of sins or to be sanctified wholly. It was a very common thing for some one to get up and testify of God healing their body. There was such a sweet heavenly spirit hovering over the meetings from the beginning to the end. Often the remark was heard, "This is the best meeting I was ever in." One sister said to me, "I just know this is the best meeting I was ever in." Others would remark about the great liberty and power that the ministers had in expounding the scriptures. There was over twenty ministers present and all of them were so humble. It did not seem that any ever got up without the message. When ministers are humble, it is easy for the pulpit committee, the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, to choose and put into the stand the one with a heavenly message. We have been in meetings where some preacher who thought he could do it just a little better than any one else would take the stand ahead of the one that God had the message on, then we would have to listen to man instead of the Holy Ghost. Such would soon kill the meeting, and God would be practically ruled out. But no such thing took place in this meeting.

Some one may ask if the devil did not disturb in any way? Yes, he tried hard to stir up trouble, but the saints were so filled with the love of God that he made very little head-way. The presence of God was so great that his efforts seemed very weak. At one time his efforts made me think of the "Open undefended city of Manila," which the treacherous Japs, their enemies, bombed, causing great destruction of life and property.

The Church of God is an undefended City, naturally speaking, for our weapons are not carnal; on the other hand the "City of God" is the best defended city that ever existed. It is like Job, the devil cannot throw his bombs into it unless the presence of God moves out of the way and allows it. Then after the bombing is over He can nullify the effects so that no serious damage is done.

At one time in the meeting, the Lord allowed the enemy to throw some bombs that made some noise and frightened some for awhile; but after the smoke had cleared away and examination was made, all agreed that it was the best thing that could have happened, for the bomb thrower exposed himself to all spiritually minded saints and location was easily made. The sweet love of God was so great in the hearts of his redeemed that the presence and power of God moved right on over the whole thing and practically no break was made in the peaceful Holy Ghost led meeting. The last day of the meeting was precious to the very close, and some got saved that

day. This good meeting ended by the saints singing song No. 24 in "Select Hymns" song book, entitled "Should We Meet Here No More."

Truly, the scripture was fulfilled in this meeting as it is written in Eph. 2:6, "And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus."

—From one who knew it was "Good to be there."

"WE GLORY IN TRIBULATION"

The subject of this article is taken from a statement made by the apostle Paul in his letter to the Roman brethren. This is the experience of those who are fully surrendered, fully consecrated, wholly sanctified, and determined to do the will of God above every thing else in life. Those who have died out to the world, died to self, died to everything but the will of God, and have received the Holy Spirit in their hearts as an abiding Comforter and Keeper, and are continually saying to the Father, "Not my will, but thine be done." They know that God's way is best, and that he knows how that he can be the most glorified in each individual life, and they are glad to suffer for Christ's sake, who has done so much for them, whatever their hopes or previous ambitions have been they are willing for said hopes, plans, and purposes to be defeated if it so must be that God can get the glory out of their lives.

The Apostle Paul was quite an ambitious man and stood out as a prominent character among his fellow men, yet when he submitted himself to God he said in his letter to the Philippians, "Though I might also have confidence in the flesh, if any other man thinketh that he hath whereof he might trust in the flesh, I more, circumcised the eighth day, of the stock of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, an Hebrew of the Hebrews; as touching the law a Pharisee, concerning zeal persecuting the church; touching righteousness which is in the law, blameless, But what things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ. Yea, doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ and be found in him, not having mine own righteousness which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith." Phil. 3:4-9.

We see then that it is by the operation of faith that one is enabled to obtain an experience that will cause them to be able to glory in tribulation, for without faith it is impossible to please him. Among the many things that is recorded in the Bible, that have been accomplished through faith is that "others had trial of cruel mockings and scourgings, yea, moreover of bonds, and imprisonment, they were stoned, they were sawn asunder, were tempted, were slain with the sword: they wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins; being destitute, afflicted, tormented." Peter exhorted the brethren, and comforted them by saying, "Beloved, think it not strange concerning the

fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you, but rejoice in as much as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings; that, when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy; If ye be reproached for the name of Christ happy are ye; for the spirit of glory and of God resteth upon you: on their part he is evil spoken of but on your part he is glorified. But let none of you suffer as a murderer, or as a thief, or as an evil doer, or as a busy body in other men's matters yet if any man suffer as a Christian let him not be ashamed: but let him glorify God on this behalf." 1 Peter 4:12-16.

Some one may ask, Is it possible to glory in persecutions, and tribulations? does one really glory in these things? Well, what has been done, can be done. And further, what has been done is being done. The scriptures tell us, "When they had called the apostles and beaten them, they commanded that they should not speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go. And they departed from the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer shame for his name. And daily in the temple and in every house they ceased not to teach and preach Jesus Christ." Acts 5:40, 41. Well, what is the secret of such conduct and behaviour? Peter said, "for the spirit of glory and of God resteth upon you." Paul said, "God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross." If one is ashamed to suffer persecution for the cross of Christ he is not in a position, neither condition to glory in tribulations, If one is not willing to deny himself and to take up his cross and follow Jesus, he can not and will not glory in tribulation. To glory in tribulation one must have a faith that looks above and beyond this time world to the realities of the blessings and the glories of eternal things, which will enable them to say with Paul, "For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us." "And not only so, but we glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulations worketh patience: and patience experience: and experience hope: and hope maketh not ashamed because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us." We are not ashamed, "We will glory in thy cross." "We glory in tribulations." —Ulysses Phillips.

"HE SHALL GIVE HIS ANGELS CHARGE OVER THEE"

"There shall be wars and rumors of war." At this present time we realize this fact more than ever before. "He shall cover thee with His feathers and under His wings shall thou trust." Psa. 91:4. In order to be entitled to this protection we must be sure that we have repented of all sins committed, have made restitution, and are justified and cleansed from all sin and are being led by His Spirit. Then we can claim the promise, "Fear not, for I am with thee; be not dismayed, for I am thy God. I will help thee." We can serve our country by raising foodstuff, caring for the feeble, by praying, and as-

sisting in every thing of a coustructive nature.

If all of God's people would unite in prayer, our heavenly Father could easily cause the rulers of the whole world to come to peaceable terms. Our Savior came to bring on earth peace. Christmas is celebrated over nearly the whole world. If the Christmas bells were ringing in the hearts of the celebrants all differences would be settled without the shedding of human blood. It is very necessary that all who know how to pray, lay aside every other obligation and earnestly pray for God to undertake for the innocent at this time. God is mighty and strong to deliver. Read the 91st Psa., also the 27th. For low thine enemies shall perish, Psa. 92:9. Ye that love the Lord, hate evil: He preserveth the souls of His saints; He delivereth them out of the hand of the wicked. Psa. 97:10. —Marie Pauline Sass.

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Mr. Pruitt: 45 years ago I heard John William McCoy and Riggle preach that it is wrong to call a preacher Reverend, to wear a neck tie, join a secret order, pay a preacher a salary, take up a collection for the church, the church of the living God, and you are born into His church by repentance, then obeying the Bible. Now they wear a neck tie, pay the Reverend \$50.00 per week. If someone had told me 45 years ago that I would see these same "birds" call themselves Reverend and demanding \$50 per week to live in 1940, I don't know what I would have said. But, Mr. Pruitt, if I had never repented and received salvation, now today, to see these "birds" live and preach as they do, I am afraid I would be an infidel. It is amazing how people can make a profession.

Wishing you success,

J. A. Beham

Sandusky, Ohio—Dear Bro. and Sister Pruitt, Greetings in Jesus' dear name. This leaves me well and still saved and sanctified and much encouraged to go on with the Lord. I am glad I can say I have left this old world of sin behind and am now on the highway for the Lord.

Will all the saints please pray earnestly for my poor lost husband. It looks like he will never be saved. It seems like the older he gets the farther away from the Lord he gets. He drinks, uses tobacco, and does many other unclean things. I need much prayer to stay on the highway. Isa. 35:8 says, "And an highway shall be there and a way and it shall be called the way of holiness. The unclean shall not pass over it, but it shall be for those the wayfaring men, though fools shall not err therein." I am so glad I have found the highway and I mean by the help of the good Lord to stay on the highway till he calls me home. And please remember my unsaved children in your prayers. Sister Martha Whitner

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Champaign, Ill.—Dear Brother Pruitt and all the faithful workers at God's print shop. This is New Year's Day, and I have just finished reading the January issue of Faith and Victory for the second time. The remarkable articles published in that little paper are thrilling me so that I just want to tell others about it. Read them over and over again, then meditate on them and you will have them as I have them. There is uplifting power in them.

Dear saints and readers of Faith and Victory everywhere. Be faithful and keep on growing in grace and be strong in the Lord. I have the Faith and Victory papers in book form for several yars back, and next to the Bible they are priceless.

Your brother in the Lord,

Andrew Rasmussen

Caney, Kansas—Dear Brother and Sister Pruitt, I thank God this morning for victory. By watching and praying, trusting, and obeying I am living for God. I find that I must continually keep busy, really trying to live for Him to be successful. I have many hard trials, but I know that all things work together for the good of those that love the Lord, and that He will withhold no good thing from those that fear him. Thank God for these promises. Since I know nothing can happen to me unless it is His will, I know I will not suffer in vain. The great desire of my heart is to do His will. I want only to please Him. I have been feeling very, very ill—can hardly work at all. Although I sit up and walk around I cannot tell you how very sick I am and how bad I feel so much of the time.

I am badly needed in a family of five sinner sons and a sinner husband—more than you can know.

Four of my sons are not well, and my husband is in a bad condition physically. My other son is not well but is not feeling so bad as the rest. They all need salvation.

Will you have special prayer for us at the Sunday morning service, please? also for some unspoken requests?

I am trusting the Lord for divine healing, and have trusted Him sixteen years. My husband and my sons seldom ever do anything for healing. They rely on my prayers. There is no one to pray but me.

Someone is sending me the paper. I certainly am enjoying it, and profiting by reading it.

With love,

Glenna Smith.

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Newport News, Va.—Dear Bro. Pruitt, Greetings to all the dear saints. I want to thank the Lord for salvation that keeps me living free from sin. I haven't been saved very long, but "I am determined to hold out to the end. Pray for me that I'll go on to perfection which is sanctification. My heart's desire is to have more of what I already have. Pray for my unsaved wife to get saved before it is too late.

This old world is in an awful shape, in war, etc; but I believe the Lord will take care of his own.

I am enclosing a dollar for the furtherance of the Lord's work. Pray for me and family.

Your brother in Christ,

R. L. Powell

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Elkhart, Ind.—Holy greetings in Jesus' dear name. I am glad to say I am saved from sin and shame and have a mind to press to the front in these evil days. I am saved without a doubt, but I am not in the best of health. Pray with me and for me that I may be healed. My son is better, thank God.

I enjoy reading Faith and Victory. I read and re-read it. It gives me more faith to stand, knowing glory will be mine some day.

Pray for the unsaved in my family; also my little children. Some of the family is saved. Pray that they make it to the end. My desire is to do all the good I can. Please write to me. 324 St. Joe St.

Your sister in Christ

Mrs. Lillie Mai Atkins.

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Funday, La.—Dear Bro. and Sister Pruitt and saints everywhere who read the Faith and Victory paper. Greetings in Jesus' name. Pray for me that I may be healed. I was thrown out of a truck coming from meeting one night and hurt my right side. It hurts all the time but I know the dear Lord can heal me. Pray that I may have more faith. I don't live close to any of the saints who trust in the Lord for their healing and I need prayer. The Faith and Victory is so much help to me.

Your sister in Christ Jesus,

Alice Scruggs.

◆ « Young People's Section » ◆

PRAY ON

Pray on when sorrows come upon you,
And your faith is sorely tried;
Pray on, when courage nearly fails you,
And His help you seem denied.

Pray on, when 'neath life's heavy burdens
You almost give up in despair,
Thinking no one ever carried
Burdens just like you must bear.

Pray on, when rough and dark your pathway,
And you cannot see the light;
When every spark of hope has vanished,
And brightest day has turned to night.

Pray on, when you are disappointed,
And have cause to make complaint;
Remember it was Christ Who told us,
"Men ought always pray, not faint."

Pray on, when Satan's hosts assail you,
And clouds of doubt obscure the sky;
Pray on, when just a word of prayer
May seem the hardest thing to try.

Pray on, for God will surely answer
Every one who makes request;
Only pray in faith, believing
That what He gives, for you is best.

And so amid life's toil and struggles,
God, Who gave to us His Son,
Whispers, when we're weak and weary,
"Faint not, my child, pray on, pray on."
—Sel.

Editorials

"Remember Lot's Wife."—Luke 17:32

In these days of calamities we often see the written and hear the spoken expression, "Remember Pearl Harbor." That incident of destruction is brought to the attention of the people of the world time and again as a constant reminder to be on guard against a literal enemy. God's people, on the other hand, have enemies to resist—the world of sin, the flesh, and the devil. Jesus, in speaking to the Pharisees of His day in regard to the destruction of sinful people and world by fire at His second coming, said, "Remember Lot's wife. Whosoever shall seek to save his life shall lose it; and whosoever shall lose his life shall preserve it." Luke 17:32, 33. Why

should we remember Lot's wife? In Genesis 19 we read that Sodom was a very wicked city and that God decided to destroy it with fire and brimstone. Lot and his family found favor in the sight of the Lord, and they were commanded to flee out of the city before it was destroyed. They were also told not to look back when they left the city, but Lot's wife through curiosity to see the great fire or because her thoughts and affections were there, looked back and she became a pillar of salt. This punishment verifies the truth that "God is not mocked." We will do well to profit by this sad experience. "You can't do wrong and get by, no matter how much you may try."

Jesus tells us that in the last days near the end of the world the conditions will be as they were in the days of Lot. "Likewise also as it was in the days of Lot; they did eat, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they builded: but the same day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven, and destroyed them all. Even thus shall it be in the day when the Son of Man is revealed." Luke 17:28-30. Sodom may be considered as a type of sin, and when people get saved they must flee from Sodom or the realms of sin and sever all fellowship with the devil and his wicked crowd, for all such are awaiting certain destruction. "Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world." "For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also." "Set your affections on things above." There are many who make a good start from sin to heaven, but that little affection for the world causes them, like Lot's wife, to look back and they turn to a pillar of salt, so to speak. There they stand as monuments of warning to passersby on life's way.

Jesus says, "No man, having put his hand to the plow, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God." Luke 9:62.

Dear friend, as you flee from the city of destruction on your way to the Celestial City, as you strive to enter in at the strait gate, as you lay aside the weights to run the race with patience, as you with firm resolve set your eyes and affections on that crown that fadeth not away reserved in heaven for you—then do not look back.

"Remember Lot's wife."

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The young people who attended the Guthrie Assembly meeting had their regular meetings each day. The Lord richly blessed and His spirit was present to convict the unsaved and several young people turned to the Lord. We still hear Jesus saying, "Behold, I stand at the door and knock," and if any one will open their heart He will come in to abide there.

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The isolated young saints especially desire to see more testimonies in the paper from other young saints. For many, this is the only means of

encouragement from other saints. This is what one writes: "I receive much encouragement from the little paper and only wish that more young people would write. I am sure each one could say something for the Lord." If the Lord has saved you, send in your testimony for the benefit of others who are traveling on life's way. Will you? —L. D. P.

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A MIRAGE

The state of New Mexico is noted for its mirages. A mirage is due to the atmosphere and appears at different times of the day. Sometimes they aren't seen at all for quite awhile. The reflected image is seen, while the real object may or may not be in sight. As one drives along the highway, on a warm, summer day, a big lake of water appears, and with this object in view, one may drive all day and still be no nearer it than at the start. Often, of the mornings, beautiful forests seem to surround the cities and hazy mountains loom in sight, when in reality, all is plains. One who doesn't know this country well, may throw his fishing pole over his shoulder and go whistling down the road, intent upon casting his hook and line into the beautiful lake he sees, about a mile's distance ahead. He walks on for hours and decides to look around a little and find out exactly where that lake really is; but alas, when he looks, there is no lake to be found and the beautiful pine trees have all disappeared, and nothing is visible but fields and plains country. What a sad disappointment!

So it is with a person who has come to the age of accountability. He has come to the crossroads in life, and which one shall he take? He looks to the left and sees a broad way in which there are many flowers scattered along the way, and the road slopes downward, which makes traveling much easier. There are many people traveling this way, and they all seem to be in a great hurry. But where are they going? He looks further down the road but sees nothing but darkness surrounded by a heavy mist. There are a few people traveling this way who are idle and seem to have no destination in view, but go from one roadside to the other, picking flowers as they go. These flowers appear very beautiful, but each one that is picked is soon thrown down with dismay, and the thorns hidden beneath its foliage leave an ugly bruise on the hands of the person who picked it. "The way of the slothful man is as an hedge of thorns."

After surveying this road, he turns to the other one which leads in an opposite direction. It is strait and narrow, and those traveling therein seem to have a fixed determination to continue in the way. Those traveling in the broad way seemed to be confused, but those traveling this way have peace and satisfaction written on their faces. "For he will speak peace unto his people and to his saints." As he examines the way more closely, he finds that the end of the road seems brighter and more glorious than the beginning, and those that are nearing the end are

rejoicing and happy. Again, as he surveys the two ways, he is troubled with the question. Which way will ye take? "Choose you this day whom ye will serve."

After comparing the two ways, he decides to take the broad way, for the majority of the people are traveling that way and no doubt, he will be very popular. So he starts on his downward journey, where eternal destruction awaits him in the end. After a few years he wonders why he ever chose this way for all he has set his hands to do has been a failure, and the roses he thought so beautiful concealed thorns of pride, which not only pricked his hands, but his conscience. He becomes sick and tired of sin, but since he has gone this far he might as well go ahead, the devil whispers. So he continues in sin until old age creeps in and his journey is almost finished. He surveys his past life, shakes his head and says, "What have I gained? Where are all my friends with whom I was once so popular?" Hopes have vanished, worldly friends have fled, and eternal destruction awaits him. The devil made a parched desert appear as a beautiful valley filled with natural beauties and all one's heart could desire. But like a mirage, it all vanished and nothing remained but eternal death. —Ruby Ellen Doolittle

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Boley, Okla.—To the young saints scattered abroad.

I feel led to put my testimony in the paper. I am glad that I can say I am saved and sanctified and encouraged to live for the Lord. Thank the Lord, for the way he has healed me. About two months ago a Black Widow spider bit me on my jaw. My whole face and neck were swollen so I could hardly eat or drink. For a week I suffered severe pains and sometimes I could hardly lie down; but the Lord wonderfully healed me, and I give Him all the praise. I am glad that we have some one to trust and know that we can be healed if we only have faith.

I am glad that I can say I have left all the world to follow Jesus and have no desire to turn back. Pray for me that I may ever keep true.

Yours in the one body,

Elnora Louie

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Prairie Grove, Ark.—Greetings in Jesus dear name. Hope all at the printing office are well, soul and body. Bro. Pruitt, please send me the Faith and Victory paper. Also have prayer for me, for I am afflicted in body. Pray that the work of the Lord may prosper in this part. I shall labor here for the dear Lord, by His help. It is a very needy field.

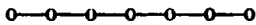
Praying the dear Lord's blessings upon one and all I remain your brother in Christ, Sherman Burris.

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Benson, La.—Dear Bro. and Sister Pruitt. I am writing to let you know I am healed. The Lord healed me through the prayers of His dear saints. When I wrote to you asking for prayer, I was very sick. It seemed like the Lord was ready to take me. I mailed the letter December 26 and the dear Lord healed me Dec. 27. I thank and praise Him for his wonderful healing power, and thank Him for the dear saints that prayed for me. May the Lord bless every one of you. You will find enclosed an offering of 25 cents for the work. I hope I will be able to send more next time. Your sister in Christ, Dollie Brown.

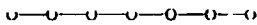
Forest City, Mo.—Bro. and Sister Pruitt: An appeal to the saints in regard to Sister Myrtle Glass. Those who attend the National Camp Meeting know about how she is crippled. I wrote her to see if she could use a wheel chair. She said she could so I am sure it would be pleasing to the Lord for the saints to buy her a wheel chair. All who are interested in this may send their donations to me. If there is more than enough to pay for the chair, I will see that Myrtle gets the benefit of it. Your sister in Christ,
Anna J. Hood

Editor's Note—We mentioned the need of this wheel chair at the Assembly Meeting. The saints gave an offering of some over seven dollars on the chair, which will help some. Others whom the Lord may burden may send in their offerings. If more is received than the chair costs it will be used to help this crippled family in other needed ways. The Lord has not seen fit to heal Myrtle as yet, and until he does we want to make her as convenient and comfortable as possible.



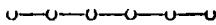
Neosho, Mo.—To the saints: I feel like writing and telling you about Sister Reese. Probably many of you know her. She is a widow, and lives alone here in Neosho. Last Sunday night her house burned down, and burned everything she had in it. Nothing was saved. She escaped injury, for which we are thankful, but now she is in need. The saints here in Neosho are doing what they can to help her, and we felt sure that you would be glad to help her too. We know what it would mean if we were in her place. We have given her some quilts and pillows, and some clothing, etc. But there are many household goods she will need. So I thought if any of you felt like sending something to help her, it would be very much appreciated. She is a dear Mother in Israel, and is worthy of any help we might give.

Send all donations to Mrs. W. J. Allen, R. 5, Neosho, Mo.,
Yours in Him, Sister Allen.

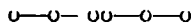


Marshall, Mich.—Dear Bro. and family, greetings in the name of our Lord. We are still praising our God for his wonderful salvation. He is so good to us. He gives us strength from day to day to be about and press on in the good old way. All the help we have is the blessed Word of God and the Faith and Victory paper. It is just like hearing some good old-fashioned sermons. I would not know what to do without it. It encourages so much I never want to be without it. May God bless you all is our daily prayer.

Bro. and Sister VanZandt.



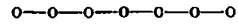
Cleveland, Tenn.—Dear Bro. Pruitt, Greetings in the name of Jesus. This leaves me saved and with a stronger desire to go on for the Lord. He has been so good to me I can't ever thank him for the many blessings he has bestowed on me. He is a real friend in time of need. I am so glad I ever found this precious Jesus. When we get sad and feel like all of our friends have forsaken us, bless his good name, he is ready to comfort our hearts, and put the joy bells ringing in our soul. He really has helped me to get closer to him. I am so glad he knows just what we need. Sometimes it takes hard trials to bring us where he wants us to be, but if we will hold on and pray like we should, praise his name, he will bring us out. Pray for me that I will get stronger and live daily for my Lord..
Mrs. Claude Suits.



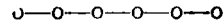
Henryetta, Okla.—Greeting in Jesus' precious name to all the saints scattered abroad. I feel like writing my testimony to let the saints know that I am yet saved and

on my way to heaven, determined to trust God for my soul and body. I thank the Lord for His healing power.

The 24th night of December the Lord wonderfully touched my daughter's body. Her feet and hands were cold and every moment seemed her last. We sent for Brother L. L. Jackson. He came and anointed her. We laid hands on her and the Lord healed her. I give Him all the glory. I desire prayer of the saints for the Lord to heal my daughter's leg. It has been broken three or four years and every once in awhile it inflames. She believes that the Lord will heal it. I also desire prayer for myself. Also my daughter desires to be saved before it is too late.
Lizzie Murdock.



Erie, Pa.—Dear Bro. Pruitt and Co-Workers, Greetings in the precious name of our Dear Lord Jesus. I thank and praise God for your prayers in behalf of the rupture I had. God has healed me, for which I thank and praise Him. Praise God for all of his blessings to soul and body. We hope many souls got help during the meeting you had. Our prayer is that God will continue to bless all of you.
William Eloom.



Hastings, Nebr.—Dear Saints and all the Faith and Victory readers. May the Lord bless you all and keep you from falling. "Elect according to the fore-knowledge of God the Father, through sanctification of the Spirit, unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ Grace unto you and peace be multiplied." Yes we are surely living in perilous times, when men's hearts are failing them for fear and looking after those things which are coming on the earth. But praise be unto God there is still a highway of holiness. To us the promise has been given, "Draw nigh to God and he will draw nigh to you." With these promises, we have boldness to enter into the holiest to draw so near to God as to be in the consciousness of His presence. We have the right to expect answer to prayer in revivals when God's people pray for the lost. The moving of the spirit of God upon the hearts of men can change them from ferocity to lamb-like meekness. May we humble ourselves, search our own hearts and if any evil way is found in us, put it away that we might be in a spiritual place where we can receive spirit born prayer. It is out of such prayer that revivals come. Satan has been put to confusion, the work of God advanced, and even wars have been made to cease through prayer. Yes, we must pray for our rulers upon whom such a heavy load rests at this time, for the church and for the world. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much. Men ought always to pray and not to faint. God asks a question in the second Psalm, Why do the heathen (or nations) rage, and the people imagine vain things? Later we read, The Lord shall have them in derision then he makes the declaration, Yet have I set my king upon my holy hill of Zion (or church). In the council of God Christ is there. You must have the eye of faith to see where God has placed him. In the natural eye you see Him despised, set aside, rejected, but the eye of faith sees Him seated in power and authority, ruling as king on the hill of Zion (or church) where God has placed him. Amen. Have you, Brother or Sister, seated him as king in your heart? Trust him to put Jesus on the highest pinnacle of your life and when so placed he will reign and controll the lower parts of our nature. He will not let the enemy defile any part of our nature against our will. God has set His Son upon his holy hill of Zion, and we have a right to be seated together with him in the heavenly places. When God's king is with us, we can defy all enemies. This is our heritage, praise the Lord.

Sometimes the enemy tries to get me to look at some of the discouraging things that surround me. Yes, but I tell him we look not at the things which are seen but at the things which are not seen, for the things which are seen are temporal, but the things which are not seen are eternal. 2 Cor. 4:18. James A. Dyer.

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Hammond, La.—Dear ones: I am saved, sanctified, living for the Lord and enjoying his blessings. He is so good to me. My family is all unsaved. I have one dear boy in the army. I ask your prayers for him and the family. I have a heavy burden for them to be saved. I give out tracts when I get a chance, visit the poverty stricken, and help them all I can and tell them of Jesus. I would like for you to send me some tracts. I will hand them out as the Lord directs me and pray that they may be a blessing.

Yours in Christ, Mrs. Mary Bush.

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Sadieville, Ky.—Dear ones, Greetings in Jesus' precious name I enjoy reading the articles and testimonies in the Faith and Victory. I suppose you saints there are enjoying the meeting. I surely would enjoy being there. I love the Lord and His good way and the saints. How I miss the saints in Indiana! It seems like we don't get to stay long in one place. I wonder some time why it is, and so much of the time I live where there is no one saved. But I know the Heavenly Father undertakes. I know if husband would yield all to the Lord all would be different. I ask all the saints to remember us in prayer for I do get so hungry to be with the saints and in meetings. I want to live a life that will tell for Jesus wherever I am, and be closer drawn to him each day.

The Lord bless the work there and supply every need, encourage each one, and may the good work keep increasing is my prayer. Your saved sister, Stella Lee.

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Irvin, Pa.—Dear brother in Christ, I am saved today, saved to sin no more, looking for the blessed coming of the Lord, having taken him for my Saviour and healer 30 years ago. Have trusted Him all of the way. I am isolated here, but I am happy with Jesus alone. This is a very wicked place. I am doing all I can to get the people to come to the light. I am keeping hid and letting Jesus shine out in my life. I know that I am a pilgrim and a stranger travelling through this land. I mean to go right on until the crown is won. Pray for me that I keep humble and win souls for Jesus.

Your sister in Christ, Lena Suggs.

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Chicago, Ill.—To all the saints at the Publishing House, Remember me in prayer earnestly. The Lord knows all about it.

Also pray that my husband and boy will get saved. Your sister in the one body, June Badal.

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Fortescue, Mo.—Dear saints everywhere, greetings in Jesus' dear name. I am saved, sanctified, and healed by the mighty power of God who loves and cares for His own. I am so glad for the privilege of serving such a wonderful Saviour. He has done so much for me. I have left this old world behind and am pressing onward and upward till I reach my home with Jesus, there to dwell for ever. When I see so many all around me in trouble and sickness who know not God it makes me weep and pray, "Oh, Lord, what can I do to help some lost soul?" When we do all we can do for the Lord, it is so little in comparison to what He has done for us. In John

6:63, we read, "It is the Spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are Spirit, and they are life." So this old body of ours is nothing. Let us have His spirit in our hearts and live for Him. I thank the Lord for the privilege of being in the meeting at Guthrie, Okla. It was a feast to my soul. Father's table was spread with good things from heaven. It is a joy to meet with the saints all in one accord. It was one of the most wonderful meetings I ever attended. The word went forth so straight yet so simple we could all understand. What unity in Christ!

Your sister in the Lord, Mrs. Cordelia Stroud

—"Remember Lot's Wife."—

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THE BODY OF CHRIST

That the body of Christ is the church, a congregation of saved men and women working together in oneness and unity is clearly taught by the Holy Ghost inspired and revealed word of God.

The apostle Paul in the first chapter of Ephesians 22nd and 23rd verses says, "And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be head over all things to the church, which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all." Again in Col. 1: 18, "And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the first born from the dead: that in all things he might have the preeminence."

The scriptures teach plainly that the church, the body of Christ is not divided. In the first letter to the Corinthians, first chapter, Paul reproves those who were beginning to follow men and make division saying, "Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? or were you baptized in the name of Paul?" The implied answer is, "No." If all ministers were dead (to self) and as humble as Paul was, they would not make division and pull off a band of saints to be head over them. It is only ministers who become carnal that do such things. Humble and dead ministers would reprove any one that was trying to make them a head as Paul did. Christ is head over all things to the church. Christ is not divided; and those who follow off after some preacher or preachers, who would be head, will find themselves following carnal leaders; and their souls will fail to be filled with the sweetness of heaven's graces. For in doing this, they will be separating themselves from the body of Christ, and will begin to bear wild fruit.

Many saints see the Church of God, the House of God; and some partly discern the Body; but there are not so many who dwell in the House sufficiently to discern its contents and become acquainted with its furnishings, and can enjoy its elaborate and peaceful accommodations.

When the disciples were with Jesus, they could handle and feel of his fleshly body, and were able to declare with boldness that this is the Christ, as they also beheld the great miracles he performed. He was God manifested in the flesh. He possessed all the gifts of the Spirit, his fleshly body possessed God in his fulness. Jesus said, "My Father worketh hitherto, and I work." John 5:17. Jesus could work only as the Father worked. He was helpless to defend himself when the Father did not work. It is

said, "In his humiliation his Judgment was taken from him." He was led as a lamb to the slaughter.

After Jesus was crucified, resurrected, and ascended to heaven and the Holy Ghost fell on the disciples on the day of Pentecost and the kingdom of God had come with power, the disciples could still say that Jesus is come in the flesh because they had become the body of Christ in the world. Paul says to the Ephesian Church of God, "For we are members of his body, of his flesh and of his bones." Eph. 5:30. We that are really dead to the world, the flesh, and the devil, crucified with Christ as Paul was, have a realization that we constitute the fleshly body of Christ, the true Church of God that is working in the world, each one being a member in his body and all the members making one body. The Lord places the members in the body as it pleases Him and gives them gifts, some several gifts, but no one member having all the gifts; so it takes all the body functioning by the Spirit of God to perform all the great miracles and the mighty works that was done by the Lord himself when he was in the fleshly body and had all the gifts. God possessed him in his fulness and worked through him so as to get glory to his great name.

The church, his body, possesses all the fulness of God today, wherever that body is found working together; and is dead to the world, crucified with Christ. The church is the body, the fulness of Him that filleth all in all. Eph. 1:23.

In the 12th chapter of 1 Cor. Paul says, "For the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body: so also is Christ." In other words Christ in the world today has many members but is one body.

He goes on to compare the body of Christ or the church to the human body. It has many members, yet it is one body. All the members do not perform the same work; but all the members of our body have their respective work to perform. If all the members of the body were healthy and would work willingly, the body would be able to perform great feats. So, also, it would be with the Body of Christ, the church. If all the members were in a spiritually healthy condition and dead to their own interests, willing, working members, the Body would be able to perform miracles that would astound the world and make believers out of infidels. Many of the members that claim to be of the Church of God and see the church are not dead, and such cause much trouble and division; but God is working in a mighty way in these last days. The Bride, the Lamb's wife is making herself ready for his coming. So many in these days want to be the head that they cannot see the body. By the actions of some, one would be led to think that the body is all head. It seems that God sees that all this is needful, for we are living in the sifting and shaking time. In the 12th chapter of Hebrews, after the writer was telling us about coming to the "Church of the First Born" and of Christ being the Mediator of the new covenant, he says His voice then shook the earth; but now he promises, I shake not the earth only, but also heaven. He also said that "Yet once more," signified the re-

moving of those things that are shaken. If there ever was a time when the earth is being shaken it is now. The whole world is in bloody combat, and it is promising to increase as time moves on. Earthly kingdoms are falling and will fall and great changes are taking and will take place. While the earth is being shaken, God is also shaking heaven, the ecclesiastical heavens, those who profess holiness and see the Church of God. Those with spots and wrinkles on them will be shaken out. Many are shaken out already and do not seem to know it. God is far too wise for man. Only those with a pure heart and clean hands will be able to dwell or stay in his "Holy Hill." If the dear saints were able to know just what manner of folks they are, and how they are to abide in Him only, they would not be so easily led off after some preacher that God has shaken out.

In the fifth chapter of Ephesians, Paul says, "Husbands, love your wives as Christ loved the church and gave himself for it: (Just one) that he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, That he might present it (just one) to himself a glorious Church, not having spot or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish." The church that Christ is going to present to himself in the air will be without spot or blemish and without a wrinkle. Those that are passing themselves off as belonging to the church of God, and have spots and wrinkles on them are shaken off and will never be among the happy Bride or Wife presented to Christ at his coming.

—Fred Pruitt.

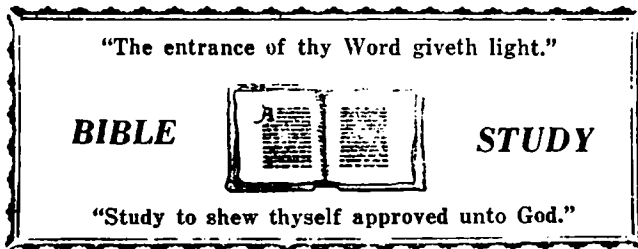
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THE CHRISTIAN

"The disciples were called Christians first in Antioch." Acts 11:26. The Christian is man in his completeness. He is not something more than man, neither is he something less, but man in his perfect manhood. "Ye are complete in Him." The Christian is not an addition to man's manhood, but he is the true type of manhood. To not be a Christian is to be something less than man. Such are below the standard. They are rejected. When man measures to the stature of the fulness of Christ, he also measures to the fulness of himself. He who does not measure to the fulness of Christ has not risen to the fulness of manhood. When we say, "Be a man," means in the full sense, "Be a Christian." There is no difference between the laws of Christ written in the Gospel and those written in the heart and mind of man. The one answers to the other. Do you ever check up? When the Christian transgresses the law of the Gospel, he transgresses the law of his being. The life of a Christian is not the outflowing of the laws of the Gospel, but the outflowing of the laws of his own being, and since these are identically the same, the Christian life is an outward expression of Gospel law. Holy living is Gospel living.

—C. E. Orr



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JESUS CALLS FOUR DISCIPLES

Matt. 4:18-22; Mark 1:16-20; Luke 5:1-11.

Sunday, February 1, 1942

Daily Readings and Meditations

January 26 to 31.

- M. Jesus calls disciples Matt. 4:18-22.
- T. Called to follow Mark 1:16-20.
- W. Called to serve Luke 5:1-11.
- T. The cost of discipleship Luke 14:25-33.
- F. Jesus teaches his disciples Matt. 5:1-12.
- S. Jesus commands his disciples Mark 6:7-13.

Printed Portion Luke 5:1-11

Luke 5:1. And it came to pass that, as the people pressed upon him to hear the word of God, he stood by the lake of Gennesaret,

2. And saw two ships standing by the lake: but the fishermen were gone out of them, and were washing their nets.

3. And he entered into one of the ships, which was Simon's, and prayed him that he would thrust out a little from the land. And he sat down, and taught the people out of the ship.

4. Now when he had left speaking, he said unto Simon, Launch out into the deep, and let down your nets for a draught.

5. And Simon answering said unto him, Master, we have toiled all the night, and have taken nothing: nevertheless at thy word I will let down the net.

6. And when they had this done, they enclosed a great multitude of fishes: and their net brake.

7. And they beckoned unto their partners, which were in the other ship, that they should come and help them. And they came, and filled both the ships, so that they began to sink.

8. When Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus knees, saying, Depart from me; for I am a sinful man, O Lord.

9. For he was astonished, and all that were with him, at the draught of the fishes which they had taken:

10. And so was also James, and John, the sons of Zebedee, which were partners with Simon. And Jesus said unto Simon, Fear not; from henceforth thou shalt catch men.

11. And when they had brought their ships to land, they forsook all, and followed him.

Golden Text: "Come ye after me, and I will make you to become fishers of men." Mark 1:17.

Practical Truth: When God calls it is both a duty and privilege to respond.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

In Acts 1:21-23 and Luke 6:13 we learn that Jesus had many disciples, some of whom had followed him

from the time of John the Baptist. These that he calls in today's lesson were among them, but he did not call them the first time they met him. Evidently He was giving them a little time to get acquainted with Him and His work so they could be more able to count the cost. When they first started to follow Him, He asked, "What seek ye?" They asked Him where he dwelt and he answered, "Come and see."

Does He not deal with would-be-disciples in much the same manner today? Many start to follow Him, desiring to know where He dwells. He answers, "Come and see," and gives them a glimpse of the Christian life. If they expect a life of ease and comfort, they are disappointed; for Christ does not dwell there. He came not to be ministered unto but to minister and to give His life a ransom for many. When He went away, he told his disciples, "As my Father hath sent me, even so send I you." His disciples must share his suffering. When they find they can not get to heaven on flowery beds of ease, many turn back and follow Him no more. But thank God, some choose to endure the hardships in this present world that they might share in the glory of the world to come, and say with Peter, "Lord, to whom shall we go? Thou hast the words of eternal life."

These fishermen had toiled all night, trying to catch fish; but their efforts were vain. It was a good time for Jesus to teach them a lesson for they probably were tired and discouraged because of their fruitless endeavors, hence were ready for something better. Had they caught fish, they probably would not even have had time to loan their ship to Jesus.

They had seen Jesus perform miracles before, but this one, performed for their benefit, seemed to awaken in them (especially Peter) a sense of His holy and supernatural character and their own nothingness, which the others had failed to do. The cost of leaving all to follow him was great, but they had caught a glimpse of something greater—life, life, eternal life.

Reader, have you caught a glimpse of eternal things to the extent that you are willing to forsake all and count all but loss that you might win Christ? You may say, "If I could see a miracle performed like that, I would." You could soon see a miracle if you would take time to loan Jesus your "ship."

A BUSY SABBATH IN CAPERNAUM

Mark 1:21-34; Luke 4:31-41.

Sunday, February 8, 1942.

Daily Readings and Meditations

February 2, to 7.

- M. The Lord of the Sabbath Mark 2:23-28.
- T. Jesus rehabilitates men Mark 1:21-28
- W. Jesus' compassion for the sick Matt. 8:14-18.
- T. Sabbath sanctities Matt. 12:9-14.
- F. A memorable Sabbath Acts 16:13-18.
- S. A Sabbath scripture reading Luke 4:16-22.

Printed Portion Mark 1:21-34.

Mark 1:21. And they went into Capernaum; and straightway on the sabbath day he entered into the synagogue, and taught.

22. And they were astonished at his doctrine: for he taught them as one that had authority, and not as the scribes.

23. And there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit; and he cried out,

24. Saying, Let us alone: what have we to do with thee, thou Jesus of Nazareth? art thou come to destroy us? I know thee who thou art, the Holy One of God.

25. And Jesus rebuked him, saying, Hold thy peace,

and come out of him.

26. And when the unclean spirit had torn him, and cried with a loud voice, he came out of him.

27. And they were all amazed, insomuch that they questioned among themselves, saying, What thing is this? what new doctrine is this? for with authority commandeth he even the unclean spirits, and they do obey him.

28. And immediately his fame spread abroad throughout all the region round about Galilee.

29. And forthwith, when they were come out of the synagogue, they entered into the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John.

30. But Simon's wife's mother lay sick of a fever, and anon they tell him of her.

31. And he came and took her by the hand, and lifted her up; and immediately the fever left her, and she ministered unto them.

32. And at even, when the sun did set, they brought unto him all that were possessed with devils.

33. And all the city was gathered together at the door.

34. And he healed many that were sick of divers diseases, and cast out many devils; and suffered not the devils to speak because they knew him.

Golden Text: "I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day" Rev. 1:10.

Practical Truth: When one gets saved he enters into God's Sabbath of rest for the soul and lives holy every day.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

This lesson is given for the purpose of creating a discussion about the Sabbath. Healing will be studied in another lesson.

God's people who lived under the Law were commanded to cease from their labors on the Sabbath day (seventh day). The Ten Commandments were engraved on tables of stone, but now God inscribes His laws on the fleshly tables of our hearts, and one who had never heard of the Ten Commandments would be able to keep all of them that God means for us to keep in this dispensation. Some of them are moral laws, hence are inscribed in our hearts when we get saved. The Holy Spirit in our hearts will cause us to live sober, righteous, and godly every day, but will not cause us to exalt one day above another. The ordinances and ceremonies in the law were put there to foreshadow good things to come in this dispensation. The Sabbath was a "shadow of good things to come" (Col. 2:17). The literal Sabbath was bodily rest, but the Sabbath in this dispensation is soul rest. Jesus said that those who would come to Him would find rest to their souls. In Heb. 4:9-10, we read, "There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God. For he that is entered into HIS REST, he also hath ceased from his own works, as God did from His." Truly, Christ is Lord of the Sabbath, for in Him alone can we find this blessed soul rest.

To the Galatians who had been saved by grace, and were being turned from their freedom of the Spirit to the bondage of the law by some who would pervert the gospel of Christ, Paul said, "But now after that ye have known God, or rather known of God, how turn ye again to the weak and beggarly elements whereunto ye desire to be in bondage? Ye observe days, and months, and times, and years. I am afraid of you lest I have bestowed upon you labor in vain."

God is no respecter of days, but He does command that we forsake not the assembling of ourselves together as the manner of some is. Christ arose from the dead

on the first day of the week, and appeared to His disciples at different times (after he had risen) on the first day of the week. John called it the Lord's day. So it is a Christian custom to meet together on the Lord's day, also on other days if they have opportunity. Saints should be careful not to offend the weak consciences of those who have been taught to observe Sunday as they did the Sabbath under the law, and have not been taught the truth about the Sabbath.

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THE HEALING MINISTRY OF JESUS

Mark 1:35 to 3:12; Luke 4:42-44; 5:12-39.

Sunday, February 15, 1942

Daily Readings and Meditations

February 9 to 14.

M. Jesus preaching and healing Mark 2:1-12.

T. Healing and forgiving Luke 5:17-26.

W. The breadth of Jesus' sympathy Luke 9:40-56.

T. A cure for doubt Luke 7:19-23.

F. The power to heal Matt. 17: 14-21.

S. Gentleness and grace Isa. 42:1-7.

Printed PortionMark 2:1-12.

Mark 2:1. And again he entered into Capernaum after some days; and it was noised that he was in the house.

2. And straightway many were gathered together, insomuch that there was no room to receive them, no, not so much as about the door: and he preached the word unto them.

3. And they come unto him, bringing one sick of the palsy, which was borne of four.

4. And when they could not come nigh unto him for the press, they uncovered the roof where he was: and when they had broken it up, they let down the bed wherein the sick of the palsy lay.

5. When Jesus saw their faith, he said unto the sick of the palsy, Son, thy sins be forgiven thee.

6. But there were certain of the scribes sitting there, and reasoning in their hearts.

7. Why doth this man thus speak blasphemies? who can forgive sins but God only?

8. And immediately, when Jesus perceived in his spirit that they so reasoned within themselves, he said unto them, Why reason ye these things in your hearts?

9. Whether is it easier to say to the sick of the palsy, Thy sins be forgiven thee; or to say, Arise, and take up thy bed, and walk?

10. For that ye may know that the Son of man hath power on earth to forgive sins, (he saith to the sick of the palsy,)

11. I say unto thee, Arise, and take up thy bed, and go thy way into thine house.

12. And immediately he arose, took up the bed, and went forth before them all; insomuch that they were all amazed, and glorified God, saying, We never saw it on this fashion.

Golden Text: "He had compassion on them, and healed their sick." Matt. 14:14.

Practical Truth: Christ has power to heal both soul and body.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

Over and over again we hear and are taught the things which Jesus taught and did while he was in his fleshly body on this earth. People believe just like they believe historical facts—with a head faith. That is all right but it needs to go farther than that for such a faith will never be put to work to relieve the distressed

of today. As we read about the wonderful miracle of healing and forgiveness in this lesson, let us remember, "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and for ever." Do you believe that? If so then do not stop until you have broken up some roofs that would keep you from getting your prayers through to Him.

Some say, "If He is the same, why don't we see more miracles?" When Jesus was on earth there was a place where he could do no mighty works because of their unbelief. The same hinders His work today. He asked the question if he would find faith on the earth when He comes again. He knew there would not be much, but there is some and will be when he comes; for Paul said that we would not all sleep (die) but would be changed when the Lord comes. All who have a part in that glorious change will have faith in Him. Without faith it is impossible to please Him, and He will not take any to glory who do not please Him. The Bible tells us that faith works by love. Jesus said, "If ye love me, ye will keep my commandments." When we keep His commandments we remember the many promises which He has given to us and it inspires faith, "Beloved, if our heart condemn us not, then have we confidence toward God. And whatsoever we ask, we receive of him because we keep his commandments and do those things that are pleasing in his sight." "No good thing will he withhold from those who walk uprightly." The needs of soul and body alike will be supplied to those who have faith. All things are possible with God.

Real heart faith causes the believer to act. If you were in a burning building and someone should tell you how you could escape, if you believed him you would follow his directions to a place of safety. If you believe Jesus died to save you from sin and its wages (death) you would flee from sin into His sheltering arms. And if you believe He can and will heal, you would not be worried and trying every earthly remedy that you think might help you.



JESUS APPOINTS AND TEACHES THE TWELVE
Mark 3:13-19; Matt. Chapters 5-7; Luke 6:12-49.

Sunday, February 22, 1942

Daily Readings and Meditations
February 16 to 21.

- M. The twelve chosen Luke 6:12-19.
- T. The twelve taught Luke 6:20-26.
- W. A master teacher Matt. 7:21-29.
- T. The apostle to the Gentiles Acts 22: 14-21.
- F. The daring of the apostles Acts 5:17-29.
- S. A model church Acts 2:42-47.

Printed PortionLuke 6:12-26.

Luke 6:12. And it came to pass in those days, that he went out into a mountain to pray, and continued all night in prayer to God.

13. And when it was day, he called unto him his disciples: and of them he chose twelve, whom also he named apostles;

14. Simon, (whom he also named Peter,) and Andrew his brother, James and John, Philip and Bartholomew.

15. Matthew and Thomas, James the son of Alpheus, and Simon called Zelotes,

16. And Judas the brother of James, and Judas Iscariot, which also was the traitor.

17. And he came down with them, and stood in the plain, and the company of his disciples, and a great multitude of people out of all Judaea and Jerusalem, and from the sea coast of Tyre and Sidon, which came to hear him, and to be healed of their diseases;

18. And they that were vexed with unclean spirits: and they were healed.

19. And the whole multitude sought to touch him: for there went virtue out of him, and healed them all.

20. And he lifted up his eyes on his disciples, and said, Blessed be ye poor: for yours is the kingdom of God.

21. Blessed are ye that hunger now: for ye shall be filled. Blessed are ye that weep now: for ye shall laugh.

22. Blessed are ye, when men shall hate you, and when they shall separate you from their company, and shall reproach you, and cast out your name as evil, for the Son of man's sake.

23. Rejoice ye in that day, and leap for joy; for behold, your reward is great in heaven: for in the like manner did their fathers unto the prophets.

24. But woe unto you that are rich! for ye have received your consolation.

25. Woe unto you that are full! for ye shall hunger, Woe unto you that laugh now! for ye shall mourn and weep.

26. Woe unto you, when all men shall speak well of you! for so did their fathers to the false prophets.

Golden Text: "Even so let your light shine before men; that they may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in heaven." Matt. 5:16.

Practical Truth: Men who are called and trained of God are the only ones capable of preaching the gospel.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

Jesus had many disciples from the beginning of his ministry, but the time came when he needed to choose twelve who were to be chosen vessels to carry on his work of planting the truth in the hearts of the people, after he had gone to be with the Father. They needed special training for this work. He felt the weight of this undertaking so much that he spent the entire preceding night in prayer. Here is a little verse that will help you to remember the names of the ones he chose:

- Jesus called them one by one,
- Peter, Andrew, James, and John;
- Then came Philip, Thomas too,
- Matthew, and Bartholomew.
- James, the one they called, the Less;
- Simon, also Thaddaeus,
- Twelfth apostle Judas made—
- Jesus was by him betrayed.

The twelve as a whole were poor unlearned men. Now what should Jesus do with them? There were schools to which he could send them where they could study the scriptures, also gain more worldly wisdom, how to make themselves and their gospel attractive to the world, and how to keep the good will of the people; but what do we hear Jesus tell them? "Woe unto you, when all men shall speak well of you! for so did their fathers to the false prophets." Jesus put them in school all right, but it was a different school to what man would have chosen.

That school was in the crowded streets of cities where he taught them by example of ministering to the needy; in places where their patience and faith would be tested and tried to the limit; in hardships to teach them lessons of endurance and obedience; and best of all, alone with him in the desert places or on the mountain side where they could pray to the Father and where he could teach them by parables and other ways. This would be a different world if all who claim to be His ministers would go to his school instead of going to some seminary, where they are taught to preach "smooth things" lest they uncover some wrong-doings and offend someone who is a good paying church member.