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GOD'S POOR SHEEP

Some poor sheep ran with great alarm,
Others knew not what to do—
All trembling, thought to flee from harm
From the wolf then breaking through.

Each trembling sheep did look afar
For help from their dreadful plight,
Straining to catch a hopeful star
To light them through the night.

But oh, how dismal it appeared,
Chaos then did mar the peace
And unity was all besmeared
With lust and strife's increase.

With grief we think upon this scene,
We sigh much—and well we may—
But must this wolf who was so mean
So scatter God's church today?

The wolf no mercy has to give,
But scatters and wounds to kill
The sheep who dare for Christ to live—
A devil's hell he would fill.

O Lord, in agony we pray,
Come, gather thy sheep in one,
Before the foe of spiritual day
Some more hellish work has done.

—J. H. Pierson (Revised)

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GOD IS LOVE

"Hereby know ye the spirit of God." John says, "We are of God. He that knoweth God heareth us: he that is not of God heareth not us." Oh, how plain this scripture and how true it is for many today are professing to be Christians and will not hear the Word of God. John says, "Hereby know we the spirit of truth and the spirit of error." These same professed Christians will back-bite, slander, hate each other, when God's word says, "Beloved, let us love one another; for love is of God, and every one that loveth is born of God and knoweth God; . . . for God is love.

In this was manifested the love of God toward us because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him. Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another. No man hath seen God at any time. If we love one another, God dwelleth in us and his love is perfected in us." Read all of 1 John 4th chapter.

The way I hear supposed Christians talk today, I must believe they have forgotten this is in the Bible. Jesus says in John 14:23, "If a man love me he will keep my words: and my Father will love him and we will come unto him and make our abode with him." When Jesus was preparing to go away (to die for you and me) he left these words: "A new commandment I give unto you, that ye love one another. By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another." John 13:34, 35.

Let us study the life of Jesus, our example. How did he love us? Love gives to the uttermost—Did God? God's word says he did. He gave his only Son. "For God so loved the world [us] that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish but have everlasting life." Again, love asks nothing in return save a reciprocal response. Read 1 John 4 again, "Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another." Also in John 13:34, 35 Jesus commanded us to love one another, and said, "If you love me keep my commandments." If we love God and keep his words we will love one another, and be able to prove the Word of God is true. As Jesus said, "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another."

Beloved, let us not love in word, but in deed and

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in truth. Let love be without dissimulation (pretending). Let it be fervent. In love there is a real fondness, true affections, mutual devotion, tender attachment; and last, but not least, a charitable desire for the welfare of others. Love is of God. Love is sacrificial. Love is built on faith. There is no fear or distrust in love. Faith and Love to God and to each other are the two forts of defense Satan is attacking most. He works on God's people to get them to neglect to read God's word, neglect to pray, neglect to assemble themselves together, and finally to quit trusting God and trust in the beggarly elements of this world, which are to pass away—and not faith in God's word that liveth and abideth forever. Then they begin to take an aspirin tablet for a headache, then trifle with temptations and finally begin to think very lightly of sin. For God's word says what is not of faith is sin. Then they will be adverse to religious conversation or the company of heavenly-minded Christians.

I often hear God's true ministers and children slandered and talked about by picking and fault-finding professors, and when people get in a spiritual decline, I have seen them imbibe this old devilish, picking and fault-finding spirit, and destroy themselves and all that will listen to them. God is love. Love hides and covers the faults and mistakes of those we love and brings to light the good. Love protects, not destroys. The faults of others are not a matter of censorious conversation, but a secret grief and prayer. Don't forget, dear ones, God hears and answers every true prayer of love for our brethren. Turn a deaf ear to everything and everyone that opposes that love to God and His children. It matters not in whom it comes for Satan can transform himself into angels of light and is very subtle. Rebuke the devil and he will flee from you. Keep yourself in the love of God and red-hot for God and no nasty spirits will light on you. Satan uses the word of God. He did on Jesus but Jesus had God's spirit of love and knew it was not of God and rebuked it. Praise God for that same spirit of love and discernment. "Hereby know we the spirit of truth and the spirit of error. He that loveth not knoweth not God, for God is love. —Gladys Weiss

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EXALTED SPIRITS

Feeling the time ripe to write on the subject of one of the most dangerous things the work of God has ever met, with the divine help of God I shall deal with the workings of an exalted spirit in the light of Bible truth. We are told, "I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other, for everyone that exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted." Matt. 18:14; also, "Pride goeth before destruction and a haughty spirit before a fall." Prov.

16:18. The whole scriptural teachings from Genesis to Revelation warn us not to get exalted, and many cases in old Bible times show forth the dangers of getting exalted. So we desire to show the workings of an exalted spirit in the love and meekness of Jesus.

An exalted spirit makes a high profession and thereby deceives many, and it is the deceptive spirit that needs to be exposed. A soul under this kind of a spirit is hard to be delivered as we shall show as the Lord helps us. This spirit, when admonished and rebuked, carries a certain amount of influence, so the rebound carries some weight and always puts up a fight for its life. An exalted spirit is never submissive and will try to defend its position even to the making of division, and they are the only ones that are right, as they think. An exalted spirit becomes unmerciful, and when fully developed, becomes full of hatred in the defense of its self. It continually feeds on what will cause its gain, seeking evidence to overthrow its opposers.

The very foundation of this glorious reformation was based on humility—a feeling that all the ministers were more able, and a preference for the other ministers was always given. This way God had a chance of leading by his spirit and the result was power and unity among them. Many times in meeting where there were a number of ministers present (able ones, too) a stillness was felt as each minister waited on each other and God. This way there was no fast racing to the pulpit, but the spirit of God had a chance to move the right one. Whereas an exalted spirit would take advantage and run to the stand, crowding out the one with the real message. We are told by Paul that one of the characteristics of an humble spirit is "Easy to be entreated." Too much of a high estimate of self ruins his labor for God and hinders those who could be used of God.

An exalted spirit sows discord among brethren and is continually putting wood on the fire with a feeling of straightening up the brethren who, in their judgment, are out of line—as they are the only ones that can do it. How easy for an exalted spirit to magnify the words of others and misconstrue them to the point of dishonesty. I say this with the fear of God, and charity for all, but I must tell the truth. They sit as my people, but are looking for a point of vantage whereby they can make a man an offender for a word. In old Bible times we read of men whom God blessed when they were little in their own sight, but when they became lifted up (exalted) God could no longer use them. Being exalted is truly dangerous in every sense of the word.

An exalted spirit has many different things with which it works. It will cooperate with any spirit to gain its points. They may have been entirely out of joint previously, but will work with almost any kind for defense. Any kind of a false spirit in reality is kindred to all the rest, hence they have a fellowship

with all these wrong spirits because of being evil. The Holy Spirit does not have fellowship with any only its own. Its natural workings for good; such as divine unity, love, and the edifying of itself, makes peace wherever it works. One being under an exalted spirit evidently sows discord wherever it works and is one of the most dangerous enemies of the truth, because like lightning, likely to strike anywhere. Let us beware lest we be lifted up in our own estimation and lose the prize which awaits only the humble. Webster says exalt means "to elevate in rank." So one under an exalted spirit would rank himself very highly, basing his rank on his years and what he thinks he knows. After so long a time, if one resists the Spirit of God and the advice of faithful brethren, he will think he is really honest, but a backward glance would reveal the fact that there was a time when being admonished he was fearful, but now, becoming seared, neither God nor man can get any help to him because he is so spiritually calloused.

The greatest danger lies in the exposure of an exalted spirit because of the tenacity it holds on those partly under them. They become blind through the false reasoning of this spirit and either go into it whole-hearted or get disgusted and go to some sect, thus quitting the saints altogether. When exposed, exalted ministers, if they cannot gain in numbers, would rather have you go to sectism than to the real truth, which suits Satan, for he has them either way.

Let us keep humble. An exalted spirit cannot see the beautiful church of God except in the letter, and that in a feigned manner. It can only be seen clearly by the truly humble. —E. M. ZINN.

God's Great Plan of Redemption

The angels desired to look into God's plan of redemption, but were not allowed to. It was not revealed to them. 1 Pet. 1:10-12: "Of which SALVATION THE PROPHETS HAVE ENQUIRED AND SEARCHED DILIGENTLY, who prophesied of the grace unto you: Searching what, or what manner of time the Spirit of Christ which was in them did signify, when it testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ, and the glory that should follow. Unto whom it was revealed, that not unto themselves, but unto us they did minister the things, which are now reported unto you by them that have preached the gospel unto you with the Holy Spirit sent down from heaven; which things the angels desired to look into."

Man, through disobedience, had fallen from his righteous state, and could no more enjoy to be in God's presence. God was angry with his crown of creation (man) and they were driven out of the garden of Eden, where there was peace and contentment, into a world of sorrow, and toil, and suffering.

Now they had to make their living by the sweat of their brow. Gen 3.

God gave them a promise of the Saviour, that He would send in his own good time to deliver man from sin (Gen 3:15) and restore such as would be saved. God cursed the serpent and said that the seed of woman should bruise his head (Gen 3:15). In Genesis, we read that the sin of Adam had brought on the fall of man, but the Bible tells us of a second Adam that would restore man from the fall. This is redemption for the soul.

God's great plan of redemption was to bring man back into communion with himself. Though the Prophets prophesied about it, and what it would do for those who would repent, yet they could not understand the plan. The book of Isaiah is full of the gospel message. God used him to tell the gospel story hundreds of years before it came to pass. The whole book points to Christ and what He will do for man.

Just as Abraham was about to offer up Isaac, so God does offer His beloved Son, in whom there was no sin, to atone for sinful man. God did give His beloved Son to take away the sins of the world. Jesus' suffering upon the cross of Calvary does this very thing for all who come to God, repenting and longing to be delivered from their fallen nature. We must come to Christ, and plead for deliverance. We must come as a beggar, for that is what we are.

In ourselves, we have nothing to pay God for His deliverance. Only the HOLY ONE, Christ Jesus, could pay this debt, and set us free from sin and death, for death it truly is. To be separated from God is the first death—dead while living in pleasure, as the Word says.

Then if He is the only one who is able to deliver us, come to Christ, repenting and plead for pardon, as all who have found SALVATION, have had to do before us. Then make your wrongs right, and restore that which has been stolen, and keep the commandments of Christ, which is to love one another, and walk in the light of the word. God will receive all who do this and grant pardon for Christ's sake, who bled and died that we might be redeemed from all sin. —Edith Kriebel.

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Two Excellent Booklets

The book, "A Religious Controversy" by C. E. Orr, which has been out of print for years, has just been reprinted. It contains 95 pages and a number of pictures which make it very interesting. It makes hard Bible truth simple, plain, and easy to be understood. One book will be sent to you for 15 cents, or ten books for one dollar, post paid. You will like for your friends to have one of these books.

The book, "Life Sketches of Mother Sarah Smith" may be obtained for 10c each post paid. Order from Faith Publishing House, Guthrie, Okla.

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This publication teaches salvation from all sin, sanctification for believers, unity and oneness for which Jesus prayed as recorded in John 17:21 and manifested by the apostles and believers after Pentecost. By God’s grace we teach, preach, and practice the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ, the same gospel which Peter, John, and Paul preached, taught, and practiced; including the Divine healing of the body. James 5:14, 15.

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“Let the word of Christ dwell in you in all wisdom.” The day begun with God’s word will be a richer and more useful day than the day begun without it.

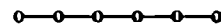
We do not bear fruit upward because we do not take root downward.

Fruit bearing and the fruit of the Spirit will be more surely realized in proportion to the anointing of God’s word which saturates the Christian life.

—Sel.

The work at the “Lord’s Print Shop” is running along nicely as the Lord blesses and encourages our hearts. By the goodness of God working through some of his devoted children, we have been able to purchase and install a Model B Cleveland Folding Machine. These machines are considered one of the best designed folders on the market and the cost was nearly \$700. It will fold the “Faith and Victory” paper, also different sized sheets for book making. It will be a great help in the advancement of the work of the Lord. We have already folded paper for two books on it besides one issue of the “Faith and Victory” paper. We feel much blessed of the Lord to have this machine to use in getting the gospel to men by the printed page.

The workers have been very busy in the print shop and thousands upon thousands of tracts have recently been printed and folded ready for use. The tracts are going from the “Lord’s Print Shop” in a steady stream to all parts of the U. S. and many to foreign lands. Just recently the Lord has enabled us to secure the addresses of 270 Penal and Correctional Institutions situated in all parts of the U. S. also many addresses in Canada. These addresses were given to us through the kindness of the “American Prison Association.” We have already wrapped and sent out two hundred packages of tracts to different prison addresses in all parts of this country, and we expect to continue wrapping packages and sending them out freely as the Lord provides the means. This is a great work and the Lord is fishing a few souls out of these dark places as they receive knowledge of salvation through Christ. All who will, can have a part in getting the gospel to the thousands of souls in the prisons and other dark places and share in the eternal rewards. Our God keeps a record of all things. He will not forget sacrifices made in behalf of needy souls.



Quite a number of subscriptions expire with this issue of “Faith and Victory” paper. If yours has expired, you will find a subscription blank inserted in your June paper. We kindly ask you to renew at once so we can get your name listed and you will not miss a copy. If you have renewed for the paper or want your paper to keep coming from some offering you sent in or for any other reason; just let us know and we will continue to send the paper to you. If we have made a mistake about your subscription being expired, just let us know and we will correct it. We are anxious to get the paper to every one that wants it, for we know that God will make the contents a blessing to you and others as the months come and go. We should think of our souls’ welfare above all else in the world.

In the beginning God made a beautiful garden and "Put man in the garden." Gen 2:15. He told him to till, dress, and keep it, but man made a failure of it and God drove the man and woman out of the garden. At the same time he gave them a promise that the seed of the woman would bruise the serpent's head (Gen 3:15).

When Christ came, who was the promised seed of the woman (man had nothing to do with his coming) the plan was changed and God began to "Put the garden in man" and to till, water, and keep it himself. He is our husbandman and we his tillage. Our hearts are his garden (1 Cor. 3:9). We furnish the willingness and yield to him, and he dresses, tills, and keeps the garden. He causes it to bring forth the luscious fruits of the Spirit, rejoicing in his garden and causing everything to prosper and become beautiful.

In Deuteronomy the eleventh chapter and tenth verse, we hear God telling the Israelites of the nature of Canaan land, which is typical of our sanctification or baptism of the Spirit. He tells them that it is not as the land of Egypt where they labored to keep it and watered it with the foot as a garden of herbs; but this land had valleys and hills and was watered of the rain of heaven. It was a land that God cared for. The eyes of the Lord God was always upon it from the beginning of the year even unto the end of the year. Really sanctified folks possess the "garden of the Lord" in their souls. This is a glorious restful and assuring thought.

In Isaiah 51:3 we read that God will comfort Zion, will make her wilderness like Eden and her desert like the Garden of the Lord; joy and gladness will be found therein, thanksgiving and the voice of melody. If we turn our hearts over to the Lord and let him make a garden there, the above condition will exist. Again in Isaiah 59th chapter, he tells us again what will be the existing condition of a heart yielded to him. Read it now, "And the Lord shall guide thee continually, and satisfy thy soul in drought, and make fat thy bones: and thou shalt be like a watered garden, and like a spring of water, whose waters fail not." Also read Jer. 31:10 and Ezekiel 36:33 and verses following.

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The heart of man is referred to in the Bible as a garden, a land and a field. Each one of us are letting our garden, land, or field out either to God or Satan to till, dress, and keep. Turn to Prov. 24:29 and read. You will find that God forbids one to render evil for evil, for vengeance belongs to God. If there is any repaying to do, leave it with God (Rom. 12:19) and you will be letting him tend your garden. If you do otherwise, you will have let Satan plant bad seed there and now the fruit. Read on and you will find what the field (heart) of a slothful man will be like. Because he was void of true understand-

ing, the enemy took advantage of him and his field (heart) was all grown over with thorns and nettles had covered the face thereof. The wall of salvation was broken down and all kinds of Satan's evil thoughts and seeds were planted there. That one, though he may have a high profession of religion, will thorn and nettle those who do not please him (or her) or those whom he may imagine evil against, and thus bear the fruits of the wicked one. The children of God should hearken diligently unto the word of God which reads, "Keep thine heart with all diligence, for out of it are the issues of life," or their souls will be poverty stricken and they be possessors of a crop of thorns and nettles. (Prov 24:31).

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On May 16th, Bro. Darius Gibson, wife, and children, Sister Geneva Ray, and the writer made a trip to Honey Grove, Texas, near which place we held meeting Saturday night and Sunday. We found some precious souls there who really love the Lord, and have a heart to obey Him in all his word. The Lord blessed in the services in a very precious way, and the people that gathered in the meeting place were very attentive to the preaching of the gospel. Our souls were encouraged to know that some are hungering after God.

In the afternoon on Sunday we all went to the water where Pro. Gibson baptized six souls who had given themselves to the Lord. It was blessed to see them follow the Lord Jesus in water baptism, giving out a picture to others that they had died to the world and in symbol were buried with Christ in the watery grave, resurrected to walk in newness of life.

Peter, in speaking of the ark which God prepared by Noah wherein "eight souls were saved by water," said baptism was a like figure in saving us. He said it was not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God. By the picture of water baptism, we give knowledge to all that we have repented and have received forgiveness of sins and have now forsaken the world to follow Christ and will walk in the new life. Paul says in 2 Cor. 5:17, "Therefore, if any man be in Christ Jesus, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold all things are become new. Every soul that is really born of the spirit knows this to be true and they will only retain the spirit in the soul as they continue to walk in the new life.

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In regard to the "Open Letter" that a brother in the east has printed and circulated, I wish to say that he sent me one. I have written him a post card telling him that I read it over and that the Lord blessed my soul after receiving it. I told him how the Lord gives us grace to love our enemies, and those who imagine evil of us, and that I have never been insulted nearly so bad as Jesus was, nor treated

half so evil; therefore I have much to be thankful for. I told him that I had a forgiving attitude toward him, and kindly asked him to read over again the third chapter of Colossians, for I felt that portions of it would do his soul good.

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The Sunday School lessons are on page 18, 19, and 20 of this paper. We are sending them only to those who have subscribed for rolls of papers for use in their Sunday School. If any other of our readers want the Sunday School or Bible Lessons, just send a post card request and tell us how many you want.

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We have a few "Tract Box Holders" on hands to be used in hanging up in public places to keep tracts in for those who care to read. We can send these boxes to you for 60 cents each, post paid.

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Obituaries

Mrs. Martha Bingley, 94, of Litchfield, Mich., one of the oldest residents of this community, passed away early Tuesday morning, Apr. 28th at her home on Homer-road. She was born in Atlanta, Ga., the daughter of John and Matilda Edgar. She was united in marriage to Bud Bingley in 1865 and to this union ten children were born. Surviving are four daughters, Lula Strong of Chillicothe, Ohio, Amanda Willman of Leesburg, Fla., Della Bingham of Litchfield, Mich., and Fanny Miller of Tawas City, Mich.; two sons, Henry Bingley of Flint Mich. and Alexander Bingley in U. S. Army; 30 grandchildren, 32 great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren. Funeral services were held Apr. 30th at Litchfield, Mich. Archie Denning, her grandson, of Jackson, Mich. officiating, assisted by Mrs. D. O. Thompson, and John H. Strong of Chillicothe, Ohio.

Good-by, Mother, we have laid you down to rest.

Our parting is painful, but our God knows best.

You were loving and kind in all your ways,

Upright and just to the end of your days,

Sincere and true in your heart and mind—

Beautiful memories you have left behind.

Gone is your face and smile we loved so well,

Gone is your voice we loved to hear.

Too far away for sight or speech

But not too far for thought to reach.

Sweet to our memory, Mother, who once was here,

And who, though absent is just as dear.

Gone and forgotten by some you may be,

But dear to our memory you shall ever be.

While we bow in deepest sorrow,

Our hearts with anguish torn,

We hear the Savior's precious promise,

I will comfort those who mourn.

Now we thank God that Day will also follow the evening, and how joyous the Christian hope of a grand resurrection morning—the beginning of one cloudless, unending day. May we who are living be faithful unto death that we may also receive the crown of immortal life to spend eternity with all the ransomed gone before in those regions of light and life beyond.—Her children.

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Mr. Emanuel C. Myers, son of Sylvester and Eunice Myers was born in Grant City, Mo. Sept. 1, 1874 and passed away April 23, 1942 at La Grande, Ore. at the age of 67 years., 8 months, and 23 days. He moved from

Bentonville, Ark. to El Reno, Okla. 28 yrs. ago and made his home there for 20 yrs. He and his wife moved west to Union Ore. in 1935, where they have made their home the past seven years.

He was united in marriage to Miss O. K. Cox, Oct. 16, 1897. To this union were born nine children, eight girls and one son. His daughter, Mrs. Floyd McDaniel, preceded him in death. He was converted when only a boy, and later entered the ministry. Many were led to Christ under his preaching. He was faithful unto the end, often expressing his longing to be with Jesus. He never lost confidence in God and spoke only of heavenly things on his last bed of sickness. He was a devoted and faithful father, and taught his children from early childhood the way of Christian living. He left behind an example for us to follow.

He leaves to mourn his passing, his wife, Mrs. O. K. Myers; a son, Chas. O. Myers of Honolulu, Hiawaii; and seven daughters, Mrs. Jack Jones and Chrystal Jackson of La Grande, Ore., Mrs. Chas. Campbell of Pueblo, Colo., Mrs. Willard Edvalson, Wallowa, Ore., Mrs. George Short, Desert Center, Calif., Mrs. Ruelon Horn, Alameda, Calif., and Mrs. Jerd Atkison, Oklahoma City, Okla.; his father; two sisters; and one brother.

Funeral services were conducted by Bro. Harold Laughréd, La Grande, Ore.

He composed the following poem before his death:

LONGING

I long to be gone to my beautiful home
Where angels are waiting for me,
In those pure realms of light where sin never comes,
My soul is ever longing to be.

Oh, I long to be gone. Why tarry I here
With my body so broken and frail?
Light gleaming from the portals enraptures my soul.
Oh, I long to weigh anchor; I long to set sail.

In that land free from pain on the far away plain,
Where the trouble and labor of life time are o'er,
There sickness and sorrow will never be known,
But rest there with Jesus—sweet rest evermore.

I soon shall pass from earthly vision
To that land beyond the sun,
Where the pilgrims have their country,
And the work of life is done.

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SECURITY

I built a castle in the air;
It seemed so very neat to me,
Until one day a monsoon came
And blew my castle out to sea.

I built a bungalow on sand.
Of charm and beauty fair to tell;
Floods came, winds blew,
Beat upon it, and it fell.

I built a house upon a Rock.
Built it so to long endure;
Let rains descend and tempests smite,
I know my house will stand secure.

—Sel.

Campmeeting Notices

(The following is a complete list of campmeeting announcements so far received for publication. Those attending any campmeeting should take their sugar rationing books.)

The NATIONAL CAMPMEETING of the Church of God will be held July 17 to 26 on the camp ground at Monark Springs, Mo., which is five miles east of Neosho, Mo. Contrary to reports, all nationalities are welcomed to this meeting "regardless of race, color, or previous condition of servitude." However, activities of "fifth columnists" will not be sanctioned by the Lord and His people. If you desire spiritual or physical help, attend this meeting. God is "bringing again Zion" in this shaking time when those that cannot be shaken will remain.

Meals will be served at the dining hall on the free-will offering plan. Your contribution of fresh and canned fruits and vegetables, or foods of any kind, will be appreciated. Those coming will need to bring their sugar rationing books!

Tents may be rented for \$3.00, and cots 50c each. Bring your bedding and straw ticks! Straw will be furnished. Notify Bro. Strech if you want a tent.

Trains arrive at Neosho from the north and south on the Kansas City Southern, and from the east and west on the Frisco. Buses arrive from all directions from 5 to 8 times daily. If you are to arrive there at night, you should come by train as the bus station is not open all night. When you arrive, day or night, phone cab No. 32, as it has been arranged for camp ground service. If you notify Bro. Strech in advance, he will have cab to meet you. The cab station is ½ block east of north-east corner of square.

It is suggested that each person interested in the campmeeting send one dollar (\$1.00) to meet the expenses. Costs, as you know, are much higher this year. If all the saints would cooperate in this way, there would be no lack. Please send offerings either to the secretary or to Bro. Strech by July 10, and be at the meeting beginning July 17. For further information, write to Bro. John Strech, Box 281, Neosho, Mo.

—L. D. Pruitt, National Secretary

THE CALIFORNIA STATE CAMPMEETING of the Church of God will be held at Pasadena beginning August 21st lasting over two Sundays. The beautiful camp ground is located near the chapel at the corner of Mentone and Washington Sts. A cordial invitation is given to all saints and lovers of the truth to attend. More particulars will be given later.

For information write to Bro. Earle E. Forbes, 4250 Perilita Ave., Los Angeles, Calif; or Bro. R. W. Morgan 1302 Lincoln Ave., Pasadena, Calif. of the campmeeting committee.

The DOVER OKLAHOMA CAMPMEETING of the Church of God will be held August 28th to Sept. 6th, 1942. Be sure to bring your bedding. Dover is on U. S. highway 81 between Hennessey and Kingfisher, also on Rock Island Railroad. The meeting will be held one mile north and two and one-half miles east of Dover. Any one desiring to be met, notify Ulysses Phillips, Dover, Okla. in time. The meeting will be run on the free-will offering plan. We say again, bring your bedding. Come praying. For further information write U. Phillips or Henry Caldwell both of Dover, Okla.

The GENERAL SOUTHERN CAMPMEETING of the Church of God will be held at Hammond, La. from June 26 to July 5, inclusive. We are expecting Spirit-filled ministers and saints to be present to help us in this old-fashioned campmeeting. Come and enjoy the blessings of the Lord with others and get help to soul or body. The meeting will be supported by free-will offerings. Sleeping quarters and straw furnished, but bring your own straw ticks and bedding if possible. Meals served on the grounds. If the Lord lays it on your heart to help in any way, send means or provisions to Bro. Max Williamson, or Ray Key Box 370, both of Hammond, La. Also write to one of these brethren for further information.

Location: One mile southwest of the Illinois Central depot, and about five blocks west of the New Orleans highway, No. 190.

The UNION CITY, INDIANA CAMPMEETING of the Church of God will be held from Aug. 14 to 24th on the corner of Carter and Union Sts. We are expecting Spirit-filled ministers to be present from different states to preach the truth with love, mercy, and judgment, also expect God to be present to save souls, sanctify believers, and to heal the sick and suffering. All are welcome. And we shall try to care for all who come. Those who want tents can rent them on the grounds. Those desiring tents should bring straw ticks and bedding.

Meals will be served at the Nottingham home, 360 North State Line St. The meeting will be supported by free-will offerings. For further information address Sis. Opal Williams, 117 North St. or Sis. John Nottingham 360 N. State Line St. both of Union City, Ind.

The OREGON STATE CAMPMEETING will be held at the country home of Sister Emma Busch, near Scio, Oregon, from July 2 to 12. All are welcome to attend this meeting. We are expecting able ministers to be present to preach the whole truth, and souls be saved, believers sanctified and the sick healed. It will be run on the free-will offering plan and we invite every one who wants to attend an old-fashioned campmeeting to come and meet with us. We suggest that those who desire to, bring their sugar-rationing cards with them. Any one wanting to send means or provisions or desiring further information write to Emma Busch, Scio, Ore., R. 2, Box 175, or I. D. Stover, Jefferson, Ore. R. 1.

Those desiring tents should bring straw ticks and bed linens. Straw will be furnished. Those coming by train or bus come to Jefferson and all will be met that notify vs. Those coming by auto, come to Jefferson on highway 99, take highway to Stayton. Camp ground is two and one-half miles southwest from Stayton.

The OKLAHOMA STATE CAMPMEETING of the Church of God will be held at Guthrie, Okla. near the saints' chapel at sixth and West Warner Sts. beginning July 31st and ending Aug 9th.

The meeting is held in the interests of the Kingdom of God, and all are invited to attend and receive help to soul and body. Able ministers will be present from different states to give out "Thus saith the Lord" to the edifying of the body and to the salvation of precious souls. Since this is a state Campmeeting, all are expected to help in the expense of the meeting as the Lord would direct in sending money or eatables. As usual, this meeting will be run on the free-will offering plan and meals will be served in the dining hall free of charge. All will be cared for as much as possible. Straw will be furnished. Bring bedding.

We kindly ask those having any differences to settle such with the Lord and among themselves and not to cause any disturbances in the meeting, for God is the author of peace and not strife and confusion. We also ask those who are inclined to find fault and imagine evil to read the 12, 13, 14 and 15th verses of the third chapter of Colossians and begin to practise the same, and their great troubles will vanish away. Behold, how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in love and unity.

Send means or eatables for the meeting to the office here or bring it direct to the dining hall at 623 W. Mansur Ave., Guthrie, Okla.

We are unable to obtain sugar for campmeeting purposes, so we suggest that all who desire sugar on breakfast foods or other food, bring their own sugar or their sugar rationing books.

We are expecting the usual good meeting where souls will find God and afflicted bodies will be healed. We are living in the last days, God's preparation day, when he is making up his Jewels (Mal. 3:17), therefore he is shaking heaven and earth (Heb. 12:26) and many are being shaken out and others are coming in. The bride, the Lamb's wife (Rom. 7:4) is making herself ready for the coming of the Bridegroom. The battle is not our's but the Lord's. Come to this meeting and get your share of the bread of life which God will freely give to all hungry souls.

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GOD'S NATURE

God is a Spirit and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth." John 4:24. "For we walk by faith, not by sight." 2 Cor. 5:7.

When Noah built the ark, God told him, "A window shall thou make to the ark, and in a cubit shall thou finish it above." Gen. 6:16. With the window in the top, they couldn't look around at their surroundings, but they could look up to God from whence came their help. Sometimes when we do look around at the troublesome times, we get our eyes off Jesus and begin to sink like Peter, who walked on the waves.

The ark is typical of safety; and today, the door of salvation is open. Christ says, "I stand at the door and knock, if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him." Rev. 3:20. The door is yet open, but some day it will be, "The door is shut, I cannot rise and give thee." "Today is the day of salvation. It is dangerous to put off one's salvation. We know not what a day may bring forth, for this is "life eternal that they might know thee, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom thou hast sent."

—Mrs. Chas. Reese

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Winlock, Wash.—Dear saints, I am writing this letter to thank the dear saints for the many prayers they have prayed for us and I know that God has answered many times. At this time again I do feel the need of your prayers. I am not able to be at church with the few saints here because my Brother is sick so I do feel the need of the dear saints prayers, both for soul and body. I am not so well at this writing for my lung has been giving me trouble since I have been taking care of him

and some other trouble that I don't just understand so pray that the Lord will not permit me to get down with T. B. again. I know he is able to help. My brother is down with T. B. now so please pray for him that the Lord will help him to believe for his soul's salvation and also pray for the Lord to heal his body.

Your sister in Christ, Miss Marie Whiteside

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Benson, La.—Dear Brother Pruitt: I feel like sending in my testimony once more to let you and the other saints know that I am still saved, and fully trusting the Lord for both soul and body. I thank God that I am able to trust Him all the way. He does so much for me. He heals me when I am sick. I mean to go all the way with Him.

Bro. C. C. Carver and family, also Sister Florcher from Shreveport, La., and another Sister from Relegen, La. were at my home on March 22. We had a glorious time in the Lord Bro. Carver laid hands on me and prayed for my hearing and I can hear much better. Praise God! I am asking all the dear saints to pray that the Lord will heal me so I can hear as good as ever, if it is His will.

Your brother in the one Body of Christ,

—Nick Brown.

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San Diego, Calif.—To the dear saints of God scattered abroad in the various parts of the universe: As we enjoy reading the many testimonies of the children of God, we have been impressed to add ours. It would be quite a task to write each one, yet it gives us pleasure to let you hear from us through the "Faith and Victory" which we both enjoy reading so much. We are still on the battle field for our Lord and Saviour and praising the good Lord for the saving of our souls in the wonderful experience of justification and for the grand experience of the cleansing process of sanctification. Amid the trials and tests of this life we praise him for the knowledge of his divine presence with us every day. We find it sweet to be in a position whereby we can be led by the Spirit of God. Oh, second work we find it a sweet life, that we can and we are enjoying the consolation of knowing that our Redeemer lives because he dwells with us, praise Him for his wonderful love shown toward us in this awful evil time. He has proven himself to be a precious Saviour unto us and a present help in every time of need, and more and more we find that we need Him each day. Today it is our settled decision to be ever true to the Lord and live so each day that he can depend upon us to hold up the life of a child of God; not so much by what words we may be able to speak, but by a life so filled with the love and power of God that it will demonstrate the life of our Saviour who left us an example that we should follow in his steps who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth. He is our Saviour, Sanctifier, Healer, and Keeper, and we earnestly ask your prayers that as the world looks on us they may behold the life of Christ in our daily walk. We would enjoy hearing personally from any who would desire to write us. Your brother and sister saved today and in defense of a pure clean gospel. 132 So. 29th St.

T. T. Holden and wife

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PRAYER REQUEST

Sister Bessie Morris of Benton Harbor, Mich. has a daughter, Bessie Cannon, who has a bad affliction on her body and desires the saints to earnestly pray that God will heal her.

« Young People's Section »

ON THE SEA

Come walk with me upon the sea,
A modern stormy Galilee.
Just step right out, though tossed about,
Have faith in God, and do not doubt.

Such confidence without pretense
Makes this a real experience
While others drown, sink quickly down,
Yea! right and left and close around.

Yea! through the storm, I see the form
Of the One that tells me, Fear no harm,
Now drawing nigh, and standing by,
Saying, Fear not, for it is I.

There're souls to save from 'neath the waves
Of sin, death, hell and the grave.
Don't hesitate a moment late,
For drowning victims cannot wait.

—G. W. McMillan.

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Editorials

The young saints enjoy the testimonies that are coming through the paper. Send in your testimony and it will encourage someone else. In the church, the body of Christ, we are members one of another, and Christ is the Head.

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God's people should guard against the "war hysteria" that is sweeping the land. Much that one may hear and read is intended to stir up hatred against other nations. God is no respecter of persons or nations, and He will punish wrong-doing no matter in whom or where it is found. The ideals of Christian living are based on divine love—even love for our enemies. The fruit of love is far from war and fighting. Hate only creates more hate in return. We do not love the evil and wrong-doing of our enemies, but we love their God-given being or soul, the salvation of which will stop their wrong-doing.

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This country is called a Christian nation, but is it? Do people flock to the house of worship? Instead, they throng the theatres, the beer parlors, the dance halls, and the night clubs. They say, Lord, Lord, but do not do as He teaches. Greater light brings greater responsibility before God, and the fact that this greater light is rejected brings greater condemnation on this nation than on heathen nations that have no chance to know the way of salvation. God save America from sin, and then it will be saved from its greatest enemy.

"THAT GOOD PART"

In Luke 10 is recorded the instance of Jesus' visit in the home of two sisters, Mary and Martha. Mary spent her time at Jesus' feet, listening to His teaching. Martha, on the other hand, was continually busy with the household tasks, even to the extent that she desired Mary's help. We read, "But Martha was cumbered about much serving, and came to him, and said, Lord, dost thou not care that my sister hath left me to serve alone? bid her therefore that she help me. And Jesus answered and said unto her, Martha, Martha, thou art careful and troubled about many things: But one thing is needful: and Mary hath chosen that good part, which shall not be taken away from her."

These same attitudes are manifest in professed children of God today. There are many "Martha's." They seemingly love the Lord and think to entertain and worship Him by the work of their hands. They say this must be done, and that must be done until their time is so completely occupied that they miss "that good part" of true worship—the period of kneeling and learning at Jesus' feet with the heart's door closed to all outside activities. Jesus has already told us that He seeks such to worship Him who will worship Him in spirit and truth. He, on this occasion, admonished Martha, saying, "Thou art careful and troubled about many things." All this external hustle and bustle tends to disturb that soul peace and rest, and trouble and perplexities arise. One brother has well said, "If we have so much business to attend that we don't have time to read, pray, and come to the services of God, we have more business than the Lord intended for us to have."

In this lesson Jesus does not teach us not to work, but our temporal work to supply food and raiment or even work directly in the Lord's service, should be secondary to that "one thing needful" or "that good part" of learning at Jesus' feet. In temporal affairs the Mary's may be called "slothful" and "careless" by the Martha's, but it is often vice versa in spiritual matters. Jesus said that the privilege that Mary had to sit in His presence shall never be taken away from her. This was but the beginning of eternal happiness in the presence of the Lord.

For our soul's welfare, it would be better to let the weeds grow a little taller in the corn field or the house not so spic and span than to miss "that good part" that Mary enjoyed. This world and its affairs will soon pass away and be forgotten in that momentous day when we are ushered out into eternity to meet God. If we have not loved and enjoyed His presence while here, we will not enjoy it then.

There is no happier experience for mortal man than that sweet hour of prayer and communion with God. Of all the things that need to be done in this world, just "one thing is needful," and it will be well with your soul if you have "chosen that good part."

—L. D. P.

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Texico, N. M.—Dear saints and readers, Greetings in the name of the Lord, the One who died that we all might be saved. I am so thankful today he has saved and sanctified me. I am determined to go all the way with him. And how I wish more young people would give their hearts to him. May all the saints let their lights shine in this old sinful world. I wish all the saints would earnestly pray for my unsaved brother and father that they will give their hearts to Jesus before it is too late; for today is the day of Salvation. Pray for me, that I may let my light shine brighter for Jesus.

Yours in Jesus Christ, Jeneva Wilson

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Tulsa, Okla.—Dear Ones: Greetings in Jesus' dear name. I felt led to write my testimony. Truly I thank God for salvation more than ever before in life. I am glad for the blood of Jesus that was spilt on the cross for even me. In many earthly things I have been left out because of poor circumstances, even though I had some talents. I began to think there wasn't anything that I could do in life because I was so poor until I found our wonderful Savior, praise his dear name. I am glad that I have found that he can use even me in his fold. I feel at home with the dear saints more than any place on earth. Truly, I am glad for the plan of salvation that delivered my soul from sin. I am much encouraged to live for God. I am striving more and more each day to do my part in winning souls to God by my life. I am glad to find a Saviour who understands us, one who knows the intents of our heart. Truly I am glad to serve a God like this—one who blesses the poor and the rich, the just and unjust. Truly, he is my rock and my shelter. I desire your prayers, dear saints, for my children, also my dear unsaved companion that he might give up the world and its follies and come to live for Jesus and that we spend the rest of our lives working for God. Your sister in Christ, Theresa Wright

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El Paso, Texas—Greetings to all the saints in Jesus' name. I am well in both soul and body, and determined to live for God, also to do his will in everything as he leads or shows me or gives an opportunity to do or say something that will advance the cause of Christ in any way possible. I find so many places where something really needs to be done, but I find it so hard to find a place where people will take God's Word. Apparently, they are anxious for all of his word, until they find out it just means a separation from sin and the devil and all of his ways. Then so many just can't turn loose the things that have them bound and tied down. I am glad that God saved me from sin and I am rejoicing in his love.

Can we not all as one body of Christ, just launch out in the faith of Jesus to the extent that the true light may shine in the hearts and souls of men and women now in this evening light? May God just help all to do their part. Pray for me that God will just keep me where he can use me to his glory. Also pray for wife, she is not so well. Pray God to give her faith to be completely healed. Yours in Him, A. G. Duncan

Paterson, N. J.—Dear Bro. and Sister Pruitt, I feel that I should write and send in my testimony for the Faith and Victory paper. Perhaps it may be of help to some one. Some time ago, I wrote to you, dear Sister Montress, and other saints to pray for me, as I had a very bad inward goiter and needed help from God. I want to thank you all for your prayers. God has answered prayer. He has healed me of the goiter and I do praise him. I went to the doctor about a week ago and had a test for the goiter. It came out normal. The doctor couldn't understand it, for they said I would have to be operated on. I told him it was God that answered prayer.

I still need prayer for my heart. It is very weak. I am trusting God to heal that, too. Please remember me in your prayers that I may be healed of that.

I trust you are all in good health and that souls are being saved. I have two sisters, both of them are unsaved. Please pray for them to be saved. With much love and prayers, Mrs. Ernest Vail.

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Rosewood, Ohio—Dear ones: Greetings in Jesus' dear name. I am writing to request prayer for my family and myself. I recently had a severe case of the flu. The Lord healed my body, but I am still weak.

I want to help bear the burdens of my dear brothers and sisters in the Lord. I would love to give all my time to the service of God. I get so many letters I cannot answer them all—some from every state. I feel that I am the least of God's saints, and realize we can do nothing of our own selves. All we have to do is stay pliable in the hands of God, for he is the Potter and we are the clay. "Know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost?" Oh, praise his holy name! he will guide us into all truth.

I received a telegram from a doctor's wife, recently, asking me to pray for her son who was in the hospital and very low with Sugar Diabetes. I took the telegram and went into the living room and laid it on my Bible and prayed. God healed him in answer to prayer. I received a letter from his dear mother asking me to pray for her and thanking me for healing her son—this was her way of expressing it. I answered her letter and told her to give God the glory for he was the one who healed her son.

Just last week I received a letter from Arkansas in which one said that you had sent her one of my booklets. Her mother had a cancer on the left side of her face. She asked me to anoint a cloth or handkerchief and send it to her to lay on her mother's face, so I anointed it, and prayed asking God to send his power with it. She applied it and soon after that her mother was in her room eating her breakfast. Her grandchild entered the room and found her grandmother sitting there holding the cancer in her hand. The daughter that wrote said she believes the eyeball came out with it and she asked me to pray that flesh would come back on her face. She said it left a big hole in her face. Will the saints please be agreed with me in behalf of that dear old mother? Where two agree as touching anything it shall be done. Praise his holy name. You know about the man which the Bible mentions having a withered hand. All he had to do was stretch it out and it was made whole, Lk. 6:10.

We are nearing the end of time. Amanda Jones

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Bogata, Texas—I have just lately heard the Lord's voice, "Follow me"; and "Come out of her my people" (Baptist sect). I am so thankful, words cannot express how thankful I am. He is so wonderful to me, I want to be his humble servant to the end. Pray for me, that I will go on to perfection. I have been justified and

healed by faith. I was delivered from darkness unto his marvelous light, and I praise his dear name for the same, but I have not yet received the Holy Ghost.

Love in Christ Jesus, Essie Moore.

Loranger, La.—Dear workers at the office and saints everywhere, Greetings of love in the precious name of Jesus. It has been a good while since I testified through the little paper, but I do thank the dear Lord that I can still say I am saved and encouraged to press the battle on for Jesus. It has been a number of years since I gave my heart to the Lord. As I look back over the past, I am made to thank the dear Lord more and more for his kind dealings with me. Truly, I can say He has been a real father unto me and I mean to be true to him till life on earth is ended. We know not what the years will bring, but one thing we are confident that God will be with us if to him we will be true. God is ever near his trusting children, although we don't see him, and sometimes we cannot feel him; but he is near, thank the Lord. And he knows our every heartache and pain. We may well say our troubles are his and he's waiting for us to cast them on him.

I do thank the Lord for his dear children. I love them more and more. The saints are the most precious people on the earth, and we do thank the Lord for each one, and for the love that flows from heart to heart. May the dear Lord in his tender love and mercy ever bless and keep every one faithful in this wicked age, is my prayer. Soon life will be ended and we can go to our long home that we have been working for, thank God.

I desire your prayers. Lottie Joiner.

Texico, N. M.—Dear saints and readers of the Faith and Victory, Greetings in Jesus' dear name. I feel this morning it would be pleasing to the dear Lord to send my testimony in for the paper. I am so thankful for victory in my soul today. I love Jesus and want to do his will regardless. Oh, the dear Lord is so good to me and my family, and has heard and answered prayer many times in our behalf. It seems there is so little I can do for him, but I love to do the little things that I feel he is pleased with. He so wonderfully blesses my soul by so doing, and I want to do more and more for him. By his help, I expect to. Dear ones, I feel like our time is short. Let us all try to do more for our dear Saviour who did so much for us. I can truthfully say, I have left all the world to live for Jesus.

Your sister in Christ, Stella Wilson.

Bakersfield, Calif.—Dear Saints: I thank the Lord for still being saved and being encouraged to keep saved. I have no desire to go back on God, but my desire is to do all I know to please God. I thank the Lord for how he saved me and how he keeps me saved each and every day of my life and how he put a willingness in my heart to ever live and be in this life what he would have me to be. I am real encouraged this evening to press my way through the many trials of life, realizing the prize is not given to the swift, neither the strong, but to those who endure to the end. We are living in perilous times, but I mean to go on for the Lord whatever it takes. Sometimes the tests and trials seem unbearable, but the Lord knows what is best and everything works together for the good to them that love the Lord. So I am one that desires all the saints to earnestly pray for me that I will ever be found faithful doing the little things the Lord would have me to do. I can't do very much, but I want to do that little to please the Lord. I want to thank the Lord for the saints here in this place, also for the young saints and for the young people's meeting

we have. I love to meet in young people's meeting and study and learn about the word of God. I am real interested in working and living for God. I am stirred as never before to live and be what God would have me to be. I want to be a bright light in this world. Pray much for me. Helen Gaines

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Giddings, Tex.—Dear Ones in Christ Jesus: I want to let you know your little paper "Faith and Victory" is always welcomed. Its contents is food to my hungry soul. Please send me one of your books of 1941, also one of the "Life Sketches of Mother Sarah Smith." I am enclosing one dollar. You may do as the Lord leads with the remainder. It is a very small donation, but is all I can help now. May God's richest blessings be upon all there, and may he lay it on the hearts of many to help keep the good work going on. I received the song book. Many thanks for it. Pray that I may be kept near the Lord at all times and to do his blessed will. And do remember all my family in your prayers. Some are on the broad road, which is very sad. Mrs. Tennie Stork.

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Jefferson, Ore.—I am praising God for salvation. I am saved and kept by the mighty power of God. I praise his holy name for the willingness and determination he gives me to follow him. My whole aim and desire is to live true to God at any cost. Oh it is so sweet to know my name is written in heaven.

We just held a week's meeting in Washington. There are just two families of saints there. They seem to be encouraged to press on to the end.

He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved, but he that believeth not shall be damned, and these signs shall follow them that believe; in my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; they shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick and they shall recover. Mark 16:16-18.

—Mrs. Lydia White

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Pueblo, Colo.—Faith Publishing Co.: I received your tracts and the Faith and Victory paper, and want to thank you for them as they are just what I have been wanting, for I have wanted to do something for Jesus my Saviour who has done so much for me. There is a saying that I believe is very much the same as the work you are doing for the Lord, and that saying is that the pen is mightier than the sword. It has been proven in the tracts that I have read—especially the one where seven men went singing into heaven. That proves that the love of God is mightier than any sword.

I am writing to let you know I haven't the money just now to send for the paper and more tracts. I am a widow with four sons.

I am a member of the Seventh Day Adventist organization at present, but I am not satisfied. You know the Bible tells us to try the spirits and see if they are of God, and I am almost convinced that the Adventist church is not the church that was purchased with the blood of Christ, for the Bible plainly tells us that the Church of God was purchased with the blood of Christ and the prayer that Jesus prayed was, "I will, Father, that they all be one even as we are one." And that is why the world is not being saved, because there are so many divisions. Jesus prayed, Keep through thine own name those whom thou hast given me . . . that the world may know that thou hast sent me." I believe the time has come for the prayer of Jesus to be answered.

I received the Holy Ghost baptism when I was just a girl, but there were so many churches I did not know

which one to unite with, but I believe my prayer is answered. I have been praying that God would reveal unto me the right church. By prayer and studying and through the tracts I received through my daughter-in-law, "The Church that Christ Built," I believe I have found the right church and I thank and praise my Savior for revealing this to me. In Christ, Mrs. Alice Tensly

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Marshall, Mich.—Dear Bro. Pruitt, Greetings in the name of our Lord. I feel led this morning to send in my testimony for the paper. I praise God for what he is to me. He is so wonderful! My soul is burdened as I look out on this old cold world of sin on every hand, and think, God, what can I do? I am old and disabled and not qualified to do much financially or spiritually only as the opportunity comes for me to cry aloud and spare not, which I mean to do with the help of God. There seems to be so little being done in our part of the world and I know of able ministers working in different places, freezing to death spiritually and souls passing out by the thousands unprepared to meet God. It reminds me of the 33rd chapter of Ezekiel, from the 7th to 9th verses. May God stir up his ministers to get busy. God promises to supply their needs. How shall they hear without a preacher? How shall they preach except they be sent? I see so many requests for help for soul and body. May God stir us up to get busy in these shaking times. Lack of prayer has put us where we are at this present time. God help me to do my little. There are so many things I would like to say, but space does not permit. I put the little article, "God Save America" which was in the little paper in hundreds of homes through our county paper. All that reads this, pray for us. We need your help. May God bless you all is our daily prayer.

Wm L. Van Zandt

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Natchitoches, La.—Dear ones in Christ, Greetings in Jesus' precious name. Today finds me saved and sanctified by the blood of Jesus, praise His name. I have so many things to be thankful for.

In March two of my children took sick with the sore mouth. One evening they grew worse and I felt that I needed help. Two of the saints from Hennessey, Okla. were here so I intended to send for them, but the good Lord sent them without any notice. They prayed for them and anointed them with oil and the dear Lord healed both of them, praise His name for ever.

On April 4th I scalded my foot very badly, but I was in the meeting Sunday. We had a wonderful meeting. I suffered much pain, but prayed and waited on the Lord for healing, and now I am thanking the good Lord for a well foot. Bro. Lewis Williams and wife did much work here for the Lord. They kept busy night and day. The Lord used them to his glory.

Pray for my young children.

The Faith and Victory paper is a great help to me. Yours in the one body, Carrie A. Washington

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Osyka, Miss.—Dear Bro. Pruitt, Greetings in Jesus' dear name. May the Lord ever bless you and the workers of the Lord's print shop in your work for him. We are thankful we can report victory over the devil. We are still enjoying the salvation of the Lord.

The power of the Lord is above all power we know. It doesn't matter what our needs are, He can supply them every one, praise his holy name. We have been trusting the Lord for both scul and body for almost four years, and He has supplied our needs. He has healed in our home many times, both our children and ourselves, praise His holy name. We would not think about changing the

four years we have lived for the Lord for any part or all of our life before we got saved.

We need the prayers of the saints that we ever know and do the will of the Lord. My wife needs the prayers of the saints that the Lord completely heal her. Almost everything she eats causes pains around her heart. She has spells at night with her heart. We don't know what it is, but we know the Lord can heal anything. Pray for us that we be encouraged to press on at all times. Your brother and sister in the Lord,

Clyde and Wilma Lea

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Florida State Prison, Raiford, Fla.—Faith Publishing House: This will acknowledge receipt at the State Prison of a package of printed matter. We are grateful to you for this unusual kindness, and while we cannot express in words how thankful we feel, we want you to know that you have helped us in our Lord's work at Raiford. Thanking you for your Christian charity and with best wishes for the Lord's blessing, I am,

Faithfully yours in Christ, L. A. Shepherd.

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State Prison, San Quentin, Calif.—Dear Sir: I had the pleasure of reading one of your publications some time ago, and found it very interesting indeed. Since that time, I have wondered whether to write you or not. But I feel sure that you can help me, altho if you do not care to commit yourself, perhaps the readers of your paper would.

The question before me is: How would the outside world feel toward a fellow whose only wish is to go into the church and study for the ministry; but he will have the stigma of the prison on him?

I am twenty-seven years of age, was born and reared in Missouri. In 1940 I came to California, and as many young men often do, made the cocktail lounges my home. After awhile my money was gone, and I began to write worthless checks. I was caught and sentenced to ten months in the Los Angeles county jail for forgery. Two months later I was charged with escaping from the custody of an officer, and very promptly sent to San Quentin Prison. I have been here fourteen months and am due out in November of this year. I am asking to be released so I may attend a theological seminary, instead of a regular job. I doubt if they will grant this request though.

At the present time I am an instructor in the prison school system. It is not so large as you would find on the outside, but we have nearly one thousand men attending daily classes, other study through correspondence. I get books from the state library and read as much as possible on doctrines, and theology in general. This is all I can do until I am released.

Any advice you or your readers can give me will be greatly appreciated. Thanking you in advance, and hoping to hear from you soon I remain,

Very truly yours, Jack Carmichael.

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Washington, D. C.—Dear Brother and Sister Pruitt: Greetings in Jesus' name. I am so glad that I met you. I always felt that the Lord had some true people in this world that live up to what they teach. I have been reading the paper for some time and it surely has been a help to me. A friend had it sent to us and it surely has been a God-sent blessing. The teachings in it is just what my heart has been craving. My heart says, amen, to the word of God. Bessie Harris.

HEAVENLY CALLING

In these fearful, restless times, when men's hearts are failing all over God's creation, it is sad indeed to note how few of the peoples of earth will seek the mercies and favor of God, which is the only hope that is offered to mankind—the great and eternal God, the one who made all things and who gives to all things life, the one who gives each person a living soul and provides the breath of life for each one that per chance we will choose the way of truth and eternal life which he offers free to all. While peoples and nations turn from him and his holy commandments, are taken captive by Satan and the powers of evil and deception, and are bringing on themselves swift destruction, yet God in his mercy offers peace and rest; not only in this life, but through eternity. God has proclaimed and sent out a universal call. In Isa. 55:1, we hear the words, "Ho, every one that thirsteth, COME ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money, and without price." God is no respecter of persons. Men and women of all nations, races, colors, in any condition of life may come and take the waters of life freely. The thief on the cross called on Jesus in his dying hour and found salvation. No man or woman has ever called on God with a whole heart that God did not answer.

In Matt. 11:28, Jesus while here on earth proclaimed the eternal call, "COME unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke [not some other yoke] upon you and learn of me; [why?] for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls." This same Jesus who opened a way that we may be saved and who made the above call, after he had suffered, bled, and died that he might give life to all who would come unto him, is now sitting at the right hand of the Father interceding that we may come; yea, all who will can find rest to their souls. Any soul who will hear and heed this call and come unto him with a whole heart, immediately has God and all the great white throne back of him through the pleading of his Son, that they may break the chains and fetters that bind them and through the power of Jesus' blood be set free, delivered, redeemed, and made partakers of the heavenly calling.

Millions have found this heavenly way by obeying the call. Bro. Charles Wesley expressed it in his inspired hymn, "Arise, my soul, arise, Shake off thy guilty fear [There was nothing to be afraid of.] The bleeding sacrifice in my behalf appears; Before the throne my security stands, My name is written by his hands." When we through obeying God's Word get in touch with the eternal things, then earthly things begin to melt away. How glorious it is to all who will heed the call, for when we come to him with a whole heart he will in no wise cast out. And

as the writer of the above hymn exclaimed in another verse, "His Spirit answers [or witnesses] to the blood, And tells me I am born of God." It never fails; it never did fail; it never will. When men and women will heed the call, "COME," and will obey God, he will never fail to witness to that soul that they are born again. It could not be otherwise, because he says that if any one will sup with him, he will sup with them, and he will give living water which shall be in one a well of water flowing up unto eternal life and whosoever takes of this water shall never thirst.

When we meet the conditions of the call, "COME" the Spirit of God takes up his abode within us, and we no longer live unto ourselves, but the life that we now live, we live by the power of the Son of God. It is a new life, a different life, a higher life, one of peace and rest in him, knowing that in him all is well. It is eternal life, and our souls are connected with the throne of God. We are born, not of the flesh, nor the will of man, but by the power of his blood, and are in the family of God, part of which is on earth and part in heaven. Yet all heaven is back of us. Why? Because we heard and obeyed the call.

Again in Rev. 22:17, we find this glorious invitation: "And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will let him take the water of life freely." All glory and praise to God, this reaches even to me; yea, to each of us. The Spirit, which is the Holy Ghost, that God sent into the world to reprove men of sin and righteousness and judgment to come, that Spirit reproves often. In the revelry of sinful things, the Spirit speaks in warning; in the stillness of night, the still small voice calls. The Spirit says, Come. The bride says, Come. The bride, which is the church of God, including all the redeemed of heaven and earth, every one of them say, Come. Even the new-born babes in Christ say, Come. How often we see souls just as soon as they are born from above, begin to plead with their loved ones. Oh, come. There is great rejoicing around the throne of God over every lost soul who will heed the call to come. If we fail to heed and follow the high calling that heaven offers each one of us, we simply choose to be lost. "Have you heard the invitation? Oh, how wonderful the grace. Heaven offers full redemption, And a crown of perfect peace."

Prov. 8:1-4, we hear what the Spirit of wisdom demands of men. "Doth not wisdom cry? and understanding put forth her voice? She standeth in the top of the high places, by the way in the places of the paths; She crieth at the gates, at the entry of the city, at the coming in at the doors, Unto you, O men, I call; and my voice is to the sons of man." If we would only take notice, how true we would see

this scripture fulfilled every day. We work with and among men who know not God and who seem only to think of sinful things, yet often we hear remarks that prove the voice of God (or wisdom) is calling; such as, "I know I should do better," etc. It warns in all places, in the temple of kings and nobles and in all high places—calling, still calling to the sons of man. King Agrippa heard it in Paul's day and exclaimed, "Almost thou persuadest me to be a Christian." The thief on the cross heard it and cried, "Lord, remember me." The king turned away the call, the thief heeded and plead for mercy.

Amid all the wickedness that is in the world, and the human suffering and woe, still the still small voice cries, Come. Mercy still pleads, heaven offers peace and a crown of life, yet the gods of this world, greed and lust are blinding the eyes of the millions of people until, oh, so few will seek the only way of escape that is offered to mankind. Heaven offers to all a crown, hell and earth are moved to cast us down. Truly, the most perilous times are upon us, and the powers of darkness is stronger arrayed than ever before, and it means for each child of God to see to it that we have on the whole armor of God, as that is the only way anyone will be able to stand.

—Sam Wilson.

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SIN

Sin is an evil that has made its mark and has caused its influence to be felt by the entire human race. There is not a man or woman, not a boy or a girl but has in some way come under the influence of sin. The scripture has concluded all under sin. Sin prevails everywhere we go, and is causing heartaches, misery, woe, sadness, and disappointments, all down the avenue of life. Many that are bound by its fetters have given up hope of being made free, and they seem to think that the entire world is living in sin. They do not know that there has been a plan perfected whereby men can be made free. I find some people who do not clearly understand what sin is. They say we sin by eating, we sin by drinking, and some have gone so far to say every breath we draw is sin.

But what is sin? This is a question that should interest every candid minded person. I know of no better source of information on this subject than the Word of God.

What is sin? The Word of God says, "Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law, for sin is the transgression of the law." 1 Jno. 3:4. "Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin." James 4:17. We see by the foregoing texts what the Bible calls sin. When we transgress God's law and knowingly do wrong or walk contrary to the Word we are sinners. "All unrighteousness is sin." 1 John 5:17a.

Who have sinned? Well, we shall let the scriptures answer this question also, as they are proven authority.

In Romans 3:23 we read, "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God." And again in Gal. 3:23 we find, "But the scripture hath concluded all under sin, that the promise by faith of Jesus Christ might be given to them that believe." All have sinned—all are under sin, guilt and condemnation—therefore God demands, or hath commanded that all men repent and seek after the Lord while he may be found and call upon him while he is near; for the longer one lives in sin, the farther they are separated from God. Oh that men could see the horribleness, and the wretchedness of sin, and seek for deliverance while help is near. There are two great Spirits in the world, and every individual is influenced by one or the other of the Spirits or beings. One is the Spirit of God, and the other is the spirit of the Devil. One cannot follow both at the same time. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.

This brings us to confront another question, which is: Of what spirit are those who sin? The holy writ will give us a clear answer to this question. "He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning, For this purpose was the Son of God manifest, that he might destroy the works of the devil." 1 Jno. 3:8.

We see then that sinners work the works of the devil. Jesus said to the unbelieving Jews, "Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do, he was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar and the father of it." Jno. 8:44.

Those who live in sin do the lusts of their father. They accomplish the works of the devil, fulfil the desires and lusts of the flesh.

Can those who sin enter heaven? We have been taught that Heaven is a holy place, into which the least degree of sin can have no admittance. We still want the Word of God to give us light on this subject. Can those who cling to sin enter Heaven?

"Then said Jesus unto them, I go my way, and ye shall seek me, and shall die in your sins. Whither I go ye cannot come." John 8:21. We read also in Gal 5:19-21, "Now the works of the flesh are manifest which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God." Here we find a catalog of the outstanding sins of the time. While space would not permit the naming of every one in detail, the apostle concludes by saying, "and such like." An act that is of the nature of the above

named sins and prompted by the lust of the flesh is sin or the works of the devil, and they who practise the same cannot enter heaven.

What must I do then? says one. How can I escape? I have made resolutions; I have tried to quit this habit and that habit, and don't seem to be getting anywhere. How can I deliver myself?

There is a way of deliverance, but it is not found in the individual. Can one deliver himself? No; not by his own power or wisdom or strength. "Can the Ethiopian change his skin, or the leopard his spots? then may ye also do good that are accustomed to do evil." Jer. 13:23.

Through what source or power then may one find deliverance? "For they themselves shew of us what manner of entering in we had unto you, and how ye turned to God from idols, to serve the living and true God and to wait for his Son from heaven whom he raised from the dead, even Jesus, which delivered us from the wrath to come." 1 Thes. 1:9, 10a. "Giving thanks unto the Father which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light: who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son." Col. 1:12, 13.

"And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood, out of every kindred, and tongue and people." Rev. 5:9.

So we see it is by the divine power of God that one may be delivered from sin through the great sacrifice of his Son Jesus, who gave his life on Calvary. There the fountain was opened for sin and for uncleanness. "Ye must be born again." "Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin, for his seed remaineth in him and he cannot sin because he is born of God." 1 John 3:9. "The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life." —Ulysses Phillips

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A Message to Mothers

This is a loving message to mothers concerning their duty to their innocent children. Much is being written about the undressed condition of women, but very little is said about the innocent children. I have seen and preached against (but to no avail) the awful crime mothers are committing against their innocent children, not only by their example in dress, but more especially in neglecting to watch over them before they come to the mature knowledge of life. Little girls are sent out into the world naked from their little socks almost to their waist, covered only with a scanty under garment (?) and a make-belief skirt, thus exposing their half-clad innocent body to the lust of the white slave traffic shark. They know nothing of modesty. Who is to blame? Can it be possible to produce a generation of modest

women from these immodest, undressed children? It cannot be done. Mothers, for the sake of your innocent child, wake up. You take too much for granted; you think your little ones are all right when out playing with other little girls and boys. "Oh, their innocence will take them through" (you think). Don't deceive yourself. I wish I could tell you all I know about it.

I will tell you a few things that I hope will open the eyes of care-less mothers.

When I was an innocent little boy at home, girls came to my home to play with brother and me. The girls were from 6 to 8 years old and I was 5. We would go out in the woods and play, keeping house which we built of sticks, and our beds of moss. Right here one little girl only 6 years old taught me things that I did not understand, which aroused my curiosity to know more of life. If it had not been for the good example of my dear sainted mother, I might have been a ruined boy. As it was in later years I had a dislike in my heart for fast girls. The down-fall of almost all girls can be traced to the evil seed sown in their hearts in childhood.

I was acquainted with one of the prettiest girls that ever walked the streets of Muskegon, Mich. From the time she was a little child she was permitted to go at will unprotected. The result was, in her early teens she fell. She had disgraced her home, and her parents drove her from home. After a time she became homesick and wanted to live a pure life. She went home and begged to stay, only to be driven away again to live an immoral life the rest of her days, condemned by the people. No doubt, she will curse her mother throughout eternity. Who was to blame? I could tell you of many instances similar to this. While unsaved myself I can remember giving good advice to young girls of my acquaintance, such as I would want others to give my sisters. If it were not for the sake of others who need good advice I would be glad to forget my past experiences.

If right examples were set before the young, we would have a better world. I have some men in my mind of whom I wish to speak who had acquired the drink habit at home. One of them while drunk killed his two-year old son—kicked his brains out, and of course, was condemned to die. Another, my neighbor, when a boy was given a slice of bread and butter and a glass of beer and sent to work till breakfast. He died a drunkard. Who was responsible? Mother. Another young man killed his wife whom he loved, and knew nothing of it till he sobered up and found himself under arrest and condemned to die for murder. This same judge was formerly a sport with this young man and was guilty of tempting him with the accursed cup. With his last breath the young man accused the judge of the murder, saying that he would stand accused before the great Judge of all. Was he right? Certainly so. Like-

wise you mothers that are guilty of gross neglect, for not properly clothing, teaching, and protecting your little ones, if they fall because of your neglect, you are just as guilty as the tempter that condemned the murderer to die.

I am not saying all mothers are guilty on these lines, but many are guilty on the undressed condition today. The seed of immodesty is planted in the heart of innocent little girls almost from their infancy, which often results in premature marriages or illegitimate children. Then these unhappy girls are looked down on by the same mothers who are partly or wholly responsible for their down-fall. Often the result of such unhappy marriages is divorce and remarrying out of divine order. Then those who have been so deceived into unscriptural marriages are also looked down upon by some who are just as guilty before God on other lines. I heard one preacher say from the pulpit, "We should not be kind to or show any degree of respect to those in double marriage." Did Jesus give that message? There is only one sin against the Holy Ghost. "The measure of our light is the measure of our responsibility." We are authorized by the word to preach against and keep all out of double marriages, but nowhere are we taught to be unkind to those who are so entangled.

Fathers, take your share of this great responsibility. You and mothers are life partners. Stand together in life's problems. I pray God to carry this message to the hearts of every father and mother.

—G. E. Harmon

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AN EDITOR'S CONFESSION

Ever since the Lord saved me over twenty-five years ago, I have had a deep desire to always be like Christ and to please him in everything; and I know to be like Him and to please him we must keep his sayings and obey his teachings. If one carefully obeys the word it will utterly destroy the selfish life and the "big I" nature. The more we follow on to please the Lord, the more we find that his ways are far different from our ways. Jesus says, and I, if I be lifted up from the earth will draw all men unto me." John 12:32.

We should be dead to these earthly houses that Christ may be lifted up so men can see Him and be drawn unto him. To injure, slur, slander, or lie on our fellow man would only be the fruits of the "old man," the carnal nature, and would draw no one to Christ.

Since there is so much wickerness and evil working false prophets in the world of late years, our desire to be more like Christ has increased that men may be drawn to him, and our soul's desire is to say nothing that would injure our fellow man in any way.

Jesus says, in Matt. 10:16, "Behold, I send you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves: be ye therefore wise as serpents and harmless as doves." This is the scripture that convicts me and I realize that I have not been as harmless as a dove toward all of my fellow creatures, for a dove would not retaliate or injure in the least its assailant, no matter if the treatment was brutal or unfair.

In my position, I do an immense quantity of writing, and correspond with a multitude of souls. It is impossible for me to remember to whom and what all I have written, so I take this method of asking you to forgive me of anything I have written, said, or done that would offend or injure you in the least. If I have injured any one by word or deed, if you will tell me about it, what it is and how I can rectify the wrong I will gladly do so.

Jesus says in Matt. 5:44, "But I say unto you love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you, that ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven." By the grace and help of God I am doing this and shall continue to obey His teachings as He gives knowledge and understanding.

Brothers and sisters, we need your prayers, for Jesus says again in Matt. 7:15, "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. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles " According to this statement of Christ's, our worst enemies will be those that make a profession of holiness. They will be very lamb-like around you just as long as they can use you for selfish advantage, but if you get in their way they will be ready to thorn and nettle you. So we earnestly ask you to pray for us that we be wise as a serpent and as harmless as a dove.

In Psalms 15th chapter and third verse, we read that we are not to take up a reproach against our neighbor. Our neighbor would be any man or woman, saved or unsaved, and if we do such a thing we cannot dwell in his holy hill or abide in his tabernacle. Read the whole chapter and let us practise the truth contained therein. In Titus 3:2, we read, "To speak evil of no man, to be no brawlers, but gentle, showing all meekness unto all men." Dear children of God, we beseech you to look to Jesus for grace and wisdom to abide in these truths, being wise as a serpent and harmless as a dove, endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace, and walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called, with all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love. Eph. 4:1, 2, 3.

—Fred Pruitt

RISEN WITH CHRIST

"If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above." Col. 2:1. "How can two walk together except they be agreed?" Amos 3:3. If anyone walks with God, he must be God-like. God-like is to be holy. No one can have fellowship with God if he is not holy; for He says, "Be ye holy, for I am holy." For one to be holy he must walk with God. He says, "This is the way, walk ye in it." If the Christian walks with God he will walk by the standard that God has given, praise the Lord. See Leviticus 20:7. When one is risen with Christ, he then is in Christ or Christ-like. He then has put on Christ by being born again—born of God by a spiritual birth. He now is a new man, for a new life has come in. It is a risen life in Christ. Now His affections are wholly set on things above and he daily seeks after the things of God, the things that are divinely pure and holy. His life is hid with Christ in God and it is the Christ-like life that is being lived.

The Christian life that he is now living is a spiritual life, and the Christ that he is risen with is seated on the right hand of God; so that the Christian's affections are on things above and not on earthly things. The Christian's life is now hid with Jesus Christ. The old worldly life of sin is not seen any more. It has been destroyed by the new risen life of Christ Jesus. He says, "Beloved, now are we the sons of God." How did we become the sons of God? Only by a spiritual birth, born of God. Then we are risen with Christ in God. He continues, "And it doth not yet appear what we shall be, but we know that when he shall appear, we shall be like him for we shall see him as he is. And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure." The children of God are pure and holy if they are in Christ Jesus who is the way. All who are saved are risen with him by a spiritual birth. It is then we are made new creatures in Christ and hid away with Christ and walking together so that when Christ shall appear then we shall appear with him in glory, because we have walked with him, hand in hand in this short life.

This is the Christ-like life lived out by his saved children so that they become the light of the world united together, builded together into one body, striving together, all of one mind, the mind of Christ. All are in one way, the way of life. All have one name, the saints of God, living a pure clean life, a sanctified, holy life, a life that is in unity and fellowship with God. This is the only life that will shine out to this dark world. It is the glorious light of the gospel that is so greatly needed today, and Jesus said, "Let your light so shine." Matt. 5:16.

Then in verse 14 of Matt 16th chapter, "Ye are the light of the world." The light has been too much hidden by the world. "If I be lifted up," said the

dear Lord, "I will draw all men unto me." This is the grand old highway, the way of holiness, a heavenly way on which the sun is always shining with a beautiful light. Amen. —F. W. Spaur

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What Has Become of The Old Fashioned Girl?

Some time ago while standing on the streets of a certain city watching a parade pass by, our attention was drawn to a certain wagon in the parade. In it were girls dressed like the old fashion girls. A street car motorman standing beside us remarked: "They do not have that sweet, innocent look that the old fashioned girl had." How true that is. You can look into faces of many of our modern girls today and see there a bold look and lines of unhappiness drawn across their faces. It is the result of a life of sin.

What an awful decline there has been in womanhood in the last few years, since they have taken up cigarette smoking, drinking of beer, and the ungodly modern dress.

Many of our good women and girls are wearing dresses that only the harlot wore a few years back.

Satan is the author of modern dress. He creates styles that are flashy to attract attention; form-fitting, sleeveless and backless dresses that show their form. He knows the weakness of man and by this many are tempted to sin.

Many girls have been ruined because they were not properly dressed before the young men they were going with.

In an article just recently published there was this true fact brought out in it: That little boys and girls are being dressed today almost nude through the summer months. When they grow up to be young men and women they will think nothing of it to continue to dress this same way.

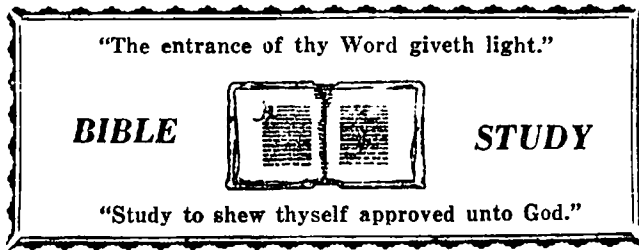
May God open the eyes of fathers and mothers to the evil that comes from this manner of dress.

Thousands of young men and women each year are dragged down to a life of shame and disgrace as a result of this almost nudist dress, and they will spend their eternity in a devil's hell. —Sel.

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Mark 15:33. And when the sixth hour was come, there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour.

34. And at the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani? which is, being interpreted, My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?

Luke 23:33. And when they were come to the place, which is called Calvary, there they crucified him, and the malefactors, one on the right hand, and the other on the left.

34. Then said Jesus, Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do. And they parted his raiment, and cast lots.

35. And the people stood beholding. And the rulers also with them derided him, saying, He saved others; let him save himself, if he be Christ, the chosen of God.

36. And the soldiers also mocked him, coming to him and offering him vinegar.

37. And saying, If thou be the King of the Jews, save thyself.

38. And a superscription also was written over him in letters of Greek, and Latin, and Hebrew, **THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS.**

39. And one of the malefactors which were hanged railed on him, saying, If thou be Christ, save thyself and us.

40. But the other answering rebuked him, saying, Dost not thou fear God, seeing thou art in the same condemnation?

41. And we indeed justly; for we receive the due reward of our deeds: but this man hath done nothing amiss.

42. And he said unto Jesus, Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom.

43. And Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, Today shalt thou be with me in paradise.

44. And it was about the sixth hour, and there was a darkness over all the earth until the ninth hour.

45. And the sun was darkened, and the veil of the temple was rent in the midst.

46. And when Jesus had cried with a loud voice, he said, Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit: and having said thus, he gave up the ghost.

Golden Text: "He was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement

of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed." Isaiah 53:5.

Practical Truth: Christ's words on the cross reveal forgiveness, suffering, tenderness, and triumph.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

The agony and suffering of Jesus cannot be over emphasized or stretched by human language. The creation of the world had been done very easily—by speaking the word which brought all things into existence—but man's redemption from his fallen state of sin and the clutches of Satan was no easy task. It meant that God's Son, though rich should become poor that we through his poverty might be made rich, and the Prince of Life had to die for us that we might live through Him. He who knew no sin was made sin for us that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him. "His own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness; by whose stripes ye were healed."

Until a person is saved and sanctified by faith in the blood of Jesus, he can not begin to realize why Jesus died, and what was accomplished through his death.

John 19:25-30 should be studied in connection with this lesson because our topic is "Christ's Words on the Cross," and some of these are recorded in John.

The first were words of forgiveness. He had been greatly wronged, but he was not moved to defend self in any way; not even to place a curse upon those who treated him so shamefully. He knew that they were only acting in obedience to their master (Satan) and his purpose was to break the power of Satan and win his subjects by love, not by force. Even a very moral person today is just as much the enemy of Christ as were these who crucified Him, but His love is extended still to those who in ignorance are crucifying the Lord of Glory, and he says, "Whosoever will may come."

The promise to the dying thief reveals his power to forgive sins and his power over souls after their departure from the body.

Simeon's prophecy to Mary that a sword should pierce through her own soul was now being fulfilled. The tenderness and sympathy of Jesus was revealed as he endeavored to provide loving care for her after he was gone. One might wonder why she went to live with John when she had other boys who should have cared for her. Jesus' brethren were still unbelievers, and a saved person can never feel as welcome in the home of an unsaved person as a saved one, even though the unsaved one is a near relative.

The words, "I thirst," and "My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?" reveal his humanity.

The words, "It is finished," and "Father into thy hands I commend my spirit" are words of victory. The plan of Salvation had been completed, he had endured unto the end.

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SUNDAY: THE RISEN CHRIST AND HIS DISCIPLES

Sunday, June 14, 1942

Daily Readings and Meditations

June 8 to June 13.

- M. The empty tomb John 20:1-10.
 T. Reality of the resurrection Luke 24:33-43.
 W. The promise of power Acts 1:1-9.
 T. The ascension Luke 24:50-53.
 F. Highly exalted Phil. 2:5-11.
 S. Alive for evermore Rev. 1:9-18.

Printed PortionLuke 24:33-48.

Luke 24:33. And they rose up the same hour, and returned to Jerusalem, and found the eleven gathered together, and them that were with them,

34. Saying, The Lord is risen indeed, and hath appeared to Simon.

35. And they told what things were done in the way, and how he was known of them in breaking of bread.

36. And as they thus spake, Jesus himself stood in the midst of them, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you.

37. But they were terrified and affrighted, and supposed that they had seen a spirit.

38. And he said unto them, Why are ye troubled? and why do thoughts arise in your hearts?

39. Behold my hands and my feet, that it is I myself: handle me, and see; for a spirit hath not flesh and bones, as ye see me have.

40. And when he had thus spoken, he shewed them his hands and his feet.

41. And while they yet believed not for joy, and wondered, he said unto them, Have ye here any meat?

42. And they gave him a piece of a broiled fish, and of an honeycomb.

43. And he took it, and did eat before them.

44. And he said unto them, These are the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms, concerning me.

45. Then opened he their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures,

46. And said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day:

47. And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.

48. And ye are witnesses of these things.

Golden Text: "Ye are witnesses of these things." Luke 24:48.

Practical Truth: We have a living Christ who understands our needs and is able to supply them.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

The class should read all of the 24th chapter of Luke, for it all deals with the risen Christ.

In the first verse of our printed portion "they" has reference to the two disciples with whom Jesus walked on the way to Emmaus, to whom he had expounded the scripture, and with whom he had stopped to eat, then vanished from their sight. These two disciples then went back to Jerusalem (about 4 or five miles) to tell the good news to others. We do not know just what disciples are meant by "the eleven" because we know Judas was not there and John 20 says Thomas was not there. But who ever it was we do know they were all concerned about the same thing—the risen Christ. His appearance to Peter had convinced them that Jesus had risen from the dead. We do not have a detailed record of this appearance in the Bible, but Paul speaks of it in 1 Cor. 15:5.

Jesus had told them that these things would happen but they had not understood his sayings, and now they were excited. This was night, for the 29th verse tells us it was evening when Jesus stopped with them at Emmaus. So they were probably in a dimly lighted room, and the mysterious appearance of a white clad form in the room naturally caused them to be frightened. But Jesus proceeded to quiet their fears by some "infallible proofs"

that he had risen as he had said he would. The seeing of these things put within their hearts a burning zeal to be witnesses unto others, who were not privileged to see, but who, Jesus said, would be blessed if they believed. We do not see how any sane man who has read about these things and considered how utterly ridiculous it is to accuse the disciples of imagining them when it was something far different to what they had expected and something they would not believe until it was proven to them, can remain an unbeliever. A believer of today can have more than just the record which the disciples left; he can experience some of the same thrills that they did. When they talked with Jesus their hearts burned within them, when they were troubled Jesus spoke peace to them, and their understanding was opened so they could understand the scriptures. A believer today can experience the same things.

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THE TASK COMMITTED TO THE DISCIPLES

Sunday, June 21, 1942

Daily Readings and Meditations

June 15 to June 20.

M. The great commission Matt. 28:16-20.

T. Stirring up the gift of God 2 Tim. 1:14.

W. Preparation for service Eph. 4:1-16.

T. Philip and the Ethiopian Acts 8:26-40.

F. Come . . . and help us Acts 16:6-10.

S. Approved unto God 2 Tim. 2:14-16.

Printed PortionMatt. 28:16-20; Mark 16:14-20; Luke 24:49-53.

Matt. 28:16. Then the eleven disciples went away into Galilee, into a mountain where Jesus had appointed them.

17. And when they saw him, they worshipped him: but some doubted.

18. And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.

19. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost:

20. Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

Mark 16:14. Afterward he appeared unto the eleven as they sat at meat, and upbraided them with their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they believed not them which had seen him after he was risen.

15. And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.

16. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.

17. And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues;

18. They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.

19. So then, after the Lord had spoken unto them, he was received up into heaven, and sat on the right hand of God.

20. And they went forth, and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following. Amen.

Luke 24:49. And behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high.

50. And he led them out as far as Bethany, and he lifted up his hands, and blessed them.

51. And it came to pass, while he blessed them, he was parted from them, and carried up into heaven.

52. And they worshipped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy:

53. And were continually in the temple, praising and blessing God. Amen.

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

Practical truth: Christ expects us to carry on the work which he began.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

In last Sunday's lesson the disciples began to understand about Christ's true greatness and his mission to earth, but it still was a puzzle to some. They had expected him to deliver them from bondage to the Romans, and were very much disappointed when, seemingly, he was defeated by his enemies. But his resurrection was so much more wonderful than anything they had expected that their human minds could not accept it until they received the Spirit of God on the day of Pentecost. But it is not likely that the doubters were any of those to whom he had appeared in Jerusalem.

Jesus has all power, but he works through human instruments. Some get saved and settle down to their old accustomed way of living, deceiving themselves with the thought that they have nothing to do but to look to Jesus. True, that is the first thing a person must do, but after that there is more to do—"Go ye," is Jesus' command; also "teaching them to observe ALL THINGS whatsoever I have commanded you." Men have found many things in the Word of God that they call "non-essentials." Jesus did not recognize them as such when he said "all things." The husbandman must first be partaker of the fruit. One must observe all things before he can teach others to do it.

It would be good to make a list of some of his commandments to see if you are observing all things. It seems that the following are easy to forget: forgiving others, assembling together, speaking evil of no man, the giving up of all idle words, feet washing, the holy kiss, lifting up of holy hands, giving thanks in everything, etc.

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ALCOHOL FACTS VERSUS DRINKING PROPAGANDA

Sunday, June 28, 1942.

Daily Readings and Meditations

June 22 to June 27.

- M. Truth about alcohol Prov. 20:1; 23:29-35.
- T. Alcohol, the enemy of the mind Dan. 1:8-20.
- W. Alcohol a source of poverty Prov. 31:4-7.
- T. Alcohol and race welfare Isa. 5:11, 12, 24.
- F. A temple of God 1 Cor. 3:12-17.
- S. Liquor a stumbling-block 1 Cor. 8:9-13.

Printed PortionProv. 21:17; 23:32; Isa. 5:20-23; Hosea 4:11; Joel 3:2, 3; Eph. 5:18.

Prov. 21:17. He that loveth pleasure shall be a poor man: he that loveth wine and oil shall not be rich.

23:32. At the last it biteth like a serpent and stingeth like an adder.

Isa. 5:20. Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter.

21. Woe unto them that are wise in their own eyes, and prudent in their own sight!

22. Woe unto them that are mighty to drink wine,

and men of strength to mingle strong drink:

23. Which justify the wicked for reward, and take away the righteousness of the righteous from him!

Hosea 4:11. Whoredom and wine and new wine take away the heart.

Joel 3:2. I will also gather all nations, and will bring them down into the valley of Jehosaphat, and will plead with them there for my people and for my heritage Israel, whom they have scattered among the nations, and parted my land.

3. And they have cast lots for my people; and have given a boy for an harlot, and sold a girl for wine, that they might drink.

Eph. 5:18. "And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit.

Golden Text: "If sinners entice thee, consent thou not." Prov. 1:10.

Practical Truth: The truth about alcohol cannot be learned from liquor propaganda.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

The Lord says, "Come let us reason together." When human beings are bound by Satan and sin they are willing to reason with anyone but the Lord. Often we hear, seemingly intelligent people voice their resentment against the plain teachings of the Bible on the subject of drinking intoxicating beverages, when if they would be honest they would have to say that the results of drinking are evil and only evil. The good feeling that it seems to give is very deceptive.

The Lord reasons like this:

"Who hath woe?

Who hath sorrow?

Who hath contentions?

Who hath babbling?

Who hath wounds without cause?

Who hath reddness of eyes?

Answer: "They that tarry long at the wine." And to the first, second, fifth, and sixth questions, in addition to the Lord's answer we would add "the poor wives and children of those who tarry long at the wine."

Those who seek to make a profit through the sale of liquor say:

Who has pleasure?

Who feels refreshed?

Who can forget trouble?

Who has good health?

Who's brain is quick to act?

Who has surplus energy?

Their answer: "They that drink our alcoholic beverages."

Are you going to reason with the Lord and believe him or let the saloon keeper reason you into believing a lie so he can get your money?

Some say that the Bible only condemns those who "tarry long at the wine," so it is all right to drink a little. But it also says, "Look not upon the wine when it is red, when it giveth his colour in the cup, when it moveth itself aright. At last it biteth like a serpent and stingeth like an adder." One would not think of taking chances with an adder (poisonous snake) that they do with alcohol. If all had been total abstainers instead of temperate drinkers, there would never have been a drunkard.

It is a fact that a self-righteous person who does not drink nor have any habits which are harmful to the physical body will go to hell with the drunkard if he rejects God's plan of salvation; but when one observes God's laws for the body, they are in a much better condition to accept His laws for the soul.