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### That Which Was Lost

To seek and to save the things that were lost,  
Jesus came down from His mansion on high.  
He suffered and died, thus paying the cost  
That poor sinful mortals may live and not die.

In meekness and love, his mercy was shed  
On the poor and afflicted that fall by the way;  
He healed the blind eyes, and raised up the dead,  
And searched for lost sheep that had wandered astray.

He left in the fold the ninety and nine,  
To search for the one on the mountain side bare.  
He found it half dead, and bound up its wounds,  
And returned it again to the good Shepherd's care.

The thorns that had pierced its tender bare feet  
Were marked by the blood drops along the rough way.  
The good Shepherd tracks us by the blood that we  
shed,  
When we, like the sheep, have wandered astray.

He taketh us up, in his strong, loving arms  
And carries us back to the good Shepherd's fold  
Away from the desert path where thorns pierced our  
feet;  
Far away from the mountain peak, lonely and cold.

The thorns that have wounded our wandering feet  
As we traveled in darkness the bleak desert road,  
Once pierced the fair brow of our Saviour so sweet,  
While carrying his cross, fell under the load.

Let us follow our Saviour in sunshine or rain  
That all worldly pleasures be counted but loss;  
Thus bear all reproaches, enduring the pain,  
That we be found faithful bearing our cross.  
—Jeff Turner

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### The Second Coming of Christ

"And when he had spoken these things, while  
they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received

him out of their sight. And while they looked stedfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel; [now notice what these men said] which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner, as ye have seen him go into heaven." Acts 1:9-11. Notice it says, he will come in like manner. He was caught up in a cloud, and that is the way he is coming back.

Notice John 14:1-3, "Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions. If it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also." He said he would go and prepare a place for us. That doesn't sound like he was going to set up a literal kingdom here on this earth, does it? No, dear reader, Jesus will never set his foot on this earth again, but we do know he is coming again.

Let us read Matt. 16:27 and notice the purpose of his coming. "For the Son of man shall come in the glory of his Father with his angels; and then he shall reward every man according to his works."

Notice, this is at his coming and not a thousand years later; but he will reward every man, both saint and sinner, the very day that he comes.

The day is set, also the hour for his coming. John 5:28, 29, "Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which [in the hour] all that are in the graves shall hear his voice and shall come forth." Notice, it is ALL that are in the graves that will hear his voice and will come forth; not just a certain few as some would have us believe, and then a thousand years later the rest of the dead would come forth. The text says very plainly that ALL will come forth at the same time, and we must believe it is that way.

Now notice Matt. 25:31-34, 41-46. "When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory: and before him shall be gathered all na-

tions: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats: and he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left." The separation will take place at his coming. "Then shall the king say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world." Notice, we inherit this kingdom he is speaking of. "Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels."

"And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal." Dear reader, you can see plainly that both classes are to receive their reward at the same time.

Notice, it will be the separation day, to separate the good from the bad, and everybody will be there, both young and old, small and great. Rev. 20:11-15, "And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them." Jesus could not set up a kingdom on the earth if the earth fled away and no place was found for it, as this scripture plainly teaches. So the teaching that he is going to set up a kingdom when he comes is a false teaching. His kingdom is not a literal kingdom, it is a spiritual kingdom. Rom. 14:17, "For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost." He says his kingdom is not of this world. John 18:36, "Jesus answered: If my kingdom were of this world, then would my servants fight, that I should not be delivered to the Jews; but now is my kingdom not from hence.

ALL the dead will be raised at the same time, at his coming. Rev. 20:12-15. "And I saw the dead small and great stand before God: and the books were opened; and another book was opened, which is the book of life; and the dead [all the dead] were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works." ALL stood before him; not just the righteous, but both righteous and sinners.

The coming of Christ will be the last day. John 11:23-24, "Martha saith unto him, I know that he shall rise again in the resurrection at the last day" So Martha understood that the resurrection day would be the last day. Now if it is the last day; there will be no other day. Notice John 6:39, 40, "This is the Father's will which hath sent me, that of all which he hath given me that I should lose nothing, but should raise it up again at the last day. And this is the will of him that sent me, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last day Now the 44th verse: "No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him: and

I will raise him up at the last day." Verse 54: "Who-so eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, hath eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day."

Everyone will see him when he comes. Rev. 1:7, "Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him, and they also which pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him. Even so, Amen." 2 Thess. 1:7-10, "And you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels, in flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ: who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power. When he shall come to be glorified in his saints, and to be admired in all them that believe (because our testimony among you was believed) in that day." All will be there. Rom. 14:10, "We shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ."

2 Cor. 5:10, "For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ: that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad." Reader, you can see by these texts that both the good and bad will receive their reward at the same time and it will be at his coming; not later, for there will be no other day when he comes. All will be there, but no one knows the day nor the hour when he shall come." Matt. 24:36. But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no not the angels of heaven, but my Father only." Verses 37 and 38, "But as the days of Noe were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the Ark, and knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; So shall also the coming of the Son of man be."

That will be a sad time for the wicked, but a joyful time to those that are saved. Praise the Lord!

Sinner why not make your peace with God now, while you have time and an opportunity?

—U. G. Nave

Dear Sir: Many thanks for the large package of tracts. Every one is most useful. I hear through a soldier of sorrow and crying of many in his camp, and wonder if you think this verse printed would help them. It is by J. Dawson Smith.

"Dear boys, whate'er your lot may be,  
High in the air, on land or sea—  
This know—that Christ for sinners died;  
On Calvary's cross was crucified:  
Died at the hands of men 'tis true—  
Yet died for men, for me—for you:  
Died willingly, sin's debt to pay;  
On Him the guilt of mankind lay.  
And he who looks—accepts—believes—  
Eternal life at once receives."

## Gifts And Calling Of The Lord

To the glory of God I wish to give some of my experiences, which have been many since I am now seventy-five years old.

The first knowledge of God that I can remember was when I was seven years old. My brother and I were sitting by the house watching beautiful flashes of lightning. I would claim one and brother the other. Mother's ears caught what we were saying, so she called us into the house to talk to us. She told us that God Almighty could strike us dead. This put the fear of God in my heart to stay. When seventeen years of age, I attended a meeting. It seemed that the preacher was aiming right at me. He told me all the mean things that I ever did. When altar call was given, I sat seemingly frozen to my seat, thinking I would die if I did go and would die if I did not go, so I decided to die going. My burden was taken away and love filled my heart, but I didn't get what I wanted. I did not shout. So I went back to worldly pleasure for ten years. I became tired of that drinking, dancing, swearing, and fighting; so I said, "Old booze, if this is what you are bringing me to, I have quit you, and besides, I will seek the Lord." That is what I did.

A meeting was in progress. I was the first to answer the altar call for about ten nights. I was so miserable I did not care for company, so I got out ahead of the congregation and went on down the road alone. I stopped to consider my case when I was near my home, and said, "I guess I am too hard for the Lord doesn't want me, and there is no use

Then I heard a voice which said, "You will have to love God with all your heart."

I responded, "Yes, Lord, I love you."

He said, "You will have to love everybody else."

"Yes, Lord, I love everybody but one man. I can't love him."

He said, "You will have to love him, too."

I stopped to consider that. I knew He did not want me to love his evil ways or his body, but his soul. I said, "Yes, Lord, I love him, too." Then my burden rolled away and I was filled with joy unspeakable and full of glory. Oh, heaven filled my soul. The next morning I saw out of spiritual eyes. All things had become new. Then as I was driving along the road the Lord asked me what I would rather do, preach the gospel, be a missionary, or do Sunday School work. Oh, the answer I made Him has been a cause of shame and regret ever since.

I said, "Lord, I do not believe that I can do any thing." What a different life I missed. He left me alone until in 1920. I was living in San Pedro, Calif. rejoicing in salvation and seeing sights. He showed me a vision. In it, a friend and I were walking down one side of a slough. On the other side was

a carnival. We waded across that slough to get over there. A man was standing there with a whip in his hand. A horse was standing near. The man cracked the whip and the horse started straight up. When I yelled, "Ha, ha!" the Lord said, "You love to be entertained." At that time I did not think it any harm to go to the picture show, so I went in to one. The Lord said, "It is not the sin you are committing, but the example you are setting." I said, "Lord I will quit." And I did.

Then He showed me I was sitting on a nice grassy beach overlooking the ocean. He showed me His servants out on the rough waves, laboring and patiently toiling on. He said, "It is about time you are taking some of that."

I was attending a mission. One night I went home, took a chair in my bedroom. I was not asleep. Jesus came in on my left side and brought Satan in on my right side. Jesus asked me, "Will you serve me?" I said, "Lord, I can't preach, I can't pray, I can't sing, I can't testify even; I do not know what I can do for you." The blessed one ignored all those excuses and asked the same question again, "Will you serve me?"

I turned in my seat, took a good look at Satan and said, "Yes, I will." They both disappeared in a moment. He had what He came for—my promise.

Then I sold out and went to Missouri, and two years later He gave me my first call to service. Oh, I would rather have died! I felt so unworthy, incapable, I couldn't do anything, but cry. But there was my promise. I decided that I must try. It was so easy when I became willing to let the Lord use me. He had sent me to a people that needed me. I was attending a meeting in Bartlesville, Okla. where a Jew was conducting it. It was (and is) my custom to always pray for the one to deliver the message, so I was praying for the Jew. When I was asking the Lord to bless him, a fire started in my heart. It grew hotter and larger until it covered all my heart. My heart was aglow. I received power then that I had never known before. He bade me go by the way of the plains. I started west. He led me to Brother Pruitt in Guthrie, Okla. and to the one true church, and to a most blessed campmeeting in Oklahoma City. Such oneness was manifested no two preachers started for the pulpit. Each one knew when he had the message.

In conclusion, I want to say that I am still out in those big waves trying to do my calling to the glory of my Master, Jesus Christ. I want to go home.

—John B. Thorn.

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

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Pauls Valley, Okla.—Dear people: Some time ago some tracts were left at my home while I was away, which I have read o'er and o'er and cherish greatly. I just wonder if you would send me some more, especially "The Evil of Strong Drink," and "A Taste of Hell," also others. I have some dear friends and loved ones. I would like to hand them some. Mrs. Eldon Morphew

**Editorials**

As we put out no paper in August, it has been some time since we have had the privilege of writing to you in the editorial columns. We have often thought of you and breathed a prayer that God would preserve you unto his coming.

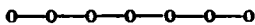
We have had the pleasure of attending three campmeetings. The first one was at Hammond, La., where we met the dear saints of God in the South and enjoyed the meeting and association of the saints very much. The Lord made the meeting a very precious one by working to the salvation of souls, the healing of bodies, the edifying of the saints; for the spirit of unity, oneness, and fellowship was sweet and heavenly throughout the meeting. The Word went forth in power and demonstration of the Spirit. God is truly drawing the real together and those that hold the truth in unrighteousness are being bunched off in clicks and clans by holiness preachers of the sect stripe. Surely, heaven and earth is being shaken, and the Judgment Day is approaching. The ungodly and sinner will weep and wail and the faithful saints will be rejoicing, receiving crowns that will never fade away.

The Holy Spirit is certainly doing His office work in these days. There are not so many getting saved, but a mighty work is being done by the burning of the Spirit, which is like a fuel of fire, sifting and gathering is going on. We read in Matt. 3:12, "Whose fan [Holy Spirit] is in his hand, and He will thoroughly purge his floor [heart yielded to Him] and gather his wheat [the true] into his garner: but he will burn up the chaff [those who will not take his way, having a show of religion] with unquenchable fire."

Just last night I had a dream that impresses me very much and may be a warning to me and others who are taking the humble way with Christ. It seemed in the dream that I was in a meeting and many of the people who were very religious had evil in their hearts toward me. They hated my preaching oneness and the coming out of sects, cliques and clans. They became enraged. One man said, "The Bible says, 'Every man shall stand divided as oxen in the stall.'" I asked him for the chapter and verse. Another man snarled out, "You would ask for that!" Another joined in with, "It is there all right!" Another man got me by the throat. I could feel his fingers tightening, and I took hold of them to try to pull them loose, but he tightened his grip.

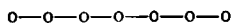
Satan is just as mean and ugly today as he was when he worked through the religious Jews and caused them to persecute Jesus and cruelly murder him. Those who possess the humble and meek spirit of Christ today will be evil-spoken of and persecuted, for their life will be lifting up Christ and will act

as judgment and reproof to the religious spirit in the professor. The Bible says, "Speak evil of no man;" and evil surmising is condemned as sin. If you do not want to be sifted out into some clique or clan that will persecute the righteous, be diligent to obey the Word and speak evil of no man. Resist evil surmising; draw nigh unto God, praying God to bless those who wrong you and do good to those who despitely use you that you may continue to be the children of your Father which is in heaven. (Matt. 5:45.)



The National Camp meeting at Monark Springs, Mo. was well attended considering the shortage of tires and other hindering causes. The Lord worked in the meeting, and as usual some souls were saved, some sanctified, bodies were healed, and the saints were drawn closer together in the fellowship of the Spirit. The expenses of the meeting were taken care of nicely by free-will offerings; and, in the words of Peter, it was good to be there."

The State campmeeting at Guthrie was a great success in more ways than one. The attendance was good both from abroad and home. The preaching was accompanied with great Holy Ghost power and sinners trembled and devils crying, came out. Many sick were healed by power divine, souls saved, believers sanctified, and the saints were much encouraged. The meeting was good from the beginning to the end. About twenty-five preachers were present: some from Oregon, California, Missouri, and a large number from Oklahoma. I think that all present are agreed that this meeting could be classed among the best. We surely did enjoy the association of the saints, and pray God to bless each and every one of you and make you a blessing to as many souls as possible. We ask you to pray for us, for we have many responsibilities. Satan often arrays his hosts against the printing work and would like to silence it. He hates to see the pure gospel going forth by the printed page. Our eyes are on the Lord, for we know that he conquered the devil over nineteen centuries ago, and he is a conquered devil today to all who really believe Jesus.



Since the campmeeting here at Guthrie, we again have the printing machinery in the "Lord's Print Shop" working and making humming music, setting type on the Intertype machine, printing and folding tracts. While we were in Louisiana attending the campmeeting we met two young saints who were burdened for the work of God. They came home with us to work in the "Lord's Print Shop," and they are fitting into the work nicely, and are promising to make good help. They are devoted to God and love to be in His service.

Bro. Vada McMillian is 19 years old and is from Alabama. He is learning the press and folding work.

Sister Dorothy Byers from Louisiana, who is also 19 years of age, expects to learn to operate the Intertype and do other office work.

Both young saints are very willing helpers and we ask the saints everywhere to pray for them.



## All Saints Ought To Be Seriously Interested Now or Never

Do you want to preserve the songs in the "Select Hymns" song book?

The Gospel Trumpet Company has offered to sell us the plates to all the songs in the "Select Hymns" song book, with the exception of six which they do not have the right to give us permission to print, for the sum of \$500.00. Unless we buy these plates now, the chances are we shall never have another opportunity.

In the campmeetings this summer, when the subject was brought up, the brethren and sisters were unanimous in declaring that we should purchase these plates, and do it now. In order to pay for these plates, we need the money in less than forty days. All who are interested in getting these plates so we can print the songs, should send in their offering as soon as possible.

We are expecting to select about 400 of the songs and make a book of them, which would make the new book about one third smaller than the original book. This will be more convenient with less cost. If the saints will send in offerings to pay for the plates, we will furnish the material and do the work in the printing them and fixing the book. We expect to put extra good quality of paper in the book, which would cost us several hundred dollars. The price for the book when finished would be fifty cents each, and less in dozens and hundreds.

Every one who will send in a dollar now will be entitled to a song book when they are finished.—fifty cents would be a donation on the plates and the other fifty cents to pay for the book. If a congregation wants twenty-four books, they can send in twenty-four dollars—twelve dollars for the plates and twelve dollars for the twenty-four books. Let each saint act at once so we can get the plates and preserve these songs which are so dear to all of us.

Send your offerings to Faith Pub. House. Write your checks and money orders out to Fred Pruitt. The amount you send together with your name and address will be set down in a book with pen and ink. A careful record will be kept of all offerings sent in for the plates. The Lord will bless and reward those who have already sent in offerings to be applied on the plates.

Bro. George W. Winn and Sister Eliza McCulloth both of Guthrie and of the congregation at this place were united in marriage on August 17 at his home in west Guthrie

Bro. Winn is 94 years old and is well known throughout the state of Oklahoma, and the bride is 66 years old. They will make their home here in Guthrie.

Bro. Winn's first wife whom he had lived with near seventy years passed on to be with Jesus a number of years ago.

### Auto Tires Wanted

To all the dear saints scattered abroad: We send greetings in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior.

In as much as we are living and working under very abnormal conditions it may be necessary to resort to some abnormal steps to prevent unnecessary curtailment of the gospel work in these times when it should be going forward at top speed. Knowing the general policy of cooperation of all true saints in the matters of the gospel, we feel good in bringing this matter before you as a means in which some of you may be able to help in the cause. The matter to which we refer is regarding tires for the ministers' cars.

No doubt all can see how vitally important it is to work to keep the ministers cars running as long as possible. Ministers are eligible to buy tires through the rationing boards but the latest regulations governing the use of ration tires are such as to so curtail the work of our ministers that they want to stay free from those restrictions just as long as possible. When ration tires are installed on a minister's car they can then only use that car to call on members of their congregation only in cases of serious sickness or death—not for ordinary and regular visiting which ministers usually do. They cannot run errands for the aged and infirm and take them to meeting which is a part of the regular work of almost every minister. They cannot fill appointments unless more than three miles distant and then only when no other means of transportation is available. You can see that their work is curtailed more than half and in order to keep free from these restrictions and be able to be the greatest help and blessing to every soul possible some are running on tires that are not at all dependable as regulars and taking chances on being stranded every time they go on the road. Ere long these cars will either be parked or on the "restricted use" list unless some other means of putting tires on them is worked out.

Again, there is not only the matter of eligibility to purchase tires but there is the matter of the available supply. I was informed a few days ago in the town where I live that the local ration board had on file sufficient tire orders to absorb all their quota to December. That would mean that a car here on which the tires were un-serviceable even though eligible to purchase tires would have to sit up at least until the first of the year before tires would be available.

All this is just by way of explanation of why we are bringing this matter before you saints. We feel that perhaps some of you may have extra tires in your possession that would give considerable service and maybe yield several souls if it were mounted on some minister's car and not inconvenience you either. Then perhaps others of you may have four good tires on your car and also a good spare. In such a case, you seeing and under-

standing the need, the Lord might help you to realize that you could get along alright with a spare not quite so good and that good spare of yours might be put on a minister's car and traded for his which was more worn but yet serviceable enough for a spare. Then perhaps some of you may live in a territory where gas rationing is in effect and may be permitted only a very limited use of your car and yet it may have a good set of tires on it. In such a case the Lord might help you to realize that in order to help the cause of God along you could trade some of those good tires to a minister for his that were more worn and yet they would be quite satisfactory for the limited driving you do and not limit you any more than you already are.

By this method the ministers' cars might be supplied to keep going until the crisis is past or the Lord comes (whichever happens first) and in such a way that their work would not be so limited as to be largely ineffectual. I am sure the Lord will richly bless you who can and will cooperate in this matter.

Now we are not asking for a gift. We are wanting to buy tires and they are not available on the open market. We are wanting to find out where we can buy them. Neither are we wanting you to suffer any undue inconvenience. We are wanting to find those tires which can be sold or, in cases where the car is only moderately used, can be traded for more worn tires without inconveniencing the car owner unduly.

There is a present need with different ones of the ministers. If you have serviceable tires to dispose of they should not find their way into worldly channels but should be put to work for the Lord. If you feel like cooperating and can, write the Faith Publishing House immediately. State what size tire you have, what condition it is in, what service might be expected from it and what price you want for it. State whether you want to sell it outright or whether you want to trade for another tire. This information will be forwarded on to some minister needing tires to keep going. It will not be worthwhile to pay express charges, etc., on tires unless there is considerable service in them yet.

—O.E. Wilson, Jr.

### Obituaries

Sanford Samson Duncan was born January 3, 1884 at Cole Creek, Colorado; departed this life June 16, 1942 at the age of 58 years, 5 months, and 13 days, at his home in Lahoma, Okla., following an illness of about one month.

He came to Okla. about 1904 and was united in marriage to Jessie Ann Eroom August 12, 1909. To this union were born four children, three daughters and one son.

He was converted at the age of 51 years, receiving the knowledge of the truth through Bro. Fred Pruitt of Guthrie, Okla. He loved the truth and was faithful unto death, exercising his duties faithfully as janitor of the chapel of the church of God at Lahoma.

Father will be greatly missed by his family and the congregation at Lahoma; but after knowing the suffering he endured, we can only rejoice with him that his battles are all fought and death is swallowed up in victory.

Surviving him are: his wife; four children, Mrs. Fred Reed of Southard, Okla., Ruby and Lela of the home, and George of Enid; one grandson, Ralph Sanford Duncan; one sister, Mrs. Lettie Van Riper of Susanville, Calif., and a host of relatives and friends.

Minnie Agustus Chambers was born October 3, 1868, and departed this life June 23, 1942 at 9:45 a. m. at the age of 74 years, 8 months, and 20 days. She was married to Samuel A. Gibson June 12, 1883. He preceded her in death September 9, 1915.

To this union were born nine sons: Darius, Eli, Ezra, and Paul of Springfield, Mo., Silas, Asa, and Noah of Joplin, Mo., Ira of Rich Hill, Mo. and Roy of Ocean Side, California; and two daughters: Mrs. Edith Perrill of Springfield, Mo., and one daughter who died in infancy.

Also, she has four sisters: Mrs. Nora Grubb of Springfield, Mo., Mrs. Etta Yarrington of Waterloo, Iowa, and Mrs. Bable Broodstone of Norfolk, Nebraska; and one brother, Edd Chambers of Pender, Nebr.

She was saved in the church of God about 18 years ago, and her life has been known throughout the community as that of a devout Christian.

She was very patient and kind through her many years of lingering illness.

Funeral services were conducted by Bro. O. B. Wilson, Jr. of Anthony, Kans. assisted by Fred Pruitt of Guthrie, Okla., Friday afternoon, June 26, at Springfield, Mo. The scripture reading was 1 Cor. 15:50 to last of chapter, and the sermon text was a part of the first verse of the 2nd chapter of Phillipians: "If there be therefore any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love."

Sister Eugene Cook Ogann was born June 5, 1859 in Harden County, Tennessee and departed this life July 10, 1942. She was 83 yrs., 1 month, and 5 days old.

She has been saved five years.

She moved to Watonga and was married to Mr. Alexander, who passed away years ago. Afterward she was united in marriage to Mr. Spann Ogann Feb. 17, 1920 in Watonga, Okla, and he passed away. She told Bro. and Sister Davis to pray with her. As she prayed, she told the Lord she had been wandering in the dark for many long years but she was in the light at last. She was saved to sin no more. She was sick only twelve days. She told Bro. and Sister Davis she was going in to come out no more. She told the Lord that if He was ready for her, she was ready to go. Her favorite song was, "In The Light of God." She leaves one niece and a host of friends, to mourn their loss.

Scripture text was taken from Rev. 14:13; 6:11.

Bro. Lewis Williams, Hennessey, Okla.

Ephram V. Coffey who resided at 1107 E. 9th St. Shawnee Oklahoma, was born May 17, 1861 in Kentucky, departed this life June 19, 1942 at Shawnee, Oklahoma. Age, 81 yrs. 1 mo. and 2 days. Living relatives: wife Mrs. E. V. Coffey, 4 sons, Bud Coffey, Jack Coffey, Clifford and Gilbert Mooneyham. 5 daughters, Mrs. Mary Allen, Mrs. Jennie Redwine, Mrs. Dora Ford, Mrs. Lillian Clements, Mrs. Dessie Bos. 1 brother, W. H. Coffey. 40 grandchildren, 31 great grandchildren.

Father Coffey, as he was commonly called, had been in poor health for about three years. Suffered much in his last sickness. He testified different times that he was ready to go. And as long as he was able to talk, he requested prayer and singing when we would visit him. And he enjoyed our coming very much.

For the last ten years of his life he was quite active in religious work and preaching some.

Funeral services conducted by the writer; assisted by Bro. J. S. Glenson. Place of internment: Bethel Cemetery.

—O. B. Wilson.

Okmulgee, Okla.—The church of God revival which began July 12th and closed the 19th was a very, very good meeting. The saints were greatly benefitted. It was a seed sowing time.

The visiting saints and ministers were, C. C. Payne of Hoffman, Okla., D. S. Richardson of Hoffman, G. W. McMillan of Boley, Okla. On the last day of the meeting seven sisters and eight brothers took a part in the ordinance services. Nine sisters were absent and five brothers. Old Mother Blantan was served at her home on North Porter Ave.

—L. L. Jackson.

## God Is Not Mocked

In Gal. the 6th chapter and the 7th verse we read "Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap."

Paul was writing to men and women who claimed to be followers of Christ and he was burdened for them that they be not deceived in their experience and he went on to say, "He that soweth to the flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption but he that soweth to the Spirit, shall of the spirit reap life everlasting."

The professing saints in the world today are in great need of this exhortation for there are so many ways by which one can be sowing to the flesh while perhaps making a big profession of holiness.

Using poison tobacco and life-destroying liquor would be sowing to the flesh in a flagrant and magnifying manner. Very few, if any of the professed saints are guilty of such gross flesh sowing, but the enemy has many more ways for folks to sow to the flesh of which he cunningly decoys them into and at the same time keeps them well covered with a cloak of religion, a high profession of holiness, surmising evil and speaking evil of some of God's humble saints to lift up themselves with the hope of drawing disciples away after them and also with the hope of having a good following for filthy lucre sake, glorying in appearance (2 Cor. 5 : 12) and not in heart, having a big show of religion, speaking great swelling words of vanity, alluring and deceiving the unlearned and those unable to clearly discern their pernicious ways. They go the limit to make folks think they are innocent for appearance sake by exaggerating a little imaginary truth until it becomes a big lie and looks hideous to those not acquainted with the facts.

Brethren and sisters and all those who are being ill-treated by professors of religion, keep humble and see to it that you keep sowing to the spirit while under pressure, keep sweet and revile not again, leave all the appearance with God and glory in heart by sowing to the spirit. Do not allow the enemy to decoy you into fixing up evil reports against them as they have done you or you will become just as evil in God's sight as they. Just committ yourself and all exaggerated stories to God who judgeth righteously. 1 Pet. 2:23. The enemy would like for you to become like them but read what Jesus says in Luke 10:11, "Even the very dust of your city, which cleaveth unto us, we do wipe off against you." When in the trials

and persecutions the dust or evil of carnal men will cleave unto us and defile us unless we wipe them off by the power of the spirit and leave all such with the originators, keep clean in heart by sowing to the spirit and leave the appearance of all things with God. "Vengeance belongeth unto God, I will repay saith the Lord." Rom. 12:19. Oh, that all the dear saints would learn these lessons and come into a deeper experience and walk with God. Many poor souls are troubled and burdened because they allow the enemy to bring in surmisings and pile load after load upon them, causing them distress and sleepless nights because Satan makes them believe his exaggerated lies and thereby separating them from precious loving saints of God. We should be very careful what we believe, for what we believe effects us, whether it be true or false. Jacob believed a lie and mourned over the death of his son Joseph, the Phillipian jailor believed a lie and was about to take his own life. Let us believe the truth and it will effect us in-so-much that we will do as Jesus would do in spite of the appearance or would be God judges. Rom. 14:4.

Remember dear brethren and sisters, it was a class of highly religious men that persecuted Jesus the most. They claimed to worship God but they worshipped God in vain. Satan is just as much against the seed of Christ in the world today as he was against Christ himself. The continued life of Christ in the soul today is a reproof to sin, self righteousness and man's judgment. The spirit of evil in professors hates to be reprov'd and exposed and they will speak evil of you. Read the 16th chapter of St. John down to the 11th verse inclusive. —Fred Pruitt

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### To Parents

The Bible instructs us to pray without ceasing. Does that mean all the other things that people do are more important than to steal away all alone where you can almost feel the presence of a dear loving Saviour around about you! Oh, pray that people may be awakened to the fact that prayer is wont to be made! Dear friends, may we fully realize our duty and work faithfully. Wake up, fathers and mothers! Call on the name of the Lord Jesus, He can help when the last earthly help is gone, and when earthly friends forsake you. Read Mark 13:31.

Speak to your boys and girls. Take time to gather them around you and tell them what you know and what you have heard about Jesus Christ. They have not had the chance like you have to know about the Bible. Your parents were not too busy doing the foolish things people are doing today. When you grew up, people were more wise. Today, mothers are neglecting their dear children, letting them run at large, never thinking of their future. Oh, the remorse that you may feel some day because of your neglect and folly, can never be expressed!

You will bow your head in shame.

Please do not think I mean to say all of you are neglecting to pray for your children and read the Bible to them, because I know many mothers and fathers who would give the world if their boys and girls were Christians.

You are the ones who ought to be interested. You, the parents, are the ones who will bear the blame. I know because I have had the experience and God knows I tried to rear mine right. A child six years old can know more about the Lord Jesus than you ever can imagine. Please, mothers, for Christ's sake, tell your little ones about these things

Remember, Jesus was tempted. Satan's offer today is all the kingdoms of the world, just about the same as it was 2000 years ago. He offers worldly honor. But alas! How much would it profit a man to gain the whole world and lose his own soul?

Read John 14:1, "Let not your hearts be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me." Take your child up in your lap and talk to him or her about the wonderful things Jesus said while he was here on earth. They understand more than you think they do. They know mother and daddy would not tell them a lie. Oh, parents, put your arms around them and love them. Turn to the sixth chapter of Matthew and read it; also the 7th chapter and 8, 9, and 10th verses. Pray, dear fathers and mothers. Your children need your prayers. Do not be ashamed to tell your children you love them. Some day you may have only memories. Once I overlooked the idea that my dear darling would appreciate love more than anything else. A thoughtful deed, a tender word does not cost anything and mean so much. My prayer is that others may not be foolish enough to wait until it is too late to show their appreciation of the sweetest boy or sweetest girl on earth.

Do not neglect the little things. It is the little things that count. Wake up, mothers and fathers, for some day it will be too late!

May God bless this to some aching heart. I lost my dear darling boy four years ago, but his dying words were, "Dear mother, I know you will meet me in heaven." Please pray for me that I hold out faithful till Jesus calls for me. I want to do my share. Read Matt. 5:44. —Mrs. Pearl Evans.

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West Virginia State Guard, Huntington, W. Va.—  
Gentleman: We received your tracts in good order and we appreciate your generosity very much.

We feel confident that these small tracts will do an enormous amount of good for our boys as well as for the work of God.

To show our appreciation we are returning to you in this letter the postage that was on the package.

I write this letter not only for myself, but for the company as a whole and for Lt. Thompson, Chaplain.

Yours very truly, Corp. M. A. Cunningham, Jr.



# « Young People's Section »

## SALVATION

- S — is for salvation, Christ died to bring us  
 A — is for all the sins He forgave.  
 L — is for life eternal we'll gain,  
 V — is for victory that comes to the saved.  
 A — is for any Christ's blood has covered.  
 T — stands for triumph over every foe.  
 I — is for I who possess this gift.  
 O — is for the one way we all must live.  
 N — is for every nation, their sins God will lift.

Put all these letters together  
 And they spell a wonderful word,  
 Which means more to God's creation  
 Than any other word we've heard.  
 —Maybelle Pruitt.

## Editorials

We again send Christian greetings to all of our young readers scattered abroad. During the time since the issuance of the last paper in July, a large number of young people (including the workers here at the office) have had the privilege of attending the various campmeetings which are held for the extension of the gospel of Christ. It is with a feeling of thanksgiving to God that we report that the meetings so far held have been outstanding because of the presence and power of God. The spirit of love, unity, and humility prevailed in the services and on the camp grounds. God has redeemed a holy nation of people which He has pleased to call "the salt of the earth." God is again building the walls of Zion through the definite preaching of His Word, and by which a line of demarcation is clearly defined "between him that serveth God and him that serveth Him not."

Those attending the Scio, Oregon campmeeting reported a good meeting in spite of the uncertain conditions on the Pacific coast. We pray the Lord to increase His work more and more in that community.

The General Southern campmeeting at Hammond, La. was a feast of good things, it was reported. Souls were saved and bodies healed in answer to prayer. A band of Spirit-filled young people had their own meetings each day. Following the Hammond campmeeting, two young saints, Dorothy Byers and Vada McMillian, came from there to Guthrie to help in the office work. They also attended the National and Oklahoma State campmeetings. It is admirable to see young people consecrating their lives to the service of God, and we pray the Lord to give them

abundant grace for every test of life.

The National campmeeting at Monark Springs, Mo. began with the blessings of heaven and continued throughout. The Word of God was preached with no uncertain sound, and the power of God was present to save and heal, and edify the church. The attendance was from many states, though somewhat less than last year on account of conditions resulting from the war. Many rejoiced in having found the real truth which far surpasses any counterfeit which the devil might invent. The love, fellowship, and unity among the saints was of that character and quality which is designed by God to convince every honest soul of the truth. Those who draw nigh to God draw nearer to one another, and vice versa.

The saints are not pessimists, but as they trace the prophecies of the Word and Spirit of God, they discern no improvement in world conditions, but rather the opposite. They see greater persecution not far ahead. This knowledge is a call to a closer walk with God that we may be able to stand. Gog and Magog (confederation of false religious and civil powers) are gathering together to compass the camp of the saints, but thank God, we have a Deliverer who will not fail us in the hour of need.

The young people's meeting at the National campmeeting was a source of inspiration, and those who attended and exercised themselves in the services went away with a deeper desire to be faithful to their covenant with God.

The Oklahoma State campmeeting held at Guthrie was another very good meeting. The presence and power of God was manifested in saving, healing, and casting out devils. The young people's meetings were very helpful and encouraging to all those attending. Truly the Lord is going to have a people when He comes again. It is your heaven-bought privilege to know that your name is enrolled in the book of life. Is it there today? —L.D.P.

## "Be Of Good Cheer." Without Anxiety

"Be careful for nothing." (Phil. 4:6).

This scripture by no means signifies that we may be careless, thoughtless, or unconcerned about everything. The meaning is not to be anxious about anything. This is one of the privileges of the children of God that they are permitted; and not only permitted, but invited; and not only invited, but commanded, to bring all their cares, sorrows, trials, and wants to their heavenly Father—to roll all their burdens upon God. And because they are permitted—yea, commanded—so to do, they have no need to be

anxious about anything. However many or varied our difficulties or necessities, we should commit them all in believing prayer to God, but we should not be anxious.

And why not? -Because it is impossible to be anxious without dishonoring God. If the men of the world see that we Christians are anxious like themselves they will have ground for saying that our profession of having an almighty Friend and Helper in heaven is only a profession, and therefore we dishonor God by not trusting him in the hour of need. We have, however, such a friend, and he is willing and able to help us and to deliver us in his own time and way. This is the very reason why we need not be anxious about anything. —George Mueller

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Glendale, Calif.—Dear Bro. Pruitt, We send greetings to you in Jesus' name. We are glad this can leave us with a report that we are in the battle for the Lord, and expect by His grace to stay with Him until we are called from time to eternity. It is such a privilege to stay with Him all the time and have Him with us and in us to keep us from sin even though there is sin and wickedness going on about us all the time. I've been thinking what a wonderful privilege it is for us to be able to keep tuned in to Heaven all the time and can always hear from our great Heavenly Father and get the help we stand in need of whether it be spiritual or temporal. As sin becomes greater and darkness increases, we want to be found living closely to the Lord and be a real light in the darkness.

We are glad to see Sister Pruitt again. She looks so well and fine as ever. We wish you could have come along with her.

Remember us in prayer when you feel like it, that we'll ever have a close walk with the Lord.

Yours in the Lord, Alta Flynn.

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Marion Center, Pa.—Dear Bro. and Sister Pruitt: Greetings in the precious name of Jesus. I must write my testimony of what the Lord has done for me as he has healed my body many times. He has healed me of goiter I had in my neck for three years. He healed me of that goiter and in a week it was all healed up. I am so thankful for it. He also healed me of pleurisy in my left side as I was very bad sick. I was anointed and prayed for and the pain all left me. One night I had such a pain that in the morning I found some gray hairs in my head. So you see how much I suffered.

I am writing this to encourage someone to trust the Lord for their body as the Lord is the only one to heal us. Praise the Lord for a wonderful Savior that heals us when we get sick.

I would like for some of the young saints to write to me. My address is Miss Tuila Campbell, Rt.2, Marion Center, Pennsylvania. Your sister in Christ,

Tuila Campbell

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## Too Late To Shed Tears

A loving mother labored and prayed, expecting her talented daughter to be happy and a blessing, giving her all the chances to develop her God-given

talents. Instead of appreciating her mother's sacrifice and taking her well-meant advice, she married. After it was too late, she sought her birthright with many tears.

The only brother of a number of girls, the pet of the family of a loving father, the owner of a big ranch, was given every chance to the best educational institutions, but rejected all chances to develop a noble life. When in the penitentiary, he wept bitter tears, but too late.

The jealous preacher who had a form of godliness but denied the power thereof, after doing all in his power to hinder the progress of the faithful servant of God, saw his folly on his bed of sickness and shed bitter tears.

The once lovely girl, after her health and beauty were gone and her admirers sought more up-to-date toys, saw the shallowness of human nature and the deception of the powers of darkness. When left alone she shed tears of repentance.

In the daily walk of life, we meet many, who, if they could live their life over, would in their youth give themselves unreservedly to a life of purity and full trust in God, and would thus be a continual blessing.

Esau came in hungry from a hunting trip. His brother Jacob valued the far-reaching blessing of the birthright and bargained for it for a mess of pottage, which Esau sought with tears afterward. (Gen. 25: 32).

Thank God, for the example of the Prodigal in Luke 15th chapter. He came to himself, returned to the Father, wept his way back. Father was waiting for Him, ready to forgive.

The blood of Jesus cleanses and keeps from sin. He will forgive. His grace is sufficient to keep one victorious all the time. One may be poor in this world's goods (after having made restitution, especially) but the peace of God which flows like a river will make the crust of bread and water taste sweeter than the most luxurious banquet. As long as we live in this world there will always be covetous opposers (like the elder brother of the Prodigal) but who should care so long as Father's love and smile is ours?

The forenoon of one's life may have been from a human standpoint wasted, but with the help of the Lord and a determination to make up for lost time, the eleventh-hour servants will accomplish much in the afternoon. Every move, every word, every breath we draw must count for the glory of God and good of humanity. —Haiglar Mission Worker.

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## A COURT ROOM SCENE

While waiting in the court room the other day—my son-in-law had to appear against a man who had robbed him—I thought how they could lie and sometimes deceive men. They had lawyers to plead their cause and defend

them, and Jesus also there on the right hand of God to plead for them, "Father, forgive them for they know not what they do;" but at the Judgment there will be no one to plead their cause, for Jesus will have left the meditorial throne. Mercy will have ceased and justice meted out to every soul of man.

Oh, what a dark picture! but it is true. It made my heart ache for people who will not heed God's warnings nor accept life and be saved; but go on so carelessly through this life, the only time given them to prepare to meet God in peace. Time is so precious and so fleeting. ... The days are so perilous, wickedness is running rampant in the land. People are full of excuses, they are too busy; but they will all be left without excuse at the Judgment Bar of God.

Mrs. J. H. Anthony.

## CORRESPONDENCE

Louisville, Kentucky—My dear Christian friends, I am asking you if you possibly can to please send me your sample of 40 different tracts, also paper "Faith and Victory." I was an inmate at the LaGrange Reformatory here in Ky. and it was there that I first read your tracts. I haven't been home from there very long. I yet write <sup>to</sup> friends, sending them tracts and now I am almost out. Yours in Christ,

Albert Brown, Jr.

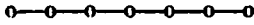


Florida State Prison, Raiford, Fla.—Gentlemen: This will acknowledge receipt at the State Prison of your package of tracts.

We are grateful to you for this unusual kindness, and while we cannot express in words what we feel, we want you to know that you have helped us in our Lord's work here at Raiford.

Thanking you for your Christian charity and with best wishes for the Lord's blessing, I am,

Very truly yours, L. A. Shepherd, Chaplain.



Chillicothe, Ohio—Dear Brother Pruitt, We greet you in Jesus' precious name. This leaves us saved and encouraged to live for the dear Lord who has done so much for us, and it seems as if we do so little in turn for him. But we know the dear Lord knows all about us and knows every intent of our heart. My heart's desire is to do all I can for the upbuilding of his kingdom while here on this earth. I have been saved a little over three years and the Lord has done so much for me and my family.

Before I was saved I was awfully bad sick with an inward goiter, but the dear Lord saved me and healed my body. He led me out into this precious truth, praise His dear name, and as time goes on I still am willing to do his precious will and live the life His precious Word demands me to live, that through my life some poor soul may be saved. We are living in an awful day and age of time. It seems that the time is drawing nigh for the coming of the Lord. It behooves all of us to have on the whole armor of God that we might be able to stand. I know that I know so little of God's truth, but I am so thankful for what He has taught me. I am so glad that he has shown me his church and I don't believe that man can deceive me if I will just look to the dear Lord and let him live in and through me every day and follow the leadings of his Holy Spirit.

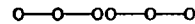
Ever since the Lord has saved me I have endeavored to be a help to those in sin and to those that are in deceptions, to try to get them to the true light of the gospel. Some will talk on the Bible, but very few will accept the truth. I am so thankful for the Spirit that He has put in me that causes me to obey his precious

Word. I know if we have a Spirit in us that does not obey the Word of God, we have the wrong Spirit, for I believe that the Spirit of God and the Word of God will agree.

We find the dear Lord a present help in every time of need. We go to Him in time of need and He hears and answers prayer. He has given us so many promises in his precious Word, if we will just keep humble and obedient to his Word he will hear and answer prayer.

I want you to send the paper to a friend of mine who is in deception. He is all mixed up with the law and the gospel. I had a talk with him, but it seems to me that I should do something else so that is the reason I am sending this. I believe the paper and some good tracts will help to lead him to the truth.

Wife and I are both saved and mean to do the will of the Lord and to hold up His precious truth. We have a nice family of six children. Pray for us that we will do the will of the Lord and train our children up the way the dear Lord demands us.—Mr. & Mrs. Pearl Brown



Rockford, Ohio—Dear ones in Christ: I love to read your paper and read the testimonies of the dear saints. I am out fully for my dear Saviour. I mean to go all the way with Him. It seems this is a lonely world for me as I lost my dear companion almost two years ago, and it seems there isn't anything left for me only to serve my blessed Saviour. That is all that pays. I have my home, but it is so lonely so I have started out to help people at present. I am taking care of an aged lady almost 89 years old and it is a comfort to me to be able to help some one. She is a good Christian and very patient. Last week Bro. and Sister Strong called and had prayer with us, which we enjoyed so much. I love the saints and by the help of God I'll stand true to the end. Pray much for me that I fully will see the real truth.

Mrs. J. W. Nutt.

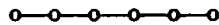


Tulsa, Okla., R. 8, Box 395—Greetings to all the dear saints in Jesus dear name. I can report victory over sin. My heart is in this work of our blessed Saviour. So much is needed of us as dear children.

My heart is burdened for our dear Bro. John Hawn, who is held in the Outlook Sanatorium at Urbana, Ill. Let us pray the prayer of faith for our dear brother, that he will be let out to do God's will. Let us send him a shower of encouraging letters.

Another burden I have felt for over a year is for our dear Sister Robert Porter, 728 N. Kansas Ave., Springfield, Mo. who lost her dear husband last June 30, 1941. He was a minister and gave so freely to the work, both in means and life. He was sick some months before he died. At his death he left the home not paid for. Let us, as saints, show our appreciation by helping our sister lift this debt on her home, as she is a worthy saint and a widow indeed. She isn't happy living in another place. All donations will be applied on the home debt. The saints are my people so let us pray till the answer comes.

—Sister Hettie Barton



Florahome, Fla.—Dear Bro. Pruitt: I herewith enclose remittance to have my subscription to Faith and Victory renewed. I've been reading it for several years and enjoy it very much. It has the old-time ring and does not fail to declare the whole council of God. I accepted this truth near forty years ago, and I appreciate it and God's people more as time goes by. God is so good to me. I love the service of God, and prove my love by keeping His commandments. I enjoy the letters I read in the paper written by the saints. Some I used

to know when I lived in Okla. (near 35 years ago); viz.: Bro. and Sister O. B. Wilson, whom I shall never forget, especially for their loyal services to my family in time of sickness. And I've just read a good piece, "Heavenly Calling" written by Bro. Sam Wilson, with whom I was well acquainted. He and my dear husband were together quite often in Okla. We lived in Beaver County, Okla. My dear husband passed away near eight years ago. He had the testimony and assurance of peace with God, and often spoke of going to be with Jesus. I told him I'd be awfully lonely without him. He said, "You will come along after while." I thank God I'm on the way and expect to reach the place where parting is unknown. I read Bro. G. E. Harmon's pieces with interest. I wonder if this is the Bro. Harmon who was pastor of the church at Fargo, Okla while we lived there? He was a dear good pastor. Also, I see Sister Emma Busch's name sometimes. I knew her quite well and can never forget how faithful her dear husband (Walter Busch) always appeared to be. I could name over many more, but it would take too much space.

Dear ones, we are all on our way to our final destination and may the good Lord help us to "make our calling and election sure."

A sister in the Lord, Mrs. S. M. Carnes.

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Benien Springs, Mich.—Dear ones in Christ, Greetings in Jesus' name. I am happy to report victory in my soul. I truly find Jesus sweet to my soul, and the way grows narrower and brighter as I travel on with Jesus. I am happy that Jesus has shown me the true Church of God. I mean to stand true to the blessed Word of God, till he comes. Oh! that more would see the true church. There are so many which are in confusion (Babylon). I am enclosing 25c for some tracts on the church. Some people here think their church is the true church, so I wish to give them some tracts to show the true church of God. that it is not a sect or cult, but the pure virgin church without spot or wrinkle. Please send me all the different ones you have on the subject. I hear some people say that we are in the tongues movement, but they are mistaken. We are in the true Church of God, the one Jesus is building and do not belong to a man-made church (sect).

We desire to have the saints pray for us.

—Gerrit Joostberns

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Sumter, S. C.—Dear Brother Pruitt and all the dear saints there and scattered abroad, In the dear name of Jesus I send greetings. This leaves me still on the Bible route and fully in love with the old time truth of this reformation. Praise the Lord! I do want to thank the dear Lord for the privilege of attending the Hammond, La. Campmeeting. Have wanted to go there for several years but each time did not feel able to go. I had written dear Bro. and Sister Key my desire to go, and that I might try to hitch hike. Then I felt that my age past 74 and somewhat feeble, and shortage of gas and tires, or they being rationed to the people, that it would not be wise for me to undertake that plan. So I told wife and daughter that if the Lord would provide me with enough money to pay for a bus ticket that I would go. We got two week's rent in advance for two rooms, two week's payment on bedstead, springs, mattress and stove, borrowed three dollars from wife's sisters, and my daughter let me have a little. So I had enough to buy the ticket and leave three dollars with wife. After the Lord had provided the fare, I felt like it would be going back on him to back out. The distance and my age came to my mind, but I put that behind me.

I arrived there tired and worn in body. When I

met the saints at the camp, they were all glad to see me, and I was received with loving kindness, as only the saints show to one another. It was just meeting another part of God's dear family and I was at home. I was never treated better by any people in all my life. I met dear saints there from different states and dear Bro. Pruitt, the editor of the Faith and Victory. He was glad to meet me, and said he felt like he had always known me. I pray God to keep his hand upon him and bless him in the work that he has given him. May the dear Lord bless all the dear saints that I met at this good campmeeting, and ever keep them humble in his service. They surely were good to me.

There is no other people on earth like the dear saints—such plain, decent, humble, wholly consecrated people.

The Hammond Campmeeting was the best, or one of the best, I ever attended, such good, straight preaching. Each messenger arose and brought forth the message as led of the Lord and moved by the Holy Spirit. Such messages in prayer and song! And all things were done and accomplished to the glory of God. The Lord was there melting His saints together in his love to save souls, sanctify believers and to heal the sick and afflicted.

If the Lord wills, we may meet again upon the old camp ground. If not, I trust that we will meet around the throne of God in glory. Please pray for wife and me.

Your brother in the church of God, Ashford Newell.

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Orland, Calif.—Dear saints, I want to thank you for your prayers. I am still saved and trying to do my best for the Lord. I can say this morning that the Lord surely has done wonderful things for me, for which I can never thank Him enough. It means so much to live for the Lord in this time but that is the only comfort we get, is to know that the Lord will see us through if we will only let Him do so.

I want to tell one thing that the Lord did for me after I was in a car wreck one year ago. It left me in a very bad condition. I began to go down in health, but I still had my trust in the Lord. I would pray and get help, but the devil would try to make me think I wasn't going to be healed. I asked the saints to all pray. They did and the Lord surely did heal.

After that prayer was answered another test came. I began to have trouble with my left arm. It got so bad I couldn't sleep at night and would have to walk the floor. I thought I was going to lose the use of it. I would have to help it move. I was walking the floor one morning and praying. The verse in Job came to me where it says, "Though He slay me, yet will I trust Him." I said, "Yes, Lord." And from that time on I began to get better and now I can use my arm about as good as ever. I do thank the Lord for His goodness to me, and also thank the saints for their prayers.

Your sister in Christ,

Alpha Daniels.

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Marshall, Mich.—Dear Bro. and Sister and co-workers in Christ, greetings in the name of our Lord. I feel led to write a little testimony tonight. I am still praising God for His wonderful salvation. Truly the Lord is good. We are still alone. We have not seen any of the saints for some time, but God is still taking care of us. On Tuesday my wife had a very bad spell with her heart. It surely seemed the end had come. Every one there seemed to think she was gone, for she seemed to be grasping her last breath. But I called mightily on the Lord and told Him that if it were his will to spare her to come at once and touch her body. She is up doing her work, praise our God. She is quite weak yet and needs your prayers. We get quite lonesome to be with the

dear saints, but it seems we are not blessed in that way; but God knows all about it. We are still praying for God to send us some help. We need your prayers so much. May God bless all of you is our daily prayer.

Bro. and Sister Wm. Van Zandt.

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Ewing, Nebr.—Gentlemen: In looking through some old papers in the house we moved into this spring, I found two copies of "Faith and Victory" paper dated 1932. I was so impressed with them I'm wondering if you still publish it and if so at what price as I'd love to subscribe for it. I think it is really a fine little paper.

Yours respectfully, Mrs. Fay Primus.

Ferriday, La.—Dear Sister Mary Pruitt and saints: I feel that the dear Lord wants me to write my testimony. The dear Lord has healed me of my many afflictions. I give Him all the praise for it and thank you saints too for praying for me and for sending the handkerchief. The Lord can do wonderful things. I am so glad He is my all and in all. I trust Him for everything. I want the prayers of all the saints that I may have grace to be true. Your sister, Alice Scruggs.

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Hammond, La.—Dear Bro. Pruitt: We send greetings in the name of Jesus. It is getting late but as I am waiting for Katherine to come in from the last night of the Oak Grove meeting I will write a few lines. You know I like to tell good news, well the meeting at Oak Grove was a success. Several were saved and the work which was done at the camp-meeting in getting together left a good influence.

The meeting moved on without a hitch. Bro. Stephen surely did do some good preaching. This is Monday morning. There were 17 baptised yesterday. Some said 19 but we could only account for 17. I didn't count them but they just kept coming. This is the biggest lift the work has had out there since I have been here. I felt that you would be glad to know about these things.

The <sup>ing</sup> of those who were baptised were saved at campmeeting. All the others except one little girl who was saved last winter, were saved in the meeting there.

We send greetings of love to all the saints.

Yours in Christ,

Ray Key

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Folsom, La.—My Dear Bro. and Sister Pruitt: Angels hover over you all. I am praising God this rainy morning for sweet peace in my soul and more of a faith and trust in my God. When I see with the eye of faith the nails drove through my Savior's hands and feet and what He went through for me it draws a drop of blood from my heart to do and live closer to him than I hitherto have done and to cast all my cares on Him. He will carry my burdens for me, great or small. I am more determined to trust Him and obey Him.

Obedience is better than sacrifice. Though I give my body to be burned and have not charity I am nothing for charity will and does cover a multitude of sins.

I need your prayers and we need each others prayers these evil days nearing the end. I am very weak and frail, more so every day although I'm looking to God for healing. He's just the same Lord today.

We had a glorious time at Oak Grove last Sunday. I don't know just how many got saved but I heard 17 were baptised.

Oh, how close we have to keep to Jesus and not look

back to the things of this old ungodly world. Bro. and Sister Key, Bro. Stevenson, and Sister Murphey took dinner last Thursday with me.

Love to all and God's blessing on the work and labor for souls. Yours in holy, pure love. Tillie Rogers

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Wisner, Nebraska—Dear Sister Pruitt and Faith Publishing House: Greetings of Holy love to all. This still leaves me rejoicing in a Savior's love and victory in my soul for which I thank the dear Lord. Praise the dear Lord for victory, victory, victory. He is so good to me. It is possible to keep saved even in the trials and discouragements even though they be severe. I am learning more this year how to put myself in the hands of the Lord. He gave me Job 6:8—I would seek unto God and unto God will I commit my cause. 9th:—Which doeth great things and unsearchable; marvellous things without number. It seemed I learned wonderful things in these words and later in Job 34:29—When he giveth quietness who then can make trouble? The first part of the verse capped the climax. I could see old Satan a conquered foe. Praise God, Jesus gives us victory over every foe. We need not be afraid.

Remember me in prayer. God bless and keep you all true to him. Sister Humphrey

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## What Does The Cross Signify?

Just recently when passing a costly imposing church building with a beautiful cross on its spire, I noticed on the front lawn a bill board advertising a bingo card party and dance. My thoughts were: "Do those who come here to the services really sense the meaning or signification of the cross high up on the church spire?"

If I should ask someone in authority there, they would most likely answer me that the cross was a symbol of their faith and hope in Christ.

Many other religious organizations perhaps would answer me the same. Apparently the cross just symbolizes their intellectual belief in Christ and his resurrection and life. If the Apostle Paul were here today as he once was, what a stern blistering rebuke would he hurl at those apostate church societies with their carnivals, oyster, turkey and chicken suppers, bingo card parties and dances and many other worldly entertainments to amuse their members. Multitudes of professed Christians, or those who go to religious services know but very little of what the cross of Christ represents as concerns righteous, holy living as required by God.

A sincere, heart-felt, fervent, craving desire to read and study the Word of God reveals that the cross symbolizes very much more than just head belief in Christ. The devoted Christian learns that the cross is a symbol of life and death as well. As you look upon it, does it not speak out to you silently what it represents to your very life, seemingly to ask if you have crucified self, houses, lands, friends,

and loved ones with all earthly ties and bonds, or everything that would deter you from following Jesus all the way? See Matt. 10:37, 38. In 1 Cor. 15:31, Paul meant that he died daily or crucified self or that nature opposing Christ.

In Gal. 6:14, Paul declares, "The world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world. To many, it is a great temptation and battle to constantly overcome and have perfect victory from sinful lusts of the flesh so common to mankind. Such lusts prevent many for setting their affections (love) on things of Christ.

"They that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections [love] and lusts" Galatians 5:24. "Mortify [as though non-existent or destroyed by an iron-clad, God-given, controlled, masterly will-power over sinful passions or fleshly desires] therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate [wrong] affections, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry." Col. 3:5. They that follow Jesus must deny themselves and take up their cross daily, Matt. 19:29.

A full gospel Christian regards it a blessed opportunity, honor, and privilege to daily live a crucified life in Christ Jesus our Lord. A death to self and carnality can only be realized by a strictly spiritual contact with Christ resulting from a re-created (born-again) life. That the body of sin be destroyed in everyone's daily life, the old man (sinful nature) must be crucified (destroyed). (Rom. 6:6.)

Romans 12:1 indicates a human sacrifice, a generating spiritual power constantly functioning and producing a perfect obedient will and mind to measure up to all the fundamentals of a full gospel doctrine. This is nothing short of a crucified life with Christ living in you. It may be a hard thing to do, and it calls for a real sacrifice to take up your cross with a willingness to give up your loved ones and friends for Christ's sake. It was such to the rich young man who asked Jesus what he should do to inherit eternal life, Mark 10:21.

It calls for a crucifixion and sacrifice before the pure, clear light of the gospel can shine into your changed heart and life, revealing the many detriments of Christian progress; such as, wearing jewelry, costly, superfluous array or worldly, fashionable dressing that lowers the honor, dignity, and respect of girl and womanhood. All other vanities; such as, cigarette smoking, booze, and night parties must be crucified; for bear in mind all worldly pleasures and popularity tends to sign your death warrant to the glories and riches of eternal life and peace to your soul.

To the wife or husband: have you crucified yourselves to all others by honoring and esteeming one another far above any other one, no matter how attractive and appealing they may appear to you? If you have, then you are co-operating with Christ

to throttle, stop and defeat that satanic monster of evil—DIVORCE. To those who have put their hands to the plow to press and labor on to more fertile ground, how shameful, contemptible, and low to even think of stopping and looking back to consider the beggarly elements of this hostile, evil world, and thus crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh! (Heb. 6:6) and put him to an open shame!

John H. Griffith.

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## GOD'S MINISTERS

The impression has been very strong for some time to write an article on this subject. I realize my weakness to cope with the subject as it should be, however, in the name of Jesus, I will do my duty in His divine fear.

The foundation of the Christian religion has been brought about and through God's ministry. When our Lord called the first ministers in the early morning of the apostolic age, He chose them from among the fishermen and shepherds—a lowly class of people (Matt. 10:1-6) and they were sent by our Lord into all the world with divine power and authority over all devils and diseases with the promise that he would supply all their need. These were to evangelize the world in his stead; for he (Jesus, was to soon be crucified. But He was to leave them the precious Holy Spirit to guide them into all the truth. The seventy He also called with similar qualifications and power. These were to teach men to observe (or do) all the Word of God (Matt. 28:18).

In Ephesians 4:11, 12, "He gave some apostles [or planters]; and some prophets; and some evangelists; and some, pastors, and teachers; for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ."

Notice God's wisdom in the selecting of the different officers to carry on His work in the body of Christ, which is his church. Each one was to labor under the Lord's divine guidance and man had nothing to do in calling and qualifying these different ministers. They were to go as the Spirit of God led them and to work in the capacity in which each was qualified. We shall take them in God's order and study each one briefly and trust that we may all see our place in the body of Christ and work there, well pleasing unto Him that calleth us.

The apostles were the first mentioned. An apostle is called a planter, one who goes into the harvest field and plants the truth. The apostolic ministry was primarily to take the place of Jesus, for he was soon to be crucified, and they were to carry on His great plan of evangelizing the world,

hence he gave them his Spirit so they could carry on his divine plan after his departure (John 14:16, 17; John 16:13). These had a very great responsibility, going as it were in the lead. The highest calling that could be, with power over all the enemy. God did the calling and no place did men set up a school or seminary.

Next we notice in the order were prophets. These had divine power to foretell events, and to expound the prophetic scriptures, and to show through the old scriptures the very Christ as a Saviour, a Mediator between men and God. These also had spiritual discernment and could read the signs according to the gift of prophecy. Jonah had a prophetic message, but God's anger was stopped because they believed his message.

Evangelists or itinerant preachers, or one passing from house to house or locality a local evangelist. These also had the same power and authority according to their divine order. They "could go into all the world" but were more localized. They, too, had God's backing, power and authority. These also had to pass a very high standard according to Titus 1:6, and they were to be equipped with the Holy Spirit as a guide and to have the needed power to cope with the evil spirits in which they were to meet.

The next one is pastors, or those having the charge or oversight of a church or congregation. After the evangelist was through his mission and souls found the Savior, then the pastor's responsibility began. He must take the oversight willingly, not for gain, for Jesus is his paymaster, but with a feeling akin to a mother over her children—not a lord over God's heritage or slave driver, but he must be gentle, "apt to teach."

The pastor prays and studies each one of his flock with the thought in view of helping each one to grow thereby. Sometimes problems arise between his sheep. He must act as a mediator until at least he has sufficient evidence to act. The pastor feeds the flock (Acts 20:28). The Holy Spirit makes the overseer. Sometimes he may need to warn the unruly, but it is always in love. In extreme cases he might need to tell the congregation the spiritual status of the ones labored with. The pastor is the only one to see after the flock and to execute the judgments against offenders. The lay members, as we term them, sometimes must see after their pastor's needs and esteem them highly for their works sake. A true pastor will do his best to keep out division and defend his congregation against every evil whether it be false prophets, wolves in sheep's clothing, or any kind of a wrong spirit. Where there is no pastor, the most spiritual ones have these duties to perform, but in reality belong to the pastor or overseer.

All the ministry working in divine order can

keep out every scismatic spirit. The evangelist working for God and souls gets the truth planted in the hearts of men. They become converted, then the pastor begins his labors in caring for them. They need food, and get it from the pastor, hence they grow.. There are some that have almost all of these qualifications and can work as an evangelist or pastor either, but few have this calling.

The pastor must go when duty demands it, for his flock may be in danger. Some lamb may be languishing, almost dead. The congregation must listen to the teaching and advice given—must obey them that have the rule over them, and should never try to take the oversight in that which belongs to the pastor. The pastor feeds them spiritual food and they (congregation) feed the pastor temporal needs. What beautiful harmony! all working for God doing service heartily as unto God.

The pastors have the care of the congregation and the oversight, but not as a harsh ruler. And the pastor and congregation must keep in harmony. It is right and proper for a whole-hearted co-operation and consultation among the members for the success of God's work.

The last ones mentioned in this list are teachers. These all come under the same qualification. All the body of Christ have some duty to perform, and to be a teacher of God's truth means much to bring about the unity that Jesus prayed for. But as God leads each one in his office with the several different gifts of the Spirit and work of God, if each one will keep humble and stay in God's order, every scismatic spirit can be kept out from among God's children. All of God's ministry are subject to God and each other, and will work in full harmony. But should one of these ministers get to thinking more highly of himself than he ought to think, he disqualifies himself and can cause much trouble. Let us study to fulfil our calling satisfactorily with God and saints.

—E. M. Zinn

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## The Sin Question

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Sins Nature

In its pronounciation we hear the hiss of the serpent, the cough of the coyote, the shriek of the carrion crow, the snarl of the wolf, the puffing of the adder and the houl of the hyena. Sin is a viper which fastens its fangs in the soul and fills the immortal spirit with poison and death. Sin is a disease which has contaminated every fiber of mans moral being. It is like opiate. It deadens the will; like venom it poisons the heart; like a ravenous beast it maims and cripples the soul. Like a fiend it binds the victim hand and foot. Sin is a loathsome and incurable disease; a running, putrefying sore that has not been bound. Sin is a whirlpool which draws the soul off

its course to heaven and plunges it into the pit of eternal damnation. Sin is a chain which a sinner forges for himself that he may be bound and cast into the prisonhouse of the lost. Sin is the grave digger of souls. It is the stoker that feeds and rakes the quenchless fires of the bottomless pit. Sin is the siren that lures men into her embrace, then leaps with them into the fiery gulf. Sin is a discord. It would destroy the harmony of heaven. Sin is corruption. It would defile heaven. Sin is abnormal deformity. It would disfigure the beauty of heaven. Sin is anarchy. It would trample down the moral government of heaven. It would uncrown Jesus and dethrone God. Sin is a current; the further it goes the swifter it runs. Sin is a habit; the longer it lasts the stronger it becomes. Sin is a growth rooting itself in the soul lifting its branches higher and higher every day. Sin is slavery; welding chains around its unhappy victim. Sin is moral descent; increasing in its gravity as it goes downward to hell. Sin is a departure; the distance widens between man and God. Sin is a trespass; growing bolder in the defiance of God's commands and the laws of revelation.

#### Sin Its Curse

Sin caused a fallen world; cast Adam and Eve out of the garden of Eden, murdered Able, marked Cain, cursed Ham, slew thousands of Israelites in the wilderness, made a demon out of Jezebel, turned Nebuchadnezzar into a beast, murdered John the Baptist and drove Jesus Christ to the cross. Every heart that has been broken, every home that has been ruined, every prison that has been built, every grave that has been dug, every war that has been fought, sin is responsible. Sin blights the fairest blossoms of youth, it has broken the hearts of parents and brings gray hairs with them to the grave. Sin transforms gentle children into wolves, tender mothers into tigers and loving fathers into the most cruel of monsters. Sin turns all moral beauty into rotteness and kills without mercy. Sin turns the gentlest and softest hearts into granite and steel. Sin throws discord and jealousy into peacefulness. Sin hurls reason from the throne and drags down that being who was created in God's image to the level of swine and beasts of the field and to companionship of devils and fiends; yes, it separates the victim from the pure and compels him to dwell in solitude and society like himself. Sin kept Herod awake at night and all he could see was a murdered preacher that he thought had come back to life. Sin made Judas live a life of torment. Sin followed him everywhere. If he went backward, if he went forward, if he went upstairs or down, to the right or to the left, wherever he turned sin had encircled him. It gripped him with remorse and made him find bitterness and sorrow in the things he coveted. Thirty pieces of silver pressed upon him like a weight of worlds. It turned to red hot coals in the palm of his hand. When he tried to cast it

off it hung like a viper. He finds sin is hard to enjoy and even hard to spend. The traitorous kiss wounded the heart of Jesus and left a deeper scar on his heart than the nails in his hands. His sin was sharper than the crown of thorns, more lashing than the scourge and plunged deeper in the soul of Jesus than the Roman spear. Sin is like that. It curses, it blights, it kills. Everything that robs life of what God meant it to be is charged to sin.

#### Sin Its Cure

Not jails, reformatories and prisons, not church membership or a change of environment. The world has no cure for moral leprosy, this running cancer, this germ called sin. Isaiah, seven hundred years before the angel cried his name shall be called Jesus for he shall save his people from their sins, saw the perfect cure. Amen. A man who was despised, rejected of men, a man of sorrow and acquainted with grief was wounded for our transgressions, was bruised for our iniquities and by his stripes we are healed.

Another prophet said, "A fountain is opened to the house of David for sin and for uncleanness." He was introduced to the crowd as the lamb of God which taketh away the sin of the world. Sin thought it was conquering Jesus when it took him to the cross. The false witnesses were there, the chief priests that arrested him, the mob was there and his friends were there. Some were in anguish, others wept aloud. The crowd was against him. He had no sin in him but he had our sins on him. He died for us; he is our sin cure.

Your unseen Bro. in the Lord.  
James A. Dyer Hastings, Nebr.

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#### Where Dreams Never Come True

Oh, my friends, today will you sin pursue?  
Will you turn down all that's offered you?  
Will you make your bed in a devil's hell?  
Where the dreams of life never come true.

Oh, just stop and think what remorse and woe  
At the end of life are waiting you,  
If you make your bed in a devil's hell  
Where the dreams of life never come true.

Jesus bled and died on the cruel cross;  
Yes, he gave his life to ransom you.  
Will you still refuse the Redeemer's love  
And go down where dreams never come true?

It will be too late when in hell to pray,  
There will be no mercy offered you;  
There your cries and groans all will be in vain  
Where the dreams of life never come true.

Jesus offers you now a golden crown  
And eternal life so full and true;  
Yes, a snow-white robe and a home up there,  
Where the dreams of life will e're come true.

—U. Phillips.



Oklahoma City, Okla.—Dear ones, I am a reader of the Faith and Victory paper and feel like I should send in my testimony. The paper helps me to understand the Bible, and I enjoy reading it.

I love the dear Lord, and praise Him for salvation. I desire to please Him in every way.

I have four children. Pray for them that the Lord may save them, also my husband. Pray for me, for I desire to be closer to the Lord. I get so lonesome to see and be with God's true people. Mrs. Viola Cramer.

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Hennessey, Okla.—Dear Bro. Pruitt, Greetings to you in Jesus dear name. This writing leaves me saved, sanctified, and determined by the grace of God to keep pressing on in Jesus' dear name.

This is a report of the Natchitoches, La. campmeeting, held June 14, 1942 to June 21. It was a very good, successful meeting. Truly the Word of God went forth with much power under the anointing of the Holy Ghost. Five persons were saved and the saints were much encouraged to keep pressing on. The ministers and workers present were: Bro. U. Phillips and wife of Dover, Okla., Sister Ada Davis, Annie Wiley and Bro. Lewis Williams of Hennessey, Okla. The Lord wonderfully blessed us on this trip and I am wonderfully encouraged to do all I can to keep this work moving on. I do need your prayers and cooperation that God may get the glory out of my life and the work of God in Natchitoches ever be established. —Lewis Williams

### “LITTLE FOXES”

“Take the little foxes,” the vines they will spoil;  
Tisn't meet that they waste the valuable soil.  
They're constantly maring my vineyard so great,  
Purloining its virtues to encourage its fate.

One little fox that gnaws at the leaves  
And sadly its work the vine much bereaves:  
The cub “unkindness” is known as his name—  
He's a stealthy little creature of unworthy fame.

Another little fox, his name is “O boy,”  
He's surely the product of a little alloy  
That's hid in the vineyard its beauty to mar  
And needs to be ousted and banished afar.

Another sickly cub, they call him “the kids.”  
He's bad in the vineyard, and surely he rides  
The saint of much sanctity in conversational air,  
Will make a saint chaffy before he's aware.

Another is “talky,” I believe is what they say.  
He'll wilt the tender foliage with his ‘rattle’ all day;  
Underdraining the soul, wasting its life.  
This “little fox” seems running pretty rife.

“I can't do anything” is another little fox  
That ought to be trapped right away in your box;  
For he's digging the grave to put your talent in.  
This is his work, and always has been.

It's true we are nothing, and nothing can give,  
But we can do all, if we let Christ in us live.  
So the fox that hinders us from using what we've got  
Will spoil all our vines whether we think or not.

Another sly fox that is growing quite big  
Is to “quit on the job,” refuse more to dig  
Till our interest and our efforts all are quite fled—  
Have a name that we live and yet we are dead.

“Hard to entreat” —we regret to enroll—  
Is a fox. 'Tis surprising the amount of its toll;  
For it tramples the vines as long as it's pleased,  
Whether others be burdened or whether they're eased.

Lord, drive the “little foxes” all out of the patch,  
Closing the door and bolting the latch;  
For they are a hinderance in the vineyard divine.  
They hinder the Saviour that in us should shine.


—J. H. Pierson.

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#### THE ALCOHOL PROBLEM: PAST AND PRESENT

Sunday, September 6, 1942.

Daily Readings and Meditations

August 31 to September 5

- M. The problem in Sodom Deut. 32:30-36.
- T. The problem in Israel Amos 6:1-8.
- W. Appetite and greed Gen. 25:27-34.
- T. Warning against intemperance Isa. 28:1-7.
- F. The principle of temperance 1 Cor. 8:1-13.
- S. Christian influence Rom. 14:13-23.

Printed Portion.....Gen. 13:13; 19:23-25; Deut. 32:31-33; Amos 6:1-7.

Gen. 13:13. But the men of Sodom were wicked and sinners before the Lord exceedingly.

Gen. 19:23. The sun was risen upon the earth when Lot entered into Zoar.

24. Then the Lord rained upon Sodom and upon Gomorrah brimstone and fire from the Lord out of heaven;

25. And he overthrew those cities, and all the plain, and all the inhabitants of the cities, and that which grew upon the ground.

Deut. 32:31. For their rock is not as our Rock, even our enemies themselves being judges.

32. For their vine is of the vine of Sodom, and of the fields of Gomorrah: their grapes are grapes of gall, their clusters are bitter;

33. Their wine is the poison of dragons, and the cruel venom of asps.

Amos 6:1. Woe to them that are at ease in Zion, and trust in the mountain of Samaria, which are named chief of the nations, to whom the house of Israel came!

2. Pass ye unto Calneh and see; and from thence go ye to Hamath the great: then go down to Gath of the Philistines: be they better than these kingdoms? or their border greater than your border?

3. Ye that put far away the evil day, and cause the seat of violence to come near;

4. That lie upon beds of ivory, and stretch themselves upon their couches, and eat the lambs out of the flock, and the calves out of the midst of the stall;

5. That chant to the sound of the viol, and invent to themselves instruments of musick like David;

6. That drink wine in bowls, and anoint themselves with the chief ointments: but they are not grieved for the affliction of Joseph.

7. Therefore now shall they go captive with the first that go captive, and the banquet of them that stretched themselves shall be removed.

Golden Text: "The way of the ungodly shall perish." Psalm 1:6.

Practical Truth: Beverage alcohol has always been a problem and is becoming more so in this machine age.

#### COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

Gen. 13:13. The problems confronting the ages of the past are in many respects like the present times, and the condition Sodom and Gomorrah had fallen to is truly facing us and our children in these last days. For their exceeding sinfulness had so increased and the people of these cities had forgotten God and given themselves over so completely that he purposed to destroy them and all their substance.

They were located along the banks of the fertile Jordan River, and the great increase of wealth and idleness had furnished occasion to cause them to so order their manner of shame and gross sinfulness that to this day they stand out as a land mark in the annals of time. For the heavenly messengers that appeared to Abraham said the cry of their sins had come up to heaven. And truly the cry of this wicked generation is reaching unto heaven, and we know not how soon God will punish this time world for the gross sins they are indulging in today. The awful effects of drinking and reveling which follow any sinful people was probably prevalent in Sodom and Gomorrah. No doubt, Lot made a sad mistake to take his family in such a place, and it was only his fear of God that saved him and his family.

Gen. 19:23-25. When the angels told Lot to flee to the mountains, he requested permission to stop short and locate in Loar, a small city. But as it is today, when we want our way instead of doing what God commands we fall in many sinful things.

The Lord rained fire and brimstone upon Sodom and Gomorrah and destroyed all the people with all that grew upon the ground. This shows us, today, the great wrath of God that will be poured out on all that forget God, and all gluttons and winebibbers will be cast into the lake of fire and brimstone.

Deut. 32:31-33. The scripture here gives us a picture of the wines of Sodom and Gomorrah. Their grapes are grapes of gall, the clusters are bitter. Their wine is the poison of dragons, and the cruel venom of asps, sig-

nifying how awful the effects on all those that drink the deadly cup. First it is bitter as gall; and where is it more keenly felt than at this present day? Those who indulge in its sinful way know the bitter remorse and reproach that follows the users of all intoxicating liquors. What is more poison to the body and more able to destroy souls than this awful sin?

Amos 6:1-7. Here the prophet foretells the many things that accompany the drink habit. The people love idleness and ease and cause the seat of violence to come near. How truly do those who drink get enraged and many times kill even their loved ones! The houses of bright lights furnished with gay music to allure men and women steeped in awful sin accompany it; also drinking wine in bowls or something that holds more than a glass. And here God was warning them of the awful influence upon all who do these things then; and today, God still is warning all nations to turn away from their evil ways and he will receive us if we will repent.

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#### JOSEPH SOLD INTO SLAVERY

Sunday, September 13, 1942.

#### Daily Readings and Meditations

September 7 to 12.

M. Joseph hated by his brothers Gen. 37:1-8.

T. Joseph sold into Egypt Gen. 37:23-28.

W. A father's grief Gen 37:29-36.

T. Avoiding strife Col. 3:18 to 4:1.

F. God's providence with Joseph Psa. 105:7-24.

S. Domestic relations Eph. 6:1-9.

Printed Portion .....Genesis 37:23-36.

Gen. 37:23. And it came to pass, when Joseph was come unto his brethren, that they stripped Joseph out of his coat, his coat of many colours that was on him;

24. And they took him, and cast him into a pit: and the pit was empty, there was no water in it.

25. And they sat down to eat bread: and they lifted up their eyes and looked, and, behold, a company of Ishmeelites came from Gilead with their camels bearing spicery and balm and myrrh, going to carry it down to Egypt.

26. And Judah said unto his brethren, What profit is it if we slay our brother, and conceal his blood?

27. Come, and let us sell him to the Ishmeelites, and let not our hand be upon him; for he is our brother and our flesh. And his brethren were content.

28. Then there passed by Midianites merchantmen: and they drew and lifted up Joseph out of the pit, and sold Joseph to the Ishmeelites for twenty pieces of silver: and they brought Joseph into Egypt.

29. And Reuben returned unto the pit; and, behold, Joseph was not in the pit; and he rent his clothes.

30. And he returned unto his brethren, and said, The child is not; and I, whither shall I go?

31. And they took Joseph's coat, and killed a kid of the goats, and dipped the coat in the blood;

32. And they sent the coat of many colours, and they brought it to their father; and said, This have we found: know now whether it be thy son's coat or no.

33. And he knew it, and said, It is my son's coat: an evil beast hath devoured him; Joseph is without doubt rent in pieces.

34. And Jacob rent his clothes, and put sackcloth upon his loins, and mourned for his son many days.

35. And all his sons and all his daughters rose up to comfort him; but he refused to be comforted; and he said, For I will go down into the grave unto my son mourning. Thus his father wept for him.

36. And the Midianites sold him into Egypt unto Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh's and captain of the guard.

Golden Text: "Charity envieth not." 1 Cor. 13:4.

Practical Truth: Favoritism and jealousy may cause much domestic trouble.

#### COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

This is indeed a very dark picture, but sin is always dark. We see this lad very tired, no doubt, from his long journey, looking for his brothers that he might see if they were well so he could return and tell his anxious father.

When they saw Joseph waving the coat of many colors, it caused that jealousy and covetousness to arise in their wicked hearts, so they stripped him of his coat and cast him into a pit. But thank God, He knows how to deliver us out of a pit if we are pliable in his dear hands. He will send help, though like Joseph, we may not see it at the time, it will work for our good and carry out his blessed plan.

No doubt, Joseph wondered why he should be sold and carried away into a strange land. Many times when our hearts are made sad because we don't understand, our hearts would be made to rejoice if we could only know it was God using us to work out such wonderful plans.

After they had cast Joseph into the pit, their hearts were so hard that they could sit down and eat bread even while their brother was suffering so near them. It seemed to ease their conscience some when they found a way of disposing of him without killing him, and they thought they were covering up their awful deeds. But the Word says, "Be sure your sins will find you out. They killed a kid and dipped the coat in blood and returned it to his father, bringing much sorrow to his heart. Little did he know that it was the hand of the Lord using this dear young life to preserve life and care for his people.

Jacob was so grieved and perhaps blamed himself very much for sending his dear Son away. He said he would go to his grave mourning the awful death of his son. These wicked sons rose up to comfort their father, thus trying to hide their guilt. Oh, how deceitful is sin and to what length it will go to keep from being detected, but this sin was at last found out as all sin will be. "You can't do wrong and get by." We are glad that by our truiness to God, he can use us to bring about good for ourselves and others, and teach us valuable lessons.

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#### JUDAH: AN EXAMPLE OF SELF-SACRIFICE

Sunday, September 20, 1942

Daily Readings and Meditations  
September 14 to 19.

- M. Judah's intercession Gen. 44:18-29.  
T. Judah's self-sacrifice Gen. 44:30-34.  
W. Moses' self-sacrifice Exod. 32:30-35.  
T. Jonathan's plea for David 1 Sam. 19:1-6.  
F. Esther's self-sacrificing spirit Esther 4:10-17.  
S. The reward of sacrificial living 2 Tim. 4:1-8.

Printed Portion .....Genesis 44:18-34.

Gen. 44:18. Then Judah came near unto him, and said, Oh my lord, let thy servant, I pray thee, speak a word in my lord's ears, and let not thine anger burn against thy servant: for thou art even as Pharaoh.

19. My lord asked his servants, saying, Have ye a father, or a brother?

20. And we said unto my lord, We have a father, an old man, and a child of his old age, a little one; and his brother is dead, and he alone is left of his mother, and his father loveth him.

21. And thou saidst unto thy servants, Bring him down unto me, that I may set mine eyes upon him.

22. And we said unto my lord, The lad cannot leave his father: for if he should leave his father, his father would die.

23. And thou saidst unto thy servants, Except your youngest brother come down with you, ye shall see my face no more.

24. And it came to pass when we came up unto thy servant my father, we told him the words of my lord.

25. And our father said, Go again, and buy us a little food.

26. And we said, We cannot go down: if our youngest brother be with us, then will we go down: for we may not see the man's face except our youngest brother be with us.

27. And thy servant my father said unto us, Ye know that my wife bare me two sons;

28. And the one went out from me, and I said, Surely he is torn in pieces; and I saw him not since:

29. And if ye take this also from me, and mischief befall him, ye shall bring down my gray hairs with sorrow to the grave.

30. Now therefore when I come to thy servant my father, and the lad be not with us; seeing that his life is bound up in the lad's life;

31. It shall come to pass, when he seeth that the lad is not with us, that he will die: and thy servants shall bring down the gray hairs of thy servant our father with sorrow to the grave.

32. For thy servant became surety for the lad unto my father, saying, If I bring him not unto thee, then I shall bear the blame to my father for ever.

33. Now therefore, I pray thee, let thy servant abide instead of the lad a bondman to my lord; and let the lad go up with his brethren.

34. For how shall I go up to my father, and the lad be not with me? lest peradventure I see the evil that shall come on my father.

Golden Text: "Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us: and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren." 1 John 3:16.

Practical Truth: True love shows itself in sacrifices for others.

#### COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

Things that Lead up to the Subject of this Lesson

1. The coming of Joseph's brethren to buy grain.
2. They are treated roughly and accused of being spies.
3. Simeon is bound and kept until Benjamin is brought.
4. The brethren return home with grain.
5. At length they come the second time and bring Benjamin.
6. Joseph makes a feast for them in his house.
7. They start home, but are overtaken and accused of stealing Joseph's divining cup. It is found in Benjamin's sack.
8. Joseph threatens to keep Benjamin as a slave.
9. Here we come to the end of the cause of the sacrifice which Judah makes. It was a great sacrifice, and proves to Joseph that his brethren are not the heartless men they were more than twenty years ago when they

wanted to take his life because of their jealousy.

While in the presence of Joseph they chide themselves and say, or see, they are so treated by this great man in Egypt, and begin to believe God has a hand in it because of what they did to their brother so long ago.

While chiding themselves, Joseph is so moved with Judah's willingness to make this sacrifice. Read Gen. 44:18-34—especially verse 33: "Now therefore, I pray thee, let thy servant abide instead of the lad a bondman to my lord: and let the lad go up with his brethren"—a great sacrifice. He makes the sacrifice so Benjamin can go home to spare the aged father the sorrow of another tragedy which would, no doubt, take his life.

Joseph could stand it no longer. It was such a sacrifice on the part of this brother to become a bondman for life. So far as he knew, such a sacrifice would mean that he would never see his wife and family again.

How pathetic, how wonderful! And how graciously God overruled it all for him as He does for all who sacrifice for Him. Read again the golden text.

"True love shows itself in sacrifice for others."

**JOSEPH: AN EXAMPLE OF FORGIVENESS**  
Sunday, September 27, 1942.

Daily Readings and Meditations  
September 21 to 26.

- M. Joseph forgives his brothers Gen. 45:1-8.
- T. Joseph sends for his family Gen. 45:9-15.
- W. Esau forgives his brother Gen. 33:1-8.
- T. The standard of forgiveness Matt. 18:21-35.
- F. A forgiving spirit Col. 3:12-17.
- S. God's forgiveness Psalms 103:1-8.

Printed Portion .....Genesis 45:1-15; 47:11, 12.

Gen. 45:1. Then Joseph could not refrain himself before all them that stood by him; and he cried, Cause every man to go out from me. And there stood no man with him, while Joseph made himself known unto his brethren.

2. And he wept aloud: and the Egyptians and the house of Pharaoh heard.

3. And Joseph said unto his brethren, I am Joseph; doth my father yet live? And his brethren could not answer him; for they were troubled at his presence.

4. And Joseph said unto his brethren, Come near to me, I pray you. And they came near. And he said, I am Joseph your brother, whom ye sold into Egypt.

5. Now therefore be not grieved, nor angry with yourselves, that ye sold me hither: for God did send me before you to preserve life.

6. For these two years hath the famine been in the land: and yet there are five years, in the which there shall neither be earing nor harvest.

7. And God sent me before you to preserve you a posterity in the earth, and to save your lives by a great deliverance.

8. So now it was not you that sent me hither, but God: and he hath made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house, and a ruler throughout all the land of Egypt.

9. Haste ye, and go up to my father, and say unto him, Thus saith thy son Joseph, God hath made me lord of all Egypt: come down unto me, tarry not:

10. And thou shalt dwell in the land of Goshen, and thou shalt be near unto me, thou, and thy children, and thy children's children, and thy flocks, and thy herds, and all that thou hast:

11. And there will I nourish thee; for yet there are five years of famine; lest thou, and thy household, and all that thou hast, come to poverty.

12. And, behold, your eyes see, and the eyes of my brother Benjamin, that it is my mouth that speaketh unto you.

13. And ye shall tell my father of all my glory in Egypt, and of all that ye have seen; and ye shall haste and bring down my father hither.

14. And he fell upon his brother Benjamin's neck, and wept; and Benjamin wept upon his neck.

15. Moreover he kissed all his brethren, and wept upon them: and after that his brethren talked with him.

Gen. 47:11. And Joseph placed his father and his brethren, and gave them a possession in the land of Egypt, in the best of the land, in the land of Rameses, as Pharaoh had commanded.

12. And Joseph nourished his father, and his brethren, and all his father's household, with bread, according to their families.

Golden Text: "Be ye kind one to another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you." Eph. 4:32.

Practical Truth: Christ's spirit is a forgiving spirit, and those who do not possess it are none of his.

#### COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

This is the third lesson taken from the life of Joseph. We hope you have read the full account in the Bible in order to fully understand the printed portion. In today's lesson, his life had reached the climax. His night of weeping was ended; now the morning of joy had dawned, when he should see his dreams come true and receive the reward for his long suffering in patience.

He had tested his brethren and found that they were truly sorry for their great sin against him. They were in a penitent state and ready for forgiveness, so he revealed himself to them. The words, "I am Joseph," could but bring to their hearts a sense of fear because of their guilt, for his place and power afforded him a wonderful opportunity for revenge. But Joseph had a forgiving heart and yearned for their love. In spite of his great sufferings at their hands, he could look above them and see God in it all. God had made the wrath of man to praise him, and used them as instruments in his hands. Though they had no plans but to get rid of the one they hated, God used their actions to "preserve life."

Do you know of a time in your life when others meant to do you wrong, but God worked it out for good?

Jesus' persecutors and murderers meant evil, but God by their means wrought out salvation.

Joseph's forgiving spirit very closely resembles that of our Saviour. A sinner trespasses against the Lord in many ways, thinking he should do many things contrary to Jesus Christ of Nazareth. But in His mercy, He brings things to bear against him to get him to see his sin that he might repent and be forgiven. Should he get justice for his sins it would be death, for the wages of sin is death but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. Should he trample His mercy under foot until he stands before Him in judgment, he can not be relieved of the feeling of guilt and fear such as Joseph's brothers had when they faced their judge; but if he confesses and forsakes sin and pleads for mercy here, he can hear what Joseph's brethren did: "Be not grieved," and "Go in peace, thy sins be forgiven thee."

It is good to know that the Lord so freely forgives; but don't forget that if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your heavenly Father forgive your trespasses. Therefore, "Be ye kind, tender hearted, forgiving others even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you."