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### The New Year Motto

"I asked the New-year for some motto sweet,  
Some rule of life with which to guide my feet;  
I asked, and paused; he answered soft and low,  
'God's will to know.'

" 'Will knowledge then suffice, New-year?' I cried,  
And e'en the question into silence died:  
The answer came, 'Nay, but remember, too,  
God's will to do.'

"Once more I asked: 'Is there no more to tell?'  
And once again the answer sweetly fell,  
'Yes, this one thing all other things above:  
God's will to love.' "

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### Ye Must Be Born Again

"Ye must be born again," were words spoken by Jesus Christ himself. His is the voice that you and I must hear and obey, if we ever get into God's heaven. In Deut. 18:19 we read a prophecy referring to Jesus. In it we learn that Jesus would speak all that God commanded him and that God requires us to hear or hearken unto his words. Jesus was baptized of John and went straightway up out of the water. The Spirit descended like a dove and lit upon him, and the heavens opened. A voice from heaven (God speaking) said, "This is my beloved son, in whom I am well pleased." Matt. 3:17. In the 17th chapter of Matthew we read where Peter, James, and John were with the Lord on the Mount. He was transfigured before them and his face did shine as the sun and his raiment was white as the light. Moses and Elias (Elijah) appeared and talked with him. Peter said it was good to be there and wanted to build three tabernacles, one for Jesus, one for Elias, and one for Moses; but God spoke from heaven said, "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am pleased; HEAR YE HIM." Peter rehearsed the saying in the 18th chapter of Deut., and said, "that

every soul, which will not hear that prophet, shall be destroyed from among the people." (Read Acts 3:22, 23.) In the first chapter of 2 Peter, beginning at the 16th verse is another warning from Peter to hear his voice. He refers to the voice that they heard from the "Excellent Glory," and continued to warn us to HEAR HIM.

The voice of Jesus to you, my dear reader, today is, "YE MUST BE BORN AGAIN." Turning over a "new leaf" or making resolutions in your own strength will not do; nothing will avail but a life made NEW. Keeping many of the commandments, going to church, paying the preacher, and merely professing Christ will not do; "YE MUST BE BORN AGAIN."

A man said to me last week, "If I do this good thing and that good thing [meaning the keeping of a number of the commandments], and yet I smoke, would I be a Christian?" I told him that he might do all those good things and not smoke either, and yet he would not be a Christian; for Jesus says, "YE MUST BE BORN AGAIN." If you should do any number of good things, it would only be your self-righteousness; and the Bible says that, "All our righteousnesses are as filthy rags." Isa. 64:6. We must have the righteousness of God in our souls or we are none of His. The only way to have God's righteousness is to be "BORN FROM ABOVE," for Jesus says, "EXCEPT A MAN BE BORN AGAIN, HE CANNOT SEE THE KINGDOM OF GOD." John 3:3. That is why so many who profess Christ today are blind and cannot see the kingdom of God, but are looking for it in some future age. When a soul is truly "BORN AGAIN," he at once enters into the kingdom of God and can see the kingdom. He will live in the kingdom of God now, and when the earthly house of this tabernacle is dissolved (2 Cor. 5:1), he will put on a glorified body, a "house from heaven," and continue to dwell in the heavenly kingdom. Thus the saying is true, "a saved soul has a heaven to go to heaven in." He is in the kingdom of God now and is reigning with Christ on earth. (Rom. 5:17 and Rev. 5:10).

Jesus told his disciples, "Except your righteousness shall exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of God." Matt. 5:20. The only way that any man can have righteousness that will exceed that of the Pharisees, is to have the righteousness of the Lord dwelling in his soul. That brings us back to our text again: "YE MUST BE BORN AGAIN."

To retain this born-again experience, we must keep yielded into his hands and be "led by the Spirit of God." Rom. 8:14. The Biblical definition of a Christian is, "Christ-like." If we are not Christ-like we are no Christian in a Biblical sense, no matter how much we profess or how loudly we may say we are sanctified.

While holding a meeting in another state, a man living in the country professed religion and would testify that he was saved and sanctified. But he got angry at his neighbor and they had a fight. I talked to him about it, telling him how wrong it was to fight and injure anyone and how he ought to commit the man to God and let him take care of him. He said that he thought God needed some help sometimes. I pointed out to him how Christ, when he was being slain on the cross by his enemies, said, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do"; and when Stephen was being stoned to death, he said, "Father, lay not this sin to their charge"; and that Paul (Rom. 8:9) said, "Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his." He looked across the table at me with eyes glaring and said, "I am not afraid of you either." By his fruits we knew that he was not even saved, let alone being sanctified.

Peter, speaking of Jesus, said that Christ "suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow in his steps: who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth: who, when he was reviled, reviled not again; when he suffered, he threatened not; but committed himself to him that judgeth righteously: who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness, by whose stripes ye were healed." 1 Peter 2:21-24. To want to fight and injure anyone, even your enemy, would cause you to forfeit your right of being a Christian. It is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, saith the Lord." Rom. 12:19. One who will take vengeance is robbing God of what rightfully belongs to Him. Under this Grace day new covenant one does not have to kill a man to be a murderer, for the scripture teaches us that the one who has hate in his heart is a murderer already (1 John 3:15). The crying need of professed Christians today is to "BE BORN AGAIN." Judging by their fruits, many have never been born again, and the majority of the rest have lost their FIRST LOVE. Brethren, let us not

deceive ourselves, but take heed unto the "Sure word of prophecy." Let me repeat again the voice of Jesus, "Verily, verily, [or truly, truly] I say unto thee, Except a man be BORN OF WATER AND OF THE SPIRIT, HE CANNOT ENTER INTO THE KINGDOM OF GOD." Continued obedience to the teachings of the New Testament will mean retaining the "BORN AGAIN" experience. —Fred Pruitt.

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## Gone Straight To Heaven OR

### The Death of An Irish Girl

"Mother," said a dying girl in Ireland, "it's a dreadful thing to die!"

"It is that, my darling," the mother said, as she fondly gazed with tearful eye upon the fading cheek of her child; "it is that. O, that I could die instead! But you have confessed, and why are ye still afraid?"

"Yes, I have confessed every sin I could remember, and I have absolution, and I shall have the Holy oil when I am at the last, mother; but then I must be in the fires of purgatory soon; and you are very poor, mother."

"Leave all that to the priest, my darling, and say the prayers to the Virgin he bade you. That'll bring peace to your heart."

"No, it is all dark. I want to know where I am going, and more, a great deal more, than the priest would tell me." "Mother," she added quickly, "I am thinking of the death bed of cousin Cathleen; she had no absolution, no unction, no masses, but she died so happy."

"She was a heretic, Mary, and knew nothing at all; so she died in her sins."

"Some words she said come over me now, mother: 'Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; Thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.'—Psa. 23:4. What did she mean? I have no comfort, no staff. I am trembling in the dark, and see only great fires beyond, and am full of fear. Cathleen did not believe in purgatory."

"Hush now, Mary dear; go to sleep and forget her, and trust in the blessed Virgin."

"Well, mother, I'll try; but I can't help thinking it must be a happier thing to go straight to heaven at once. I wish I could remember all Cathleen said about it."

It's not for the likes of us to go straight to heaven at once, Mary; we go the way the church directs."

"But sure it's a hard way, mother dear; I often fear that some who get into the fires of purgatory may never get out again."

"Now, don't get distrustful of the masses, darling. Just leave thinking about it at all, and here's Pat. He will sit by you a while, till I run to mother and be

Pat had come in and overheard part of the cc

sation, and now sat down by his sister's side with a heavy heart; for the doctor said she could not recover, and he had traveled from another part of the country to see her before her death.

"Mary," said he, when their mother had left them together, "what was that about Cousin Cathleen?"

"Ah, Pat, I was wishing I could die as happy as she did; and I can't believe her soul is in hell, just because—"

"Because she believed in the blood and mercies of the Lord Jesus Christ," exclaimed Pat. "No, Mary for that's just the reason she had no need to go there at all; and as for the unction, she had that, too. She got it—**straight from the hands of the Lord himself.** He spoke to her soul, Mary, and comforted her with the assurance of His love and pardon. Do you think she needed anybody else to tell her after that?"

Mary stared upon her brother, exclaiming:

"Sure, brother, you've turned heretic, too!"

"Well, never mind that; I don't care for nicknames at all; but I've been reading the Bible, Mary—God's own blessed book—full of such melting words to poor sinners as would melt your heart."

"But how did you get it? Does the priest know?"

"Sure, I didn't stop to ask him. So I read and read; and some things were so pretty, and went so quick to the heart, that I couldn't stop any more, if I'm burned for it."

"But now, Pat, what is it about purgatory you've read the Bible?"

"Why just as much as you see in that empty platter, and that's nothing at all; and I've searched from one end to the other. So make your heart easy, Mary, for you can't go to a place that isn't in God's creation. You shall go—and I promise you on the faith of the Holy Scriptures—straight to heaven at once, if you only do one thing."

"What is it, Pat? O, what is there I wouldn't do if I could? Is it to make a station?"

"No, no, not such things as that; but if you'll listen, I'll read you the beautiful words that they are." And drawing from his pocket the precious little volume that had enlightened himself, the young Irishman read: "God so loved the world that he gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life."—John 3:16. "HE WAS WOUNDED FOR OUR TRANSGRESSION, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace WAS UPON HIM: and with his stripes we are healed."—Isaiah 53:5.

"Mary, do you think the Lord only suffered by halves, and only heals by halves? 'Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him: and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.'—Isaiah 55:7. Is it to abundantly pardon to go suffer torments in prison be-

fore we get in at all, Mary? "For by one offering he hath PERFECTED forever them that are sanctified."—Heb. 10: 5-7, 10-12, 14.

"Them that are sanctified, Pat. What's that? Isn't it to be sanctified that we go to purgatory?"

"No for where remission of these is, there is no more offering for sin."—Heb. 10:16-18. No offering of your own suffering, my Mary; no masses for our mother to pay. When the blessed Lord was going to be betrayed before He was taken prisoner, He prayed for all His people, and in His prayer He said not a word of going through purgatory. So, Mary, it is CHRIST'S BLOOD for us, and that's salvation out and out."

"But, now, what's the thing I'm to do, Pat? You said if I'd do one thing."

"Why, then, it's just this: Having as the precious Word says, 'an High Priest over the house of God'—that is the Lord Jesus, with the one offering of himself once offered—'let us draw near with a true heart, in full assurance of faith,'—Heb. 10:21, 22. You must believe these things, and that will make them your own. 'Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved' (Acts 16:31), not, at once; and 'being justified by faith we have peace with God, through our Lord Jesus Christ,' and then you may 'hope of the Glory of God,' for 'being now justified by his blood we shall be saved from wrath through him.'—Rom. 5:1, 2, 9. O, Mary it's all of a piece; it's like the Word of God, worth loving and preserving forever. Now, can you find it in your heart to trust what God says? It's faith you must get, and not masses, Mary. The offering is made, the blood is shed that must wash away all your sins, so that what you should do is to believe in Christ alone."

"Faith, faith: what is it?"

"It's just believing heartily the Lord, that He says true, and will do as he promised, before you get the thing promised, for 'with the heart man believeth unto righteousness.'—And then, Mary dear, if indeed you must leave us—if you must not stay any longer here—you will pass without fear through the shadowy valley, having the staff of truth to lean upon; and your happy spirit, 'absent from the body,' shall be, for He says it present with the Lord."—2 Cor. 5:8.

"O, Pat, it's taking the thorns from the dying pillow, one by one; and I do think I'll be able to believe it all. But what will the priest say? Perhaps he will say I am a heretic, Pat," and she shuddered at the thought.

"O, it'll do the most harm to himself, then. Never fear. Be true and hold fast to the Lord Jesus and His own words, and you need not fear what men can do."

"Sure, it's a blessed religion to comfort us all, whether living or dying and I only wish the sweet story was told from Ballycastle to Cape Clear, till everyone could know that Jesus Christ, the Lord, had

died for them, and for His sake God can have mercy on them that believe. It's the Gospel we want, and then it's God's Word, not mine, that says, 'Happy is that people whose God is the Lord.'" Psalm 144:15.

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Work done for God, it dieth NOT.”

“The church of God has its greatest difficulty with that class of people who have died in the “Wilderness” and don't know it.”

## EDITORIALS

The year of 1942 will soon be gone and the New Year of 1943 will come marching in, which will make us all rejoice for the prospects of service ahead for the Master, and the opportunities granted to us to glorify Him during the past year. As we look back over the year that is gone, we think of the many trials and the many victories won through the Lord. The year of 1942 has been a year of greater work for the Lord, I believe, than any previous year, although the enemy has tried in many ways to strangle, choke, or stop the literature work, but God has overruled and we continue on with the work, at least up to this present writing. We need your earnest prayers, for many things are coming against the Lord's work here. It seems the enemy is gathering his hosts to strike a deadly blow, but our confidence in God is unshaken and we are not only willing to suffer for his sake, but to die if need be. We can truthfully say, as the Apostle Paul said, “None of these things move me.” We know that our God rules in spite of circumstances that may exist. Before Jesus left for the glory world, he told the disciples that “All power is given unto me both in heaven and in earth,” and those words are just as much to us as it was to them. We place our confidence fully in God and have nothing to fear. We know that this printing work is not loved by the world, neither by many who make a high profession of Christ. If I should become a “policy” preacher, as many preachers are today, I could, no doubt, avoid present persecution, humiliation, shame, and contempt; but I fear and reverence God too much to profane his sacred and holy name among the unsaved or in any other place. You who know the worth of prayer, pray that God will give us grace and wisdom to always glorify God in our bodies and spirits which are His.

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Jesus said, “Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.” Matt. 11:28. These words of the Saviour ought to be the sweetest words on mortal tongue to the weary, afflicted, and poverty stricken soul. That soul that is trying to do right and the enemy is afflicting them in body and causing them to murmur and pine and do evil, perhaps cursing when things go wrong, fuss at the wife or children or stock; they want to do right but, like Paul when in sin, when they would do good, evil is present with them. (Romans 7:21). He was brought into captivity by the law of sin which was in his members. He was made to cry out, “Oh, wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death?” That man or woman that is in sin is a wretched person for that power of sin is bringing eternal death upon them. They have no true happiness here and no hope of any to come and

the imps of hell are already tormenting them and causing them great misery. My disappointed friend, there is hope for you in Christ. If you will surrender to him with all your heart he will make a new creature out of you and joy and gladness will spring up in that desert and parched soul. When you cry unto the Lord, confessing your sins and asking God to have mercy on you a sinner, He will hear and will have mercy and bring you up out of the horrible pit and up out of the miry clay of sin. He will set your feet upon a Rock, a solid foundation. He will lead you and establish your goings and direct you in a plain path. He will put a new song in your mouth, even praises unto our God. Oh, blessed is the man that putteth his trust in the Lord, for he shall walk with Him in white and eat of the hidden manna. He shall walk on the Highway of holiness where the unclean are not found. No one with a lion-like nature will be there, no ravenous beast-natured person will be there, but the redeemed of the Lord will walk there. They shall travel this Highway with songs and everlasting joy upon their heads and all sorrow and sighing shall flee away. Read the latter part of the 35th chapter of Isaiah. There is an abundance of rest in Christ for the weary and heavy laden for His burden is light and His yoke is easy. I've found it so, yes, many others have found it so and dear friend you can find it so if you will surrender to Him. "He that covereth his sins [will not confess them and forsake them] shall not prosper, but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy." You can be saved if you become fully willing. Seek Him while He may be found. Call upon Him while He is near. "Let the wicked forsake his way and the unrighteous man his thoughts, let him return unto the Lord and he will have mercy upon him, and to our God: for he will abundantly pardon." Isaiah 55:7.

#### OBITUARY

Our dear mother, Mrs. Jacob Eberle (Lovina Eberle) has left us and gone on to heaven. She died Nov. 26th at her home after a very short illness. She was attempting to write to the saints for prayer when she became unconscious and remained so for two days and nights before her death. The doctor said a blood clot on her brain caused her death. I am the oldest child and only girl and have been married for about two and one-half years.

We have been in Austin, Texas for several months now, where my husband is attending the University and preparing for his part in the army. He will be sent to a northern army camp in about three weeks. At that time, my baby daughter and I will return home to live with Daddy and my younger brothers to try to help and comfort them as much as possible.

We thank God that mother was His child and know that he has taken her home. Knowing how happy and joyful her soul now is with Christ, we could not wish her back in this old world of pain and sorrow.

Dear saints, please pray for my Daddy, brothers

(Bill, Jack, Bob, and Dick), and for me also, that we may become saved and live lives acceptable to God that we may spend eternity with Christ and dear mother.

Please pray for my dear husband also, who will soon be in the armed forces. —Mrs. Scott Mollenauer

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Mercedes, Tex.—Greetings in the name of Jesus. Dear ones, I thank the dear Lord this morning that I am his child and can put my trust in him; yet sadness has come to our hearts. Dear Sister Eberle passed away on Thanksgiving Day. She was only sick a week. I surely miss her for we agreed on God's Word. We would read, pray, and sing together. And she will be missed in her home. She would take the Bible and say, "Come, boys, I am going to read the Bible." They surely will miss their dear mother's sweet smiles. She was so kind to all of them. May God comfort them, is my prayer. They need our prayers.

She wrote me a letter Nov. 8th. She said it would be nice if we could see each other every day, "but be of good cheer for we can in the 'Sweet Bye and Bye.' I pray God that our dear ones may be saved, yours and mine." She was 52 years old.

Please pray for my eye. The doctor says there is a cataract over it. He told me not to sew much nor read much. I told him I read a chapter in the Bible every day, and I believe with all my heart that God will help me with your prayers. I had my 79th birthday the 24th of November.

May God's richest blessings be on you all is my prayer. Mary Leeper.

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### Reverence Or Profanity?

Every true child of God has a horror of anything profane. They keep as far from it as possible. They would never think of using the name of our Saviour in any way but in reverence. They would under no circumstances "take the name of God in vain."

I would like to point out that these are not the only ways of indulging in profanity. Anything that is not reverent toward God and his Son and his Word is profanity. There is a form of profanity that is not generally recognized as being such among some of the saints, and particularly the younger saints. That is, quoting from the Word of God lightly, banteringly, punningly, or in such a way as to make entertaining conversation. There are some scriptures indeed, many scriptures that are easily adapted to fit peculiar or amusing circumstances. At the time this practice may seem harmless enough, but let us look into it a little deeper.

In St. John 1:1, we read, "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God." Again in the 14th verse we read, "And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us."

The next time we hear someone quote a scripture as a kind of a pun on some material circumstance, if we should say, "You have just profaned the name of our Saviour," they would perhaps be shocked, but it that not true?

If we want the precious life-giving Word of God

to have all the sweetness and depth of meaning that God means it to hold for us, then lets shun such practices just as we would shun any other evil.

Do you think a scripture used lightly one moment and repeated again later perhaps by the same lips and from the pulpit, would have power to reach deep into the souls of the listeners?

"Thou shalt not live by bread alone, but by every word of God." Lk. 4:4. If we are to live by every word of God, should not every word be as sacred to us as the name of our God, and our dear Saviour and Redeemer, Jesus Christ? Let us keep every word of our God hallowed in our hearts that it may indeed be our meat and drink. —Virginia Whittenborn

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The pamphlets, "Information and Counsel to Conscientious Objectors Of the Church of God as It Relates to the Selective Training and Service Act of 1940," which we have been sending out upon request, are no longer available. Government men (F. B. I.) have been here at the office to investigate the work. There is objection to these pamphlets being sent out, so we have destroyed all that we had in stock, with the exception of two which we shall keep on file in the office. We shall print no more, nor any similar to them. There will be no need for anyone to send for more of them, for we shall have no more to send out. We also ask those who have them not to make use of them.

We can not see where we did any wrong in printing and sending this pamphlet to conscientious objectors as the Constitution of the United States allows one the right to worship God according to the dictates of his own conscience, and also the "Selective Service and Training Act" of 1940 provides for the exemption of truly conscientious objectors and we thought and do believe yet that from a lawful standpoint we were working in harmony with the laws and regulations of our country. We had no other motive in this but to help these poor boys that were real conscientious objectors to know how to get their case before the Draft Board in an intelligent manner to receive recognition from the Board. We thought it would be a help to the Draft Board as well as to the one making the appeal.

By the Grace of God we mean to abide by the rules and regulations of our country as far as we can without rejecting the commandments and teachings of God's sacred and Holy Scriptures. We love our country and believe this democratic form of Government to be the best in the world. We pray for our rulers, governors, officers, and law-makers, and honor and respect them as they, the officers, are under oath to enforce the laws without partiality and to keep order and peace; to make ungodly and wicked men behave themselves under pain of punishment. We believe in keeping the teachings found in the 13th chapter of Romans as well as all other Sacred Scriptures.

Since God has saved us and given us life from heaven in our souls we have a "good will" toward all men and will work no ill to anyone if we know it.

We ask all of our readers to pray for us as we do not know how long we shall be able to continue the work. We are living in rapidly changing times.

Your humble servant,

—Fred Pruitt



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## CORRESPONDENCE

Muncie, Ind.—Dear workers of God. We found a copy of "Faith and Victory" magazine. We have read and re-read it, we liked it so well. My husband is a holiness minister and has gotten several good thoughts from it, and I myself have gotten lots of good from it, so I am ordering a year's subscription.

I love to do things for the Lord. He has done so much for us. I love him with all my heart, soul, and mind, and by his grace I shall spend the rest of my life a humble servant for him, doing his will, no matter how small or how hard the work he gives me. I know his grace is sufficient, praise his holy name.

Your sister in Christ, Mrs. Paul R. Mansfield.  
Merrill, Mich.—Greetings in the precious name of Jesus. Praise God for this wonderful salvation. It is a wall around us. I am so glad that I am saved and have the Holy Spirit abiding within, and I know what it is to trust Him. He heals us. He has been my Physician for 35 years for soul and body without any dope. We are glad for the "Faith and Victory" paper. Pray for us. Bro. and Sister W. T. S. Maurer.

Fresno, Calif.—Dear saints in the one body: Greetings in Jesus' dear name. I am so happy that I can tell you I am still saved and trusting the Lord for both soul and body. Praise His dear name. He has been my healer for more than thirty-one years. I will never turn to the help of man, for I do mean to trust God to the end.

I had the flu two weeks ago so I asked the saints to anoint me and pray for me and the Lord healed me. I was able to work the next day, for which I praise Him.

There are only a few saints of God here, but we are holding on to God and praying that there will be more souls born into the body.

Please pray much for us here in Fresno. I do pray God's blessings to continue to be with all of you and the Publishing House. Your blood washed sister in the one body,  
—Mrs. L. P. Hamilton

Nebraska Penitentiary—Dear workers for Christ: I am sending for some free tracts to use in my work for God here in the penitentiary. I have no donation to send this time, but I am enclosing six cents for mailing.

I received some tracts last summer from the Faith Publishing House, and I am sure that they were made good use of. Praise the Lord!

I will be released next April, 7th. I have the opportunity to go into missionary work at Stillwater, Okla. then. While I am here I am trying to show some of these young men the right road to God. Pray for them.

I am sure God will bless you in your work there at Guthrie, and I will remember the Faith Publishing House and its workers in my prayers. Thank you, and may God bless you.  
Rollie Whittington

Louin, Miss.—Dear ones in Christ: We think of and pray for you often as we understand you are coming through some of the "great tribulation" there, and need prayers to help carry the cross. We are at the closing of time, moving on toward some of our last steps to eternity.

While out in the timber one day in prayer, I saw by vision of mind or somehow, the two bodies of Christ as they moved on to their last and final steps in earth: that is, the natural body of Jesus and the spiritual body.

The natural body of Jesus went on until weary and tired, scoffed at, brought before rulers, betrayed, forsaken, and all. Then I saw the spiritual body of Christ pressing on until it was weary, tired, scoffed at, and

being brought before rulers, betrayed and forsaken by all. As those who were not sanctified in Jesus' time could not follow His body all the way but fell asleep and forsook Him; so it will be in the time of his spiritual body. That Judas spirit that worked in the time of Jesus' natural body is working in the time of His spiritual body. Right at the end of Jesus' natural body, they were going to give it a blow that would break it (his bones), but before they carried out their plans, Jesus had left for paradise. So right at the end, they will try to give this body we are now in a blow that would break it or part it, but just before their plans are carried out, we will be caught up to meet the Lord in the air and shall forever be with the Lord.

As I looked upon the scene, it made me weak to think how close we are to our final end and how people are moving on so unconcerned about their destiny. It encourages our hearts to sing No. 403 in the "Select Hymns. How meek, and kind Jesus was, and He answered never a word.

We want to attend the Assembly meeting, but not knowing how the gas will be, we are not sure we can. Keep true. May God bless. D. A. Gibson.

State Penitentiary McAlester, Okla.—Dear Brethren: We are in receipt of the bundle of tracts that you sent us for distribution among the inmates here. They are good and we will carefully and prayerfully give them out to our Prisoners here. We use thousands of these tracts each year and are always glad to receive them from reliable sources. We know you will be happy to share in the work here in the giving out of these tracts. We have found that they are powerful silent preachers and do worlds of good. We are happy to receive such helpful literature.  
Gratefully Yours,  
—John D. Seal, Chaplain

Okmulgee, Okla.—Greetings in Jesus' dear name: I am sorry I will not get to attend the Assembly meeting. I can't stand cold, and too, I am a little short on finances. But I am praying that the good Lord will open the windows of heaven and pour out such blessings you will not have room to receive it all, and that a little will fall on poor me. I have settled it for the Judgment to go all the way with the good Lord. He is all and in all to me. He is my husband, my doctor, a friend when I'm in trouble, and he is my victory in death. Bless his dear name! Pray much for me. May God bless you and the work, is my prayer.  
—Frances Bell

## God's Paper Mill

A frightfully wicked woman working in one of the great paper mills of Glasgow was converted through the efforts of a city missionary, and became a person of great devoutness of character. She described the process of her salvation in these terms: "I was like the rags that go into the paper mill. They are torn and filthy, but they come out clear, white paper. That is like what Jesus is doing for me." That is, indeed, the work which the great Redeemer is doing for man. That is the method by which the Kingdom of God is being made triumphant in earth.  
—G. P. Eckman

Please notify us immediately if you fail to receive your "Faith and Victory" by the first Sunday in the month. They sometimes get lost in the mail.



## Have Faith In God

I feel it is pleasing to the Lord to drop a line to the brethren abroad: Greetings—

I think myself happy to be in the present truth. To know the way of the Lord is one thing, and to do it is still better. I am delighted to be able to report the battles are raging and the victory is real. Many times I think some evade the victories by evading the battles—so it has been always: battles before victories; calm after storm.

There are many things I feel I should address you about; but one thing presses my heart very forcibly; the confidence, hope, trust, and faith in God. Lack of these is the greatest reason why so many nowadays find it hard for them to trust the Lord in sickness, as well as in other ways. Brethren, the only right thing to do when we, as the saints in light, get sick is trust the Lord. That is all that is recommended in the Bible for Christians to do; nothing else is in any degree recommended. I know that trusting the Lord in sickness is not all it takes to be a Christian, but it is a part of a Christian's duty to do so, as we are instructed in James 5:14. Quite a number of us know where the text is, and how it is worded. God has a rule for Christians to go by in His Word; and in sickness he says, "Call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord: And the prayer of faith shall save the sick." If you and I want to be saved (meaning healed or saved from sickness) let us do as God has told us, and as sure as heaven itself, we will be healed. As sure as the prayer of faith is prayed, we shall be healed; as sure as it is not prayed, we are likely to remain sick or die.

Folks nowadays have so many excuses for failure to trust the Lord—too many to mention them all, but a few of them may let us see the condition many folks are getting into in these perilous days when we should be closer to God than ever (if any difference). It is an easy thing to profess the Lord, and when we get sick disgrace and dishonor him by resorting to the arm of flesh. I know there are some good doctors, and good men, and we respect them; but while we respect the good-hearted doctors, let us not forget to respect God who has given us, not a remedy, but a cure for all ailments. Let not what some say (perhaps the children) persuade us to do anything, but trust God clean and complete.

I do not want to be too severe on such questions, but, brethren, something must be done to redeem a lot of folks who are posing as saints in light, if they can be redeemed at all; for I am sure the ministry as a whole knows of this great disrespect that is being shown to God by resorting to medical aid, when we have it clearly told us in the Word of God what to do.

"Well," one says, "where is an elder of the church?" If I were such an one as did not know of any, I would be finding out, so if I needed one I would know how to find him. Most of the folks know where the doctor lives or where his place of business is. God has set up business located in James 5:14. He will be there when you arrive, and if prescriptions are followed closely, make your arrangements to arise and walk. If you do not want to walk, stay away from James 5:14, for there is where God meets with his people and heals them.

Some will say, "I don't believe what that old preacher is telling." If you do not believe it, you will not be bothered with healing, for it is for those that believe—and for them only. That old sickening story folks tell—"The children wanted me to have the doctor"—makes me feel faint at heart sometimes, when I know that is not the cause at all. More times than not, it is because the sick one is prone to mistrust God, hence fail to have faith in God. They would rather have the doctor than God. Well, we all can have either one we want. There are plenty of doctors and they will give you almost anything you want, dope if you want it.

No one would want me to pray for them if they knew I had light on the doctrine of divine healing if I were taking medicine and calling the doctor every time I get a little pain or a big one either. We as the ministers of God should let our people know if they do not know that we pray for the sick and that we do not approve of our people calling the medical doctor when they are sick.

"Well," one says, "I thought I was going to die." You probably have been asking God to take you to heaven, and when it begins to look like you were about to get off, you begin to say, "I don't want to go to heaven, call the doctor." In reality, what you do is to bring shame on your pastor and the cause of God for which you have been professing to stand all these years. Brethren, these things ought not to be. When we as the ministry know that folks know better than to call doctors when sick and know to call the elders, we should encourage them all we can and do all else we can to get their faith built up, for we know the devil is about to destroy faith. But when folks are in good touch with God, faith is one thing that goes with a bright experience of salvation. If we get lukewarm, then faith will ebb away, and there we are without faith to be healed. And this is the greatest cause of failure today when folks fail to trust God for healing when they know it to be a Bible doctrine. We also know sometimes God will and has healed sinners in answer to the prayers of his faithful ministers, and will do so yet if they will confess. And if they have committed sins, they shall be forgiven them. So divine healing is for all that believe.

Good-by, and God bless you all. —Bro. Strech



# « Young People's Section »

## Our Interceding Saviour

How wonderful it is to come to our Lord in secret, to read his precious Word and pray. How our spirit is brightened and the cares of life fade away, and such peace surrounds us! It seems as if our whole body and soul receives strength, and we are fitted to meet life's problems of another day, and yet, sometimes when we come, the devil comes too. He puts up a real fight to try to get us not to concentrate upon what we are reading, and tries to bring in some care of this life to think upon. But when we just rebuke him and resist him in Jesus' name, he has to flee. Praise the Lord!

Jesus was crucified and laid in the tomb, but not to stay. He arose the third day with power over the devil and all evil. Now He sits on the right hand of God listening to our petitions and prayers, and intercedes the Father for us. We can have victory each day and when we pray.

"Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." Matt. 26:41. —Mrs. A. Marie Miles

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## The Path Of Life

In Psalms 16:11 we read: "Thou wilt shew me the path of life: in thy presence is fullness of joy: at thy right hand there are pleasures forever more."

As we approach the dawn of a new year, we are thankful for the Lord's blessings and leadings through out the old year and for the promise that in the future He would show us the "path of life." The way the Lord has marked out for us will not always be smooth and pleasant. Oftentimes it is rough and stormy, and many obstacles to surmount. The "strait" path leads upgrade, and will require pressing forward. We can not always be carried along on flowery beds of ease, for it is only in the stormy gale that the strength of the ship is proved. We must have Divine power to follow Jesus through the shadow as well as the sunshine, and through the storm as well as the calm. The people of God in the past have had some of their richest experiences in the hour of deepest trial. May each one count the cost and be faithful.

Out before us all, saved and unsaved alike, there lies the unknown future. We do not know what we will have to face during this new year. Perhaps the Lord will come for His own. We do not know. Yet the people of God do know some things—that their heavenly Father will go before and lead them in the "Path of life" amid all the changing scenes of the future, and they know that in His "Presence

is fullness of joy," and furthermore, at His "right hand there are pleasures for evermore." Thank the Lord! The true child of God can sing, "I am happy with Jesus alone," and "I'd rather be just a poor beggar, Live in a shack by the road, Than here to own all earth's treasure with no title to a future abode."

—L.D.P.

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## Wesley's Vision

A story is told of John Wesley. He had a vision in which he was taken to the gate of Heaven, and, desirous of knowing who had been admitted, he questioned the angel at the entrance:

"Have you any Presbyterians here?" inquired Wesley. "No, none," responded the angel, briefly.

Wesley was amazed. While not expecting a great number, he did think there would be some at least. "Well, have you any Episcopalians?" he asked, after a moment's pause. "None," answered the angel quickly.

Wesley grew pale. He could scarcely muster up courage to ask his next question. "Well, then," continued the great founder of Methodism, "How many Methodists have you here?" "Not one," replied the angel. And Wesley's heart was filled with dismay. "We are unacquainted with earthly distinctions up here," explained the angel. "They are all left outside." "Well, then, who have you here?" at last cried the stricken man. "Just a company of people who love the Lord," answered the angel quietly.

Wesley was then conducted in vision to the regions of despair. "Have you any Presbyterians here?" he inquired, anxiously to gain some knowledge of the inhabitants of hell. "Yes, lots of them," responded the keeper at the gate.

Wesley was mystified. "Have you any Episcopalians here?" was his next question. "Lots of them," replied the wicked spirit gleefully.

In fear and trembling Wesley put his third question, determined to know the worst. "Have you any Methodists here?" he murmured in a scarcely audible voice. "Oh, yes, lots of them," quickly responded the imp.

Wesley was stunned. No Methodists in heaven and lots of them in hell. What did it mean?

"Well," cried Wesley at last, "Have you any people here who love the Lord?" "Oh, no! no! no!" roared the fiend, "Not one. Nobody here loves the Lord."

—Sel.

## The Hand Of God

For many years I had felt that life was not complete, but I had decided it was one of those things that couldn't be helped—so I thought.

My husband had been a big league ball player until a serious accident cut it short. Then we began planning on a son to take up where he left off.

Three precious little girls arrived in our home and as they grew older I felt it was my duty to send them to Sunday School but never had any desire to go myself. When they reached the age of accountability they begged me to let them join the church but I told them they were too young.

When the oldest was twelve years old, the long hoped for son arrived. We were very proud of him. I forgot my feeling that life was not complete. Our hopes all centered around this son. By the time he could hold anything in his hand we began teaching him to throw a ball. We had great plans for him, never thinking that maybe God had other plans.

When the baby was about nine months old, God began working with us. I had heard his voice many times but always put him off until a later date.

The three girls all took down sick at the same time with a serious type of fever. We thought the second was dying several times. After one of these spells she called me to the bedside and said, "Mother, I'm going to die, but I don't want you to cry because I'll be better off." Anyone that has never heard their child say such words doesn't know what they did to my heart. A little later she called me back again and said, "Mother, if I get well, will you and Daddy start to church?" She called her daddy and asked him the same thing. We both promised her we would go. I meant it at the time but my husband didn't. Now I believe with all my heart that it was the Holy Spirit speaking through her. She began to get better from then on. In a few weeks they were all well once more and we forgot our promises. So God had to deal again. This time the baby came in contact with a live wire and nearly died. After this my husband said, "Maybe if we went to church we wouldn't have so much trouble." Things got straightened out once again and we fell back into the same old rut of rejecting God. I thank God that He didn't cut me off there and let me drop into hell, but was long suffering while I trampled his mercy under my feet.

One day when the baby was close to a year old, while I was rocking him to sleep, something seemed to speak to me and say, "Which child had you rather give up?" I took the oldest, she had been with me 12 years, I couldn't give her up. The second, I couldn't part with her. Next the baby girl, she had been the baby six years before the boy came. I couldn't part with her. The boy was all that was left.

I hugged him close to me. The son we had waited for so long—how could I give him up? but something seemed to say, "You haven't had him as long as the rest, it won't hurt quite so bad." One week later the baby took seriously ill. I knew all the doctors in the world couldn't save him. I felt my need of God as I had never felt it before. Oh! if I only knew how to pray, but I didn't and I didn't know anyone who did. Each day the baby grew worse and I felt more helpless. I had heard that preachers would come and pray if you asked them, so we sent for the nearest preacher. He came and prayed, but still the baby grew worse. All this time I knew my baby was dying to save my soul. The Lord seemed to say, "Repent and your son shall live." Repent, I hardly knew what the word meant. I certainly didn't know how or where to begin. If the preacher that came had asked me about my soul, I'm sure I would have repented. But he only had a short prayer with the baby and left, knowing that we were lost.

The doctor made his last visit and said, "I've done all I can do, it's only a matter of time now." I knew these words were coming but, how I hated to hear them! O, if some one would only come that knew how to get hold of God in prayer. A few hours before the end a woman came that knew how to pray. She saw my struggle and said, "Why don't you put the baby on the altar and let God heal him for His own glory?" I said, "Do you mean make a preacher out of him?" She said, "Yes." My son a preacher, after all these years of waiting. That was the last thing in the world I wanted him to be. I thought seriously, I knew a preacher son would be better than no son at all. So I said with my lips, "yes," while my heart was still crying ball player. God will not be mocked so he took him anyway. Today if I had ten thousand sons I would want them all to be preachers.

Such despair I sank into, only God knows. I went so low as to even doubt there was a God.

Then one day I got a vision of two little hands reaching out, beckoning me to that Heavenly place. Sometimes they were close and again far away. Later I saw two larger nail scarred hands reaching out behind those little hands, and I seemed to hear a voice say, "Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest." Rest—how that word sank deep into my heart and I was certainly heavy laden. So I took him at His word and such peace and joy came into my heart that there are not words to express it. Old things passed away and behold ALL things became new. I was a new creature, life was different.

But after a few days of this wonderful joy, sorrow took hold of me again and each day would grow worse until I knew I couldn't stand it another day if help didn't come. I would go to sleep with a prayer for help on my lips and when I awoke the

burden would be gone. I would jump up and thank God for taking my baby and saving my soul. This happened time after time until I became strong enough in the Lord that I could carry my cross alone.

I had never heard of the baptism of the Holy Ghost (Acts 1-8) but by surrendering my all to God and walking in the light I received it.

My son died that I might live just as a greater Son died that we might have life everlasting.

Since that day I have put the other children, myself and all I have on the altar and may God use us is my prayer. Amen.

—Mrs. Carson Wilson

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### Away With This Man

"And they cried out all at once, saying, away with this man, and release unto us Barabbas:" (Lu. 23:18). Dear reader, are you looking back about 2,000 years ago for the only time in which this language is used or acted out? It has been used and acted out ever since it was so murderously spoken of the dear, humble, Lamb of God, in that awful hour when the blessed Saviour was condemned by a voiciferous, envious, set of robbers and murderers. And it is especially so in this evil time in which we live. The great mass of humanity is emphatically acting this out. They are insisting on releasing Barabbas. Barabbas was a murderer and robber, a perfect type of sin. Every soul who does not accept Christ today, is as certainly saying, "Away with Him"—away with Jesus and release Barabbas unto us, as those Jews were when they said this concerning him just prior to his crucifixion.

Barabbas and sin are, in a sense, identical. Every one who insists on following sin's course is saying in effect, "Release unto us Barabbas," and "Away with this man,"—Jesus. Dear soul, don't get it into your mind that this is mere talk just to fill up space, these are actual facts for we read in Matt. 12:30, "He that is not with me is against me; and he that gathereth not with me scattereth abroad." If we are against Christ, then we are saying to the world, away with him, and release unto us Barabbas.

To take one's fill of sin is just as truly to crucify Jesus and release Barabbas, as did the Jews when they said, "Away with him," though we may look with disdain upon those Jews and say we never would have done it had we been in their place. Sin is the worst robber in the world. Sin is that which took the life of Jesus and belittled him and would have quickly stripped him (Matt. 27:63, Jno. 7:12) of every virtue that was so outstanding in His unullied character (Heb. 7:26-28.) Bless His precious name. To never wake up to the fact that you need not do anything more than labor to have plenty to eat and drink and wear and use and be a

law-abiding, moral citizen, is to receive the same effect as those who said, "Away with Him and release unto us Barabbas."

But if this has been the declaration of your words and life, there is a way out of it. Repent and this same dear, merciful Christ will save you. You are in the same class with those who, nearly 2,000 years ago said, "Away with him and release Barabbas unto us and they were the first ones he came back to, after his resurrection to save them and he forgave all who repented and took them in.

He will do you the same way. (Acts 10:34. Lu. 19:10. 2 Pet. 3:9.) Will you turn to Jesus and no longer treat him so? And He will receive you.

—J. H. Pierson

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### Where The Majority Cannot Win

In Matt. 7:13, 14, our Saviour speaks about the strait and narrow way which leads unto life, and the broad way that leads unto death or eternal destruction from the presence of the Lord.

John Bunyan, in "Pilgrim's Progress" tells of Christian's great effort to get through the narrow passage of the wall to the beautiful glorious place that could be seen on the other side, but he found it so narrow that only his soul could get through, thus indicating that to be a genuine true hearted Christian, one must separate himself from hostile worldly ways and not be yoked up with sectish or apostate organizations where a full gospel doctrine that clarifies this complex of confusing selfrighteous ideas, is not preached or practiced. When Christian finally got through the passage of the wall to the eternal rest, peace and glory of that most beautiful place, he said that he was convinced that they who would seek to enter the glory world must be just down-right in earnest about their salvation.

Due to conflicting beliefs and confusion caused by the existence of so many divided bodies or religious sects all at variance one with another, it is most difficult to know who is right unless they are willing, as humble, obedient creatures to sit at the feet of Jesus and learn how to find the only true gateway leading to the realms of glory. So many conflicting beliefs and so many human creeds, ceremonial forms or man-made ways, to find the strait and narrow way to God, only tend to confuse. This is Satan's way and method, and his definite motive is to promote spiritual darkness to defeat or hinder the work of the Lord to redeem his people from the bondage of evil ways.

The true Bible way is defined and made so plain that long years before the coming of the Lord to show God's creatures a more perfect and better way, the great Hebrew prophet, Isaiah, through inspiration of God, made known the wonderful office of Christ, and the nature or characteristics of this true

holy way in which only Christ and the redeemed (the church) walk (Isa. 35:8-10).

Very often it is said, "Look at our great cathedrals, magnificent, costly church buildings, temples and institutions of learning; moreover, our large membership. Isn't all this an indication that our church and way is the true Bible way?" Positively, all of this does not mean a thing with God, for the followers of the heathen deity Baal perhaps made a similar boast when their wonderful temple city of Baalbeck, in Syria was finished so long ago. Their multitude of worshipers and their great buildings which are now, and have been in ruins for centuries, did not mean a thing toward carrying out God's great plan to make this world a better peaceable and more worthwhile place for mankind to dwell through the wonderful plan of redemption by Jesus Christ, His only begotten Son. John 3: 16.

Deceptive leaders, unwilling to humble and measure up to the fundamentals of a full gospel ministry, have little difficulty in working up a big membership, for so many are eager to join anything that lets down the bars and the way blindly made plain by deception or ignorance, made easy to them, for the less they have to do the better they like it. The greater the heresy deception of any religious organization, the more numerous are its members.

John Bunyan, the immortal dreamer, tells about two characters, Formalist and Hypocrisy, who climbed over the wall to get in the way that Christian was journeying on to the celestial city. When questioned about their illegal act, they replied that they saw no need of entering the strait and narrow way through the gate at the beginning of the way, so they journeyed on for a while and eventually lost their way and perished.

Sectarians say, "What does it matter what form or manner we employ to get in the way? What's the difference, we are all headed for the same heavenly place?" This is where the majority cannot rule, for their easier self-righteous way thus becomes in the end the hardest destructive way, because they have not come through the true gate into the only right way to the celestial city of God. It is this class of people (so-called church members without full salvation) that Christ condemned, Matt. 7:21-23. The Lord Jesus Christ has made it very plain that anyone who seeks a way of their own choosing and not that of the true gospel way, the same is a thief and a robber, John 10:1.

Jesus helps us to find the only true Bible way on conditions and terms of a very reasonable nature, specified in the Word of God, which is opened for every person to search and find out themselves, not to trust deceptive, wrongly led leaders. The very first move is a sense of possessing a guilty, sinful nature or a stricken condemned conscience coupled with godly sorrow and confession leading to a definite

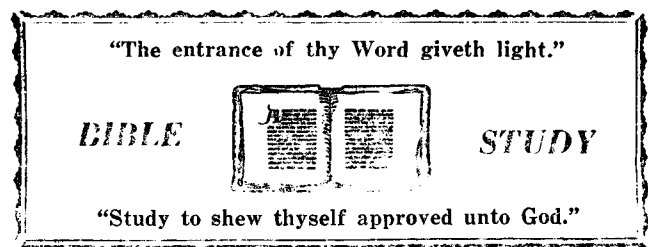
sense of repentance unto salvation, which opens the wicket gate into the strait and narrow way to the eternal city. To get a government position of worth, one must pass a strict Civil Service examination in which there is no deviation or possible way of anyone climbing over the wall to obtain such by misrepresentation or fraud. Certain conditions must absolutely be met by the applicant or disqualification results.

All who read this message, please bear in mind that confirmation, baptism, resolutions, card signing, hand shaking, joining church, declaring that you believe in God without any sense of genuine heart-felt experimental salvation, only places you in that class of unsaved ones condemned by God as attempting to get in the way by dishonest and dishonorable methods propagated by wrongly led leaders. John 10:1.

To be honest with God and yourself, you certainly do know if you have ever felt a sense of the sinful nature in your life, or that you have ever felt godly sorrow and confessed your sins to Christ (no man) and through repentance or conversion have realized and possess a sense of a newness of life in Christ Jesus (new spiritual birth) which places you in the only true Bible way that will safely guide you to that better country to which every Christian faithfully is bound. Heb. 11:16. —John H. Griffith

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Louin, Miss.—Dear Bro. and sister Pruitt and to all the saints scattered abroad: I am requesting prayer for my husband, Pvt. Dan P. Heidelberg, who is in the army in Arkansas. He has tried to live a holy life for the last two years. He is not well in body and he wants the prayer of faith. He fully believes that the Lord will hear and answer prayer. He wants all of you good saints to pray that the Lord will make a way for him and all the others that they may come home soon and be with their wives and loved ones again. —Lela Heidelberg



Order Sunday School supplies about the middle of December for the new quarter. The price of the Primary Picture Roll is \$1.15, and the Lesson Cards are 4 cents per set. Each set contains cards for one pupil for each Sunday in the quarter. These sets cannot be broken. Order from Geneva Ray, 920 W. Mansur, Guthrie, Okla.

#### THE GLORY OF THE SON OF GOD

Sunday, January 3, 1943

Daily Readings and Meditations  
December 28 to January 2.

M. The Life-Giver John 1:1-4.

- T. The Light-Giver John 1:5-14.  
 W. The Son of God Luke 3:21, 22.  
 T. The glory of God Luke 9:28-36.  
 F. The promise of God. Isaiah 9:1-7.  
 S. The purpose of God Romans 5:1-11.

Printed Portion ..... John 1:1-14.

John 1:1. In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

2. The same was in the beginning with God.
3. All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.
4. In him was life; and the life was the light of men.
5. And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not.
6. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John.
7. The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all men through him might believe.
8. He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light.
9. That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world.
10. He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not.
11. He came unto his own, and his own received him not.
12. But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:
13. Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God
14. And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

Golden Text: "And the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth." John 1:14.

Practical Truth: He who has true spiritual discernment will see in Jesus the glorious Son of God.

#### COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

Our being, true selves, and hidden thoughts are expressed by our "words," if sincere; so the "eternal Word" Jesus is the expression of the thoughts, will, and being of God. He "the Word," Christ, is distinguished from the Father and yet they are one. When Jesus was here he spoke of the glory he had with the Father before the world was. He left that glory that he might come to this sin-cursed earth and reveal the true nature of God and his thoughts toward men.

A fallen man, though possessor of great intellectual and oratorical talents, could spend his life time trying to describe God, and yet not cause his fellowmen to understand more of the nature of God, because the love of God by which we "know" God would not be in his own heart. "Man by wisdom knows not God."

The law, given through Moses, was a partial and dim revelation of the will and mind of God. Moses was given only a glimpse of divine glory. See Ex. 33:18-23. Through the grace of Christ, partial revelations were given to the prophets and holy men of old, and they rejoiced to think of the fuller revelation which was to be made. The prophet Isaiah wrote: "And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together; for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it." Isa. 40:5. This was fulfilled in the coming of Christ, "the Word." "The prophets have inquired and searched dili-

gently, who prophesied of the grace that should come unto you." No longer do men have to grope in darkness concerning God and His will; for he can find it when he finds Christ.

God and his working in the world are symbolized by light and its effects. Man's disobedience or departing from the workings of God is symbolized by darkness and its effects. In other words, Christ, our only means of salvation from sin, is light; sin is darkness. Sin had brought man under the dominion of death. Christ came to impart his life to men. When a soul turns to the Light, He gives them life. Because of the pitiable blindness of their fallen nature, man did not love the Light when it came for it exposed their evil hearts and deeds, so the majority of them turned from the Light and Life, and chose rather to abide in darkness and death. Though they were prepared by prophecy and promise, and warned by His forerunner to repent and get ready to receive Him, "He came to his own, and his own received him not." But, thank God, all did not reject, but repented of their evil deeds, turned to the Light, who imparted life to them. He does the same for those who believe on Him today. Can you truthfully include yourself when you read this part of the 14th verse: "And we beheld his glory?"

#### JESUS INSTRUCTS A GREAT TEACHER

Sunday, January 10, 1943.

#### Daily Readings and Meditations

January 4 to 9.

- M. The birth from above John 3:1-13.  
 T. The faith that saves John 3:14-18.  
 W. Life for a look Num. 21:4-9.  
 T. Begotten of God 1 John 5:1-5.  
 F. The end of your faith 1 Peter 1:3-9.  
 S. Love redeeming 2 Cor. 5:14-21.

Printed Portion ..... John 3:1-16.

John 3:1. There was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews:

2. The same came to Jesus by night, and said unto him, Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God: for no man can do these miracles that thou doest, except God be with him.

3. Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.

4. Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born?

5. Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.

6. That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

7. Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again.

8. The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit.

9. Nicodemus answered and said unto him, How can these things be?

10. Jesus answered and said unto him, Art thou a master of Israel, and knowest not these things?

11. Verily, verily, I say unto thee, We speak that we do know, and testify that we have seen; and ye receive not our witness.

12. If I have told you earthly things, and ye believe not, how shall ye believe, if I tell you of heavenly things?

13. And no man hath ascended up to heaven, but he that came down from heaven, even the Son of man which is in heaven.

14. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up:

15. That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life.

16. For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

**Golden Text:** "For God so loved the world that He gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." John 3:16.

**Practical Truth:** True faith in the Son of God will result in a new birth and in everlasting life.

#### COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

The conversation between Nicodemus and Jesus is probably one of the most important ever recorded, for in a few simple words the Saviour told of the change which ALL—the high and low, rich and poor, moral and immoral, kings and subjects, learned and unlearned—must undergo before they can have any part in his heavenly kingdom. Many had seen the miracles which he did and were convinced that he had come from God; but probably the majority were like people that we see today. They hear the gospel and admit it is truth, but do not take it personally to the saving of their souls.

Doubtless, Nicodemus considered himself ready to be a subject of the Messiah's kingdom when He should come. But if he had this self confidence, the Lord's answer exposed its error and contradicted the Jewish idea concerning the Messiah and his kingdom. And He laid the foundation of His teaching concerning his kingdom.

It was not to be an earthly kingdom (neither then, nor for a thousand years after he comes the second time), nor would men become its subjects by right of birth, office, or position; but it was to be a spiritual kingdom of which men would become subjects by a spiritual birth. Those who are born again (from above) are those in whom a complete change has been brought about, by means of repentance and the impartation of spiritual power from above. The eye of the soul, being made alive to spiritual things, can then "see the kingdom of God." Only a born-again person can understand the nature of the kingdom of God.

The wind cannot be seen, but we hear the leaves of the trees shaking and see some of them being tossed into space, and see the trees bending to and fro, then we say, "The wind is blowing," because we see the effects of it. We cannot see the Spirit; but we see sinners who hear the gospel, repent, make wrongs right, quit their filthiness of the flesh and spirit, praise God instead of cursing Him, love their enemies instead of hating them; and behold, all things have become new to them; and we know they have been "born of the Spirit" because we see its effects.

It matters not how many good deeds you do, you'll never go to heaven unless the Spirit in you has come down from heaven. Read the account of Moses lifting up the serpent in the wilderness in Num. 21:9. Disobedience caused them to be bitten by the serpents, and obedience brought healing. Disobedience to God causes souls to be bitten by the serpent, the devil; obedience will bring healing. Many are quoting John 3:16 and clinging to it as their hope of eternal life who, by their actions, make Jesus a liar. They think they can get

to heaven without being born again. And still others are clinging to it who have been born again but have failed to obey Christ along other lines, thus failing to retain that spiritual life. If one really believes on Jesus he will obey Him.

#### JESUS WINNING SOULS

Sunday, January 17, 1943

#### Daily Readings and Meditations

January 11 to 16.

- M. Attention and awakening John 4:5-15.
- T. Conviction and conversion John 4:16-26.
- W. Fields white to harvest John 4:27-38.
- T. Jesus among the Samaritans John 4:39-42.
- F. Winning individuals to Christ John 1:35-42.
- S. Winning crowds to Christ Acts 2:36-41.

Printed Portion .....John 4:27-4

John 4:27. And upon this came his disciples, and marvelled that he talked with the woman: yet no man said, What seekest thou? or, Why talkest thou with her?

28. The woman then left her waterpot, and went her way into the city, and saith to the men,

29. Come, see a man, which told me all things that ever I did: is not this the Christ?

30. Then they went out of the city, and came unto him.

31. In the mean while his disciples prayed him, saying, Master, eat.

32. But he said unto them, I have meat to eat that ye know not of.

33. Therefore said the disciples one to another, Hath any man brought him aught to eat?

34. Jesus saith unto them, My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work.

35. Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest.

36. And he that reapeth receiveth wages, and gathereth fruit unto life eternal: that both he that soweth and he that reapeth may rejoice together.

37. And herein is that saying true, One soweth, and another reapeth.

38. I sent you to reap that whereon ye bestowed no labor: other men labored, and ye are entered into their labors.

39. And many of the Samaritans of that city believed on him for the saying of the woman, which testified, He told me all that ever I did.

40. So when the Samaritans were come unto him, they besought him that he would tarry with them: and he abode there two days.

41. And many more believed because of his own word;

42. And said unto the woman, Now we believe, not because of thy saying: for we have heard him ourselves, and know that this is indeed the Christ, the Saviour of the world.

**Golden Text:** He that reapeth receiveth wages, and gathereth fruit unto life eternal." John 4:36.

**Practical Truth:** We should follow the example of our Master in seizing opportunities to win others for Christ.

#### COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

Jesus came to this world to seek and to save that which was lost. In the first part of the chapter he told

his disciple that he must needs go through Samaria. An ordinary Jew would have avoided this route because the Jews had no dealings with the Samaritans. But Jesus' actions were ruled with the desire to win souls and to do always those things that pleased the Father rather than human prejudice and seeking honor of men.

Some tell us that Jesus, being divine, was never tired, and that He could abstain from eating and drinking when an ordinary person could not. In this account we read that he was wearied with the journey. He was truly human as well as the divine Son of God and was tempted in all points as we are. He knows our trials, toils, and wearinesses; but he overcame his humanity, by always submitting his will to the will of his Father. The sinless needs of human nature had to be met with him as well as others. It was a sincere request when he asked for the water, but he took advantage of the opportunity to tell her of greater water. She was occupied with earthly pursuits and knew only of the pleasure of drawing water from earthly wells. A good well was prized highly; hence the question, "Art thou greater?" People cling to those things which are of the greatest value to them, so this same question comes to every individual who has a chance to accept or reject Christ. Each individual must decide the answer for himself. Peter decided that Christ was greater than his fish; but the rich young ruler decided his riches meant more to him. This woman of Samaria was convinced that Christ was greater to the extent that she forgot her waterpot in her eagerness to tell others about Christ.

Her message was short: "Come, see a man, which told me all things that ever I did." One may try to cover his sins and even profess religion, but when he comes into contact with Christ (or the Holy Spirit), he will be told all things whatsoever he did. We do not know that Jesus spoke one word to Zacchaeus about his sins, but contact with Jesus caused him to be convicted of them and he was willing to restore fourfold all that he had robbed. When an honest-hearted person is convicted of sin, he will make restitution. There is much weight to this method of witnessing for Jesus. "Many . . . believed on him for the saying of the woman, which testified, He told me all that ever I did."

Physical food is essential, but it should not have first place in the life of anyone. Man can be satisfied and made happy to a far greater extent by doing the divine will than by continually partaking of his choice nourishment. At times, men and women who have dedicated their lives to God, have almost forgotten the "meat that perisheth" in the absorption of spiritual work.

In speaking of the harvest, Christ had reference to the spiritual harvest of souls. If they were white already to harvest in Jesus' day, what are they now? Are you concerned? The closer one lives to God, the greater burden he will have for lost souls. Also we need to have a burden for the souls already in the Father's grainery, for many are being carried captive by Satan. It seems that more are backsliding than are getting saved.

### JESUS THE GREAT PHYSICIAN

Sunday, January 24, 1943

Daily Readings and Meditations  
January 18 to 23.

- M. Healer of the body John 5:2-9a.
- T. Saviour of the soul John 5:9b-18.
- W. Calling the Great Physician Luke 18:35-43.
- T. Rejecting the Great Physician Matt. 8:28-34.
- F. Trusting the Great Physician Mark 9:17-27.
- S. Honoring the Great Physician Luke 17:11-19.

Printed Portion ..... John 5:2-17

John 5:2. Now there is at Jerusalem by the sheep market a pool, which is called in the Hebrew tongue Bethesda, having five porches.

3. In these lay a great multitude of impotent folk, of blind, halt, withered, waiting for the moving of the water.

4. For an angel went down at a certain season into the pool, and troubled the water: whosoever then first after the troubling of the water stepped in was made whole of whatsoever disease he had.

5. And a certain man was there, which had an infirmity thirty and eight years.

6. When Jesus saw him lie, and knew that he had been now a long time in that case, he saith unto him, Wilt thou be made whole?

7. The impotent man answered him, Sir, I have no man, when the water is troubled, to put me into the pool: but while I am coming, another steppeth down before me.

8. Jesus saith unto him, Rise, take up thy bed, and walk.

9. And immediately the man was made whole, and took up his bed, and walked: and on the same day was the sabbath.

10. The Jews therefore said unto him that was cured, It is the sabbath day: it is not lawful for thee to carry thy bed.

11. He answered them, He that made me whole, the same said unto me, Take up thy bed, and walk.

12. Then asked they him, What man is that which said unto thee, Take up thy bed, and walk?

13. And he that was healed wist not who it was: for Jesus had conveyed himself away, a multitude being in that place.

14. Afterward Jesus findeth him in the temple, and said unto him, Behold, thou art made whole: sin no more, lest a worse thing come unto thee.

15. The man departed, and told the Jews that it was Jesus, which had made him whole.

16. And therefore did the Jews persecute Jesus, and sought to slay him, because he had done these things on the sabbath day.

17. But Jesus answered them, My Father worketh hitherto, and I work.

Golden Text: "Wilt thou be made whole?" John 5:6

Practical Truth: Christ can heal the diseases of both body and soul.

### COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

Bethesda means the house of mercy, and it is thought that this name designates the building which sheltered the afflicted while they waited for the troubling of the water, as well as the pool. How eager people are to seek mercy when their bodies are afflicted! The Bible does not deny that some were healed here, but there was one in a pitiable condition, whose case it would not reach. Can we form a mental picture of this sufferer? Thirty-eight years he had been sorely afflicted, longing to be made whole. Man had extended his mercy in building the shelter which afforded some comforts, but man's mercy was not far-reaching enough. The poet has said, "Poor are earth's comforts, and blind." Then came Jesus, the Great Physician who never lost a case and extended his mercy.

Today, man is able to do much toward comforting and relieving the sick, but there are cases which man cannot reach. No case gets too hard for God, but he can do no mighty works because of unbelief. Have faith in God.



"As he went up to the city, see him at Bethesda's pool, With the man so long in bondage, asking if he would be whole.

Instantly the Savior heals him: "Sin no more," I hear him say.

This he says to every sufferer: "Rise!" He's just the same today.

"Thus he went about his mission, healing lame, and blind, and dumb,

Casting out all evil spirits, saying to the weak, Be strong. Then he died on cruel Calvary, sin and death to put away; But the tomb could not retain him—he's our living Christ today.

"Just the same today, my brother, saving, healing, cleansing all.

Ready, willing, calling, cheering, all who seek him, great and small.

Come to him, poor weary sufferer, not a moment more delay,

He will give you boundless blessing: for he's just the same today.

Jesus is able to heal body and soul. It was of far greater importance that this man heed the command, "Sin no more," than the command, "Rise, take up thy bed, and walk." Obedience to the latter brought relief to his body, which lasted only a short time and has decayed and returned to dust; but his soul lives on. His soul's comfort in eternity depends on whether he heeded Jesus' command, "Sin no more."

We have seen people, very much afflicted, come to Jesus, who had compassion on them and healed them, body and soul. After they enjoyed health awhile, they were enticed into the ways of sin. In some cases they have become more afflicted than they were at first; but in other cases they have remained well in body. But it is true in all cases that a worse thing has come upon them, for sin is worse than disease.

### JESUS THE BREAD OF LIFE

Sunday, January 31, 1943

Daily Readings and Meditations  
January 25 to 30.

- M. The five thousand fed John 6:8-14.  
T. Jesus the Bread of Life John 6:30-35.  
W. Life from the Living Bread John 6:41-51.  
T. Manna in the desert Exodus 16:4, 5, 13-15.  
F. Murmuring at the manna Num. 11:4-10.  
S. "Come ye, buy and eat." Isaiah 55:1-3.

Printed Portion .....John 6:8-14, 30-35.

Jno. 6:8. One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, saith unto him.

9. There is a lad here, which hath five barley loaves, and two small fishes: but what are they among so many?

10. And Jesus said, Make the men sit down. Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, in number about five thousand.

11. And Jesus took the loaves; and when he had given thanks, he distributed to the disciples, and the disciples to them that were set down; and likewise of the fishes as much as they would.

12. When they were filled, he said unto his disciples, Gather up the fragments that remain, that nothing be lost.

13. Therefore they gathered them together, and filled twelve baskets with the fragments of the five barley

loaves, which remained over and above unto them that had eaten.

14. Then those men, when they had seen the miracle that Jesus did, said, This is of a truth that prophet that should come into the world.

30. They said therefore unto him, What sign showest thou then, that we may see, and believe thee? what dost thou work?

31. Our fathers did eat manna in the desert; as it is written, He gave them bread from heaven to eat.

32. Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Moses gave you not that bread from heaven; but my Father gives you the true bread from heaven.

33. For the bread of God is he which cometh down from heaven, and giveth life unto the world.

34. Then said they unto him, Lord, evermore give us this bread.

35. And Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst.

Golden Text: "Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life." John 6:35.

Practical Truth: Christ is able to satisfy the spiritual hunger of men.

### COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

We call bread the staff of life; that is, it sustains physical life. Jesus said, "Man shall not live by bread alone." In this lesson Jesus provided material food for the multitude, but the next day the same people were desiring more material manifestations. Jesus told them that they were seeking him because they ate the loaves and fishes and were filled, and advised them not to labor for these perishing things. He did not mean that it is a sin to earn money for daily bread, for these things are necessary; but we all know that there is no lasting satisfaction in physical food; so Jesus wanted them to put first things first. "Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness and all these things shall be added unto you." Food to sustain spiritual life should be sought for first. People who are so concerned about feeding their physical body are in a state to let their souls starve and die.

There are several good topics for discussion in the account of the feeding of the five thousand: "Benefits Derived from Giving All to Jesus," as the lad with the loaves and fishes did; "Moving at Jesus' Word," as the disciples did; and "Jesus Cares for All who Follow Him."

In the last part of our lesson Jesus explained that He was the true bread upon which the soul of man could feed and be sustained. He is the staff of spiritual life. The bread which God gave the children of Israel was a type of the true Bread, Jesus, on whom spiritual Israel (saved people) could feast and be filled with life eternal. The Israelites murmured and were not satisfied with the manna, so God gave them meat according to their request; but it was not good for them. Today, people become dissatisfied with Jesus alone, and God allows them to have their way, but it brings leanness and death to the soul. Some want a little pride, others folly, worldly pleasure, or earthly wisdom, to feed their souls upon; but try as they will to mix these things (even in small quantities) with the true bread of life, and they will make the soul sick. There is only one kind of medicine that will cure such sickness: that is, a dose of repentance to rid the soul of poison substance, then return to the former diet of the body and blood of Jesus. "Whoso eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood hath eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day."