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### LEAVING THE PORT

We're leaving the Port at midnight  
Of nineteen and forty-three;  
Time has lifted the anchor,  
And we must put out to sea.

The skies above are cloudy—  
No stars seem to appear.  
By faith we've boxed our compass  
To sail through another year.

We know not what awaits us,  
Nor what lies out before  
That we must needs encounter  
To reach the other shore.

Far off on the horizon  
We see the lightning flash;  
We hear the thunders rolling  
As onward now we dash.

Amidst all earth's forebodings,  
To Thee, O God, we cry;  
Guide us o'er the waters,  
Lest we perish and die.

We know that Thou art able,  
Thou knowest all the way:  
Guide us through the tempest  
Unto the light of day.

Thou Great Jehovah! guide us  
Until this life is o'er;  
Till yonder's port we enter,  
Safe on the other shore.

—Ulysses Phillips.

### VICTORY

We read in 1 John 5:4 the following, "For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith." Some one may say that it is merely our

faith that is the victory, and cite Paul's quotation concerning Abraham that he believed God and it was accounted unto him for righteousness (Gal. 3:6). But let us qualify this thought by reading a little farther. James 2:19 says, "Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe and tremble." Then in the following verse we read, "But wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith without works is dead?" Does not this last verse put the sounding line down to the bottom? Then in the next verse (21) we read, "Was not Abraham our father justified by works, when he had offered his son Isaac upon the altar?" And in the 22nd verse the apostle asks the question to the world if they can see how faith wrought with his works and by works was faith made perfect. And in verse 24, says the same apostle, "Ye see then how that by works a man is justified and not by faith only." And he rounds it up in the 26th verse by saying, "For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also." Also in the 18th verse of this chapter we read, "Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: shew me thy faith without thy works, and I will show thee my faith by my works."

Jesus said in John 14:23, "If a man love me, he will keep my words." Much is said about having "the victory." No one has "the victory" who does not love Jesus well enough to keep his commandments as far as he knows.

Did you know that when you seem to feel and act pious now and perhaps in an hour or two you have flown "off the handle," and are ready to grit your teeth at some one—maybe your nearest friend—for some unthoughted or trivial matter or scold and pout around awhile instead of approaching them in a spirit of meekness, that to claim "the victory" is to deceive yourself? If you claim the victory when you can threaten to "blister" the poor little mischievous child and perhaps not touch it at all, you are certainly mistaken.

If you are self-willed and have to have your own way about everything, or a racket, you lack much of having the victory.

—J. H. Pierson

## The Smoking Girl

The great tobacco concerns of the U. S. are putting forth a powerful effort to put a cigarette in the mouth of every girl possible. It is one of the most serious evils that confronts us today. It is tremendously injurious to the health, well-being, morality and spirituality of the girl. No cigarette-smoking girl can be at her best. It is impossible. The cigarette habit is demoralizing to both men and women, but more especially to women. Nicotine is one of the most deadly poisons known to man, therefore the girl who smokes cigarettes continually fills her system with a poison that undermines her health, her morals, her virtue, and her womanhood.

It is hard for us to believe that a real lady will smoke cigarettes. The girl who becomes addicted to cigarettes is usually morally loose, or will become so. Cigarette smoking is one of the most undermining, moral-wrecking habits possible for a girl to form. It weakens her physically, mentally, morally, and spiritually; therefore it opens up and paves the way to other immoral habits. The cigarette smoker has no great will power. This is true of boys and men, much more of girls and women. This evil habit dulls the mind, saps the vitality, destroys the health, wrecks the morals, eventually shortens life and sends the soul into eternity unprepared to meet God. It is said that every cigarette anyone smokes shortens his life forty seconds! We do not doubt but that it will exceed this, and more especially with the girl, as she is not so strong to throw off the deadly poison as the boy or man.

What a pity that the great tobacco concerns are cursing the girlhood of America with cigarettes as they have cursed the boyhood for many years past! All they care for is the money they get out of it. They do not care a straw for the health and happiness of our girls, for the morality, virtue and spirituality of our girls, how they go to destruction thru the use of cigarettes, and the filthy, hateful, godless use of tobacco, just so they fill their coffers with filthy lucre; just so they make big money, have fine homes to live in, fine cars to ride in, fine clothes to wear, plenty to eat, and have a big time. It is absolutely wrong. They can not curse the girlhood, womanhood, boyhood, and manhood of the world and get by. They may be sure their sin will find them out. No one can do wrong and get by.

The girl who smokes cigarettes will use dope and liquor oftentimes. One bad, destructive habit calls for another. When one is weakened at one point in life it is an evident fact that it weakens at other points. Cigarette smoking is very weakening—physically, mentally, morally, and spiritually. It is very, very destructive to girlhood. Just as the tobacco concerns are determined to put a cigarette in the mouth

of every girl, if they possibly can, so the cursed liquor interests are determined to put a bottle to the lips of every girl if they can. The evils of various kinds go together; one calls for another.

You will notice that the great tobacco advertisements today picture the girl very prominent and outstanding as smoking and endorsing the cigarette. This is to popularize one of the greatest evils and curses that ever struck the land. A popular evil is always a very cursed evil. It is so very hard to outlaw and put down. The girl advertized as smoking cigarettes and endorsing them is pictured as healthy, rosy, beautiful, and noble, which is an absolute falsehood. She should be pictured as pale, swarthy, sickly, weakly, immoral, and wretched. That would come far nearer the truth of the whole matter. But such would defeat the sale and use of tobacco. The cigarette-smoking girl will never be a good wife and mother; never make a home happy; never lift a country to greater heights; never bless the churches and schools of our land; never leave her mark in the world to bless mankind; never live nobly and sublimely and die victoriously. Girls, for God's sake, let cigarettes and tobacco alone! —W. E. Isenhour

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### BE READY

"Therefore be ye also ready." Matt. 24:44—ready to meet God, ready for heaven, ready for that eternity of blessedness which lies beyond the grave. What can be more important in life than this? For death to come to you and you not ready for heaven would be an awful thing indeed. You may try to believe there is no hell, but you cannot quite convince your heart that this is true. There is an unrest in your soul. Your heart is not fully assured that there is not an eternity of torment.

What is it to be ready? It is something more than joining church, or being baptized, or joining a secret order, or living a good moral life and doing many good works. It is more than all these. You must let Christ into your heart. You must consecrate your life to God to be His and to do His will all the days you stay on the earth. Christ must be formed in your heart. You must get the life of Jesus, the life of heaven in your soul, or you can never go to heaven. In your sins you are in a state of spiritual death. You must pass from death unto life here in this world or you will be eternally lost. If you die in your sins you can never go where Jesus is. How awful it will be to be turned away from heaven and the loving presence of Jesus forever. We implore thee, dear friend, to open your heart's door to the Saviour today and let Him come in and live in you. Why, oh why, will you go on in sin and lose your priceless soul?

—C. E. Orr.

### Risen With Christ

In Col. 3:1, we read: "If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Set your affections on things above, not on things on the earth. For ye are dead and your life is hid with Christ in God." Until we have had the actual experience of being risen with Christ, we will not be entirely dead to worldly things, our affections will be going out on the temporal things of life more than on spiritual. 2 Cor. 4:18, "While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal: but the things which are not seen are eternal."

If we are risen with Christ; and are dead to temporal things; and are hid with Christ from the temporal things; then we will not be looking at the seen things, or at the things which are attractive to the world, but we will only be looking at the unseen things (or spiritual) the things that the world cannot see.

Our souls will be feeding on heavenly things. In Psa. 91:1, we read, "He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most high shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty." It is essential for a devoted Christian to be hid away from the temporal things of this life, in a secret dwelling place with Christ that the world knows not of, where our souls are continually reaching out for and feasting on heavenly soul food, where we are continually dwelling and conversing in sweet communion with the Almighty.

2 Cor. 5:1, "For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the Heavens." We have an assurance in our souls that if all temporal things of this life, even houses and lands and even our own bodies were to pass away, we still have a Blessed Home not made by man, a home where Jesus and all the righteous dwell all through Eternity in the heavens. To be risen with him is to dwell with him, and when we dwell with Him our souls are continually communing and feasting with him on Heavenly manna.

Now this doesn't mean that we can get to the place in this life where we will be immune from persecutions, tests and trials, but we can soar above the storm clouds. He said he would make a way of our escape. We can be like Paul and Silas when they were in the inner prison with their feet made fast in the stocks. They were not looking at the seen things such as the dungeon and the stocks (or temporal things), they were looking at the unseen things (or spiritual). They were singing and praising God. They were looking beyond the perplexities of this life. So it is with the Christian today. We must look beyond this life to receive the wonderful blessings that God has in store for his children.

—S. L. Fingerle

### God's Church and Man's Church

God's church was organized on the day of Pentecost, about A. D. 33. (Acts 2:47) All human churches have originated since that time. God sets the members in His church. Salvation makes one a member of God's church. Acts 2:47; John 10:9. Salvation does not make one a member of any of man's churches. There are different ways of receiving members into the different churches of man. Some vote their members in, some sign a card, some are taken in on probation, etc. Therefore many sinners get into man's churches. There is only one way to become a member of God's church, and that is by repenting of and confessing one's sins; by being born again. Therefore there are no sinners in God's church. Christ is the door, John 10:9. God's church includes all that are really saved.

Jesus said that He himself would build His church Matt. 16:18. He said the gates of hell would not prevail against it. One does not die out of God's church by literal death but goes on to join the other part of His church in heaven. But in man's church it is not so; they die out of his church.

Eph. 3:14,15. "For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord, Jesus Christ, of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named."

God's church is one. Eph. 4:4; Rom. 12:4,5. Man's churches are many. God's church is named after God, John 17:11,12; 1 Cor. 10:32; 1 Tim. 3:5; and Acts 20:28. Man's churches are often named after some man.

In God's church every member is saved, as Christ is the door and no sinner can get in until he repents and forsakes all his sins. Christ opens and shuts the door Himself. Rev. 3:7,8. The door of salvation is always open. The door into man's church is opened by man, therefore many sinners get into his church. In God's church there are no sinners but all are righteous. Isa. 60:21.

In man's church, a committee gives the preacher a subject to preach on, also the length of time to preach on the subject given him—at least it is this way many times on special occasions. In God's church the Holy Spirit gives the message and the length of time in which to deliver it. In man's church, one learns to preach by going to school. In God's church the Lord calls and qualifies and sends forth His ministers to preach His word. Eph. 4:11-13 God's church is the body of Christ of which He is the head. He has only one body which is the church of God. Eph. 4:4 and 5:23; Col. 1:18; 1 Cor. 12:27; Rom. 12:4, 5.

—U. G. Nave

God "hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son: In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins." Col. 1:13, 14.

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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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Gideon, Mo.—Someone sent me a little “Faith and Victory” paper for Christmas. I was glad to get the little paper and have read and re-read it. I have read some of your tracts and think they are wonderful. I have been saved and sanctified. I was sanctified two years ago this month. Praise the Lord! I still love to tell everybody I can how good the Lord is to me. My 17-year-old daughter was saved a year ago last July. I hope to see her sanctified soon. I want you saints all to pray for me that I will draw closer and be a soul winner for Jesus. Pray that I will have a Christian home. Oh, how wonderful it is to know that we have Jesus to look to in time of trouble or sorrow. No one else would do. Praise God! Mrs. Ida Morgan

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If you fail to receive your “Faith and Victory” paper by the first Sunday of the month, please notify us at once and give us your correct address. We shall make any needed corrections and send you another paper. We want you to have the paper each month.

*Editorials*

We rejoice in spirit today for the victory we have through our Lord Jesus Christ who has all power both in heaven and in earth, bless his Holy name. The saints have prevailed in prayer regarding the printing work and the Lord gives a heavenly quietness and an assurance in our souls. May God bless all of you dear saints that have taken this matter to heart and have earnestly prayed God to undertake and to preserve the work. We certainly appreciate the letters of encouragement received in this time of trouble and waiting on the Lord. May God bless each of you with heavenly blessings. The “Lord’s Print Shop” is in good operation and running with increasing interest as the books, papers, and tracts are printed and made ready for use. The calls for literature are more than usual and the larger part of it goes out free with postage paid. We are reaching almost every prison and penal institution in the U. S. with tracts. Just recently a hundred packages were sent to various prisons. These little “silent” preachers do a good work for God in these dark prisons. We rejoice to have the opportunity of sending them there. Those who are sending in offerings to this work will not lose their reward nor miss being rewarded. God sees and knows our works of what sort it is. His eyes are over the righteous and his ears are open to their prayers.

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The Lord has a good working force here in his “Print Shop.” Sister Geneva Ray prepares the Sunday School Lessons, operates the Intertype, and assists in other work. Bros. Vada McMillian and Clifford Wilson operate the printing presses and paper folders. Sis. Dorothy Byers does secretarial work, proof reads, and is very useful in other lines of office work. Wife keeps very busy with correspondence and house work: cooking, washing, ironing, and other household duties. My job is the editorial work and heavy correspondence, and general overseeing of the shop work. It seems necessary to do most of my writing between eight and eleven o’clock at night. We all do our work as unto the Lord and it makes things go smoothly as His blessings accompany the free-will service. There is no work or money accepted by the Lord unless it is free-will service, and we would not want any one to send money to this work unless he can do it with a free-will, and feel that it is given to the Lord. This printing shop, machinery, and workers belong to the Lord. We are His “purchased possession,” sealed by His Holy Spirit of promise (Eph. 1: 13, 14). We are not afraid to trust the Lord to supply all the money he sees we need to print what He wants printed. The Lord has precious souls here and there throughout this country that still have an ear to hear his voice and will be willing and obedient in sending offerings to His printing work so all will be kept go-

ing, and the pure, clean gospel of Christ will be sent out by the printed page. We ask an interest in your prayers that our faith fail not and that God will get glory out of the work he has called us to do.

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With this issue of the "Faith and Victory" paper, over four thousand "Three Months" subscriptions will expire. We are inserting a subscription blank in each paper so you can renew your subscription for a year or more. Send in the twenty-five cents at once and keep the paper coming to you during the year. We shall be so glad to have you on our mailing list, and we are sure the Lord wants you to have this paper for your soul's welfare. The sacred Word of God tells us to "Seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness and all these things" (earthly things) will be added. Let us all do as God says so he will smile upon us. His favor is worth more to a man than all the world. Make God first in your life.

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### Some One Is Following You

Some one is following you, brother;  
Oh, be careful, I pray.  
Do not cast stumbling blocks 'fore them  
Lest they be cast away.

Your life is a book, dear sister;  
Do nothing that may offend.  
The world hath not understanding,  
They would go deeper in sin.

Your helper and guide is with you,  
If your faith and trust is there,  
He'll make the pathway clearer,  
If only you'll seek Him in prayer.

How glorious 'twill be up yonder,  
If we hold fast till the end,  
To hear our Blessed Master say,  
"Well done, thou faithful friend."  
—Ola Wolery.

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### A NEW BOOK

A new book, "Spiritual Light on Eternal Security and Christian Conduct" written by W. B. Bradley of Guthrie, Okla. is now ready to send to you.

Bro. Bradley was a Bible Class teacher in the First Baptist Church for several years, and in late years began to see the error of their teaching. This book is the result of God-given light. The "Once in grace, always in grace" theory is successfully refuted by sound scriptural teaching.

You need to read this book, and your friends in this erroneous doctrine need to read it. It contains eighty pages and a neatly made paper cover. Send for it today. The price is fifteen cents each or two for twenty-five cents postpaid.

Bro. C. E. Orr's books entitled "Helps To Holy Living," Book One and Book Two, have just been reprinted. Book One has been out of stock for years. If you want a feast for your soul, send for these books. They have forty-eight pages each, and will be sent to you for ten cents each or two for fifteen cents postpaid.

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Another of Bro. C. E. Orr's good books entitled "Heavenly Life for Earthly Living," is out of stock. Its sixty-four pages contain valuable soul food. If any of our readers feel led of the Lord to help in getting this book reprinted, you may send your offering in to us during the month of February. We believe that God wants these good books kept in print.

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We still have a few of the eleven 1942 "Faith and Victory" papers bound in book form to send out at thirty-five cents each, postpaid.

1943 Scripture Text Calendars will be sent postpaid to you at thirty cents each or four for one dollar. Twelve for three dollars.

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### Guthrie Assembly Meeting

The State Assembly Meeting of the Church of God, held at Guthrie, Okla. during the holidays, was much better attended than the saints expected. Because of hampered traffic and gas regulations, we were not expecting many to be able to get to the meeting, but God has a way of helping those who pray, for His eyes are over the righteous.

The presence of the Lord was very precious from the beginning to the close of the meeting. More than twenty ministers were present, and the harmony, oneness, and heavenly unity among them was blessed indeed. Messages of divine truth flowed freely from heaven through his ambassadors as the Holy Ghost anointed and placed them in the pulpit.

The Lord had such full control of the meeting that the enemy was not able to stir up any trouble worth mentioning, and the love of God flowed unbroken from heart to heart as a heavenly sweetness pervaded the meeting. There was not much salvation work done. The Lord gave almost all the messages to the saints. They were instructed in the "More Excellent Way," (1 Cor. 12:51). The true saints absorbed it gladly and it worked a "settling down" with quietness and assurance. I believe I heard more of the saints speak of the "rich heavenly truth" we received in this meeting than in any previous meeting. Money was given freely for the expense of the meeting and to the ministers.

Ministers were present from Missouri, Kansas, Indiana, Mississippi, Oregon, and Louisiana, besides a good representation of ministers from the state of Oklahoma.

Several of the ministers mentioned in their messages that God was now shaking heaven and earth (Heb. 12:26, 27), and only those who cannot be shaken will remain. The devil certainly does hate the "More Excellent Way," for that way is making a wider breach between the saints and the world and worldly-minded professors, and it is plain to see that the "little flock" will receive more persecution from the degenerated Christ-professors as time closes up and the enemy is more clearly uncovered. The time is coming when the carnal professor of religion will gather "Gog and Magog" together, and they will compass the saints and the beloved city (Rev. 20:9) about to destroy them. Then God will send fire down from heaven and destroy them, setting fire to this sinful world. The saints will be caught up to meet the Lord in the air and "so shall we ever be with the Lord."

#### NOTICE TO SAINTS

To the dear saints scattered abroad:

Since we are planning on building a chapel in Green Pasture, I thought it wise to notify you through the "Faith and Victory." Many of the saints have asked to be notified when this work begins, and when we begin taking offerings for the chapel. The way is now open for every one who will to send in their contributions. We have gone to the war board to see about building, and the limit on church buildings is \$1,000. The building will be 24 x 30 ft. in size, and will cost about \$500.00. This is a new field, and ripe for harvest. There are eight old saints and seven young ones. We solicit the help of every one. What ever you can send, little or much, will be gladly accepted. We hope to begin building by the first of June. Let everyone send money as the Lord prospers you as soon as possible. Send money to H. V. Sanders, R. 1, Box 255, Choctaw, Okla. Yours in the One Body,  
E. W. Sanders and Johnny Johnson.

(Editor's Note: I believe this to be a worthy cause, and inspired by the Lord. The brethren there need our prayers and help. We should let the Lord use some of His money in erecting this meeting house.)

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#### Obituaries

Jennie Thomas Richards was born in Wales, July 11, 1872. She came to America when 12 years of age. She spent her girlhood in the state of Mo. and married John M. Woodson in 1892. They later moved to Kans.

To this union were born five children: Ethel, Elizabeth, Roy, Louis, and Elmer. Her first husband and two daughters preceded her in death.

She was later remarried to W. T. Howe in 1917 at Lovell, Okla. Mr. Howe preceded her in death, Jan. 13, 1938.

She has been affiliated with the Church of God for the past fifteen years, and lived a Christian life unto death, which came Dec. 10, 1942.

Her survivors are: One daughter, Mrs. Russel Fagan of Mulhull, Okla.; and three sons, Roy of Los Angeles, Calif., Louis of Taft, Texas, and Elmer of Blackwell, Okla.; 12 grandchildren; one great-granddaughter; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Funeral service was conducted by Fred Pruitt of Guthrie, Okla. Interment in Oak View Cemetery near Lovell, Okla.

Sister Isabella Johnson was born at Tuscaloosa, Ala. Mar. 17, 1875, departed this life Nov. 8, 1942, being 67 years, 7 months, and 21 days old. In the year of 1896, she was united in marriage to Plumer M. Manuel. To this union 17 children were born, 12 of whom preceded her in death. She leaves to mourn her departure: her loving companion, P. M. Manuel; 4 sons, Abe, John, Alfred, and Amos; one daughter, Mrs. Anna Bell Holden; two brothers, Dorsey and Samuel Johnson; two grandsons and two granddaughters.

Mother Manuel, which was the title that she was known by in the church and her many friends, was truly a "Mother in Israel." At an early age she realized the need of being a Christian. She sought the Lord and joined the A. M. E. Church in Ala. and lived a consistent Christian life to all the light and understanding that she had. About the year of 1914 she heard the gospel preached in this Evening Light, and accepted the Lord in the fullness of His power to save, sanctify, heal and keep her unto the end. A short time before her death she expressed a desire to go and be with Jesus.

A coincidence: Mother Manuel passed away on Sunday, November 8, 1942 about 11 p. m. Her youngest son, Benjamin was accidentally killed on Sunday, November 8, 1936 about 11 a.m., which caused much sorrow to her heart.

Funeral services were conducted by Bro. L. E. Davy in the Church of God chapel at San Diego, which was filled to capacity. Many beautiful floral pieces were expressions of love and sympathy for Mother Manuel.

Text: Heb. 9:27.

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Wm. Lawrence Walker was born near Morrisville, Mo. Oct 31, 1893 and died in Phoenix, Ariz. Nov. 8, 1942, at the age of 49 years and 8 days. He was saved when a boy and baptized by a church of God preacher. Like so many others, he got away from the Lord. About two months before he passed away he sent for the saints, who prayed for his soul and the healing of his body. He got relief to both soul and body, but the Lord saw fit to take him. He had many disappointments in this life, but didn't hold hardness, and spoke kindly of all.

He leaves to mourn his passing: two daughters, Mrs. Avis Branaman, Big Bend, Calif., and Marvel Walker of Santa Rosa, Calif.; Prv. Bill Walker of Fort Benning, Ga.; mother, Mattie Dinger of Beaver, Okla.; three sisters; one granddaughter; and many other relatives and friends.

Rev. Owen Steele officiated at the funeral. Text: 1 Cor. 15:12. Interment: Greenwood Memorial Park, Phoenix, Ariz.

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Richard Green Baucom, son of David and Nellie Baucom was born in Carl County, Tenn., Aug. 15, 1861 and passed away December 21, 1942 near his home at Dover, Oklahoma at the age of 81 years, 4 months and 6 days.

He moved to Topeka, Kansas in the year of 1884. He was united in marriage to Miss Jannie Daves. To this union were born 11 children. Bro. Baucom moved with his family from Topeka to Dover, Okla in the year of the early settlers, making his home there until death.

He is survived by four daughters; Mrs. Bessie Macklin of Kansas City, Mo., Mrs. Jessie Fisher of El Reno, Okla., Mrs. Leona Briggs of Omaha, Neb., and Mrs. Callie Owens of the home; two sons, Jonnie Baucom of Dover, Okla. and Adron Baucom of Fry, Ariz.; two nieces; one nephew; twenty-one grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and a number of other relatives and friends.

About the year of 1925 Brother Baucom professed a hope in Christ. Having heard the truth preached in

its fullness by the ministers of the Church of God, in the year 1940 he sought the Lord for a clear experience, and lived to the best of his knowledge until death. Sunday night before passing he testified that the Lord had blessed him and he desired the prayers of the saints that he hold out to the end, which came the following day at 12. 30 p. m. We mourn his passing, but not as those who have no hope.

May the God of consolation comfort the bereaved ones, is our prayer, Amen.

Funeral services were conducted by Bro. Ulysses Phillips, speaking from the 90th Psalm.

Interment in Wanamaker Cemetery.

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Interment was made in the Burns' Cemetery near Dover, Okla., Jan. 5, 1943 for Herman Caldwell, infant son of Bro. and Sister Henry Caldwell, whose stay on earth was very brief. He knew no sin, and is safe in the arms of Jesus.

Surviving him are his parents, two half brothers, one half sister, grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Phillips, and a number of other relatives. "I saw the dead small and great stand before God." May the God of consolation comfort the bereaved, is our prayer, Amen.—U. Phillips.

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## REFUGE

A refuge is a place of safety, and protection and shelter from danger and distress. God is a refuge. He is a place of safety, and to abide in this refuge is to be safe from all harm. Nothing can molest one who abides in this refuge.

The Bible tells about cities of refuge in Numbers chapter 35. They were cities into which people could flee and be safe. Psalm 46:1 says God is our refuge and strength. The evil one cannot molest those who are hiding in God. Praise his name forever! "The eternal God is thy refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms: and he shall thrust out the enemy from before thee; and shall say, Destroy them." Deut. 33:27. "And there shall be a tabernacle for a shadow in the day time from the heat, and for a place of refuge, and for a covert from storm and from rain." Isaiah 4:6. It is very comforting to the natural man to know that he has protection from heat and from storms; but the Lord in this passage of scripture is using literal examples of protection to portray to our hearts the protection which the soul will have when hid away in Him. It brings great peace and comfort to the spiritual man to have the assurance of such soul protection.

This refuge is available to all who will flee into it, but a very deplorable fact is that many will not flee to it, choosing rather some false protection for their souls. In Isa. 28:15 we read of some people who made a covenant with death and with hell and had made lies their refuge, and hid themselves under falsehood; but in verse 17 God warned them that hail would sweep away the refuge of lies, and the waters would overflow the hiding place.

God is not mocked, for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. God knows just where

each human being is hiding. In John 5:40 Jesus said, "Ye will not come to me that ye might have life." This place of refuge is a place of life. Jesus gave his life as a sacrifice that he might be our protection from death. We get into this refuge by a spiritual birth. He has given us instructions so that we need not be in doubt as to whether we are hiding in him or hiding in the refuge of lies.

This refuge is a place of love, for "God is love." It is a heavenly place or heaven-like, for He has raised us up together and made us to sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus. It is a place where the soul has great joy, but the flesh has no fun; for "to be carnally minded is death: but to be spiritually minded is life and peace." It is a place where fellowship with the world cannot enter. If any man love the world the love of the Father is not in him. It is a place of peace: "Great peace have they that love thy law and nothing shall offend them." It is a place of freedom from all sin, a place of holiness and purity. "The blood of Jesus Christ his son cleanseth us from all sin." "Follow peace with all men and holiness without which no man shall see the Lord." No pride can enter this refuge for the Lord hates a proud look. Facial makeup must be left on the outside, for the Lord beautifies the meek with salvation. Tobacco will not be found there, for He commands us to cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh, and we cannot enter unless we obey his commandments. If anyone says he abides in Christ and does not keep his commandments, he is a liar—hiding in the refuge of lies. (See 1 John 2:4). It is a place of light. "He that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life." Light represents salvation; and darkness, sin.

"I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge and my fortress, my God: in him will I trust." Psa. 91:2.

—F. W. Spaur (revised)

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## Godly Training For Children

The word of God teaches us to "Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old, he will not depart from it." Prov. 22:6 (Also read 2 Tim 3:15). To train children in the way they should go we need to teach them to love the Lord and to honor His name and to live for Him. Teach them to live free from sin, that sin will cause them to go where there is eternal punishment if they do it. Go with them to Sunday School and services; don't send them. Read Eph. 6:1-4. "Children obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right." How are they going to obey us unless we teach or train them to obey us (Read James 1:5) If we live for the Lord with a sincere desire to please Him, He will surely direct our steps in this way. We need to be faithful unto them as well as teach them to respect us and to be faithful to us. Read Tit. 1:6. Dear ones, it mean

something to say we have to be careful that our children are not unruly. Teach them that when we tell them not to do anything that's not right or that one feels like they ought not to do, not to do it. And when we tell them not to do anything, mean it. If they transgress our commands, punish them. Do not promise to punish them, and the next time they do it promise again and never give them the promised punishment. Fulfil your promises. Read Prov. 13:24. Be as faithful to them as you want them to be to you—just as we feel like Jesus would do if He were in our place. Teach them not to sing worldly songs, not to dress worldly, not to talk foolish talk, not to call others foolish names or other people's names. Read Prov. 22:15. Dear ones, let us be an example before them, not do or say anything before them that we don't want them to do. Read 2 Tim. 21:22.

We read in Eccl. 12:13, to "Fear God and keep His commandments: for this is the whole duty of man." Training children in the way they should go is obeying the commands of God. Read Matt. 5:18, and 1 Pet. 1:25. Let us pray the Lord to help each one of us in this way. —Clyde Lea

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### A Question For Parents

This all important question should be brought to the mind of every parent for serious thought. First, do you love your children with a real love? Many say they love their children, and then leave them with strangers to take care of while they visit the theatre, dance halls, card parties, and saloons, etc.

Do you want your child to grow up to be like you and follow the example you are giving them to follow? You say you are not a bad character. Certainly not; you are the average good respectable citizen, we will say. You pay your bills, treat your neighbors right, perhaps belong to a church and send your children to Sunday School, and maybe go yourself occasionally.

But suppose your baby should die tonight, where would it go? To heaven, of course. But suppose you should die also tonight, would you be with your baby? And you answer, I think so. But my friend, do you know? Are you living a clean, holy life that God is pleased with? Do you know you are saved? You say, "I am not a wicked person." But God's word says, "All have sinned and come short of the glory of God." Rom. 3:23. In God's sight you are a sinner, and need to repent, tell God you are sorry, ask him to forgive you, tell him you are through with sin, that you are forsaking your wicked ways, and that you are going to live for him that your life might be a good influence for your children.

Think of being separated from your baby forever. If your baby should die and you continue to live in sin and die, you will never see that child again. But if it lives and goes out into sin and follows your

footsteps and meets you in hell, with screaming, crying, cursing, and wailing, with the flames of the pit lapping about your poor lost soul, you'll hear your child that once you held in your arms curse you and cry, "You damned my soul. Why did you live your life like you did? Oh! you damned my soul; you never told me about Jesus." It's terrible, my friend, to think of, but there are millions in hell cursing their parents for teaching them to drink, curse, smoke, and dance, by the influence they have had over them.

You are responsible for your children. Will you try to take them to heaven? Listen to the voice of Jesus today. Come, let Him forgive you of your sins. He will, if you will ask him. Friend, it's real, you can know you are saved as well as you know your own name. Your church membership can't save you, baptism can't save you, taking communion will not help you, shaking hands with a preacher, signing a card or making new resolutions will not do it. It takes the blood of Jesus Christ. Don't try to confess to an official in some church, he cannot save you. Only Jesus can save you.

Friend, there is no purgatory, there is no second chance. When you die you will either go to heaven or to the torments of hell. You settle your destiny here on this earth. "It is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment." Heb. 9:27. You can be saved today and if that baby dies when it is small, you can be assured that you will meet it in heaven, and if God spares it, you can bring it up and teach it the ways of the Lord, lead it to Jesus, then be in heaven with it forever when you die.

Why not give Jesus your heart now? He loves you and died for you. It is not necessary for you to be in church to get saved. Just from your heart confess your sins, tell Him you are sorry and mean it with all your heart, and God will save you right where you are, and you will know it. Do not stop seeking God until you know you are saved. "Repent or perish." Luke 13:5. —D. W. Matter

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Long Beach, Calif.—Dear Ero. and Sister Pruitt: "Grace be unto you, and peace from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ." This is a lovely salutation that Paul gives at the beginning of nearly all of his epistles.

The Lord has been very precious to my family and me during this past year, for which I am glad. I am more determined to trust Him more and do more to spread His gospel this new year. The harvest is ripe, but the laborers are few, as Jesus said when he was on earth.

Last Thursday night I went with Bro. and Sister Or. to the Assembly at Los Angeles. We heard such a good sermon on faith in God for the healing of our bodies. The Lord used Bro. Stonecypher in delivering it. Thank God, He is no respecter of persons if we only trust and obey. If there is anything in my life that isn't in accordance with His will, I pray that He will show me.

Pray for me. May the Lord bless you in His course this new year more than ever before. Mrs. Lee Henry.



# « Young People's Section »

## A Confidential Trust

Dear friend, wherever you may be,  
On the land or on the sea,  
You can rely on this one thing:  
The God of Heaven careth for thee.

When sore temptations about you roll  
'Till they nearly rock the soul,  
Just place your hand in God's alone  
And He will carry you to His throne.

When sore afflictions upon you come  
Until it seems you cannot reform,  
Just consecrate to God's own hand  
And He will carry you to a better land.

If our God had not cared for thee,  
He would not have suffered His only Son  
To carry the cross for you and me  
From Jerusalem to Calvary.

Toil on, dear struggling one,  
For the race will soon be won,  
Then you shall wear a shining crown  
Where the evening sun doth not go down.  
—Charles Smith.

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## Editorials

### Holy Living—Present Experience

Bible salvation fits us to live holy in this life. "For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world; looking for that blessed hope, and glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ; who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works." Titus 2:11-14. Some tell us that man cannot live holy in this sinful world, but that he can when he gets to heaven or in some better age to come. However, the text plainly tells us that right now the grace of God (Christ's sacrifice for sin on the cross) has made ample provision for man's salvation, to the extent that all men may be delivered from the power of sin and be enabled to live "righteously and godly in this present world."

Salvation is not the result of our good works; but the pure gift of His mercy. It is not reserved in heaven for us, but has appeared on earth to all men, and is delivered free of charges at the door of every

heart. It redeems us from all iniquity. It gives us power to fully abstain from all sin, and say no to every presentation of evil. The covenant of divine mercy provides grace whereby we may serve God without fear in righteousness and true holiness before him all the days of our life. "There is therefore NOW no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the spirit." Rom. 8:1. If your experience does not correspond with these texts, then you should discard your religion, and seek the Lord for Bible salvation.

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Bro. Ray Key, Bro. and Sister Willie Murphey, and Mae Belle Pruitt are at present holding a meeting at Lincoln, Nebraska. This is an effort to plant the truth in a comparatively new field, and we pray that the seed sown will yield a bountiful harvest. May the Lord reward those also who have sacrificed to arrange for the meeting.

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Two young men, both of whom had been classified as conscientious objectors, have recently been taken from the Guthrie congregation. Bro. Paul Wyatt accepted non-combatant service in the army and was assigned to the medical corp. A letter received from him today states that he is still saved and serving the Lord. Though the trials were severe sometimes, he said it was uplifting to know that many kind saints back home were praying for him. Bro. Hyrum Ray was assigned to work in a Civilian Public Service Camp at Downey, Idaho. His choice meant quite a sacrifice, and the trials have been many and peculiar since arriving there. Yet he has expressed that he did not want the sacrifice to be in vain, as he desired his example of Christian living to be a help to the other boys in the camp. Also he has related that since going through these hard experiences the Word of God has become much more real.

There are other young men of this congregation who will soon be leaving unless the Lord intervenes, so let all the saints remember all these young saints daily at the throne of grace that they will be faithful to the Lord in the problems they are facing and will face.

—L. D. P.

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Sand Springs, Okla.—Dear Bro. Pruitt: Greetings in Jesus' holy name. This finds me saved and determined to go all of the way with Him.

I wish to request prayer of all the dear saints that I will grow closer to God each day, and also that my parents will get saved. I am trying my very best to live as Christ would want me to, but I sometimes find it hard. I am the only one in the family that is saved; but I'll never turn to sin again, no matter what the cost or burden is. I don't get any encouragement at all except from

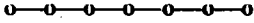
the letters that I receive from my dear Christian friends and relatives.

I wish to know when the next congregation of young people will meet in Tulsa and where the congregation meets.

I would appreciate hearing from any of the saints.

May God be with you every moment of the day and keep you a shining light before others.

Your sister in Christ, Geraldine Hale, General Del.



San Francisco, Calif.—Dear Bro. and Sister Pruitt: I know you don't know me, but I am a new sister of yours. I was saved July 1, 1942, but haven't had an opportunity to be baptized yet.

I was in the First Baptist Church, Duncan, Okla. I married Brother and Sister Lee Whitley's son of that town, and she, by the grace of God, was patient and answered many questions I asked her. I know you know them because I read your little book, "God's Gracious Dealings," and you mentioned praying for their son. It was my husband's baby brother who was sick. We are only 19 years of age, so you see he was a baby himself.

After severe heartaches with married life, I finally decided it was God I needed and since I've been saved, I'm much happier. Harry, my husband, is not saved so please pray for him. He gets under conviction and lets the devil use him in many ways, but God stays with me and I keep happy through prayer.

Sister Whitley surely has stayed with me, and I have also met Sister LeMelle of this city.

My husband will be drafted soon if the Lord's will is such and we are coming back to Oklahoma. I want to visit you at Guthrie when I get back.

I love you all and all the saints and sinners everywhere.

A child in Christ, Goldie Whitley

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## Neglected Opportunity

Thinking of the time wasted by the majority of people makes me think seriously of the short time we have to live here in this world.

The truth is printed and preached; people sit and listen, are somewhat uneasy and feel they should get converted and live a Christian life, but still put it off till another time.

I went home for Christmas, thinking I could start back Monday morning; but early Sunday morning the blizzard had hit and it was snowing hard. The ground was already coated with ice from the rain the evening before. I knew if I started right then, I would make it in to Tulsa without much trouble, but I "neglected," and had a nice time visiting with the family. The snow kept falling and the wind blew a little harder. I would look out of the window, but felt no alarm—just a little uneasy when I saw the snow drifts getting deeper. I thought of my strong brother there to help me and stayed and "wasted" some more time. At last, I felt I must get started, but I had waited till the snow was about eighteen inches deep and still snowing. When I started I was two hours getting out of the yard on to the highway. I then regretted the good time I had wasted. The boys shoveled snow for two hours, and were able to move the car only a couple of feet at a

time. We started down the highway toward town and went on all right for awhile. We soon began to hit the snow drifts a little deeper each time. I felt much troubled at the thought of the shortage of gas, and the cold. There we were stuck and no hopes of getting out that day. We had to lock the car and walk to town through the deep snow to get to shelter.

This is the way Salvation is put off. Some day the door will be closed. We had hopes of the snow plows the next day, snow will melt; but if time is no longer, there is nothing to do later. You are lost forever. Come and be saved. You will not regret it.

—Selma Hiebert.

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## Some One Had Prayed

Christian, when your way seems dark and dreary, and the clouds of discouragement are hanging low, did you ever stop to think that Christ has burdened one of his children to pray for you? The heated furnace seems hotter than usual and the fiery darts of the enemy leave a stinging blow. You seek the place of your refuge, but it seems hidden from view. Everything seems to go wrong and you wonder if Christ has entirely forsaken you.

Perhaps many miles away, one of God's children is burdened for you. He thinks it strange that you should be brought to his mind at this time, when he has had no lingering thought of you for many a day. The Lord burdens his heart for you, and as he prays the prayer of faith, the clouds begin to vanish and light begins to dawn on your pathway. Night is turned to day, and you glory in the sunlight of heaven, all because someone prayed for you.

We ought to pray one for another, and if someone is brought to us in memory, let us kneel and offer a prayer for that one. It is not only our privilege but our duty. The members of the body all work together in unity; so if one member needs help, let us not forget to offer prayer for that one and surely God will reward us.

Here is a poem written by C. E. Orr that further expresses my thought:

## PRAYERFUL REMEMBRANCE

"At evening time when dark'ning shades draw nigh  
And flickering rays of light go passing by,  
When all around glad nature sweetly sings,  
And seems you hear the sound of angel's wings,  
Some one in memory may be brought to thee.  
Maybe some one from distant land away,  
Of whom you had no thought for many a day.  
'Tis passing strange; you do not understand  
Why such a one and from such distant land  
Should step across the threshold of your mind,  
Why he to you at this time should be brought.  
'Tis mystery when all else claims your thought;  
You seek to understand, but learn it not.

"Maybe this one has conflict great and sore,  
Is struggling long and hard 'gainst grim despair,  
And God who rules the thought and mind of man  
Has brought him this long way to you for prayer.  
Then do not drive these whisperings from your mind  
Nor cast them carelessly upon the wind:  
'Tis but the voice of God, in tender care  
For suffering one on life's broad way somewhere,  
Inviting you to plead for him in prayer.

"Kind friend, if at morning, noon or night  
I come to thee on wings of memory,  
It is no doubt because the fight is fierce;  
Then will you bow and pray to God for me?"

—Ruby Ellen Doolittle

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**CORRESPONDENCE**

Greetings to all the saints from the Hospital in San Bernardino, Calif.—This beautiful day finds me in bed with my feet all broken up, heel, right leg, and arch broken. I am bound up and cannot get up. One thing I am glad of is that I have not given up.

You pray with me and for me. I cannot do much praying today. The Lord knows better than words that I can say. I think this is good that happened to me, and feel that the Lord suffered it to be. I have been praying for a long time to have more time for Jesus, so he has answered.

I say to you, live for Jesus, saints, he is coming soon. Will He find faith?

I think I shall be able to walk again very soon, for the Lord is my healer. He can give me a new pair of feet if these are too old and broken up. I am helpless as a baby, but my Father is strong. This accident happened when I fell off a ladder to the cement floor. I was painting. Please remember me in prayer.

Milton Smith.

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I want to tell how the Lord was so wonderful to me, how He healed me July 2, 1942. Early in the morning I arose from my bed to start about my day's work. I got up and walked about three or four feet, then sat down and put on my clothes. I got up and thought I would turn my chair around and sit down and put my shoes on. When I first got up, I felt as well as usual, but when I started to put my shoes on, I could not stand alone. I made the third trial before I gave it up. I managed to get back to the bed. I had no control of myself, so fell on the bed. My husband ran to me and put my feet upon the bed. I began to pray for the Lord to heal me. I began to improve and was soon well again. I have had one more attack, but not so bad. I am 66 yrs. old and have been trusting the Lord 45 years for the healing of my body. By His help, I intend to trust Him the rest of my life. Some of the devil's folks have told me, "Yes, and you are going to die, too." I tell them that is what I am expecting, for the Bible says so. Annie Talbert

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Rayville, La.—Dear saints everywhere: I feel led this evening to write a testimony thanking the Lord for saving me from sin of the world and placing my feet on the Rock, Christ Jesus. The Lord has blessed us so wonderfully since we learned to trust Him. He supplies our needs; He always comes to our rescue. I have left all to follow Jesus and I mean to go all the way and make Heaven my home.

Bro. Key was holding a meeting last September in

Sister Greer's home. During the preaching, he brought out the scripture so plainly that I was led to see the true way. I am so thankful that the Lord sent him to this community. He also held a meeting in this community the first of December and we feel that much good was done. We hope that he can be with us again.

We pray that much good was done at the Assembly Meeting.

We wish to ask all the saints everywhere to pray for this community. May God bless all of you in your work for Him. Your sister in Christ, Lelia Towers.

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Guthrie, Okla.—Dear Saints of God: As I lay upon my bed, the Lord impressed me to write my testimony. I have so much to be thankful for this morning. I thank the dear Lord that I'm saved and one of His children. I thank all the dear saints for praying for me and my little family and for showing so much interest, and being so good to me. It has encouraged me so much. The dear Lord has answered prayer so many times in my behalf, and has come to my rescue in every time of need. I love the dear Lord this morning with my whole heart, soul, mind, and body. I'm just looking to Him to heal me and make me healthy and strong again, that I might bring honor and glory to his name. I thank the dear Lord for my little baby boy, and we want to bring him up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. Please pray for my husband, that he won't have to leave for camp, for the baby and I need him so much. Pray that we will grow in grace and knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Mrs. Roy Jennings and family.

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Hammond, La.—Dear ones in Christ: We are truly thankful today for all the Lord means to us. I can still say that I am saved and sanctified and enjoying the blessings of salvation. He wonderfully keeps us from the sin and evils of the world and just supplies our every need for both soul and body.

I surely have been burdened for the workers and work there at Guthrie. Trust that the Lord will work out all things to his glory. We know that He is able to deliver us from all trials, tests, and persecutions of this life. Praise his name! With God on our side, we have nothing to fear, for He truly cares for His people. And we know that he that endureth to the end the same shall be saved.

We trust that good was done in the meeting there, and that every one present received lasting benefits, tho' we were not able to be there in person, our prayers followed.

May the Lord bless and keep you all by His mighty strength and power, and trust that all the saints will grow in grace from day to day. Remember us when you pray that we'll keep true to God and do His will at any cost. Your sister in Christ, Lula Williamson.

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Klamath Falls, Ore.—Dear Bro. Pruitt: Greetings in Jesus' dear name. I received the calendar, books, and card, and was glad to receive them all. I surely do thank God for the booklets. As I read them and meditate upon their meaning and pray, I feel my soul's experience deeper in the Lord. Oh, to me the Saviour is so wonderful. I'm so thankful and grateful for His ever saving me from the sins of this world. I surely have no desire for the world and its ways. I long for more of God to show forth in this life that it might be a help to others and get glory to his dear name.

I so wish that we could sit under the preaching of the old-time church of God saints. Husband and I both want the old time religion and power and are willing to pay the price to obtain it, but we go to a Gospel Trum-

pet church and it seems so light to us—no real praising God. It seems to me there is no demonstration of the Holy Spirit felt there. But we don't know what else to do. We don't know what other church to go to. We don't like to go to places where they always want us to join. We know it is not a Bible doctrine. Do you know of any other Church of God saint here in Klamath Falls?

Your sister in Christ, Mrs. Mattie Tompkins.

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Bartlett, Kansas—To all the dear saints: Greetings to you all in Jesus' dear name. I feel impressed to write my testimony this morning. I am praising God for salvation, and the light on God's Word he gives us. I have a desire to walk in the light that He shines on my pathway. We have been made to rejoice more in the truth than ever before since we have been isolated the past year. When we see some that seem so near like the truth and hear them deny some of our blessed Saviour's Word, or say it is a nonessential to our salvation, it causes us to feel sad at heart, for we hear Jesus say, "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God." I truly find His Word is sweeter than honey; yea, than the honeycomb. Praise the good Lord! I have a good home in the fold of my Lord where His sanctified children all dwell; I am glad I heard the truth from His Word, and now with my soul all is well. He leads me each day in the heavenly way, so onward I'll climb. In the strait, narrow way I am determined to stay, 'till I leave this old dark world behind. Truly this is the determination of my heart. We are striving each day to do God's will. The Lord has been so good to us in the past year—blessed us in so many ways. When we needed encouragement, we went to Jesus and he had comfort and grace to help. I feel, by God's grace He has made me a little stronger to enter the new year, than I was a year ago; yet my heart is still crying out to God, Oh, deeper let me go! Yes, I want to get so settled down into God that I will be hid away with Christ in God. We ask an interest of all the saints, that in some way the Lord can use us here to His glory.

Margaret Eck.

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English, Ind.—Dear ones in Christ: I feel God wants me to testify to His glory. Someone sent me the little paper and it just suits me. I have been preaching for some time for creeds, but that did not satisfy me. I felt like there was something better for me to preach, and God has revealed to me that this paper stands for the Bible route. The gospel Paul preached in the morning time will surely be good in the evening of time. I am going around to dead churches in the hills of Crawford Co., preaching the old time gospel, not getting church joiners, but getting them ready for a trip to the skies. The speckled bird is spreading her wings for a journey. She is despised by all. Dear ones, I need your prayers, as I am alone. It takes grace and Holy fire to stand against the devil; but God is the same God, He doesn't change. So many have lost their first love. God has told such to repent and do the first works. When that love is gone, how sad it is. Do you remember that day when God spoke peace to your soul, how sweet the birds sang, how you loved wife or husband more than before? All was different, and you were a new person in the Lord.

I would be glad if the saints would write to me.

J. Linton, R. 1.

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Chicago, Ill.—Dear Bro. and Sister Pruitt: I received your letter some time ago, and intended to answer it sooner, but was waiting for a little more money to put in the prison offering.

On the sixth of December, coming from service, I

fell over the back of a seat and either fractured or broke a rib, which was very painful. Three days later, on the ninth of December, I had a slight stroke on my right side. I was unable to use my hand. But in a few days the Lord touched me and I am able to use my hand again. Then I slipped off a chair and hurt my back severely, which put me back again. I have trusted the Lord for twenty-five years for divine healing and He has never failed me once. Tonight I can say, I am healed completely. Praise His holy name! I would like to say to all the dear saints abroad, simply trust Him in every sickness, "For with God nothing shall be impossible." Luke 1:37. "Is any sick among you? let him 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, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins they shall be forgiven him." James 5:14, 15.

In the One Body, Sister Cora Dravis.

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Holland, Mich.—Dear Bro. Pruitt: As I was sitting in the house Sunday, this came to me:

Men are trying everything they can think of to try to get people to heaven their way. They change churches, they change preachers, and when they have done all this, then all they have left is a church member without Christ, without salvation, and without the Holy Spirit to lead them and to guide them into all the truth. The true way is a hard way to find if we do not look for it the Bible way. If we want to find the right way and the only way, then we must find the one that says, "I am the way, and the truth and the life." In Him is eternal life. There was a time in my life when I thought all I needed to do was to go to a church (man made). But the good Lord opened my eyes and showed me a better way; not the way to church, but the way to the cross of Calvary. That is the place where Jesus paid the price for our salvation, and there we can be set free from all sin and kept by the power of God unto salvation. Paul says in the Word of God, "It is not I, but Christ that liveth in me."

—Bro. Cornelius Brandt.

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Oklahoma City, Okla.—Dear Bro. Pruitt and Faithful workers: I greet you tonight in Jesus' dear name. I am praising Him for the victory that He gives me for both soul and body over the opposing powers of the devil. I am sure every time we resist the devil he will flee from us. I requested prayer some time ago for the healing of my body and I am happy to report that the dear Lord immediately healed us. We thank and praise Him for it.

Truly, I am thankful that the dear Lord counted me worthy to meet with His dear saints and that I learned to live for Him. He means so much to us. Remember us both and our family in your prayers, that we will always live for our dear Redeemer.

Your sister in Jesus,  
Mrs. Iva Pearl Holman

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Fortescue, Mo.—The Blood-washed Saints everywhere: May God's richest blessings rest upon all of you. My soul is so burdened this morning. It seems Satan is doing all he can to discourage God's children, but we do know he is a liar. If we will not listen to him, the Lord will take us through to victory. Praise His name! I am encouraged to go on. I could not live without Jesus to heal me and bear my burdens. He is all and in all to me. I see some of the dear saints who once were so humble and close to God so careless. They let things of this world take all their time while souls are going down to the lost world. Oh, may God wake up the ministers and help them to get on their faces and ask God what they can do. And may the saints pray much and live

closely to God. Pray much for the printing office. Dear Bro. and Sister Pruitt have so many burdens to bear that we know nothing about. But the dear Lord knows. Let each of us do all we can to lighten the burdens of these dear ones who have been so faithful all these years. Pray that God will still make it possible for the gospel to go forth from the printing office.

May God bless all the saints everywhere and help us to do all we can to help others.

Yours in Jesus, Mrs. Cordia Stroud

Hoffman, Okla.—Dear Bro. Pruitt: I am sending in my request for prayer. I am afflicted in my body and I ask the prayers of the saints that the Lord will completely heal me. I know the Lord is able to heal me, and I am looking for complete healing. Dora Mae Williams

Yorkshire, Ohio—Dear Ones: I feel like testifying through the "Faith and Victory" this morning, as I want to hold my Saviour up to a lost and dying world. Words cannot express the wonderful things the Lord has done for me. Praise His holy name, the Mighty God, Wonderful Counsellor, the Prince of Peace! Oh, if the unsaved could know the sweet peace that is brought to a soul through the atoning blood of Jesus! My soul is burdened about our boys—so many of them going to the battle front, and many without Jesus, to meet death and then everlasting punishment. Let us pray that they will turn to Jesus that He might go with them, then all would be well with them. Oh, may God help us to be busy in turning souls to Jesus before it is too late. I have many loved ones who are out in sin. Help me pray that they will be brought into the ark of safety before it is too late. Jesus told us to work while it is day for the night cometh when no man can work. That night seems to be drawing very near. May God bless you, is my prayer.

Your blood-washed sister, Olive Fidler

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**Pressure Victory**

Pressed out of measure,  
 And pressed to all length;  
 Pressed so intensely,  
 It seems beyond strength.  
 Pressed in the body,  
 And pressed in the soul;  
 Pressed in the mind  
 Till the dark surges roll.  
 Pressure by foes,  
 And pressure by friends;  
 Pressure on pressure  
 Till life nearly ends.  
 Pressed into knowing  
 No helper but God;  
 Pressed into loving  
 The staff and the rod.  
 Pressed into liberty  
 Where nothing clings;  
 Pressed into faith  
 For impossible things.  
 Pressed into living  
 A life for the Lord;  
 Pressed into living  
 A Christ life outpoured.  
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**The Place of Prayer**

If Jesus lived a life of constant communion with the Father, how much more necessary it is that we pray without ceasing. His very example to us is a call to prayer. We see around us hungry, destitute, sick, and suffering. We look upon sin and death. Our sympathy, tears, and desire to help can not change conditions. Of ourselves, we are helpless. Each case is a call for prayer. No child of God is able in his own strength to stand against worldliness. Every temptation is a call to prayer.

Watch and pray that ye enter not into temptation. When conscious of weakness and helplessness and poverty, it is time to pray. "This poor man cried and the Lord heard and saved." "Call upon me in the day of trouble." "In my distress, I cried unto my God." Every anxiety is a call to prayer. "For he shall deliver the needy when he crieth." How needy are you? What fear or sorrow have you? How hungry, faint, helpless, or hopeless are you? What heavy burden do you stagger under? Every need is a call to prayer. He will deliver the needy and him that has no help. —Mrs. Roy Pruett.

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**JESUS AFFIRMS HIS DEITY**

Sunday, February 7, 1943

Daily Readings and Meditations

February 1 to 6.

- M. The light of the world John 8:12-20.
- T. The liberator from sin John 8:25-36.
- W. The Lord without beginning John 8:56-59.
- T. Alive for evermore Rev. 1:8, 17, 18.
- F. Deity affirmed in prayer John 17:1-8.
- S. Deity affirmed under oath Matt. 26:59-68.

Printed Portion .....John 8:12, 25-36, 56-59.

John 8:12. Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.

25. Then said they unto him, Who art thou? And Jesus saith unto them, Even the same that I said unto

you from the beginning.

26. I have many things to say and to judge of you: but he that sent me is true; and I speak to the world those things which I have heard of him.

27. They understood not that he spake to them of the Father.

28. Then said Jesus unto them, When ye have lifted up the Son of man, then shall ye know that I am he, and that I do nothing of myself; but as my Father hath taught me, I speak these things.

29. And he that sent me is with me; the Father hath not left me alone; for I do always those things that please him.

30. As he spake these words, many believed on him.

31. Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed;

32. And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

33. They answered him, We be Abraham's seed, and were never in bondage to any man: how sayest thou, Ye shall be made free?

34. Jesus answered them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, whosoever committeth sin is the servant of sin.

35. And the servant abideth not in the house for ever; but the Son abideth ever.

36. If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed.

56. Your father Abraham rejoiced to see my day: and he saw it, and was glad.

57. Then said the Jews unto him, Thou art not yet fifty years old, and hast thou seen Abraham?

58. Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Before Abraham was, I am.

59. Then took they up stones to cast at him: but Jesus hid himself, and went out of the temple, going through the midst of them, and so passed by.

Golden Text: "He that hath seen me hath seen the Father." John 14:9.

Practical Truth: Many assertions which Christ made about himself imply his true deity.

#### COMMENTS AND APPLICATIONS

Jesus, the light of the world—Jesus is to the human soul what the sun is to physical life. How much life could exist on the earth without the sun? Bro. C. E. Orr writes: "Men have tried to manufacture artificial sunlight, but they have not yet succeeded in inventing something that will melt the snows of winter, paint the flowers with beautiful colors, mantle the fields with covering of green, and shoot life through all nature. It is only God that can bring light, peace, and health to the soul." Men have made religions (artificial light), trying to satisfy the soul. They have succeeded in deceiving many, but they cannot melt the heart of stone, nor wash away the scarlet stains from the guilty, nor give new life to the soul. Jesus is the "Sun of righteousness." He has given us a view of the nature of God that satisfies our hearts; He has made known the way by which we can approach Him acceptably (repent of sin and accept the pardon and peace offered in Christ); He has given his people assurance of a life beyond the grave; He has revealed the evil in men's hearts, and shown them the way to be cleansed from that evil; and He points out the only way of safety for the soul. Wonderful light!

Jesus was conscious of His origin, so he could boldly witness for himself. Verse 24 is left out of our printed portion, but should be read, for it plainly states the consequences of turning from "the Light of the world"—darkness and death.

The mark of a true disciple is that he continues in the words of Christ. To continue IN his word, would mean to be a continual doer of his word. Many of these Jews to whom He spoke in this lesson soon turned back to follow Him no more. Today, many start out on the way of the cross, but faint by the way or deliberately turn back. "He that shall endure unto the END, the same shall be saved." Let us ask the Lord for grace to endure. Many have fainted, many are fainting, and very likely others will faint, but it need not be you or I.

At the fall, man's soul was led captive by Satan. He was no longer free to do as he wanted to, for what his master told him to do, that he did. As Paul said, "What I would, that do I not; but what I hate, that I do." Culture, training, age or earthly wisdom could not deliver him from this tyrant. But Jesus came to redeem them from their task master and set them free from the bondage of sin. He makes them "free indeed."

The human minds of the Jews just could not understand how Jesus could be what he professed to be, especially that he existed before Abraham; so they attempted to put out "the Light of the World" with stones. That did not hinder the divine Sun from shining any more than a little dust thrown into the air hinders the sun from shining. The one who throws the dust may get it in his own eyes until he cannot see the sun, but it is shining as brightly as ever.

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#### JESUS HEALS A MAN BORN BLIND

Sunday, February 14, 1943.

#### Daily Readings and Meditations

February 8 to 13.

M. Sight for blind eyes John 9:1-11.

T. The questioning critics John 9:18-23.

W. A witness for Jesus John 9:24-34.

T. Sight and salvation John 9:35-41.

F. Relieving and seeing Matt. 9:27-31.

S. Seeing and following Matt. 20:29-34.

Printed Portion ..... John 9:18-38.

John 9:18. But the Jews did not believe concerning him, that he had been blind, and received his sight, until they called the parents of him that had received his sight.

19. And they asked them, saying, Is this your son, who ye say was born blind? how then doth he now see?

20. His parents answered them and said, We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind:

21. But by what means he now seeth, we know not; or who hath opened his eyes, we know not: he is of age; ask him: he shall speak for himself.

22. These words spake his parents because they feared the Jews for the Jews had agreed already, that if any man did confess that he was Christ, he should be put out of the synagogue.

23. Therefore said his parents, He is of age; ask him.

24. Then again called they the man that was blind, and said unto him, Give God the praise: we know that this man is a sinner.

25. He answered and said, Whether he be a sinner or no, I know not: one thing I know, that, whereas I was blind, now I see.

26. Then said they to him again, What did he to thee? how opened he thine eyes?

27. He answered them, I have told you already, and ye did not hear: wherefore would ye hear it again? will ye also be his disciples?

28. Then they reviled him, and said, Thou art his disciple; but we are Moses' disciples.

29. We know that God spake unto Moses: as for this fellow, we know not from whence he is.

30. The man answered and said unto them, Why herein is a marvellous thing, that ye know not from whence he is, and yet he hath opened mine eyes.

31. Now we know that God heareth not sinners: but if any man be a worshipper of God, and doeth his will, him he heareth.

32. Since the world began was it not heard that any man opened the eyes of one that was born blind.

33. If this man were not of God, he could do nothing.

34. They answered and said unto him. Thou wast altogether born in sins, and dost thou teach us? And they cast him out.

35. Jesus heard that they had cast him out; and when he had found him, he said unto him, Dost thou believe on the Son of God?

36. He answered and said, Who is he, Lord, that I might believe on him?

37. And Jesus said unto him, Thou hast both seen him, and it is he that talketh with thee.

38. And he said, Lord, I believe. And he worshipped him.

Golden Text: "One thing I know, that whereas I was blind, now I see." John 9:25.

Practical Truth: The power of Christ to meet man's needs is without limit.

#### COMMENTS AND APPLICATIONS

The "Light of the world" continued to shine and give light to men in spite of the clouds and storms of hatred and opposition.

It is comforting to note that it was a busy Sabbath afternoon in a public place that Jesus "saw a man." He was a blind beggar, and doubtless the crowds had passed him by unheeding and little touched by his sad plight. The disciples saw him too, but their words do not give any evidence that they were moved with compassion. But Jesus saw him as one in need, and one who could be helped to the glory of God. The miracle was performed, the blind eyes were opened, and it caused no small stir among the Jews. They realized it was a miracle, so they took him to the Pharisees.

Their mistake was similar to the mistake which people make today. When they see a thing which testifies to the greatness of God, they take the matter to religious leaders (the majority of whom have unbelieving hearts), who endeavor to explain away the miracle. If people would go straight to Jesus instead of to their blind religious leaders, how many blind eyes would be opened!

Many allowed the Pharisees to keep their minds prejudiced against Jesus, but this man's spiritual eyes were opened to truth as well as his natural eyes being opened.

All true Christians spiritually have the same experience as this blind man—groping in sin, they are poor, wretched, and blind. When they come into contact with Jesus he bids them to anoint their spiritual eyes with His Word of truth, and wash in His blood. All who obey in faith will "come seeing," and will be able to testify as this man did, "One thing I know, that whereas I was blind, now I see." This testimony has caused countless numbers to be cast out of the synagogues of men, but little matter, for Jesus receives them into "everlasting habitations," and they worship Him.

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#### JESUS THE GOOD SHEPHERD

Sunday, February 21, 1943.

Daily Readings and Meditations

February 15 to 20.

M. The Good Shepherd leads John 10:1-5.

T. The Good Shepherd saves John 10:11-16.

W. The Good Shepherd keeps John 10:27-30.

T. The Good Shepherd searches Ezek. 34:11-16.

F. The Good Shepherd restores Luke 15:1-7.

S. The Shepherd of our souls 1 Pet. 2:21-25.

Printed Portion .....John 10:1-5, 11-16, 27-30.

John 10:1. Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that entereth not by the door into the sheepfold, but climbeth up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber.

2. But he that entereth in by the door is the shepherd of the sheep.

3. To him the porter openeth: and the sheep hear his voice: and he calleth his own sheep by name, and leadeth them out.

4. And when he putteth forth his own sheep, he goeth before them, and the sheep follow him: for they know his voice.

5. And a stranger will they not follow, but will flee from him; for they know not the voice of strangers.

11. I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep.

12. But he that is an hireling, and not the shepherd, whose own the sheep are not, seeth the wolf coming, and leaveth the sheep, and fleeth: and the wolf catcheth them, and scattereth the sheep.

13. The hireling fleeth, because he is an hireling, and careth not for the sheep.

14. I am the good shepherd, and know my sheep, and am known of mine.

15. As the Father knoweth me, even so know I the Father: and I lay down my life for the sheep.

16. And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold, and one shepherd.

27. My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me:

28. And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand.

29. My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all: and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand.

30. I and my Father are one.

Golden Text: "I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep." John 10:11.

Practical Truth: Jesus is a shepherd in whose care and leadership we may safely trust.

#### COMMENTS AND APPLICATIONS

In previous lessons we have read titles of various natures which were ascribed to Jesus; such as, Light, Life, Truth, Bread of Life, etc. In today's lesson, including verses 6-10 which are not printed, are two more: "I am the door," and "I am the good shepherd." There are many other titles given to Jesus in the Bible. It would be interesting to make a list of them and notice how they vary in nature. Do you wonder how he could be so many things? We must keep in mind that it would be impossible to express in one title, all Jesus is to His people.

He is the door, or the one through whom all must go, in order to be in the fold of God. Those who try to be Christians by doing good works and being moral and joining an earthly church are thieves and robbers. They wrest God's word and rob it of its true meaning, thus steal eternal life from many. Jesus said, "The thief cometh not but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy." Many deceived souls who profess to be Christians with-

out being born of Christ, do not realize that their master, Satan, has appointed them the job of stealing, killing, and destroying.

Jesus is the "Chief Shepherd," and his true ministers (those who entered the fold through Jesus and received their appointment from him) are shepherds under him. The chief shepherd speaks through them to his sheep as well as speaking directly to the sheep.

Beginning with verse eleven, Christ contrasts his care for the sheep with men who had been hired to care for them. He knew what the thieves and robbers (false teachers) would do to him for protecting his sheep (teaching them the truth), but he willingly laid down his life in order that the sheep might be saved. Not only for the Jewish sheep fold did he make this sacrifice, but the "other sheep", Gentiles, were included. Many of them heard His voice and followed Him.

In the last part of our lesson are some precious promises. He is able to protect us from all enemies as long as we obey his voice and follow him. No man can pluck us out of His hands, but we need to be careful that we do not wander away ourselves. There is danger of being devoured by wolves when we get so far away that we can no longer hear His voice.

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### JESUS RESTORES LAZARUS TO LIFE

Sunday, February 28, 1943

Daily Readings and Meditations  
February 22 to 27.

- M. The death of Lazarus John 11:1-14.  
T. Martha meets the Master John 11:20-27.  
W. The Master calls for Mary John 11:28-37.  
T. Jesus raises Lazarus John 11:38-44.  
F. Jesus raises the widow's son Luke 7:11-16.  
S. Jesus rises from the dead Mark 16:9-15.

Printed Portion ..... John 11:20-29, 32-35, 38-44.

John 11:20. Then Martha, as soon as she heard that Jesus was coming, went and met him: but Mary sat still in the house.

21. Then said Martha unto Jesus, Lord, if thou hadst been here, my brother had not died.

22. But I know, that even now, whatsoever thou wilt ask of God, God will give it thee.

23. Jesus saith unto her, Thy brother shall rise again.

24. Martha saith unto him, I know that he shall rise again in the resurrection at the last day.

25. Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live:

26. And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this?

27. She saith unto him. Yea, Lord: I believe that thou art the Christ, the Son of God, which should come into the world.

28. And when she had so said, she went her way, and called Mary her sister secretly, saying, The Master is come, and calleth for thee.

29. As soon as she heard that, she arose quickly, and came unto him.

32. Then when Mary was come where Jesus was, and saw him, she fell down at his feet, saying unto him, Lord, if thou hadst been here, my brother had not died.

33. When Jesus therefore saw her weeping, and the Jews also weeping which came with her, he groaned in the spirit, and was troubled.

34. And said, Where have ye laid him? They said unto him, Lord, come and see.

35. Jesus wept.

38. Jesus therefore again groaning in himself cometh to the grave. It was a cave, and a stone lay upon it.

39. Jesus said, Take ye away the stone. Martha, the sister of him that was dead, saith unto him, Lord, by this time he stinketh: for he hath been dead four days.

40. Jesus saith unto her, Said I not unto thee, that, if thou wouldest believe, thou shouldest see the glory of God?

41. Then they took away the stone from the place where the dead was laid. And Jesus lifted up his eyes, and said, Father, I thank thee that thou hast heard me.

42. And I knew that thou hearest me always; but because of the people which stand by I said it, that they may believe that thou hast sent me.

43. And when he thus had spoken, he cried with a loud voice, Lazarus, come forth.

44. And he that was dead came forth, bound hand and foot with grave clothes and his face was bound about with a napkin. Jesus saith unto them, Loose him and let him go.

Golden Text: "I am the resurrection, and the life." John 11:25.

Practical Truth: Jesus is the master of life and death.

### COMMENTS AND APPLICATIONS

In the home of Lazarus, Mary, and Martha, Jesus had often been lovingly received and sheltered. It seemed that He enjoyed being there. But sickness had visited the home when Jesus was away, and laid hold on a loved brother. Their trust was in Jesus, hence they sent the message, "Lord, behold, he whom Thou lovest is sick." They did not tell him what to do, but the message bore a note of intreaty. Jesus received the message, but continued the Father's work in the country where he was, as if he did not intend to help them in their distress.

The brother died and was buried, and the sisters were heart-broken. News came that Jesus was near, but it seemed he had come too late. But he never comes too late to help those who fully put their trust in Him. The purpose for his delay was to bring greater glory to God.

When we need help from the Lord and implore Him to come to our rescue, it is not lack of love for us that causes Him to sometimes delay in giving us what we need. Even when He waits until all hope seems gone, "If thou wouldest believe, thou shouldest see the glory of God."

Three times while on earth, Jesus raised the dead—a child, a young man, and Lazarus. Thus He proved his testimony in a measure, "I am the resurrection and the life," but the full proof came when he arose from the dead himself. His rising is the sure foundation upon which our hopes for rising rests. "If the Spirit of Him that raised up Jesus from the dead" dwell in us, we can say with Paul, "O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?" Notice what Jesus said, "He that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live." Those words were not spoken concerning Lazarus, but to ALL who believe in Him, who is the resurrection and the Life. Jesus arose with the "keys of hell and death." If you have heeded his voice when He called to your soul, which was dead in trespasses and sins, "Arise," you may die and be buried, but the time will come when you'll hear that voice call, "Come forth," and your body sown in corruption will be raised in incorruption. When? "In a moment in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump." Lazarus died again, but at the last trump, "Death is swallowed up in victory," and there will be no more death. Are you ready for the last trump to sound?