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Building My New Home

Did you know I'm building a home?
I am working on it each day.
The One who is Overseer
Helps me to build it the right way.

The foundation is my Jesus
The frame will be His blessed word;
The roof, His many promises
The best that mankind ever heard.

It takes my lifetime to build it
But it is worth all it will cost
For I then will not be numbered
Among the many that are lost.

I will move in when He calls me
In my mansion up in the sky.
I'll not move by train or auto
But by Angel's wings from on High.
—J. Studebaker.

Two Kinds of Religion

We read in the book of James, chapter one, verses 26 and 28 about two kinds of religion. The first kind described is vain religion but both kinds are described from the 21st verse to the close of the chapter. "If any man among you seem to be religious and bridleth not his tongue but deceiveth his own heart, this man's religion is vain." This is the man who hears the word of God and will not do it but goes on and says, "I am a Christian," but will talk and act as anyone who makes no profession of Christianity. Hear what Jesus says concerning such in St. Matthew 7:21-23: "Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; But he that doeth the will of my father which is in heaven. Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me ye that

work iniquity." This is vain religion and its reward.

"Pure religion and undefiled before God and the father is this: to visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world." This is the kind we are interested in, because on it depends the welfare of the world. Jesus said, (Matt. 5:13) "Ye are the salt of the earth." Now salt has a preserving quality about it as well as a seasoning; ten righteous people would have saved Sodom, but they could not be found. (Gen. 18), also Russia turned God down because they could not find true religion among those who professed Christ, so they say. There must be a spring or flowing well for true religion to flow from. It does not flow from a corrupt heart.

Men and women who are living in sin must hear the word of God, which will bring conviction of their guilt. This conviction will bring Godly sorrow to those who truly believe. Then by confessing and forsaking their sins (Prov. 28:13) and believing on Christ they are saved (Rom. 10:8-11) which means converted, changed from that sinful life to a new one, where the affection is on heavenly things (Col. 3:2) and the love of God is planted so deep in the souls of these that they would rather do the will of God than those things which they would naturally like to do, because they have peace with God, the peace which passeth understanding, and that brings joy unspeakable and full of glory. A heart filled with these good things is the spring or flowing well from which pure and undefiled religion flows. It is fed and watered by the word and spirit of God and sends out a never-ending stream of good deeds and kind words. This kind of religion has its reward for Jesus will say to these "Come ye blessed of my father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world." Matt. 25:34.

We do not say these things to condemn any one but because they are true and we do not want any to miss the reward of the righteous so we warn all as one who loves your soul be sure you have pure and undefiled religion. We would be glad to speak to any who would like to hear about pure and undefiled religion.

—Ray Key.

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"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.

"For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved." Jno. 3:16-17.

Man had sinned and severed himself from God, he had fallen into guilt and condemnation, and was under the sentence of death; he was not able to pay the debt he owed to God, although through Moses God had extended mercy unto them by giving them the sacrificial law, which would atone for their sins in a measure, until, the time when the true sacrifice for man's sins should appear. God in his love to his chosen people, the Jews; raised up prophets from time to time, which foretold the coming of this sacrifice, or spotless lamb that was to give his life a ransom for fallen man. Many received the good news with joy, and looked forward with hope and anticipation when He should appear, but many died without the sight; the promise was not fulfilled in their day. But again and again God would raise up prophets and give them the heavenly vision of the coming Savior and King who would take away the sin of the world, while at the same time sacrifice and burnt offerings were being made according to the Mosaic law, but we find that God had no pleasure in those carnal sacrifices. Wherefore we read "For the law having a shadow of good things to come, and not the very image of the things, can never with those sacrifices which they offered year by year continually make the comers thereunto perfect, for then would they not have ceased to be offered? because that the worshippers once purged should have had no more conscience of sins. But in those sacrifices there is a remembrance again made of sins every year. For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and of goats should take away sins. Wherefore when he (Jesus) cometh into the world, he saith, Sacrifice and offering thou wouldst not, but a body hast thou prepared me, in burnt offerings and sacrifices for sin thou hast had no pleasure: Then said I, Lo, I come (in the volume of the book it is written of me) to do thy will O God." Heb. 10:1-7. Jacob, when he was about to pass on, called his sons together to tell them what would come to pass in the last days; said he, "The sceptre shall not depart from Judah, nor a law-giver from between his feet, until Shiloh come; and unto him shall the gathering of the people be." Gen. 49:10. The vision was so vivid to Isaiah that he broke forth with those immortal words, "For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given, and the government shall be upon his shoulder; and his name shall be called Wonderful; Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace."

Isa. 9:6. The angel told Joseph "Thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins."

That was Jesus' mission in this world; He came to seek and to save that which was lost. He came to give His life a ransom for many. He said "I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly." He came preaching repentance. He came a "Light into the world." John tells us "He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not. He came unto his own, and his own received him not." Jno. 1:10-11. This is a sad and pathetic statement, although his coming had been foretold with precision, holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost, yet the majority of the people turned Him down. Many of the lawyers and doctors of the law, who should have known Him, rejected Him as did many of the Pharisees. But why did they reject Him? Why did they refuse to receive His doctrine? Because sin had blinded their eyes and hardened their hearts, so that they could not know Him. Jesus said they hated Him because He testified unto them that their deeds were evil. He said that men love darkness rather than light, for the same reason, their deeds were evil. They would not come to the light lest their deeds should be made manifest. We are made to believe that the same condition exists in the heart of many today. They love their sins and evil ways more than they love the Saviour, although He has given His life a ransom on Calvary to save their never-dying souls, yet they reject the Saviour's love and trample His tender mercies under their wayward feet and say by their ways and actions, "I will not have this man to rule over me." What a pity! What an awful sight to see a blind stony hearted generation of sin-loving people, pushing and crowding their way down to hell, when the Saviour stands with out-stretched arms, saying, "Come unto me all ye that labor, and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." Just as He wept over Jerusalem and said how oft would I have hovered you . . . and ye would not. Ye would not, why not? Listen! "Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life; and few there be that find it." Matt. 7:13-14. Why so few? Because of the deceitfulness of sin. Many are so nullified by its soul deadening influence until they cannot see their need of a Saviour. They do not really know their own miserable state and condition. They will not come to the light that they may see just how they appear before God: They will not give ear unto His gentle, pleading voice, and it will be said of them, "Because I have called and ye refused; I have stretched out my hand, and no man regarded; but ye have set at nought all my counsel, and would none of my reproof: I also will

laugh at your calamity, I will mock when your fear cometh." Prov. 1:24-26.

It is no light thing to reject Christ and His word. Whosoever he be that rejecteth Jesus Christ and turneth down His word, and refuses the counsel and wooing of the Spirit of God turns down all that is real, all that is holy and eternal. He turns down heaven and its enduring treasures, he rejects life, and chooses death. "For God hath not called us unto uncleanness, but unto holiness, he therefore that despiseth, despiseth not man but God." 1 Thess. 4:7-8a. Because the Jews rejected Christ, He told them with weeping: behold your house is left unto you desolate. Many today are rejecting Christ and turning Him down for the vain and sinful pleasures of this perishing world. The holy scriptures reveal to us that in these last days many will be lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God, having a form of godliness but denying the power thereof, reveling on in sin and folly at the dance, the theater, the card table, and drinking, gambling in the night life, adultery, uncleanness, hypocrisy, pride, sham, and vanity, and will awake some day to find that they have been reaching forth for a bubble that has bursted in their hand and left them to face the grim realities of a never-ending eternity without God and without hope. They will have nothing to stand upon but a sandy foundation, no promise of a reward, only that which is given for a wasted and blasted life without Christ and all heaven rejected in this life, and after death at the great judgment bar of God to hear those awful heart-rending words: "Depart from me ye workers of iniquity, I never knew you." There shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth, darkness and despair, no hope, no joy, no happiness, no deliverance. In this time world, God's plan rejected, no time for Jesus, no time for salvation, no time for heaven. In eternity by Christ denied, refused, and rejected, **REJECTED**. Oh be wise, do not continue to harden your heart, do not continue to refuse the counsel of the dear loving Lord, just think for a moment what value He has placed upon your soul, and what a tremendous price He has paid to redeem you and bring you back into favor and fellowship with God. Why still remain in sin? Why still be numbered with the throng that cried, away with him, away with him? This is the day of grace, now is the accepted time. "You may have salvation if you will." If you be one of them that have not yet made Christ your choice, bid Him come into your heart and life. Look up by faith to Calvary's Cross, see the open fountain flowing freely to wash away your sins, confess and forsake your sins, step into the fountain and be made whole while it is called today. Consecrate your heart and life to God, and you will not be one of them that will stand at the last day, **REJECTED**.

—Ulysses Phillips.

Old-time Religion

"Know this also, that in the last days perilous times shall come." 2 Timothy 3:1.

It is very plain to see that we are evidently living now in the last days. . . in troubled times, far beyond the imagination of the average person. All these things are but the fulfillment of the blessed scriptures.

There is a **sure hope and deliverance** for the true Christian at all times. It is the reality and power of the old time religion as taught in God's Bible. "**Thou art my hiding place; thou shalt preserve me from trouble; thou shalt compass me about with songs of deliverance.**" Psa. 32:7.

It is fully evident and certain that we must return to the faith of our fathers. . . back to the faith once delivered to the saints. **Back to the Bible is the world's only hope and salvation . . .**

"**The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God.**" Psalm 9:17.

Infidelity, atheism, modernism, cultism, scotferism, and all other kinds of unbeliefs and satanic wolves are working day and night to overthrow and destroy the true Christian believer's faith and trust in God.

Truly, we are living in perilous times of a troubled world. . . Men's hearts are failing them for the things coming to pass upon the earth in these latter days. The signs of the times point toward the soon coming of the Lord Jesus Christ. The **BIBLE** is the most up-to-date and down-to-date instructions, information and appeal that mankind can read or secure in this day. It is God talking directly to man.

The time is at hand when the Christian must awaken and the sinner and unbeliever must call upon God and **KNOW** that judgments will fall upon the world—and every man shall be judged according to his works. God says: "**Come unto me and repent, all ye ends of the earth.**"

A world-wide Christian revival is a sure way to prevent a world-wide revolution and a great breaking down of governments and our many civilizations of the present world. The **OLD TIME RELIGION** is a mighty power, principle, belief and great spiritual awakening for the heart, soul and mind of humanity . . . It is the faith and courage of brave Christian soldiers that will stand and march forward through sunshine and dark shadows of this uncertain life here below. It will stand and rejoice. . . looking upward when this world is on fire. Yea, it will enter into spiritual transition from this troubled sin-cursed world and arrive safely into that eternal city not made with hands. . . Amen, Hallelujah!

"**In the way of righteousness is life; and in the pathway thereof there is no death.**" Proverbs 12:28.

—Jesse J. Gorman.

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

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"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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Eldorado Springs, Mo.—To all the dear saints and all that read the little paper; for God knows we can't afford not to read it. It surely does my soul good to read it. I am still on the firing line, with victory in my soul. We can't afford to follow the flesh. If we did not have God's spirit to guide us and tell us what to do and what not to do we would be in the dark at all times.

O how good God is to us. Remember me when you pray. Your brother,
—S. W. Middleton.

Editorials

The "Lord's Print Shop" has been a very busy place for all the workers during this winter and the Intertype, printing presses, folding machines and type writers have been doing good work for the Lord and in behalf of precious souls. While we have been doing more printing this winter than usual, we have also had a larger amount of calls for the literature. Hardly a day passes but what we have a lot of packages of tracts, papers and booklets to put in the Post Office, we rejoice in spirit to know that we are workers together with Him and we rejoice also to know that so many of our readers are praying for us and some are sending free-will offerings and all are also "Workers together with Him." Free-will service is the only kind of service that is acceptable with God. We would not want anyone to send money here to this work unless they do it with a free-will and as unto the Lord for we know that God sets the members in the Body as it pleases Him and some function in the body as prophets, evangelists, teachers and others are helps. True saints never envy one another but are humble and meek, gladly filling their little place in the body and in that way become edifying to the whole Body. The Body of Christ is the Church, the "Born Again ones" and they hear his voice and gladly obey Him.

The workers here at the Print Shop are not getting paid for their labor as the world does and neither are they asking for it but do their work as unto the Lord and crucify selfish desires that the Gospel of Christ can go forth to men by the printed page. Remember the work and all the workers in prayer.

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At present the indications are that the government will be soon calling two of our workers away, the boys who handle the printing presses and the folding machines. The Lord may call girls to do this part of the work if He can find those who are consecrated to deny self and live wholly for God and the salvation of souls.

I often think of the scripture that reads thus, "The eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to find those whose hearts are perfect toward Him that He might show Himself strong in their behalf." God wants to show Himself strong in your behalf and He can only do this as you wholly deny yourself and let Him possess and rule in your heart. If God shows Himself strong in your behalf you will have to have an unfeigned and unshaken faith in God to obey Him in all things.

If we would pay wages for help like the world does we could get plenty of help but what kind would it be? Our desire is to have workers that are in touch with God and unless they come with a sacrificing spirit and hearts filled with the love of God

and a burden for souls they would be of little value in the "Lord's Print Shop." When we do our work as unto the Lord, He is pleased and we are blessed and the work is blessed and all goes smoothly. We serve God because of His love in our hearts and labor prompted by divine love in the soul brings joy and satisfaction with contentment to the soul. David vividly expresses the kind of service that pleases God in 1 Chron. 29th chapter and 14th verse which reads, "But who am I, and what is my people, that we should be able to offer so willingly after this sort? for all things come of thee, and of thine own have we given thee." King David was a man after God's own heart and Isaiah the prophet speaking of the Kingdom of Christ which we are in at this present time said, "Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice, from henceforth even forever." Isaiah 9:7. The Angel of God speaking to Mary the mother of Jesus said, concerning the babe to be born, "He shall be great and shall be called the son of the highest: and the Lord God shall give unto Him the throne of his Father David: and he shall reign over the house of Jacob (Jacob denotes us saved people who recognize Jesus as our King, ruler and governor, Read also Hebrews 3:6 which tells us that we are the House of Christ, God's Son.) forever; and of his Kingdom there shall be no end. Luke 1:32,33.

David said they gave "willingly" unto the Lord and acknowledged that all that they had was given to them of God and they only took of God's and gave to Him what was His. This free-will giving is still the rule in the Kingdom of God now when Christ is on the throne. It is not something that is forced upon us or pulled out of us by clever speaking or writing, neither by persuasion, but it is just in us as His people. In the 18th verse David prayed for this very thing and he said, "Keep this forever in the imagination (or in the mind and thoughts) of the thoughts of the heart of thy people, and prepare their heart unto thee." God's people have the thought of free-will giving in their heart and will do it without continually having exhortation and persuasion pressed upon them. People who give just because they are exhorted, persuaded or entreated with many words to do so are far from what God would have them to be and do not really know what manner of folks they are. Let each of us show faith in God that worketh by love divine.

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Paul exhorted the brethren to present their bodies to the Lord as a living sacrifice, holy acceptable unto the Lord which he said was their reasonable service and not to be conformed to this world. Rom. 12:1. Jesus told doubting Thomas that he believed because he had seen but said, "Blessed are they

which see not and yet believe." A soul that is looking for God to perform miracles all the time or to keep their feelings running high in order to continue with Him have very little faith. A soul that looks to their feelings in order to determine their standing with God is sure to suffer defeat and be wallowed in the dirt by the enemy. God says, "The just shall walk by faith." Whether we are being favored or abused, whether things are working smoothly or roughly, whether feelings are high or low by unfeigned faith in Him we know that He is ruling and that "All things work together for good to them that love Him." It takes the wind, the rain and the sunshine, cloudy days and bright days to make the corn stalk grow and bear fruit. If it had only sunshine and heat without storm and rain it would not grow. If it had only rain and storm without sunshine and heat it would not grow and bear fruit. If it had rain and sunshine without any wind or storms the roots would be so weak that when the fruit was getting heavy on the stalk it would fall over and the fruit would be ruined in the mud. As the child of God continues to have unfeigned faith in God through all the severe tests and trials of life, they are in a normal spiritual condition and will bear fruit and have the blessings of God upon their life which will end with these words from the Saviour, "Thou good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joys of the Lord."

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1943 National Camp Meeting

The National Campmeeting of the Church of God will convene this year, if the Lord permits, on July 16 and close the 25th. It will be held as usual on the camp ground at Monark Springs, Mo., which is 5 miles east of Neosho, Mo.

In the past, Bro. John Strech has actively supervised the temporal affairs of the meeting. However, last year he requested that some one else take over this work. Therefore, Bro. Sam Barton of Tulsa, Okla., chairman of the board of trustees, was selected and has accepted this responsibility. For him I will say that he would appreciate the co-operation of all the saints in his new undertaking. Much work will need to be done prior to the meeting to get the grounds and dining hall ready. Bro. Barton's address is R. 8, Box 395, Tulsa, Okla.

A hearty invitation is extended to all lovers of the truth to attend this meeting. Even in this war time when many articles are rationed and many activities are curtailed, we can be assured that the Lord will meet with those who gather together in His name to worship Him in spirit and in truth. The poet declares, "I have found his grace is all complete, He supplieth every need; while I sit and learn at Jesus' feet, I am free, yes, free indeed."

Although it is several months until the meeting, yet it is not too early to begin preparations. Each congregation should have a special fund for the National campmeeting. Since many foods will be rationed, a large amount of the foodstuffs for the dining hall will need to be supplied by the saints through contributions of fresh, dried and home-canned fruits and vegetables. Plan to plant a larger garden and do extra canning for the campmeeting, or whatever the Lord leads to do.

Bro. J. E. Kurtz, whose address is R. 3, Neosho, Mo., lives on the campground as caretaker. At any time you may send provisions to him for the campmeeting. This spring he will be setting out shade trees on the campground.

Further information will be given later.

—L. D. Pruitt, Sec.-Treas.

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What Has the Lost Soul Missed?

"What is a man profited if he shall gain the whole world and lose his own soul?" Matt. 16:26 The best answer to this text is found in the very words of the Lord Jesus Christ, as recorded in Luke 12:16 to 22nd verses.

Here we are told about a certain worldly rich man who cared more about heaping together the material things of this perishing world than the concern of his soul, which must give an account to God. He thought he was contented and happy over his goods or wealth, but as God rated him, he was miserably poor, foolish and selfish. He needed the goods and riches of full salvation so much more than earthly treasures which soon fade away, having no eternal values whatsoever. This the worldly rich man found to be real truth as the voice of God in the still hour of the night solemnly spoke to him that "this very night thy soul (spirit) shall be required of thee."

This same application of divine truth can be applied to everyone who reads this message that are more concerned about selfish desires of getting goods or treasures, houses or lands and even worldly popularity than the vital concern and need of their soul's salvation.

The neglect of full salvation is the most vital and serious loss to be experienced; much more so when the lost soul awakens to consider what God has prepared for their eternal glory and peace, then to realize they have missed it all. The rich man the Lord speaks of in Luke 16:19-31, sadly learned his awful mistake when too late to repent and get right with God.

He could see across the dividing line (Luke 16:26) into the glory world and see the beggar Lazarus comforted and in unspeakable bliss, resplendent beauty, peace and glory that was his by rightful inheritance by living on the earth as a servant of God. It was torment to the rich man's guilty, condemned conscience as he saw what unspeakable things he had missed by rejecting God as mercy was offered him to get ready in time.

"Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him." 1 Cor. 2:9.

In this gospel dispensation the rejection of Christ brings the wrath of God, because the supreme sacrifice of the Son of God, with the amazing, wonderful plan of redemption of the soul, coupled with so marvelous a preparation for the soul's eternal peace and bliss through the works of salvation, makes man's condemnation rightly deserving the judgment of God.

Listen to the inspired Word of God in Hebrews 10:28, 29, "He that despised Moses' law died without mercy under two or three witnesses; of how much sorer punishment suppose ye shall he be thought worthy (deserving) who hath trodden under foot the Son of God, and hath counted the blood of the covenant wherewith he was sanctified, an unholy thing, and hath done despite unto the spirit of grace." Read also John 3:19.

Greater is the condemnation to sinners under this gospel dispensation who reject Christ than to those who would not seek after God under the Mosaic dispensation, for God has done so far greater things through Christ to help everyone find peace to their souls by repentance unto salvation.

Full Bible salvation likened to a pearl of great price, pays the biggest dividend this financial world can ever hope to know. There is no loss so alarmingly great as missing one's heirship to the eternal treasures and glory of the world to come. When the apostle Paul, by inspiration of God, declared (1 Timothy 4:8) that godliness (salvation) was profitable unto all things, having a promise of the world that is, and of that which is to come, he stressed the great need

of daily godly living as the very best and honorable life to live to reap the fruits and treasures of full salvation.

The great wealthy art collector, Walters, combed the earth for rare art treasures and rich antiques, he had to leave behind. Most likely he missed finding the most prized possessions, genuine heart-felt experimental full salvation which he could of carried with his redeemed soul to happy realms of glory above. An aged man on his death bed cried out, "I've missed it, I've missed it." This is the agony and death cry of the lost who had ample opportunity to seek and find salvation from all sin and were too concerned about selfish worldly things. To lose this selfish sinful world and gain heaven's eternal riches is the wisest decision and course mortal man can ever hope to take. —John H. Griffith.

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JUDGE RIGHTEOUSLY

In Matt. 7:1, we read, "Judge not that ye be not judged." There are too many people in this world placing their judgment upon the other person, when if they would repent and get saved they could not see so much in the other person to condemn. Verse 2 reads, "For with what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged: and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again." Then in Gal. 6:7, "Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap." Men may hide things from people and cover them from the saints but they cannot hide nor cover them from God.

They should be careful how they put judgment down on others when perhaps there is such a beam in their own eye that they cannot see how to help their brother. They put out false reports to try to kill their brother's influence and maybe they have not gone to talk it over with him. Be not deceived, for you will surely have to reap what you have sown.

In Matt. 18:15, "Moreover, if thy brother shall trespass against thee, go and tell him his fault between thee and him alone: if he shall hear thee, thou hast gained thy brother." How many do this? Then in verse 16 and 17 reads, "But if he will not hear thee, then take with thee one or two more, that in the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established. And if he shall neglect to hear them, tell it unto the Church." Brethren, we have no right to listen to any report that goes out on our Brother or Sister, which is not dealt with according to the scriptures. So if a person goes to some one and brings an accusation, first ask if they have been to the one they are accusing and if they say, no, then tell them to go to them, and if they will not hear thee, come, and I will go with thee and one more. Then if they fail to hear, take it before the Church, not a bunch of preachers, but the Church. Then

if he fails to hear the Church, let him be unto thee as an heathen man and a publican.

Again we read in 1 Tim. 5:19, "Against an elder receive not an accusation, but before two or three witnesses." Brethren, if we want to have more power with God we must follow the scriptures, and not place our judgment upon a brother or sister unscripturally. We do know the word says, the saints will judge the world, but the judgment will be according to the eternal truth of God. There is a spirit in the world that if you do not just like it wants you to do it will tell all it can to others to kill your influence and stop you from prospering spiritually. God says through Solomon in Proverbs 6:16-19, "These six things doth the Lord hate: yea, seven are an abomination unto him: A proud look, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood; an heart that deviseth wicked imaginations, feet that be swift in running to mischief, a false witness that speaketh lies, and he that soweth discord among brethren." Brethren, this spirit is in the world, alive and at work by night and day doing all they can to try to kill the influence of some Brother or Sister who is busy working for the Lord. Other spirits are trying to separate the saints and sow discord, while there are others who are looking, hunting and writing to find out what they can to try to destroy influences of others. These spirits are not from above but from beneath. God's people are long-suffering, kind, tender-hearted, peaceable, loving and working for peace. They love each other and want to see all the saints do well but they hate sin, division and discord.

Your brother for the truth, —W. I. Miles.

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SOUND DOCTRINE

"I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom; Preach the WORD, be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke and exhort with all long suffering AND DOCTRINE, For the time will come when they will not endure SOUND DOCTRINE, but after THEIR OWN LUSTS shall they heap to themselves (their church) teachers, having itching (desire to hear it) ears; And they shall turn away their ears (will not listen nor believe it) from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables." 2 Timothy 4:1-4. Paul's charge to Timothy to preach the word and to watch in all things, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry, was a warning for him not to compromise, by believing or preaching any other doctrine than what he had been taught. Please read the third chapter of 2 Tim. to get a full understanding of this subject. In Paul's epistles to the Galatians 1:8-9 he said, "But though WE, or an ANGEL from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that we have

preached unto you, let him be accursed. As we said before, so say I now again, If ANY MAN preach any other gospel unto you than that you have received, let him be accursed." Then in the 10th verse he says, "For do I now persuade men, or God? or do I seek to please men? for if I pleased men, I should not be the servant of Christ." Please read the rest of this chapter. Gal. 1:11-24.

Many, yes, a large portion of the preachers in these last days, are very careful to preach in a way that will please the worldly, sinful people, and get them to profess salvation without a real Godly sorrow for sin that worketh repentance unto salvation. I seem to hear some one say, how do you know whether they have truly been converted or not? You must not judge—No, I am not passing judgment; God will have that done at the judgment day, but I know them by the kind of fruit (deeds) they bear. Sound, heaven-sent and Holy Spirit, Bible doctrine can only be preached and practiced by a man that has been convicted, converted, saved from ALL (not part) sin and sins, and been set or placed (His gift) in the Church, by the Holy Spirit just as it pleases God, not man. Every Spirit-filled and Spirit-led minister will preach and practice (live it) sound Gospel doctrine, that will save lost sinners from their sins, NOT IN THEIR SINS, and all such converts will bear the fruits of the Spirit (Gal. 5:22-25) if they abide in the vine. St. John 15:4-5. There is a soul-damning doctrine being preached that if you are in the vine (Christ) you cannot be separated any more from it, Christ. The air is full of devil doctrine. We read of doctrines of devils. He, Satan, is not sending out but few infidels in these last days. It is not necessary for him to bother to do that, when he can have his doctrine broadcasted to the world, through man ordained, orational, well paid, well respected sect and inter-sect preachers that are deceiving hundreds, where an out and out infidel could deceive but few. You say this is too strong, do you? Not a bit too strong, I am not capable of stressing this subject to its full strength. I wish that I could, but it would take an angel from heaven to uncover all the soul-destroying doctrine that is going out from the pulpit and over the air in these perilous times. Not many months ago I heard a very noted radio evangelist say in his sermon, "I try to make it easy for people to accept Christ; if they cannot come down to the front to shake my hand or lay their hand on the Bible at the pulpit, they can raise their hand and that is sufficient in taking Christ as their Saviour." Another thing he said, quote, "I don't preach doctrine, let the converts choose their own brand of doctrine and church. They can worship with us inter-denominational or any denomination." Most assuredly; such a preacher had to contend for the endurance of the carnal, sinful heart to remain in his converts until death. "No holiness, nor sanctification in this world; no reigning

victorious over sin with Christ while in the flesh, only through Christ as their substitute. We all sin until death but our faith in Christ's blood cleanseth us from our sins. Some sins we will suffer for here before death." Another such preacher said in one of his broadcasts on being born again, quote, "There are two classes of sinners, one class is lost sinners, the other class is saved sinners." And he emphasized by saying, "We all are sinners, but some are saved by grace." Never once mentioned repentance and forsaking all sin, only that feeling your need of a Saviour and accept Christ by faith, then do the best you can as a sinner. Poor, weak, deluded, honest sinners, that have some desire to be saved, will naturally believe such false doctrine when it is taught by a moral, well read, slick-tongued, carnal-hearted preacher, who will not go very deep into sin, yet do enough evil, such as get angry and use some bad language, not much; thinketh evil things, especially towards the opposite sex, have an appetite for strong drink, but doesn't drink any of it, hate some of the brethren's ways but love their soul? etc. etc. Then upon top of all this false doctrine they bind their converts up fast with the strong cord of "once in grace always in grace," when they really are not in grace. May the Lord help some to see the danger in such doctrine is my prayer. —C. S. Wyatt.

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Tillamook, Ore.—Dear Bro. and Sis. Pruitt: Greetings in Jesus precious name. I'm so glad that I've found a friend in him and may I live my life just as He would have me to live it.

I've been wondering for some time if the other saints are bothered about this late song called "Praise the Lord and pass the ammunition." Such a disgrace to our Precious Lord and Saviour. When a child of God hears such things on a radio it seems to me that it is our duty to write our thoughts to the station it comes over. By this perhaps we could keep such things from coming over the air.

Just recently at a Christmas program the small children were giving, the leader announced that the program was over and that she very much hoped that the wonderful love of God would dwell in our hearts through the year of '43 and ended by saying "Praise the Lord," and a young fellow behind me said "And pass the ammunition." My feelings at that moment were inexpressible. Such lightness of God's Word and a disgrace to God. May we as saints do all we can to keep such trash from reaching the ears of innocent people.

I often think what if someone who knows I'm trying to live a Christian life should come to my home and hear that song. What a stumbling block that could be to some one weak in faith. We must be so careful that we live up to our name as we never know who may be depending on us to show them the way.

You may do as you like about this letter but I just wondered if other saints run to turn their radios off when this disgraceful piece comes on the air.

Pray for me that I may be an encouragement to those about me.

I would love to hear from any of the saints who care to write to me and shall do my best to answer every letter I receive. Your Sister in Christ,

—Orpha Mapes, Box 284, R. 1, Tillamook, Ore.

« Young People's Section »

Heed The Call

Work on faithful one, work on,
Lo the fields are so very white,
But God is still on his throne,
And he will pay you what is right.

Think what the master did say,
Lo the harvest is great indeed;
Oh how few are the workers,
That will help some poor soul in need.

I hear the Master calling,
And I hear him calling for you,
To do more in His harvest,
While in the soul-saving crew.

So then young saints, let us go
To the rescue of the lost,
And point them unto Jesus,
Who suffered on Calvary's Cross.

—Thomas V. McMillan.

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Editorials

"Latter Rain"

In James 5:7 we read, "Be patient therefore, brethren, unto the coming of the Lord. Behold, the husbandman waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth, and hath long patience for it, until he receive the early and latter rain." This scripture has its setting in the land of Palestine, and to understand it more clearly we should notice the climate of that country. In summer there is a period of five months in which there is no rain. In the month of October the heavy rains begin—the "early rain" referred to in the text. The hard, dry ground is softened up by the rain. Then follows the ploughing and sowing. Winter comes with rain and cold weather, until February when showers and sunshine rapidly alternate. March and April arrive with showers known as "the latter rain" of the Scripture. These showers are refreshing to the standing crops of barley and wheat before they whiten for the harvest. Then begins the reaping "of the precious fruit of the earth."

These facts carry added significance to this text. The Lord is that husbandman. The "early rain" has fallen. The gospel seed has been sown, and now the husbandman waits. He hath long patience unto the harvest. Immediately before harvest time there comes the showers of "the latter rain" which refreshes and develops to full maturity the precious fruit of the earth.

Today, even as in James' day, the "brethren" may become impatient in regard to the coming of the Lord when they see sin and its effects increase and not very many heeding the warning of impending judgment and accepting the gospel of salvation. Nevertheless, we are exhorted to be patient, because the Lord hath long patience, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance. Undoubtedly, we are living in that period of the "latter rain" when refreshing showers come from the presence of the Lord upon "His elect" in final preparation for His coming—the day of eternal reaping. "For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting. And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not." Gal. 5:8, 9.

—"Remember Lot's Wife."—

Sister Geneva Ray has gone to visit her husband, Bro. Hyrum Ray, who is in camp at Downey, Idaho. We pray the Lord's blessings upon them. She expects to return to the office within a few weeks.

—"Remember Lot's Wife."—

If the Lord permits, the 1943 Oklahoma State Campmeeting will be held as usual at Guthrie, July 30 to August 8, inclusive. Particulars will be published later. These are fast-changing times, and we do not know to what extent the future holds for the people of God in regard to tribulation, and whether or not and when our privileges to assemble in the larger gatherings for worship will be abrogated.

—L. D. P.

Faith Pub. House—To all the dear young saints and readers of Faith and Victory: Greetings in the precious name of Jesus, our blessed Lord. Truly this finds me saved, sanctified and all on the altar for God.

The last time I put my testimony in the Faith and Victory I was isolated from the saints. But not long after I sent my testimony in for the paper before, I was privileged to attend the Hammond La. camp meeting where I met the dear saints of God. I do love all the saints; they surely have been a great help and encouragement to me.

From the way things are looking now Bro. Clifford Wilson, Bro. Roy Jennings and myself will be called to the C. P. S. Camps before long. We are ready and willing to go, or do whatever God wants us to. Several of the saint boys have already been called to various camps. So please continue to pray for all of us, that we might sink down deeper into God that we will be able to stand the storms of life and be real true soldiers for Christ. With much sincere love, —Thomas V. McMillan.

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Castle, Okla.—Dear saints in Jesus' name: I have just been reading one of Faith and Victory papers. I did rejoice in its contents. I found this little paper in the waste paper in Castle Post Office. I brought it home with me so have read it through. I am a child of

the King. I am poor in money but thank God I am rich in His love. Good saints, please pray for my little girl as she is an invalid. She and I are almost isolated, as we don't get to go to any spiritual church—just what we hear on the radio is all we get to hear. I do like the Church of God but I don't ever get to go. I feel so bad sometimes. I have no one to pray with me. I just have faith in God, bless His name. I just want to be prayed up ready to go up.

I will be trusting God for you all and your work.

—Margaret Jackson.

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Clovis, N. Mex.—Our dear Brother Pruitt, (and all the dear ones at Guthrie): Our greetings are all in the Holy name of Jesus. I know of no name so dear, and worth so much to me as this one. Praises be to Him alone. He has kept us amidst all the clamour and stress of conditions until the present hour, and will keep "that which I have committed to Him against that day." I am, body, soul, and spirit, "kept by the mighty power of God." He ever lives, to keep me in the straight and narrow way, praise God.

Well, brother, the "dream" of a lifetime came true at the close of my 62nd year on earth. Ofttimes the "waiting time" is hard, but it pays big dividends, much greater than if we take things into our own hands. The Lord supplied for our trip (wife and I) to California. Then, our trust was for our return, which was abundantly supplied by the "little ones." When sufficient was supplied we said "it is enough" but still the giving continued even on the way home. We came back over the Southern Pacific railroad to El Paso, Texas and by bus from there to Clovis. Though it is farther yet we came home for less than on the Santa Fe. We visited and encouraged brother and sister Duncan and found them still "contending for the faith", the Lord bless them. Of course we went over on "foreign soil" (Mexico) and ate dinner where our company did when together about 2 years ago. Many changes have taken place in our country since then, but over there it appeared to be the same (even the music). We never mentioned "money" once, so far as we were concerned, but surely the Lord has a wonderful company of saints in Los Angeles and thereabout. We attended the entire Assembly, rooming in the same building with Bro. and Sister Harmon. They leave pleasant memories with us. We feel that we could live forever with such "royalty" as we found on the coast for they were "just the same" as we have found elsewhere, east, west, north and south, they are all alike. We have been as far east as Ohio and through all this scope of country, we love the saints. I don't know what we (or our country) would do without them. Truly they are the "salt of the earth." We expect by the help of the Lord, and the prayers of the saints to conquer the "last enemy" which is death. Remember us in your prayers for we remember you all in our prayers.

Though we were so royally entertained on the coast yet our hearts turned back to our little flock here. I would like to say some especially good things about our people here but dare not show "respect of persons," so will refrain. Ruby has been in the "jaws of death" twice within the last 10 days, but God had mercy. She is still with us—a royal girl. Our burden for some about Clovis increases, pray that the Lord will help us. Hope to attend some of the Campmeetings this year, help us pray to that end. Goodbye.

May God bless you in every way. Your brother in bonds of the Gospel.

—C. Z. Stonecypher.

Okemah, Okla.—To the Bloodwashed saints everywhere: Greetings to you all in Jesus dear name. I feel impressed to write my testimony this evening. I am praising God for salvation. I have a desire to walk in all the light that He shines on my pathway. I look out at the world at their sad condition and thank the Lord for saving me when He did. I am encouraged to press on. The Lord is so good to me in many ways. I don't see how I could do without Him.

Dear saints, I lifted too much three years ago and at times I feel just like I did when it was first done. I ask you all to pray that the Lord completely heal my body so I can do any of my work as I did before I lifted that load. I don't mean to doubt Him. I know He has healed me and I believe He will do it again.

Pray that I ever be a shining light in this dark world. Your sister in Christ.

—Jettie Mae Phillips.

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Zavalla, Texas—Dear Bro. Pruitt: I just can't express my thanks to you enough for explaining the scripture for me. Now I can understand and I sure do thank you for helping me. I just want to send my testimony in as the Lord gives me. I praise my Saviour for saving my soul, and showing me the right way, for I do truly belong to the true Church of God. I am the only one saved in our family and sometimes the way grows pretty dark but praise the Lord He makes it clear again. The church that I go to I am afraid has failed in teaching and practicing some of God's word. They seem so cold when I go there. They only have church once a month. Pray very much for that church that it will carry out all of God's teaching. I desire all of the prayers of all the saints down there. My heart's desire is to press on toward the mark of the prize of the high calling for I am determined to hold out to the end.

A Sister in Christ, —Miss Margaret Odom.

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Springfield, Mo.—Greetings to the saints: I am praising the Lord this morning for salvation and sweet peace in my soul. As I have been lying here on my bed for six weeks with a broken hip, I can't yet see why this had to happen, but I can see many things to be thankful for. Everything works together for good to those who love the Lord. He knows and He cares. He has helped me in these wearisome and sleepless hours, and makes my bed easy. I am thankful for the prayers and many encouraging letters I have received from the saints. Truly the saints are dear to me. Since my dear husband passed away over a year ago, I couldn't tell how wonderful the Lord has been to me. My burdens were heavy, my grief was great, yet He has been my helper and comforter and gave me grace to submit it all to Him. I truly find Him a present help in time of need. I couldn't do without Him. He has promised to never leave us. So let us stay close to Him.

Where'er my Saviour's hand may lead

What'er my lot may be;

I will not murmur or complain

I know He cares for me.

A lover of the truth. —Mrs. R. M. Porter.

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Orland, Calif.—Dear Bro. and Sister Pruitt, and the saints everywhere: Tonight finds me saved. I told the Lord if He would keep my little girl from being operated on for her eye I would write my testimony in the little paper. The Lord so wonderfully blessed her eye that when we took her to be operated on the doctor said it was improving so much he wouldn't cut on it now. I know God is the One who did it. I had written to Brother Strech and Sister Allen for prayer. I truly thank the

Lord for what He did. We don't have any meeting here to go to. Would be so glad if we could hear the Word of God preached again. Pray for my unsaved children and husband, and also remember the little girl that the Lord will continue to strengthen her eye as I am to take her back in June for a check up. I know the Lord can make a complete work of it. Pray for me that I will live to please the Lord. Your sister,
—Ada Leach.

Kentucky State Reformatory—Dear Friends: I received several of your tracts also one of your "Faith and Victory's" and like them very much and I am asking you if you will please put me on your mailing list for Faith and Victory as well as for tracts. There is around 2300 men here and it is truly a virgin field for personal missionary work and I am trying to do all I can in bringing lost souls into the ark of safety before it is too late and while I have the opportunity. I am a Sunday School teacher and have been for going on two years. I have devoted the rest of my life in the Lord's work and although the devil is certainly trying his best to beat me I am depending on the Word of my Savior to carry me through. Pray for me that I remain steadfast, also for my work here to continue for the Lord.

Thanking you for your kind consideration and may God bless you and your wonderful work for Him, I remain,
Yours in Christ,
—Charles R. Swisher.

English, Ind.—Greetings in the good Lord, the One so precious to our souls. I feel encouraged this morning to testify to all saints scattered abroad in this land of sorrow and heartaches, pain and sin. Sometimes we have grades to climb and dark tunnels to travel and the road is rough, but Jesus said, "My grace is sufficient." He traveled the road before us, walked the shores of Galilee, prayed in the garden alone, wore the crown of thorns and went to the cross—shed His blood for us all and that meant me and you and all that is willing to go by the way of the cross. That is the Highway that Isaiah 35:8 was talking about. He said no lions will travel on that road, no unclean thing shall pass over it. So dear saints, we are marching on to victory. Nothing will be able to stop us as long as we keep walking in the light and keep our sins under the blood. The devil can't stand the blood. He likes church joiners and wants people to think they can join some church and be baptized with water and get to heaven. Nowhere in God's word this kind of religion is true. Just one way, that is the way our Savior taught. John the Baptist taught that way, Peter preached it, Paul preached it, and we must preach it. Dear ones, I need your prayer. May God bless you all and keep you ready for His coming. When the saints goes marching in I want to be in that number, don't you? Your bro.
—Christ J. Linton.

Lincoln, Nebr.—Dear Sisters and Bros. in Jesus: We believe it will please Jesus for us to testify of His great love and kindness in opening the door for this sound doctrine of truth in Lincoln, Nebr.

We were indeed happy and thankful for dear sister Essie Wilson who came and so faithfully worked and brought messages to our souls we can never forget, and trust in Jesus to some day again meet at Jesus dear feet, worshipping and serving with Jesus.

Our month's meeting closed the last Sunday night of January and truly God mightily sent His great messages of truth through His messengers.

Jesus said, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me to preach the gospel to the poor." This is the determination of our hearts, for we believe them to be hungry.

We are deeply encouraged to press the battle on, and

"be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only." Mary, the mother of Jesus said to the servants at the wedding, "Whatsoever He sayeth unto you, do it." Jesus said, "Fill the water pots with water." They obeyed, and filled them to the brim, (obedience to the limit) Jesus said, "dip out and serve." They did, and Jesus added the Blessing.

Oh! that we may study the word (eat it) with prayer and supplication, and do whatsoever He sayeth, keep filled to the brim with the Holy Spirit, then dip out and serve and Jesus will add the Blessing. He said to cast our bread (word) out on the waters (people) and it will not return void, so God is able through a small number to bring about His harmony and the one mind of Christ in His people and show forth His great salvation and power.

We remember Jesus died alone and has brought salvation to many, and He is drawing His precious ones by the cords of His divine love out of darkness, bondage and confusion unto His glorious light.

Bro. and Sister Egbert Allen were with us for a short stay; they too were an encouragement to our souls.

We are happy to close this testimony by adding we are not discouraged, but strengthened and encouraged to be "Strong in the Lord and in the power of His might." We desire your precious humble prayers that we may go all the way with Jesus. Your Sister in Jesus,
—Mrs. Jesse Sultzbaugh.

Chicago, Ill.—Dear Brother Pruitt and Co-workers: Greetings in the name of Jesus. May God bless and comfort each one of you. I rejoiced to read the good news in Faith and Victory this month. Surely we are serving a great God, and one who sees and cares. He is always touched first with our infirmities, and if such a God be for us, who can be against us? He maketh even our enemies to be at peace with us and they have to quiet down just like the winds do, at His command. Praise His name.

We felt your burden and have been constantly praying for you and the work there. Since we had the privilege of being at Guthrie Camp meeting for eleven days last year, we are thoroughly convinced that the "Lord's Print Shop" is the Lord's work.

We still have that meeting living in our hearts and are looking forward to being there again next year, the Lord willing.

We are all pressing on here and although we too have trials and burdens we are aware constantly of a great Burden-bearer who is ever present. Sister Dravis has been very sick but is some better now. Our dear old Brother Bowen is a real father to all of us. So please remember each one of us in prayer and especially Sister Dravis that God will heal her completely.

With Christian love to all the saints there,
—Sister C. Melican.

Folsom, La.—Dear saints of God, I feel led to write you all. Some way one of your dear little papers Faith and Victory came to me sometime ago and dear brother and sister, I can't tell the good I got from reading its sacred pages and I know you all are the true children of our Lord and Saviour. I was re-reading your dear little paper tonight and the desire came to me to write you all about my trouble and it is this, to please pray the prayer of faith that the Lord will save my dear son who is in North Africa somewhere. I want you all to pray that the Lord will save his soul and keep him safe from danger, that he will return some day in the name of Jesus Christ our heavenly King. Also pray for my

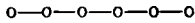
husband and 2 unsaved daughters. Please, please, dear hearts, don't pass this up, but please pray the prayer of faith. I am so glad I am one of God's little ones tonight. I am the only one of my family who is saved. My son wrote me that he and the Sergeant had prayer every night and Bible reading. I am glad of that, but I am still praying for him, and my husband does need salvation and also my 2 daughters. So dear ones, please pray for this request in faith. I know what the prayers of the righteous means. The Lord is able to keep us. Pray for me to have faith to stand all these tests. I want to subscribe for your little paper soon. I will close and I will pray for your good work.

Your sister in Christ, —Mrs. Louise Rodriguez.



Union, Oregon—Dear Bro. and Sister Pruitt: May God richly bless you in your work for God. I want to testify for the Lord this morning. I still love Him and am determined to live closer than I ever have and do more for Him. He has done so much for me. I arrived safely home after my trip to Oklahoma and Arkansas. And the best of all the good Assembly meeting at Guthrie, Oklahoma. I never was in a better meeting. Truly I received real food to my soul. So many good sermons went forth from the pulpit and God's ministers were surely anointed to preach. I am so glad Jesus is still sending out true men and women to preach the word of God. And when God calls and sends his workers we are going to get food for the soul. I pray God He may send forth more laborers into His vineyard for there is so much to be done and time is so short especially for the worker to work at his longest. Our life is but a vapor. I want to redeem the time. Pray for me that I know God's will and do it. God bless all the dear ones that read this and keep them faithful.

Your Sister in the Lord, —O. K. Myers.



Marshall, Mich.—Dear Brother and family and co-workers in Christ Jesus our Lord: Greeting in His dear name. I feel led to give my testimony tonight to the children of God through the little paper Faith and Victory. I am still praising God for His wonderful salvation and for His wonderful love and tender mercy He has for me. Each day seems to give brighter hopes of eternal glory; the way seems brighter and He seems more real as we press on in the narrow way. The Lord said it was only a few who would be able to enter in. Dear saints of God, let us be sure to examine and know we are in that way. If the way seems too easy look out, for the narrow way has many stony places, sometimes hard to climb. It takes grace and steadfastness with a mighty strong determination with lots of Holy Ghost fire and the Spirit of God to keep the way. How I do praise God for the real blood-washed saints. How I do love to read their testimonies. It encourages our hearts, although we are alone pressing the battle on, and yet we are not alone; God is leading the way. Praise His Holy name. It is hard not to have any opportunity to meet with the dear saints here, but some day I hope to meet them all. That will be a glorious meeting.

We need the prayers of the dear saints and may God bless you is our constant prayer day by day.

—Brother and Sister Wm. L. Vanzantt.



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WHO WILL OBEY THEIR CONVICTIONS OF
TRUTH AND DUTY AT THE COST OF
FORTUNE AND FRIENDS AND
LIFE ITSELF AND STAND
ALONE WITH GOD**

IT is human to stand with the crowd.
It is divine to stand ALONE.

It is man-like to follow the people, to drift with the tide.

It is God-like to follow a principle, to stem the tide.

It is natural to compromise conscience and to follow the social and religious fashion for the sake of gain or pleasure.

It is divine to sacrifice both gain and pleasure on the altar of Truth and Duty.

"No man stood with me, but all men forsook me," said the battle scarred apostle Paul in describing his first appearance before Nero to answer for his life for believing and teaching contrary to the Roman world. (2 Tim. 4:16.)

TRUTH has been out of fashion ever since Adam and Eve changed their robes of fadeless light for a garment of faded leaves.

NOAH builded and voyaged alone. His neighbor, however laughed at his strangeness but perished in style.

ABRAHAM wandered and worshiped alone. The Sodomites smiled at the simple shepherd, followed the fashion of the times, but fed the flames.

DANIEL dined and prayed alone. ELIJAH sacrificed and witnessed alone. JEREMIAH prophesied and wept alone. JESUS loved and died ALONE.

And of the lonely way His disciples should walk Jesus said: "Straight is the gate and narrow is the way which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it." And of their treatment by the many who walk in the broad way, He said: "If ye were of the world, the World would love his own; but because ye are not of the World, therefore the World hateth you." (John 15:19.)

The Church of the wilderness praised Abraham and persecuted Moses. The Church of the Kings praised Moses and persecuted the prophets.

The Church of Caiaphas praised the prophets and persecuted Jesus. The Church of the popes praised the Saviour and persecuted the saints.

The multitudes today, both in the Church and in the World, applaud the courage and fortitude of the patriarch and prophets, apostles and martyrs, but condemn as stubbornness or foolishness similar faithfulness in men to the TRUTH today.

When God calls out a man in any service He only requires that His servant have courage and trust in Him to perform the work. When the Lord

called Joshua, note that three times He repeated the admonition, "Be Strong." (Josh. 1:6, 7, 9, 12.) "Be strong and of good courage," "Only be strong and very courageous," "Have not I commanded thee? 'Be strong and of good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest.'" In the last verse of the chapter the people confirmed the word of the Lord and swore their allegiance to Joshua ending with, "only be strong and of good courage."

"Finally, my brethren, **BE STRONG** in the Lord, and in the power of His might. Wherefore take unto you the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, **TO STAND.**" (Eph. 6:10, 13.)

It is sad to fail but it is contemptible not to try at all. Rest assured if God has called you He will also provide the means and grace for you to perform and finish the work to which He has called you.

HAVE FAITH IN GOD! —Sel.

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"I Expect to Do Right"

Thoughts connected with this subject are pressing upon me for expression this morning and there is a vision of an elderly face before me, associated right along with it. Therefore, "woe is me," if I deliver not this message. I will, Lord, and it is a pleasure to me to do so.

For a man to say, "I expect to do right the rest of my time," sounds good. And what a nice thing it would be for the moral aspect of the world and peace among men, if every one would say this and do it. But my dear reader, are you sure you know where to commence? This is a very important point. You will have to lay your cornerstone in John 3:3, 7. And in order to get it laid acceptably, that it may meet the specifications of the Divine Architect and thus pass inspection when all our works shall be tried by fire (Please read 1 Cor. 3:13.), at the most critical time of all our existence, when we would give worlds had we only known; we will have to go to Luke 13:1-5 and chapter 15 to get material to build this cornerstone with.

We cannot do right in the sight of God by ourselves (John 15:5; Isa. 64:6). We will have to have help from God to be able to get through the gate on that critical day. We will have to come to God. We will have to come to ourself like the prodigal son in Luke 15:17-19, and surrender to God, coming by way of John 3:3, 7. By meeting the foregoing conditions laid down here in God's word, God breaks down the barrier of sin, giving us a new (spiritual) life, which is the only condition on which God counts our works right in his sight.

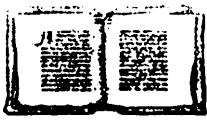
We can only live a straight forward, honest, moral life here by being born again. This is not my word, but the word of the One who has all things at

his disposal—the One who cannot lie. Praise His precious name! The One who created heaven and whose blessed presence makes it such. We will have to come to ourselves, like the prodigal son did in Luke 15 and repent of our sins, then God will forgive us and this will take us through the gateway at John 3:3, 7, and then, and only then, will we be in a position to do right in God's way of looking at it.

This is all that will ever take us into heaven. Anything less is only a moral reformation, effected in our own strength. "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast." (Eph. 2:8, 9).

"You shall," expresses the compulsory character of the Old Testament law, and "whosoever will" expresses the freedom in the New Testament law of liberty; but in this case Jesus said, "You must be born again." Dear reader, I exhort you to submit your heart to God, which alone will enable you to live anything above a moral life and at last enter in through the gates into the city. —J. H. Pierson.

"The entrance of thy Word giveth light."



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BIBLE TEACHING AGAINST DRUNKENNESS

Sunday, March 7, 1943.

Daily Readings And Meditations

March 1, to 6.

- M. Drunken Amalekites slain 1 Sam. 30:16-20.
- T. Doom for Ephraim's drunkenness Isa. 28:1-4.
- W. Leaders intemperate and incompetent Isa. 28:5-7.
- T. Drunkenness a fleshly work Gal. 5:19-21.
- F. Drink deceives and destroys 1 Cor. 10:1-7.
- S. Self-control strengthens for service Dan. 1:8, 16-21.

Printed Portion1 Sam. 30:16, 17; Isa. 28:1-4,7; Gal. 5:19-21.

1 Sam. 30:16. And when he had brought him down, behold, they were spread abroad upon all the earth, eating and drinking, and dancing, because of all the great spoil that they had taken out of the land of the Philistines, and out of the land of Judah.

17. And David smote them from the twilight even unto the evening of the next day: and there escaped not a man of them, save four hundred young men, which rode upon camels, and fled.

Isa. 28:1. Woe to the crown of pride, to the drunkards of Ephraim, whose glorious beauty is a fading flower, which are on the head of the fat valleys of them that are overcome with wine!

2. Behold, the Lord hath a mighty and strong one, which as a tempest of hail and a destroying storm, as a flood of mighty waters overflowing, shall cast down to the earth with the hand.

3. The crown of pride, the drunkards of Ephraim, shall be trodden under feet.

4. And the glorious beauty, which is on the head of the fat valley, be a fading flower, and as the hasty fruit before the summer; which when he that looketh upon it seeth, while it is yet in his hand he eateth it up.

7 But they also have erred through wine, and through strong drink are out of the way; the priest and the prophet have erred through strong drink, they are swallowed up of wine, they are out of the way through strong drink; they err in vision, they stumble in judgment.

Gal. 5:19. Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness,

20. Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies,

21. Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.

Golden Text: "Strong drink shall be bitter to them that drink it." Isa. 24:9.

Practical Truth: Drunkenness is condemned in Scripture and by the common sense of mankind.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

Let us divide this lesson into three sub-topics for discussion:

1. Physical Effects of Drunkenness

Good Effects'	Bad Effects
?	1. Promotes carelessness
?	2. Causes temporal ruin
?	3. Hinders proper functioning of body organs
?	4. Weakens resistance against disease
?	5. Causes accidents
?	6. Endangers others

Add all that you can think of to the list, good or bad. Be sure you are honest.

Is there anything good that a drunken man can do that a sober man cannot do?

Our lesson tells about the physical destruction of the Amalekites when they were off guard, eating, drinking, and dancing. According to reports, the conduct of the army at Pearl Harbor just before it was attacked by the Japanese could be described with the same words.

2. Moral Effects of Drunkenness

Good Effects	Bad Effects
?	1. Lowers moral standard
?	2. Weakens will-power.
?	3. Leads to crime
?	4. Enslaves to sin
?	5. Causes leaders to err in judgment and vision.

Can you add more to this list?

3. Eternal Effects of Drunkenness

Good Effects	Bad Effects
?	1. Death
?	2. HELL

This seems to be a day of popularizing evils. The popularizing of an evil does not make it good, but it does make it much more dangerous. For example: Sup-

pose some money-seeking firm should decide to sell rattle snakes to the public. They may advertise them as harmless, cover the bill-boards with their beautiful pictures and show them being handled by beautiful young girls, and give them harmless sounding pet names. If they could succeed in deceiving the people (as they do with their liquor and tobacco) they could get one in almost every home. All the lies told about the rattle snake would not make it harmless. It would cause much more damage after it was popularized and taken into homes than it would in its natural habitat, called by its proper name. Even if a few grown folks should learn how to handle them without permitting the snake to bite, the children who see them do it would try to follow their example and would be killed. A few grown folks may learn how to handle alcohol without much harm to themselves, but others following their example may be killed by its poisonous fangs.

God in His Word brands the drinking of intoxicating beverages as a great evil. God has not changed and alcohol is still the same; then it is EVIL. "Seek good and not evil that ye may live."

IN THE UPPER ROOM

Daily Readings And Meditations

March 8 to 13.

- M. Upper room cleansing John 13:1-11.
- T. Upper room consecration John 13:12-30.
- W. Upper room commandment John 13:31-38.
- T. Upper room consolation John 14:1-6.
- F. Upper room promises John 14:12-23.
- S. Upper room peace John 14:26-31.

Printed PortionJohn 13:12-20; John 14:1-6
John 13:12. So after he had washed their feet, and had taken his garments, and was set down again, he said unto them, Know ye what I have done to you?

13. Ye call me Master and Lord: and ye say well; for so I am.

14. If I then, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet; ye also ought to wash one another's feet.

15. For I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to you.

16. Verily, verily, I say unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord; neither he that is sent greater than he that sent him.

17. If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them.

18. I speak not of you all: I know whom I have chosen: but that the scripture may be fulfilled, He that eateth bread with me hath lifted up his heel against me.

19. Now I tell you before it come, that, when it is come to pass, ye may believe that I am he.

20. Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that receiveth whomsoever I send receiveth me; and he that receiveth me receiveth him that sent me.

John 14:1. Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me.

2. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.

3. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.

4. And whither I go ye know, and the way ye know.

5. Thomas saith unto him, Lord, we know not whither thou goest; and how can we know the way?

6. Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

Golden Text: "Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me." John 14:6.

Practical Truth: Spiritual blessings are the result of humble obedience to the Truth (Jesus).

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

Many teachers go to much trouble to explain away the ordinance of "Feet Washing," and their explanations have been so drilled into people that many honest hearts do not feel that Jesus meant literally what He said, "Ye also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to you." Truly it was a lesson in humility; but even as we partake of the bread and wine which symbolize the broken body and shed blood of our Lord, so we follow His example in "feet washing" which symbolizes His humility in dying for us that he may wash us from our filthiness, also our humility and willingness to serve one another. Humility is a grace with which each of His followers must be clothed. When Jesus says that we "ought to" and "should" do a thing, we are taking a dangerous route when we decide that He did not mean it and go on without doing it. Jesus said, "Happy are ye if ye do them." The Poet wrote, "Trust and OBEY, for there's no other way to be happy in Jesus." In 1 Tim. 5:10 we learn that widows were not to be cared for by the church unless they had washed the saints feet.

Jesus told the disciples that one of them would betray him to strengthen their faith in Him as the Messiah after it had come to pass.

Let it not be said that none now can do as Judas did, for the Judas spirit is still alive. Those who betray or strike at the true children of God with the hopes of killing; their influence, are betraying Christ. Jesus said, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me." Such acts are usually performed by those who have once known the way of truth and have turned from it in their hearts, or as Peter said about Judas, "By transgression fell." Jesus described this type of person in the parable recorded in Matt. 24:48, 49. This evil servant began to "smite" his fellow servants. Many of God's true children today are being smitten and betrayed by backsliders. You do not love Christ any more than you love his disciple. If you receive one you will receive the other.

We do not know everything about eternal glory, but we know enough, and that is, that it is promised to the obedient believers. Jesus went away that he might complete the work of salvation and bequeath to us a heavenly inheritance. Jesus is the way, the truth and the life. When we come to the truth we then have the life of Christ in us, and are in the way. Christ bridged the gulf between God and man.

OUR LORD'S INTERCESSORY PRAYER

Sunday, March 21, 1943

Daily Readings And Meditations
March 15 to 20.

- M. The Intercessor and the Father John 17:1-8.
- T. Intercession for the Twelve John 17:9-19.
- W. Prayer for future disciples John 17:20-266.
- T. Intercession for Peter Luke 22:31-34.
- F. The ever-living Intercessor Heb. 7:23-28.
- S. The throne of grace Heb. 4:11-16.

Printed PortionJohn 17:1-8, 18-26.
John 17:1. These words spake Jesus, and lifted up his

eyes to heaven, and said, Father, the hour is come; glorify thy Son, that thy Son also may glorify thee:

2. As thou hast given him power over all flesh, that he should give eternal life to as many as thou hast given him.

3. And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent.

4. I have glorified thee in the earth: I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do.

5. And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was.

6. I have manifested thy name unto the men which thou gavest me out of the world: thine they were, and thou gavest them me; and they have kept thy word.

7. Now they have known that all things whatsoever thou hast given me are of thee.

8. For I have given unto them the words which thou gavest me; and they have received them, and have known surely that I came out from thee, and they have believed that thou didst send me.

18. As thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world.

19. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth.

20. Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word.

21. That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me.

22. And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one:

23. I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me.

24. Father, I will that they also, whom thou hast given me, be with me where I am; that they may behold my glory, which thou hast given me: for thou lovedst me before the foundation of the world.

25. O righteous Father, the world hath not known thee: but I have known thee, and these have known that thou hast sent me.

26. And I have declared unto them thy name, and will declare it: that the love wherewith thou hast loved me may be in them, and I in them.

Golden Text: "Holy Father, keep through thine own name those whom thou hast given me, that they may be one, as we are." John 17:11.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

Jesus had ended his instructions to the disciples in the upper room with the words, "Be of good cheer, I have overcome the world." Then he lifted up his eyes to intercede with the Father for them, that they too might overcome and be partakers of the glory that was soon to be His.

By being glorified, the Son could impart eternal life through the Spirit to others and the Father would be glorified. God is glorified when His ideal is realized in His human creatures. Jesus had power over all flesh. None are excluded in the great plan of redemption. He is able to save to the uttermost all who will come to God by Him.

"That they might know thee." This knowledge is not human intellect, for "the world by wisdom knew not God," but it comes when one is born of God by a spiritual birth. Christ had revealed the true character of God to men. He often told them that his teachings came from the Father. He gave these teachings to the disciples

and they believed that they came from the Father and obeyed them ("they have kept thy word.")—excepting Judas, who at that time had gone to betray Jesus.

The disciples were commissioned and sent forth by Jesus to preach the same gospel that the Father had sent Him here to preach.

Jesus set himself apart to die on the cross that his followers might be sanctified. The sanctification of disciples include the setting of themselves apart and the entrance of the Sanctifier or Holy Spirit into their hearts.

Thank God for the 19th verse, for that includes me and you, if you believe on Jesus through the words of the apostles (New Testament), or rather, God's words spoken through them.

"That they all may be one." Can any true disciple of Christ contend for division and denominationalism? No, for His sheep hear his voice. The harmony existing between the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost is held up as a pattern for Christ's followers. Carnality causes division. It is Jesus' will for his people to be cleansed from carnality.

THE APPEARANCES AFTER THE RESURRECTION

Sunday, March 28, 1943.

Daily Readings And Meditations

March 22 to 27.

- M. Appearance to ten apostles John 20:1-23.
- T. Appearance to eleven apostles John 20:24-29.
- W. Appearance to two disciples Luke 24:27-35.
- T. Appearance to seven apostles John 21:1-7a.
- F. Appearance to Paul Acts 9:1-9.
- S. Witnesses of the resurrection 1 Cor. 15:1-8.

Printed PortionJohn 20:19-31.

John 20:19. Then the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled for fear of the Jews, came Jesus and stood in the midst, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you.

20. And when he had so said, he shewed unto them his hands and his side. Then were the disciples glad, when they saw the Lord.

21. Then said Jesus to them again, Peace be unto you: as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you.

22. And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and saith unto them, Receive ye the Holy Ghost:

23. Whose soever sins ye remit, they are remitted unto them; and whose soever sins ye retain, they are retained.

24. But Thomas, one of the twelve, called Didymus, was not with them when Jesus came.

25. The other disciples therefore said unto him, We have seen the Lord. But he said unto them, Except I shall see in his hands the print of the nails, and thrust my hand into his side, I will not believe.

26. And after eight days again his disciples were within, and Thomas with them; then came Jesus, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, Peace be unto you.

27. Then saith he to Thomas, Reach hither thy finger, and behold my hands; and reach hither thy hand, and thrust it into my side: and be not faithless, but believing.

28. And Thomas answered and said unto him, My Lord and my God.

29. Jesus saith unto him, Thomas, because thou hast seen me, thou hast believed: blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed.

30. And many other signs truly did Jesus in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book:

31. But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God: and that believing ye might have life through his name.

Golden Text: "I am alive for evermore." Rev. 1:18.

Practical Truth: The appearances of Christ proved that he was alive.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

In answer to the prayer recorded in last Sunday's lesson, an unseen hand guided the disciples through the awful tempest that followed. The shepherd was smitten and the sheep were scattered, but were drawn together again.

It was necessary for Jesus to appear to the disciples after He arose, that they might be eye witnesses, and that the coming generations might realize that they knew whereof they spake. They could understand some of Jesus' teachings which had been mysteries to them before. Doubts and misunderstandings must all be removed from His ambassador's.

Jesus had appeared to different ones during the day who had told the apostles of his resurrection. Probably this news is what brought them together that night, to discuss this wonderful event. They were not expecting a visit from Jesus himself, for in another gospel we are told that they were terrified and affrighted at his appearance. But their hearts were comforted when He identified himself, and they rejoiced. They had seen the risen Christ, and their joy no man could take from them.

We do not understand just what Jesus meant in the 22nd verse, for we know that the disciples did not receive the Holy Spirit in its fulness until the day of Pentecost. This may have been an earnest of the Spirit.

The power to remit and retain sins was not given to those present as individuals, but as representatives of the church. There are two senses in which this was given to the church. When a Spirit-filled church spreads the gospel it brings conviction to the hearts of sinners, causing them to see their need of repentance and faith in Jesus, by which they receive remission of sins. If they reject the word which the church is sent forth to preach, their sins are retained. Also, the church has a discernment of sin or true repentance of a soul. When it (church) discerns that a soul has repented, it has a right on the authority of God's word to declare his sins remitted; but when it realizes one has not measured to the light given him, it has the same authority to reject that one. This privilege is given only to those through whom God is working with His gift of spiritual discernment. This teaching has been grossly abused by some who claim to have such power within themselves.

No reason is given for Thomas' absence from the meeting of the disciples. If he had been with the disciples all the time, he might not have made that statement which branded him as "Doubting Thomas." There would not be many unbelievers if all would meet with Jesus' disciples when they are met together. Blessings are always lost when a person absents himself from gatherings of God's people.

We can thank the Lord for Thomas, for his actions caused the Saviour to pronounce a blessing upon us. We have not seen, and yet we believe.

It was for this purpose—that we might believe—that John wrote his gospel. We do believe and have life through His name, and in turn we preach, teach, and practice the gospel that others might believe and have life through His name.