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In Darkness Bound

How sad to see the multitudes
In sin and darkness bound
In every city, large and small
In hamlet, vale, and town.

Their ears are dull, they fail to hear
The message of sweet love,
That God the Father sends to them
In mercy from above.

Their eyes are dim, they cannot see
Nor can they understand—
That God is love: and gave his Son
To rescue fallen man.

Asleep in sin; they do not know
Their doom and final fate:
Except they wake, and turn to God
Before it is too late.

Lord, give me strength, give me breath
The trumpet loud to sound,
That I may wake some dying soul,
In sinful fetters bound.

Give me patience to endure;
Inspired by holy sight,
To turn some weary wanderer's feet
Into the path of right.

Just let me be an instrument
Dear Lord, in thy great hand,
And use me any way thou wilt
To help poor fallen man.

If thou canst use my talents, Lord,
To save some precious soul,
My heart with angels shall rejoice
To see them in the fold.

—Ulysses Philips

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Did Christ Fail?

Are any of my readers tempted to say Christ failed? We see in Heb. 2:9 that he tasted death for every man. And in Luke 2:14 we read "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men." But in 2 Tim. 3:13 we read "But

evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived. Let's set it down now to begin with, that Christ didn't fail: unthinkable, such. In spite of the fact that Paul said evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived, Christ's mission and work is unshaken and any thing but a failure. Because it is written of Jesus that he was manifested to destroy the works of the devil (1 Jno. 3:8) is not invalidated by Paul's language above, which we can easily see is being abundantly and alarmingly fulfilled. It is no trouble to see the world is growing worse and that rapidly. Then are some tempted to ask why Jesus is not making a clean sweep of the works of the devil? and more, that very few of his works are being destroyed? Alas, here's the pitiful reason: **Man's choice!** Man's choice is tripping the balance between good and evil—choosing the evil. This is the sole cause of the great muddy waters of this mighty river of sinful corruption sweeping every thing, so nearly before it in its destructive course. If Jesus was sent to destroy the works of the devil, having given man a free will, does it make the promise of Christ a failure on his part, when man makes an evil choice that hinders Christ from fulfilling his word? By no means. **Man's choice** is the cause of the corrupt and chaotic state of the whole world today. While it is true the devil is the embodiment of all corruption and can not do a righteous act, God will not permit him to do anything without man first opens the door, by his foul choice. Man must first open the door for Satan to go to work. Then God can not and will not work with him because of his character of everlasting righteousness. So when we see all around us mankind is so ridiculously and continually choosing the evil, is it any wonder there is such a cloud-burst of sin deluging the world and destroying the human family, and yet Jesus came to save the world? Just think what would happen right now, if every person would make the right choice. Can you not see what would become of this most shameful war and all manner of sin? Do you not see peace would be a natural consequence? And Jesus' words would be fulfilled as sure as cause produces effect. Man is to blame for all the world's troubles. The devil is only a seething mass of corruption and can work in nothing else. All he needs is for men to pull the bung out of his barrel, by his

own foolish choice of evil, contrary to God's word and he's on his destructive way! Men, for heaven's sake, put the bung back in his barrel by choosing Christ and his words, then you will have found a cure for your own and universal sin. If you will just look with one eye open, you can see what Eve did for all humanity by choosing the course she did. (Gen. 3:6 and verses 16 to 24.) —J. H. Pierson

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Ye Are The Light of The World

Matthew 5:14.

By reading the Bible we learn that Jesus was the Word of God made flesh and dwelt amongst us. In Him was life and the life was the light of men.

"There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. The same came to bear witness of the LIGHT." We will notice that this man John was sent from God, born by the will of God to bear witness of Jesus the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world. John was a faithful witness. He cried saying "I am a voice of one crying in the wilderness. Make straight the way of the Lord." We will notice also he did some crying and sparing not.

Has Christ been born in your life? If so, are you witnessing to that life in this wilderness of sin and calling men everywhere to repent and clean up their lives that Jesus might come in? Jesus has told us, "Ye must be born again." Jno. 3:1. "Being born again . . . by the word of God." 1 Peter 1:23. "Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin." 1 John 3:9. Why? "For his seed [the Holy Word] remaineth in him [and it being the wrong kind of seed to produce sin] therefore he cannot sin, because he is born of God." Now we know Christians because "In this the children of God are manifest and the children of the devil; whosoever doeth not righteous is not of God, neither he that loveth not his brother . . . for God is love."

We must declare what we have seen and heard. 1 John 1:1, 2, 3, "That which was from the beginning which we have heard, [by faithful witnesses] which we have seen with our eyes [that Christ the hope of glory in Christian lives. For ye are the light of the world.] and our hands have handled, of the Word of life" (or received in our lives). For as John says the life was manifested and we have seen it and bear witness and shew unto you that eternal life, which was with the Father and was manifested unto us. Now as Christians and true witnesses, "That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you." Why? Because we as Christians want all to have fellowship with us and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his son Jesus Christ. 1 John 4:4 reads thus: "Ye are of God, little children and have overcome them." Again we are asked why? "Because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world."

Is Christ ruling and reigning in your heart? 1 Peter 2:9 says "But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation [a holy people not denomination] a peculiar people. That ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called us

out of darkness into his marvelous light." For ye are my witnesses.

Jesus is on trial. Are you a witness of how he can come in our lives, which were not a people and make us a people of God, a son of God? Remember, he tells us who are Christians, "Ye are the light of the world." A city that is set upon a hill cannot be hid. Now we know an electric light is a witness to the power behind it. Are we as Christians letting our light so shine that when the world looks on us it witnesses to the power of Jesus in us? Jesus was a witness for God, constantly manifesting the love and graces of God, his power to save, keep and heal always reproofing all manner of sin. 1 Cor. 4:5 says who both will bring to light the hidden things of darkness.

The unredeemed are on every hand sailing the high seas of life and will be wrecked on the shoals of sin. Ye are a lighthouse on the high seas of life to lighten men off the shoals of sin to God.

We are told by so called Christians that we ought not to cry against sin, just live the life. Now I am wondering how long we can live the life if we don't tell transgressors of their sins, for they will die in their sins and where Jesus is they cannot go. "A true witness delivereth souls." Prov. 14:25. God is love. He does not desire that any should be lost but that all come to repentance. Read Ezekiel chapter 18 and see what he says. I expect he had to deal with a people who were pretending to be Christians or were deceived into thinking they were Christians. We find thousands and thousands in the same condition today.

Arise and shine as God has commanded us that we may save a few from their sad, deceived, and lost condition. Take the word spoken to Jeremiah 1:8 "Be not afraid of their faces for I am with thee to deliver thee, saith the Lord." We speak the truth and lie not because we love lost souls. Let us seek God for a greater love for lost souls and wisdom how to deal to them the Bread of Life. Remember, if some hate us they hated Jesus before us because he told the truth. Truth hurts. It is a two-edged sword, and the word of God is the sword of the Spirit and he that beareth the sword does not bear it in vain. It will save or damn every soul who hears. Save if received or damn if rejected.

It is high time for Christians to arise and shine, cry aloud and spare not sin in any form if they are to be a light in this dark world and a faithful witness for Jesus. "Ye are the light of the world."

—Gladys Weiss

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The Pain Of The Cross

As I looked at the picture of the terrible cross
Where the meek and lowly Savior expired;
I felt it more keenly, 'twas all for my dross
Such an infinite price was required.

Calm as the summer cloud slow moves in the sky
When the elements are peaceful, hanging aloft,
On that merciless tree he hung there to die
With heavenly majesty mid demons that scoffed.

Hard-hearted soldiers could look on the scene,
With jeers and with scoffs at his pain;
With hearts well prepared for any thing mean
Their own sordid purpose to gain.

While their nails waded through his hands and his feet,

Their thorns pierced his heavenly brow;
Lord help me, today, not his purpose defeat,
By me, that no thorns pierce him now.

Bards often sang of his passion and pain,
How he suffered in sorrow, such shame;
But how many have made of his passion such gain
That now they don't pierce him the same?

O drive from my soul all things would offend,
For so sickening old sin doth mock at thy cross,
Lord, of all our shortness there might be an end
Till we show what we have gained by thy loss.

---J. H. Pierson

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So It Is Today

"But as the days of Noe were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be, for as in the days that were before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage until the day that Noe entered into the ark and knew not, until the flood came and took them all away. So shall also the coming of the Son of man be." Matt. 24:37-39. These words srike Jesus as he was looking into the future and picturing the conditions as they would be just prior to his second advent to this world and warning his followers to be on the watch, and not be overcome by the awful evil influences that would exert themselves in the last days. We can see that the conditions as Jesus described them are developing very fast. The world in its mad rush for carnal satisfaction and pleasure has forgotten God and has very little time to consider spiritual things or to inquire into the things of God. They do not want their minds to be disturbed with spiritual questions and problems. No, no, away with these things. What they want to know is what shall we eat? What shall we drink? Where can I find more pleasure? Where can I go to have a good time? Where can we find a place where we can satisfy the lust of the flesh and the desires of our wicked minds and hearts? So this place of amusement is being built and that place of revelry is being prepared and these places are not wanting for patronage. They are being thronged by the hundreds.

And just as it was in the days before the flood, when the imagination of hearts of men were only evil continually insomuch that it grieved God that he had made man, so it is today. In these days of war and rumors of war; in these times when much money is in circulation, people have forgotten God: thousands and thousands of dollars are being spent for sinful pleasures, drinking and cigarette smoking is on the increase at a tremendously rapid rate. Morality is at a low ebb; pride, hate, and envy are filling the hearts and minds of many and the evil

influence of these existing conditions is exerting an awful deadly spiritual ether that is causing individuals, communities, countries and nations to sleep so soundly until it is almost impossible to awake them to the danger they are exposed to. It seems they are not aware of the wrath of God that is hanging over their heads. They do not realize that the Lord is soon coming to call this old world into judgment but just plunging forward and onward, deeper and deeper in sin and disgrace. If there ever was a time when the messengers of the Lord should lift up their voice like a trumpet, it is now. The nations are asleep on the brink of eternal woe and are not aware of it. The trumpet needs to be sounded loud, long, and faithful. It may be that a few will be aroused out of slumber and will cry out, "What must I do to be saved?"

It will take nothing less than the spirit of God accompanying the message of salvation to awake souls these days. We realize we are living in the gleaning time. It was a gleaning time in the days of Noah. But Noah was a gleaner for God and through his faithfulness and obedience a few were saved. Jesus said it would be that way in the last days; at the coming of the Son of man. There will not be large throngs turning to God but we have reason to believe there will be a few. We want to be faithful in our service to God. We want to continue to cry aloud against the sin and evil that is in the land today. Not to pet sin and wickedness, but to expose and reprove the works of darkness that honest souls may flee from the wrath to come.

Oh, Lord wake up sinful, sleeping souls and help them to turn while it is called today.

—Ulysses Phillips

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What Church?

Folks are asking every day

"To what church do you belong?"

I answer "There is only one,

I think your question's wrong,

You mean what denomination?

And I answer — none.

I'm a member of the body

Of Jesus Christ, God's Son."

You can not join this body

You are added by the Lord.

Denominations are another thing

You join them with a card.

The Church which is Christ's body

Demands "Be born again!"

To join denominations—

Simply shake the Preacher's hand.

Lets forget denominations

And recognize one faith.

As one body stand together

I plead for Jesus sake,

If we're regenerated

Washed in the blood of Christ

There should be no division

We're one in our Father's sight,

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MEETING HOUSE TO BE BUILT

The brethren who are getting funds together to build a meeting house at Green Pastures, Okla. are much encouraged that they will soon have a meeting house to worship in. The saints from different places have been sending in offering for the meeting house and in the business meeting of the state at Guthrie during the campmeeting they were allowed one hundred dollars of the state funds for the building. They are expecting to go ahead with the building with faith that God will supply the balance which perhaps will be \$150.00.

All the saints who wish to help with this amount can send their offerings to H. V. Sanders, Rt. 1, Box 255, Choctaw, Okla.

Editorials

We send love greetings to all of our readers in Jesus' precious name as it has been some time since the last Faith and Victory paper went forth as a messenger of encouragement to all believers.

The Lord led us to attend the Hammond, La. campmeeting and most of the office workers also attended this meeting. It was a very encouraging meeting; souls were saved and believers sanctified. The Lord showed his power in healing quite a number of believers.

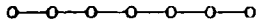
After the Hammond meeting we went to Pelican, La. which is some sixty miles south of Shreveport, La. and held a week's meeting. A few were at the altar in these services, the interest was good and the Lord helped us to plant some good, solid truth in that place. The next meeting attended was the National campmeeting at Monark Springs, Mo. where God sent forth the word in power and demonstration of the Spirit. Souls were saved and believers sanctified and the Lord wonderfully took care of the meeting in every way. On the following Friday after the Monark Springs, Mo. meeting, the state campmeeting at Guthrie began and the Lord blessed this meeting from the very first service on up to the close. He sent forth the rich truths of his word and some souls were saved and believers sanctified. Approximately one hundred took part in the ordinance services which were greatly blessed and owned of God. Besides the home state ministers there were ministers present from Calif., La., and Minn. in all about 25 in number. We were glad to see all these good ministers come in and there was much shouting and praising God heard during the meeting. A number declared that it was the best meeting they had attended for years; others testified, saying, "If this is not the Church of God, the Lord has no church" for it was taught and seen so clearly. We give God all the praise and honor for the good meeting.

While we were in the South attending the Hammond campmeeting and in the other meeting at Pelican, La., Wife stayed at home and took care of the office work. It is quite a job to read the letters, make out labels for the tract orders, wrap the packages and mail them out to those ordering and to keep up the correspondence. Wife is faithful in helping along with the office work and will not lose her reward. She kept the work up in good shape while we were away.

While we are writing these editorials a part of the office force is attending the campmeeting at Langdon, Mo. Bro. Willie Murphey, Bro. T. V. McMillian, Wife, and Sis. Geneva Ray are the ones who are there in the meeting and they are reporting that the Lord is blessing in the services from day to day and some are getting saved.

The office force is again settling down to the printing work and we find plenty to do as work accumulated while we were all in meetings, everyone in their place; some preparing manuscript for the paper, others answering letters and today four of the machines were at work at the same time.

Dorothy was operating the Intertype machine, Mac was running the Job press printing tracts, Myrtle was operating the tract folder and others were stitching booklets with the No. 7 Boston stitching machine while Geneva was busy writing the "Bible Lessons" for the paper. We also prepared and took to the Post Office one hundred packages of tracts which went to the different prisons and penal institutions throughout the U. S. Practically every day we take a quantity of packages of tracts, papers, and books to the Post Office to be sent to the many that call for tracts and other literature. We are glad to be in this service for the Lord and shall do all we can to get the truth to men while He keeps life in this body. Pray for us.



Those who are not longsuffering and are easily offended, will be quick to receive praise and flattery of men. They need the old man crucified. Jesus says, "How can ye believe, which receive honour one of another, and seek not the honour that cometh from God only?" John 5:44.

NOTICE

Bro. Warren Robinson wants to rent a furnished or unfurnished room somewhere in Ohio. He would like a room with some good brother and family. Write him in care of No. 1125 S. O. St., Richmond, Indiana.

— NOTICE —

To all saints scattered abroad and to all readers of the "Faith and Victory" paper, greetings: There are at this time many people from all parts of the United States working and living in Southern California. No doubt, you have children, relatives, and special friends among them who would like to contact some of the saints of these parts and attend their church services if they knew where to contact them or where their regular meeting places were.

The saints have regular services at the following locations in the immediate vicinity of Los Angeles: 4254 Perlita Ave., Los Angeles; Corner of Walnut and Naomi, Los Angeles; Corner of Washington and Mentone, Pasadena; Corner of 9th and Main, Pomona.

You should write those immediately whom you know and are especially interested in, giving them these addresses and urging them to attend the services and get acquainted with the saints here.

Also we would be glad to make personal calls at the homes of your friends or relatives if you would write us giving us their names and addresses. An invitation to visit them from home folks or special friends is a means of approach and a ticket through their door.

So if you have anyone here that you would like to have some of the gospel workers among the saints make personal calls on, you may write to any of the following: A. E. Harmon, 1127 Thompson, Glendale; G. E. Harmon, 334½ Arden Ave., Glendale; Erle E. Forbes, 4250 Perlita Ave., Los Angeles; O. B. Wilson, 4254½ Perlita Ave., Los Angeles; or Ira D. Stover, 980 S. Park Ave., Pomona.

If your folks are in any other towns in Southern California, write some of us anyway and if we cannot get to them we will get in touch with the proper parties who are nearer them and have them contact them as we

are anxious to contact every soul possible that might be interested in any measure in the things of God.

Yours for more souls for Christ, —O. B. Wilson—
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Obituaries

Polly Emaline, daughter of B. F. and Bertha Davis, Guthrie, Okla., was born near Muskogee, Okla. July 24th, 1917 and departed this life July 17th, 1943 at 7:03 a. m. at the Stricklen Hospital, Arkansas City, Kansas, being at the time of her death 25 years, 11 months and 23 days of age. She was united in marriage to Mr. G. A. Hind, Oklahoma City, Okla., October 29th, 1939. She leaves to mourn her departure, her husband, two brothers Audney and twin brother, George, both of Guthrie, three sisters, Evelyn Gibson and Thelma Busbee of Guthrie, Beatrice Eck of Meno, Okla. and a host of other relatives and friends. She was preceded in death by her parents, one sister and two brothers. She was a kind and devoted wife and sister and was loved by all who knew her.

The funeral was conducted on Monday, July 19, 1943 2:00 p.m. at the Smith Funeral Home, Guthrie. Bro. Sam Barton, Tulsa, Okla. officiated. The body was laid to rest in the Summit View Cemetery.

CARD OF THANKS

We express our sincere thanks for every token of kindness and sympathy during the illness and death of our beloved Polly.
—The Family

Beverly Green Powell departed this life July 15, 1943 after five months illness with a cancer of the lung. He was 64 years, 1 month and 15 days. He got saved three months ago and had a good experience with the Lord when he died. He is survived by his wife, Laura Powell and seven children.

Flora Irene Smith was born in Anthony, Harper County, Kansas, September 25th, 1914, and departed this life July 31, 1943 at the age of 28 years, 10 months and 6 days.

Her entire life was spent in Anthony, having attended the Anthony City Schools. She united with the Church of God in childhood and was a faithful attendant as long as her health permitted.

Flora Irene leaves to mourn her loss her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ike Smith of Anthony; three sisters, Nora of Shawnee, Okla., Mrs. Pauline Patterson of Anthony and Marie of Wichita, Kansas; two brothers, Clarence of Anthony and Raymond in the U. S. Army Forces; a nephew and niece and a host of friends.

She was loved by all who knew her—a devoted daughter and a faithful Christian. Funeral services were conducted by Bro. W. C. Murphey of Guthrie, Okla. and the remains were laid to rest in the Anthony Cemetery.

Bro. Jackie Ezra Lee was born in Smith county, Mississippi, June 19, 1859 and departed this life July 24, 1943, age 84 years. At an early age he moved to Antioch near Louin, Jasper Co. Miss. He was united in marriage to Lucy Bankston. To this union was born five sons and one daughter who died at an early age. The sons are Luther, Hattisburg, Miss., Duke, Bay Springs, Miss., Earnest, Leaksville, Miss., Fred, Vicksburg, Miss., and Homer, Louin, Miss.

Some fifty years ago Bro. Lee accepted the truth and was a true saint of God. He lived the life by precept and example. He trusted the Lord for years for soul and body. He will surely be missed. Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord.

Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon, July 25, at Zion Hill chapel. He was laid to rest in the Zion Hill cemetery by the side of his wife. May God bless the bereaved.

Novella Pugh.

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Heaven And Earth

The phrase "Heaven and Earth" is found in the Bible in many places, sometimes it refers to the aerial heavens and this earthen ball upon which we live and at other times it is used as a figure or symbol of the "Family of God or Church of God" or God's chosen people upon the earth.

In this article we will use or refer to scriptures that symbolize the Church of God, the Family of God, the Kingdom of God, or his chosen or peculiar people who live here now and have lived among men in past ages according to the scriptures. The Prophets referred to God's people in the old Testament as "Heaven and Earth." We read in the first verse of the 32nd. chapter of Deut. where the writer referred to them as such just before he began to exhort and admonish them. Then again the Prophet Isaiah in the second verse of the first chapter of his book refers to the children of Israel or the Jewish church as "Heaven and Earth" and goes on to rebuke them for their sins and iniquities.

The reason why the church can be symbolized as heaven and earth is very plain. God had them to build a tabernacle where he dwelt and that was heaven; the people gathered there and they were earth, made of the dust of the earth so it was heaven and earth met together. In the gospel dispensation when Christ has come and made all things new, giving us a new covenant, (Heb. 8:6-8) coming into our souls (Heb. 8:10) and making us new creatures, the old things passed away, 2 Cor. 5:17 and we are termed by the prophets and apostles as the "new heavens and earth" and also as "New Jerusalem" or Jerusalem which is from above (Gal. 4:26) meaning the family of God or Church of God. Jesus, in speaking of the old order being done away with and the new being ushered in said, "Neither do men put new wine into old bottles, else the bottles break, and the wine runneth out and the bottles perish: but they put new wine into new bottles, and both are preserved." Matt. 9:17. Paul says in 2 Cor. 5:17, "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold all things are become new."

Today, we who are saved and make up the family of God, the Kingdom of God or the Church of God are the new heavens and earth because the life of God dwells in us and that is heaven; our bodies are of the earth and so heaven and earth are together. Christ's coming has put an end to the old order, the Jewish Church, the literal seed of Israel, as his chosen and we who are saved through Christ have become his people and habitation. We are referred to as the "New Heavens and Earth" and also as the New Jerusalem because God no longer dwells in the temple in literal Jerusalem but we become the Temple of God (1 Cor. 3:16; 2 Cor. 6:16)

as an habitation of God through the Spirit. Eph. 2:21, 22, and Heb. 8:2.

In the 65th chapter of Isaiah we find the prophet reminding literal Israel, the Jewish church of her sins and of how they had provoked God to anger. After dwelling at length on their evil and wickedness which kindled the wrath of God against them. He suddenly breaks out with a prophecy of the new heavens and earth saying, "For, behold I create new heavens and a new earth: and the former shall not be remembered, or come into mind." Isaiah 65:17. He goes on after this declaration and speaks specifically of Jerusalem the new which will have much rejoicing and "her people a joy." In the 66th chapter God through the prophet speaks of his displeasure in the old order of things, the literal tabernacle and the burnt sacrifices and says, "But to this man will I look even to him that is poor and of a contrite spirit, and trembleth at my word." 2nd verse. Then he goes on to show how hateful the burnt offerings are to God after Christ has made all things new and established the New Covenant with better promises and says, "He that killeth an ox is as if he had slew a man" naming several other sacrifices which had become hateful and offensive to him, he winds up by saying, "their soul delighteth in their abominations." After speaking again of literal Israel's evil doings he returned back to speaking of the work of Christ and says in the fifth verse of the 66th chapter, "Hear the word of the Lord, ye that tremble at his word" and in the 7th verse he says, "Before she travailed, she brought forth; before her pain came, she was delivered of a man child." This is a direct prophecy of the establishing of the Kingdom of God or the Church of God on the day of Pentecost when the Kingdom of God came with power. Mark 9:1. The Holy Ghost was given and each person became a member of the body of Christ and the whole body was termed the "Man Child," the fleshly body of Christ beginning to function and manifest itself in the world which is the Church of God, the new heavens and earth, the New Jerusalem which came down from God out of heaven. The prophet goes on in the 8th verse and calls this body of people, Zion (a metaphor of the church) and says as soon as Zion travailed she brought forth her children and a nation was born at once. We read that after they were filled with the Holy Ghost and the Kingdom of God was within them, Peter was preaching and three thousand souls were born into the family of God in one day and truly an Holy nation (1 Peter 2:9) was born at once (Acts 2:41).

In the 21st chapter of Revelation we read of the New Jerusalem. When John was on the island called Patmos he was in the Spirit on the Lord's day and God told him to "Write the things which thou hast seen [past tense] and the things which are [present tense] and the things which shall be hereafter" meaning the things that would take place in this Gospel dispensation after John had passed on to his reward.

In the first verse of the 21st chapter, John saw a new heaven and a new earth which was a

symbol of the Church of God or the family of God, the New Jerusalem, for he said the first heaven and the first earth were passed away and there was no more sea. Sea in symbolical language means nations or people. There was no more people for the old Jewish church; for when Jesus came and ushered in the new, God concluded all in unbelief that he might have mercy upon all (Rom. 11:32) and he further said, "All had sinned and come short of the glory of God." Rom. 3:23.

In the 2nd verse, John says, "And I, John saw the Holy City [the born again ones] New Jerusalem, [the family or church of God] coming down from God out of heaven [when we are born again the spirit, power, life, and wisdom comes down into our soul from God out of heaven] prepared as a bride adorned for her husband." When we are born again and washed in the blood of the Lamb we become arrayed in pure linen, clean and white spiritually speaking.

"I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold the tabernacle of God is with men." Heb. 8:2. (We become an habitation of God through the Spirit Eph. 2:21, 22, his tabernacle) and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them (He is in us his people) and be their God. Heb. 10:16. God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes, (when we get in the New Jerusalem, the Church of God and discern the Body clearly, there shall be no more weeping, wondering where the Church is and where God's people are for we shall be His habitation and every longing shall be satisfied) and there shall be no more death. Jesus says, "Whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die." John 11:26 and he ends the 4th verse by saying, "For the former things are passed away." —already passed away.

Dear reader, symbolically speaking, the new heavens and the new earth is the family of God, the church of God, the New Jerusalem that has come down from God out of Heaven. It has no foundation but Christ (1 Cor. 3:11) and Christ is the governor (Isaiah 9:6; Luke 1:32, 33) and the head of his body which is the church and we, members in particular. 1 Cor. 12:27. His body or church is shining in the world; is a visible institution and will shine more and more unto the perfect day. If you want to enjoy the blessings, quietness and assurance of heaven and immortal glory you must obey the word of God found in Revelation 18:2; 4 which reads "And he cried mightily with a strong voice, Saying, Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen [already fallen] and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird." And in the 4th verse John heard another voice saying, "Come out of her my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues." —Fred Pruitt

If you want to learn more about the new heavens and earth, write to this office for a little booklet on this subject entitled, "The Church of God in Prophecy" written by G. E. Harmon. —Ed.

"Provide Bags Which Wax not Old Eternal in The Heavens."

"Seek not ye what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink, neither be ye of doubtful mind. For all these things do the nations of the world seek after; and your Father knoweth that ye have need of these things. But rather seek ye the kingdom of God; and all these things shall be added unto you. Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell that ye have, and give alms; provide yourselves bags which wax not old, a treasure in the heavens that faileth not, where no thief approacheth, neither moth corrupteth. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also." Luke 12:29-34. "Let your loins be girded about, and your lights burning; and ye yourselves like unto men that wait for their Lord, when he will return from the wedding; that when he cometh and knocketh, they may open unto him immediately. Blessed are those servants, whom the Lord when he cometh shall find watching: verily I say unto you, that he shall gird himself, and make them to sit down to meat, and will come forth and serve them. And if he shall come in the second watch, or come in the third watch, and find them so, blessed are those servants." Luke 12:35-38.

By reading these few verses, we realize that a record is kept of all that we do in the service of our King. It seems that these "BAGS ETERNAL IN THE HEAVENS" is a place to record our deeds while here, living the Christian life. All that is put in there will never perish. Whether we have much, or whether we have little, we all have something to put into the bag reserved for us. The greatest thing that any of us can do is to put our heart into our bag, for where our heart is there is our treasure, and we will love it. We will work long and faithfully for that which we let our heart get attached unto, so long as our heart is there. God pleads for our heart. He says, "My son, give me thine heart, and let thine eyes observe my ways." Prov. 23:26. If we give our heart to Him, then we will do the will of God by His grace. And as we do that which pleases Him, the bag is filled, day after day. We will be filling the "BAG ETERNAL IN THE HEAVENS." All deeds of kindness and unselfishness will be put into this bag, and will stand to our account. "Blessed are those servants that will be found so doing." Luke 12:37. We must live in touch with God, so that we can hear the "still small voice of God," and be guided by the leading of the Holy Spirit. Do not be carried off by calls for help to give here and there unless we know that they are servants of our King. Remember, that no lie is of the truth. And the Holy Spirit gives the truth to God's redeemed ones. There are many professors now in the world who want our help to carry on. So

let us be sure and know the Lord's will concerning our giving, if we want it to go into our Bag Eternal in the Heavens. Live in touch with Christ, and know the truth, and support the TRUTH with ALL OUR HEART, whether we have much or whether we have little. God rewards according. We have this one life to live, then let us live it for God. And we have only one God to serve, and if we serve Him well, we shall fill our BAG IN THE HEAVENS, for where our heart is, there is our treasure also. Then let us work faithfully that our bag may be filled. Be not entangled with error. God's Spirit teaches us against error. "No lie is of the truth."

No where in the Word does it say that Christ will again walk on earth among men, but it does tell us that when He comes again that He will judge the world, both the good and the bad and reward accordingly, and that He will take His saints to forever be with Him, eternal in the heavens. But the wicked will flee from Him and cry for the rocks to fall upon them. What a terrible time it will be for all that love not His appearing.

Yes, He will come again, and it may be nearer than any of us think, but all that keep their hearts in His service will be among the blest of the Lord. Our lives will be full of the glory of God if we keep God as our treasure while we live down here. Surely, God rewards all that follow Jesus, and do His will while living here, where all are against those who live godly in Christ Jesus our Lord. He is our Prince of Peace. He is our Lord of righteousness. Then let those that are out of Christ come to Him and find peace through the blood of our Redeemer, and receive a BAG ETERNAL IN THE HEAVENS"—and fill it.

—I. E. Kriebel.

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A Miracle in the Pacific

"My son, who is a real Christian boy, is now somewhere in the Pacific war zone. Many months before he left our shores, he and I memorized and repeated over and over again that wonderful Ninety-first Psalm. We agreed together that the promises it contained applied to us. We stood upon them in faith believing, and made a covenant with God.

We agreed that, no matter where "son" might be, at prayer time we would repeat again those verses. It was a sort of tie, binding our hearts and minds no matter how many thousands of miles might lie between us. A few days ago I received a letter from my boy which to me is evidence beyond all possible doubt that God's promises are real and operative. An excerpt from the letter reads as follows:—

Our convoy was under heavy attack from both air and submarines. Anti-aircraft guns chattered incessantly and the crash of heavy guns was deafening.

Every battle station was manned and operating. One submarine was sighted off our starboard and within firing range. Momentarily we expected to see the wake of a torpedo headed our way, and it was not long in coming. It was a tense moment and I knew that many of the fellows on the deck with me were praying.

Suddenly I remembered our covenant with God and the Ninety-first Psalm. I began to say it over again. I know you too must have been praying for before our very eyes God wrought a miracle. When the torpedo was a short distance from our vessel it seemed as though something went wrong with its mechanism, for it swerved sharply in its course and passed to our stern and disappeared.

Shortly after that a second torpedo was fired by the sub and again its wake showed that it was aimed directly at us. I kept on reciting those verses. Somehow I was not afraid for I knew that God was able. This time, at about the same distance from our vessel, the torpedo seemed to go crazy. It spun in the water, took a sharp angle to its right and passed by the bow of the ship. That's the last time we heard from the submarine. As for the attack from the air; we suffered not a hit nor a scratch.

"He that dwelleth in the secret place of the Most High, Shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the Lord, He is my Fortress, My God, in him shall I trust. Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night Nor the arrow that flieth by day. A thousand shall fall at thy side And ten thousand at thy right hand, But it shall not come nigh thee."

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Larkinsville, Ala.—Dear Brother and Sister Pruitt, Greetings in the dear name of Jesus. I feel that it would be pleasing to the good Lord for me to write a few lines. I hope you are all well and enjoying the good blessings of God. I am glad to report victory in my soul. Praise his name forever. I am saved and determined to go all the way with my blessed Jesus for I can trust him for soul and body. Praise God forever. I don't want to do anything that is contrary to his word. Glory to God. As I write these few lines I feel good in my soul for I know God is with me. I love the good Bible and read it lots for I know it will do to live by and I sure thank God for his dear son for he is everything to me. This world is not my home, I am just passing through. I am going to that blessed home that Jesus went to prepare for me. Praise the Lord. I have loved ones unsaved and I want the saints to pray for their salvation. I have a nephew and I want you to pray for the good Lord to keep him out of the army. He has to go the 4th of Aug. unless the Lord helps. I do want you to pray much for him, I know the Lord is able to undertake for him. I want the Lord's will to be done.

I surely do thank you for the good little paper, Faith and Victory. It surely is a blessing to me. I can hardly wait from one paper until I can get another. Praise God. I want you to send more tracts if you please. They are so good. I thank you for the good literature you send me. I want you to pray much for me and my family and loved ones.

Your sister in Christ, —Mrs. John Mayfield.

Young People's Section

The Two Prayers

Last night my little boy confessed to me
Some childish wrong,
And kneeling at my knee
He prayed with tears;
"Dear God, make me a man,
Like Daddy—wise and strong:
I know you can."

Then while he slept
I knelt beside his bed,
Confessed my sins,
And prayed with low-bowed head
"O God, make me a child,
Like my child here—
Pure, guiltless,
Trusting thee with faith sincere."

—Copied

Give It Out

Have you ever stood on the Main St. of town
Watching the crowds as they went un and down?
Seeking for happiness, pleasure and thrill
Onward and onward forever they mill.
I know the secret, true pleasure I've found
Love, joy and peace in my heart abound!
I feel I must cry as by me they pass
"O stop for a moment, please don't go so fast.
Jesus the Christ will bring joy to your heart!"
But onward and onward forever they dart.

"O show me dear Savior some way to control
These worldlings to stop in their mad rush to HELL."
Ah, listen, He's speaking "Just give out my Word
In verse or in tract, just so they have heard.
I'll do the rest, I'll convict them of sin.
This way you can help Me to gather them in."
So Brother and Sister, let's keep giving out.
God honors His Word, there isn't a doubt.
Back it with prayer and leave it with Him.
If God is your partner, you can't help but win.

Editorials

It is with thankful hearts that we report that the Lord has wonderfully blessed in the campmeetings so far this season. Regardless of war time restrictions the campmeetings have and are being held. The age-long, world-wide war against the devil and his partners, the fight between right and wrong, between truth and error, and the preaching of the gospel of Jesus Christ to rescue precious souls from sin must and will continue until time shall end. There is no discharge or retirement in this warfare; it must be continuous and unrelenting.

The National campmeeting at Monark Springs, Mo. this year was another manifestation of God's pres-

ence with his people and how He knits them together from all sections of the country in bonds of divine love. The unity for which Jesus prayed and died prevailed, and the Word was preached with power and authority. A number were saved, sanctified and baptized. The attendance was not quite as large as last year, but it was sufficient proof that there is still a people who love the old-time gospel that saves and keeps the soul from sin. About 92 observed the ordinances of the Lord's house, and the scripture was fulfilled which reads, "If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them." The temporal needs of the meeting were also abundantly supplied. In fact, we have never seen so much provisions for the dining hall at the beginning and ending of a campmeeting. The surplus was sent to other meetings. When the saints have a mind to work and sacrifice, the Lord will bless their efforts.

A large group of young people attended the meeting, and the Lord blessed their services. Several of this number feel their call to the ministry, and their exhortations were very inspiring to the young people. There is nothing more pleasing to God and encouraging to His people than to see young saints whose lives are ahead of them consecrated to the service of God. In youth is the proper time to seek after and find God in order that the whole life may be molded according to His Divine plan. It is your high privilege to be employed in the service of the Creator of the Universe.

Bro. C. C. Carver, a middle-aged minister and one much interested in the spiritual welfare of young people, gave some sound scriptural advice to the group on matters of dress, courtship, etc. This was appreciated, as there is a great need for more definite teaching of young people on these subjects and other youth problems by those of more mature years and experience. Pitfalls must be known in order to be avoided.

The Oklahoma state campmeeting at Guthrie was well attended, and the young people's group seemed to be as large as last year. There were indications of spiritual growth, and the Lord is settling and establishing His people. Some of the young saints who had accepted non-combatant service in the army were present. Bros. Roy Jennings and Clifford Wilson of the Guthrie congregation who as conscientious objectors are working under the C. P. S. set-up in Colorado, were privileged to return home for the campmeeting. They were satisfied with the Lord's dealings, and one remarked that "it was the best thing" for him in order to learn the lessons he needs to know. Let us continue to pray for all the boys in the various branches of government service.

Bro. Hyrum Ray, who is working under C. P. S. authority at the state hospital at Ypsilanti, Michigan attended most of the campmeeting at Monark Springs.

The Lord is keeping him with victory, and is endeavoring to let his light shine in that dark place. His wife, Geneva Ray, is still in the Lord's work at the office.

Through the workings of the Lord, Bro. Vada McMillian was exempt last spring from C. P. S. work because of physical disability. He is now back at the office after a trip to visit his relatives in the South and attending several campmeetings.

Bro. Paul Wyatt of the Guthrie congregation is with the Medical Corps somewhere in the Pacific. Pray for him.

La Grande, Ore.—To all the saved young people scattered abroad, greetings: Oh, how I long to meet with some of you; it would be so encouraging. All the young folks around here are smoking and drinking as well as blaspheming God. Truly our world today is as Sodom and Gomorrah of old. I am encouraged tonight to press the battle to the gates. I feel the saints prayers behind me and God's loving arms underneath me. One day while out in the woods wrestling with God and praying for the victory he gave me this song and a tune as well.

My soul was shackled in bondage,
So tight in its chains I was bound,
I had no hopes for redemption
Until the dear Savior I found.

Chorus

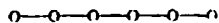
Goodbye, goodbye, sinful follies
I'm leaving this old world behind
My soul has caught a new vision,
He's opened my eyes once so blind.

I ever was seeking for pleasure
But no satisfaction I'd gain,
For when I awoke in the morning
I'd find that my search was in vain.

I fell on my face before Jesus
Oh pardon I pray and forgive
My sins rolled off as a mountain
Oh God, what a sweet life to live.

Today I'm seeking the weary
Some lost one who's fell by the way
To tell them that Jesus still loves them,
Tho' far they have wandered astray.

Now when I grow discouraged I go to singing
this song which I know he gave me and the devil
flees. Yours in the faith, —Mrs. Grace Jones



Texico, N. Mex.—Greetings of love to all the saints scattered abroad. This evening finds me saved, sanctified, and happy. Surely, this way is growing brighter each day and as I learn to trust more fully in Him, the transitory things of this world fade away and only Jesus is in view. How blessed is our walk with him when we can learn to cast all our cares upon his shoulders and then we rest in full assurance that "all things work together for good to them that love the Lord." Never does he fail.

I thank the Lord he has been teaching me many precious lessons. As the song says, "It takes the crushing

to bring forth fragrance" and I have truly found it so. I have been brought through the furnace of affliction the past few months, but praise the Lord, I feel it was all for his glory. Since then I have made much spiritual progress, and I wish to testify to the Lord's healing power in my behalf. On Feb. 1st, I had my first heart attack after coming home from Business College, and also had one the following Thursday. I can't possibly tell how I suffered, and I felt that I was standing on the very brink of the grave. Every breath seemed my last and I was so weak I couldn't move or speak above a whisper. Daddy and Bro. and Sister Stonecypher were called to my bedside, also Sister Stella Wilson, Geneva, my Grandmother, and Mother were praying for me. As the prayer of faith ascended to the throne of grace, life began to come into my body and those who were standing around me saw the change come over me and I was soon able to speak. I felt that I had truly been resurrected from the dead and had come back from another world which far exceeded this.

The latter part of Feb. I went to Calif. with my Grandmother and stayed four months, in which time I had twelve more heart attacks. It seemed my life would be taken in spite of the many prayers going up in my behalf. I was anointed at Los Angeles and by faith received the healing touch. I began feeling so much better and in a few weeks began working in an office. My work required a physical examination, and after examining me the doctor said my heart was only slightly enlarged and that it would last me as long as I needed a heart. Seven years ago when twelve years of age, I was examined by the doctors and they said my heart was enlarged twice its size and I also had leakage of the heart and couldn't possibly live until I was thirteen years old. So that is the comparison. By faith, I knew my heart was healed even before the examination. When the saints anointed me, they prayed for the Lord to give me a new heart, and praise His name, I can testify he has answered. I am now as strong and healthy as almost anyone my age and I can work hard almost all day long and my heart beats very normal.

This is just one of the miracles that has been wrought in my behalf and I trust my testimony may be an encouragement to those who are bound by the chains of affliction. Have faith in the one who has "all power in heaven and in earth" and surely "the prayer of faith shall save the sick." Yours in Christian love, —Ruby Doolittle

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Marshall, Mich.—Dear Bro. and Sister in Christ, I feel impressed to write you my testimony telling what God has done for me. He has wonderfully touched my body in answer to the prayers of God's dear saints. It is truly wonderful. Praise his holy name! The doctor gave me up but I refused to take his medicine. I lay dying, so helpless I could not even lift my hands and my heart was almost stopped. Husband wrote to all the true saints to pray and I could feel the wonderful change in my body as soon as the letters had time to reach you. The doctor told me I could never get up again but I am doing my house work. Praise God, I have a physician that he knows not of. Praise His holy name. I mean to trust him as long as he spares my life and I am willing for him to have his way with me. Please pray for me and my dear husband that we keep in the straight and narrow way.

Your sister in the one true way, Emaine VanZandt.

Kentucky State Pen.—Dear Bro. Pruitt, May God bless your soul and comfort you in the truth of his holy word and you always have my prayers. Bro. Pruitt, I want you and the church to know that I am still a true Christian. Yes, indeed I am a child of the King—the everlasting King and I am so glad that I got salvation in time. I am as happy as I can be since I found the Lord. I don't really know what I would do without the Lord. He is a wonderful God and man's best friend. I love my Lord and I know he loves me, and he heard my cry and saved my soul from hell—that everlasting hell. I am heavenly bound. Old Satan is mad at me because he lost the soul he thought he had. But I am still fighting sin and Satan each day and night. It's a very hard job to do but I am on the Christian side. I am a soldier of Jesus our Lord and I shall endure hardness in all walks of life for my Lord until he calls me home into heaven. When I get upset over something then a little talk with Jesus makes things all right. It surely does pay to serve the Lord and I love to obey Jesus our Lord. I am all ready to meet Jesus when he comes. Oh! what a happy day for us.

May God be with you all. —David R. Anderson.

Kentucky State Pen.—Dearest Friend, For many months I have studied the various religious tracts received from you by this institution. They have been a source of inspiration and joy to my soul. I read the Bible constantly, seeking a better way than I have come. Jesus said in His blessed word, "I am the way, the truth, and the life." Seek and ye shall find, knock and it shall be opened." It is my earnest desire to live for Jesus and to do his will. I feel the need of something to study as an aid in helping me to understand what the Bible teaches concerning the whole redemption plan. If you are able at this time to supply me with a book on this subject it will be highly appreciated. I am aware of the fact that it costs money to issue such publications. I assure you that your help and interest in me shall not be in vain. I will be released from this prison in December of this year. I will, if the Lord is willing, contact you frequently and will repay you for your help and prayers in this hour of distress.

Remember me in your prayers. I hope to hear from you soon. Yours very truly, —Andrew James Wilson
(Books have been sent to him. Ed.)

Modesto, Calif.—Dear Bro. and Sister Pruitt, Greetings in Jesus' dear name. Just a few lines to let you all know the dear Lord has heard and answered our prayers. My little daughter's mouth is well and she is just fine. Praise his dear name forever. I do pray this finds you all much encouraged to fight the good fight to the end. Pray for my loved ones and my two brothers in the army. Yours in his cause, —Cassie Irvin

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Benson, La.—Dear Bro. and Sister Pruitt, Greetings in Jesus' dear name. I feel like writing and testifying to the truth. I am still saved and sanctified and feel like going on. I mean to stay humble at Jesus' precious feet. He is my all in all. Thank God, he has done so much for me. He has healed my husband and me so many times. The Lord healed me of that awful itch. I truly thank all of the dear saints for their prayers. I know the Lord will answer the prayers of the true saints of God. Dear saints everywhere, let us stay at the feet of Jesus because if ever there was a time that we need to stay at his feet it is now. Praise the Lord. Did you know there are just a few people who are living for the Lord in these awful times?

Pray much for me and my husband. Your sister in Christ, —Dollie Brown.

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Enterprise, La.—Dear Bro. and Sister Pruitt and all the saints, Greeting in Jesus' dear name. I am thanking the dear Lord that I am still able to testify. This leaves husband and me saved and on the firing line for the Lord. I thank and praise the dear Lord that husband who had fallen away from the Lord, has come back to fight the good fight of faith. I am so glad for the great healing power of God.

Last Sunday morning I was seriously ill, I couldn't even sit up. I was anointed and prayed for and the dear Lord healed me and I got up. Praise His dear name. We find in Romans 12:1, "I beseech you therefore, brethren by the mercies of God that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service." There is no more reasonable service that we could render to God for our own benefit than to place our whole spirit, soul, and body in God's hands and under his control. "And be not conformed to this world but be ye transformed by the renewing of your minds that ye may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God."

I desire the prayers of all the saints that we may fight the fight of faith. May God bless all his children.

A sister in Christ, — Mrs. A. A. Wyles

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Hammond, La.—To all the dear saints scattered abroad, Again we greet you in Jesus' dear name. Just a few lines to tell you how the Lord has been leading us. We left home in the month of May and first visited my husband's dear parents who live at Yorkshire, Ohio. We enjoyed a few days with them and the Lord is wonderfully caring for them. His father is very feeble but as the outward man perishes the inner man can be renewed day by day. We were thankful to read the Word of God together one more time. We also visited Bro. Foster and found him in bad health. We had one service in his home. From there we went to Ft. Wayne, Ind. and visited one of my husband's sisters and family and then attended two services with the saints there. We stayed in the home of Bro. and Sister Kenneth Pickett and found them very much in love with the Lord. We pray Him to bless their efforts for good. The young people there are so precious and feel so near us. May they continue faithful.

From there we went to Chicago where we were in several days meeting with the dear saints of that place and Bro and Sister Pruitt who were with us. The services were precious and our hearts seemed to be knit together in the love of God. We were there over two weeks and pray that these dear ones may be faithful unto death. Sister Dravis and Bro. Bowan are laboring there and they need our sincere prayers. Then we went to Norwalk, Wisc. for near two days to the home of Bro. Fred Stahnke and his two sisters. It had been some time since we saw them and really enjoyed the sweet fellowship with them. They are well up in years and Sister Louise has very poor eyesight so let us pray for them that they be kept faithful to the end and she be healed. They are isolated from the saints and our hearts go out to them.

We reached home just a few days before our camp meeting began June 25 at Hammond, La, and enjoyed another good camp meeting which was quite well attended by saints from different sections of the state and other states. Also sinners in terror attended quite well. Several visiting ministers were present whose labors were appreciated and blessed of the Lord. The ordinance meet-

ing was especially good and something like 70 saints took part. Several received soul help and bodies were touched with His mighty healing hand.

A few days later, Sister Lottie Joiner, her little boy, Howell, and I came to the Guthrie camp meeting and are enjoying it at this time. Several saints are here from different sections and God is blessing. This is our first time to attend camp meeting here and we find these saints precious, too. But it is coming to a close tomorrow night. While we are here my husband and Bro. Clyde Lea of Kentwood, La. are in a meeting near Rosefield, La. We expect to hold a meeting near Mecker, La. beginning next Tuesday night. Bro. Charles Smith of Dewey, Okla. expects to be along to help in administering the truth. He is a precious young brother and needs our prayers.

So, you dear ones, pray for us that we be faithful for we mean to be a help and not a hindrance to the dear saints. Also pray for the dear saints in the South who are faithfully pressing on in His service. Christian love to all. Yours in Christ, —Mrs. Katherine Key

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Static, Tenn.—Dear Brothers and Sisters in the Lord. I am so glad I have found out your wonderful faith in the Lord by reading your little Faith and Victory magazine. I sure like to read it and want to subscribe for it for one year.

Oh, how glad and happy I would be if I could say one word to cause one soul to find Jesus. I know God is with me or I couldn't get by in this world without his wonderful love and power. He careth for me and will never forsake me. Oh, how wonderful it is to have his loving power to stand by me in time of trouble or need. When our earthly friends turn us down we can feel so happy with Jesus. He is most wonderful above all to me. You faithful Christians pray for me and my 7 children. Some of them I have not seen for about five years. Pray for God to touch their hearts with mighty power that they will live a Christian life before its eternally too late. Pray for me to be with all my children again in this life. That would be one more happy time for me to have my family together.

Yours in Christ, —Mrs. M. H. Bilfrey

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Camp Ripley, Minn.—Dear Bro. Pruitt, In the name of our Lord and Saviour, I write. I am still in Camp Ripley but don't know for how long. I will write and let you know when my address changes.

On the 1st of July, I got a 10 day furlough and was very glad to enjoy a few days at home since it had been 9 months since I had been back there. My brother, Russell was home at the same time from Salt Lake City, Utah. Shortly after we arrived back in camp our younger brother was shipped from New York City and is now in North Africa. I am sure that God is able to protect and care for him although he is so far away.

May God bless all the work you are doing in bringing more lost souls to Him. Pray for my care and guidance. Your bro. in Christ, —Pvt. Charles L. Lorenz

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Hamlin, Texas—Dear saints in Jesus' name. I can say I am one of God's children. I received the "Faith and Victory" paper. I think it is a fine little paper and I couldn't do without it. I am a widow living alone and I desire prayer for my son who is across the sea and all other boys over there. Pray for me. I would like to get a letter from the saints for I get lonely.

Your sister in Jesus, —Mary E. Zipp

Denver, Colo.—Dear Sisters and Brothers, I just wish to say a few words as a personal testimony that God answers prayer, for I have just been healed of an ear ailment that caused much distress both physically and mentally.

About two years ago I was stricken with a pain in my ears and at the time I was writing a book. It just happened I was on a chapter where one of the characters had received a direct answer to prayer. I felt I could not do justice to the book if I did not believe what I was writing, so I pledged in my prayers that I would not seek a physician, but would believe God's Word—that He was able to heal.

I had no idea at the time of the seriousness of my condition nor the pain and anguish I was to go through. When it became almost unbearable, I sought God three times to release me from that promise. (Oh, ye of little faith.) The third time I pledged that it would be the final and last. I was not granted the request, so for two years I suffered much agony. The pain had reached into my head, neck, and shoulders and I suffered with chills and fever. I prayed constantly, but recently began to see my prayers were filled with doubt and fear, so a short time ago, I gave up praying and began praising and repeating over and over, "I can trust Jesus. It is done even as it was told me." And almost instantly I felt an improvement that ended in complete healing.

I just praise Him for His great mercy and hope to serve Him in every way. Bless His Holy name.

I thank God's people who have prayed for me and know now their prayers were answered long ago, and it was only my doubting heart that kept me so long without fulfillment. Yours in Christ, —Florence Igoe

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Troy, Ohio.—Dear Friend in Christ, Many thanks to you and all the other dear saints for the prayers that you offered up again in behalf of my niece. She is well and visiting. Praise the dear name of Jesus forever and evermore. May God's richest blessings ever rest upon you is my prayer. Yours in Christ, —Elnora Ayers

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Ewing, Neb.—Dear Bro. and Sister Pruitt, I subscribed to the "Faith and Victory" paper a year ago after reading some copies I found among some old papers in the house we had moved into and I have certainly enjoyed every word of every issue. It has been such a blessing to me and really food for my hungry soul. I love the fellowship of the dear saints and the paper is the only way I have of fellowshipping with them. I am enclosing 25c in coin for my renewal as I don't want to miss a single copy. I also received a bundle of tracts from you which were such a blessing to me. Some of them I mailed to my brother overseas. He reports that they were of benefit to him and he in turn passed them to boys in his company.

May God's richest blessings be upon you in this His blessed work, and may many precious souls be won to Him through the printed page is my prayer.

Yours in Christian fellowship, —Mrs. Fay Primus

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Tulsa, Okla.—To the Church of God in all the world, I greet you in Jesus' dear name. Today finds me more encouraged to press on. Truly these days we have to press.

I want to give a brief testimony of what our God can do if we will only trust him. It seems that husband and I had dreaded to try to take over the care of the Monark Meeting as these war times are so different to

any times we have ever had. It looked very dark as the time drew near, but we asked the saints at Tulsa to help us pray for we felt sure the whole thing could only be handled by prayer and faith. We very quietly went about preparing to go out to meet the foes of every kind. We received several letters in regards to the meeting. One day we received a letter with \$2.00 in it and that made us know that some one else was interested in how the meeting was to be taken care of. Then for a month there seemed to be no one interested in it. We never failed to ask God to send in the means, for our tents and cots cost over one hundred dollars and part of it had to be paid down. The food had to be paid for and it was only about 15 days until the meeting was to start. We only had just a few tents and cots ordered and \$12.00 to buy food with, but we didn't lose sight of our God. He said he owned the cattle on a thousand hills and we knew he wouldn't fail. Then an unsaved man gave us \$3.00 and another unsaved man gave \$1.00 so I knew God would have his meeting taken care of in spite of all. It looked like that as a whole his people had forgotten their duty toward the National Campmeeting, but soon God helped us all to see we only had a few days to get our part in so it began to come in from every place. I have never seen a meeting taken care of like that one was in my life. The point foods were plentiful; in fact we had enough to send to two campmeetings. Some said we wouldn't have sugar but we had 70 lbs. to send to the other two campmeetings. It seemed that God caused the food to increase. There was only a very small amount of vegetables donated but we got along fine. Some foods had to be used every day but I think everyone had plenty. We had 2 beefs and one hog donated but the O. P. A. wouldn't allow us to kill them and so some of them were sold and the money given in. We didn't have a lot of meat, but it was enough. Now ask yourself, "What did I do to make that meeting a good one?" All expenses were met wonderfully. Someone will be blessed of God for doing their part. Truly this is a precious way. Let's begin earlier to help the meetings.

We decided at Monark that next year every family represented should bring one granite plate, one small bowl, one knife, one fork, and one spoon to build up the camp meeting dishes. This year we only had spoons at some plates. The granite is more valuable for the wear and tear and pack in a smaller space.

We also see the need of a dining hall nearer the tabernacle because it is so hot to go that far to eat. Let us begin now to lay aside for the dining hall. Let us each send \$1.00 per month to Bro. Lawrence Pruitt or Bro. Sam Barton and in no time we can have a dining hall on our own grounds. We can use the old dining hall for the men's sleeping quarters. It doesn't seem that it can be bought, but it will be handy to use for sleeping space. Some say we can't build till the war is over but God has the money so let us all do what we can to put this over for it is much needed because of the aged. Pray for me that I always keep in God's order.

Yours for the Gospel, —Hettie Barton.

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Monarch, Ark.—Dearly beloved Brother and Sister in the one body, Love's greetings in our blessed Savior's name. I am led by the Holy Spirit to write you again after so long a time. You remember, beloved, at one time we heard from each other quite often which to me was a real enjoyment. It was like getting letters from blood relatives which is true in one respect as our birth was under the Blood of our blessed Savior, Jesus Christ that was shed on that rugged cross for you and me and all others that believe on his loving name. Praise his holy

name. Wife and I are still saved and basking in the sun shine of our blessed Saviour's love, only waiting, waiting for his second coming which, according to prophecy will be very soon; sooner no doubt than most people imagine. That goes for the professed Christian, too. The world today is in a molding process. We are being pressed into grooves, the world is mob conscious, the people assent, they no longer think; leadership does the thinking. Many professing Christians today are accommodating themselves absolutely to the mood of the multitude without a thought of the will of God. Oh, if we could only warn Christians today that the world's morality today is but the morality of the mob mind based on the notion that what the majority does is right. It has no code other than animal instinct. It is totally irresponsible. It abhors personal religion. It will not take Christ in any real sense. It has no place for prayer. Meditation is impossible. It offers no heart satisfaction. The mass mind carries no weight with God. It is Babylon confusion and Anti-Christ.

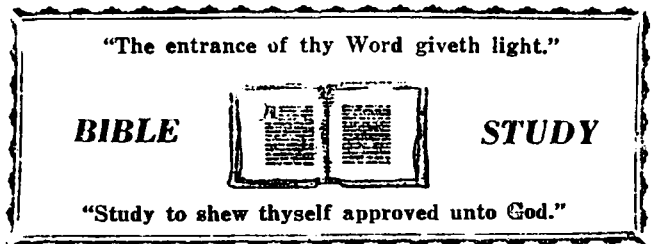
I plead with you to come out from among them and be separate. Enter in at the strait gate. Dare to be a Daniel and stand out alone if need be, against the ungodliness of the mob. "When in Rome do as Rome does" was no motto for Daniel. He was not a mob-chaser. He did what God would have him do regardless of the cost. Only when we shut our ears to the crowd about us can we live to the God above us. If your all is in the hands of Christ, you will not be looking over your shoulder to see what the mob is doing. There is no religion so dangerous as a half-way Christianity. I plead with you to be wholly for Christ then you can be assured he will be wholly for you. Crown him Lord of all or you do not crown him at all.

Yours in Christ, —F. A. Warner

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Wichita, Kans.—Dear Bro. and Sister Pruitt, Holy Greetings. This leaves me still saved and pressing on. The dear Lord has seen fit to give us a place to have cottage meeting and Sunday School at Sis. Daniels' home. Sister Daniels used to live in Hennessey but is here now, thank the dear Lord. There is also a sweetly saved sister from Kansas City here and a sister by the name of Emma Williams who used to live around Guthrie. That makes about six of us now, besides some children.

Love to Bro. Willie and Sister Frances Murphey.
Yours in Christ, —Sister Bessie Gordon



ISRAEL CALLED TO BE A HOLY PEOPLE

Sunday, September 5, 1943

Daily Readings and Meditations
August 30 to September 4.

- M. Israel to be holy Lev. 19:1-4.
- T. A' holy people must live right Lev. 19:11-18.
- W. A holy people will obey the law Lev. 19:32-37.
- T. Jesus tells of social injustice Luke 16:19-26.
- F. Injustice to be punished Amos 8:4-8.
- S. A plea for Christian justice Philemon 8-20.

Printed PortionLeviticus 19:1-4, 11-18, 32-34.

Lev. 19:1. And the Lord spake unto Moses, saying,

2. Speak unto all the congregation of the children of Israel, and say unto them, Ye shall be holy: for I the Lord your God am holy.

3. Ye shall fear every man his mother, and his father, and keep my sabbaths: I am the Lord your God.

4. Turn ye not unto idols, nor make to yourselves molten gods: I am the Lord your God.

11. Ye shall not steal, neither deal falsely, neither lie one to another.

12. And ye shall not swear by my name falsely, neither shalt thou profane the name of thy God: I am the Lord.

13. Thou shalt not defraud thy neighbour, neither rob him: the wages of him that is hired shall not abide with thee all night until the morning.

14. Thou shalt not curse the deaf, nor put a stumbling block before the blind, but shalt fear thy God: I am the Lord.

15. Ye shall do no unrighteousness in judgment: thou shalt not respect the person of the poor, nor honour the person of the mighty: but in righteousness shalt thou judge thy neighbour.

16. Thou shalt not go up and down as a talebearer among thy people: neither shalt thou stand against the blood of thy neighbor: I am the Lord.

17. Thou shalt not hate thy brother in thine heart: thou shalt in any wise rebuke thy neighbour, and not suffer sin upon him.

18. Thou shalt not avenge nor bear any grudge against the children of thy people, but thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself: I am the Lord.

32. Thou shalt rise up before the hoary head, and honour the face of the old man, and fear thy God: I am the Lord.

33. And if a stranger sojourn with thee in your land, ye shall not vex him.

34. But the stranger that dwelleth with you shall be unto you as one born among you, and thou shalt love him as thyself: for ye were strangers in the land of Egypt: I am the Lord your God.

Golden Text: "Be ye holy; for I am holy." 1 Peter 1:16.

Practical Truth: Treating others with justice and due consideration is a part of true religion.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

The laws given in today's printed portion very much resemble the gospel laws of holiness. Do you wonder why the Lord gave them such laws, knowing that sin was in their hearts and that they were unable to keep them and would have to offer sacrifices for breaking them? God has always wanted his people to be in his image and likeness and it was only by constantly keeping His laws before them that they could know what God is like. These laws are similar to those that we studied two weeks ago. We learned then that the law was a schoolmaster to lead people to Christ.

These laws are so plain that comments are not necessary. We are thankful that the Lord has made us new creatures in him and wrote his laws in our hearts and given us His Spirit to enable us to keep them.

Those who chose topics for the International Sunday School Lessons intended that the whole book of Leviticus should be studied today. Space permits only a small portion of it to be printed and time probably will not permit much of it to be discussed. It should be read by the pupils and teachers at home and an outline of it

can be discussed briefly in class.

The first seven chapters give instructions concerning sacrifices to be offered—meal, burnt offering, peace offering, sin offering, and trespass offering.

Chapters 11 to 15 give laws concerning ceremonial cleanness and uncleanness and methods of purification, and the treatment of leprosy.

Chapter 16 contains instructions to be followed by priest and people on the Great Day of Atonement. This was a very important day for the Israelites and full of types and shadows of the real sacrifice of the Lamb of God who would take away the sin of the world and cleanse from all unrighteousness. Be sure to read this chapter. This was the only day in the year that the high priest could go into the holiest of holies, or in the presence of the Lord for the people. Note the significance of the two goats, one which was sacrificed and one on whose head was laid all the sins of the people which he carried away into the wilderness. Why are these rites not practiced by God's people today? The first goat was a type of the atonement, and the scape-goat a type of the effect of the atonement. There was no power in the blood of animals to make them better but God had a purpose in all He required of them. We are told in Hebrews, "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." God desired to ever keep this shadow before them to remind them that there would be a real, who by one offering of himself might obtain eternal redemption for us. Our sins have been laid on His head, and he will take them away. By observing these rites they could obtain temporary access to God and temporary forgiveness of sins. God's people today do not need to do this because they have beheld the Lamb of God who by one offering "hath perfected forever them that are sanctified."

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ISRAEL MARCHES TOWARD CANAAN

Sunday, September 12, 1943

Daily Readings and Meditations

September 6 to 11.

- M. The camp of Israel moves Num. 10:11, 12.
- T. God guides in the desert Num. 10:29-36.
- W. God provides food Num. 11:4-9, 31, 32.
- T. The sin of Miriam and Aaron Num. 12:1-10.
- F. The spies sent forth Num. 13:2, 3, 21-25.
- S. The report of the spies Num. 13:26-33.

Printed PortionNumbers 10:11, 12, 29-36.

Num. 10:11. And it came to pass on the twentieth day of the second month, in the second year, that the cloud was taken up from off the tabernacle of the testimony.

12. And the children of Israel took their journeys out of the wilderness of Sinai; and the cloud rested in the wilderness of Paran.

29. And Moses said unto Hobab, the son of Raguel the Midianite, Moses father in law, We are journeying unto the place of which the Lord said, I will give it you: come thou with us, and we will do thee good: for the Lord hath spoken good concerning Israel.

30. And he said unto him, I will not go; but I will depart to mine own land, and to my kindred.

31. And he said, Leave us not, I pray thee; forasmuch as thou knowest how we are to encamp in the wilderness, and thou mayest be to us instead of eyes.

32. And it shall be, if thou go with us, yea, it shall be, that what goodness the Lord shall do unto us, the same will we do unto thee.

33. And they departed from the mount of the Lord three days' journey: and the ark of the covenant of the Lord went before them in the three day's journey, to search out a resting place for them.

34. And the cloud of the Lord was upon them by day, when they went out of the camp.

35. And it came to pass, when the ark set forward, that Moses said, Rise up, Lord, and let thine enemies be scattered; and let them that hate thee flee before thee.

36. And when it rested, he said, Return, O Lord, unto the many thousands of Israel.

Golden Text: "Come thou with us, and we will do thee good." Num. 10:29

Practical Truth: God has spoken good concerning any people that will serve him.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

During their year's stay at Sinai many important things had happened. The ten commandments and other laws had been given, the tabernacle had been made and set up, and the glory of the Lord had filled it, and elaborate sacrifices had been offered for the dedication of the altar.

When the time came for the Israelites to move on toward Canaan, the cloud which had guided them to Sinai and had stayed there all that time lifted and they set forth with the ark of the covenant going on before.

According to other scriptures, Hobab's final decision must have been to accompany the Israelites. No doubt he did enjoy many blessings which God bestowed on the children, but it is not likely that they did him as much good as the promise implied. Truly, God had spoken good concerning Israel if they would serve and obey him but God's promises are always on condition. If he went with them he must have died with the rest in the wilderness for we have a record of only two entering the promised land. The others were not permitted to go because they refused when the spies made their first report. They limited the power of God and did not count Him able to enable them to take the land.

Child of God, always keep in mind that someone is following you. During a time when you are filled with the love of God, you invite that one either by actions or words to come with you and you will do him good. When trials come and you are tempted to give up in despair, before you give up, consider what is to become of the one to whom you said, "Come with us and we will do thee good."

Our lesson includes more than the printed portion: chapters 10, 11 and part of 12.

The unprinted portion includes: the murmuring about the hardships of the journey and the punishment sent; the complaining because of no food except manna and a desire for the fish, cucumbers, melons, onions, and garlic of Egypt and a plague; the selection of the seventy elders endued with the spirit of God to help Moses bear the heavy burdens of government; and the jealousy of Miriam and Aaron and Miriam's punishment.

When God is using one to the advancement of His cause and kingdom, what should be the attitude of others of God's people toward that one?

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THE SIN OF MOSES AND AARON

Sunday, September 19, 1943.

Daily Readings and Meditations
September 13 to 18.

M. The sin of Moses and Aaron Num. 20:1-13.

T. The death of Aaron Num. 20:22-29.

W. The death of Moses Deut. 34:1-8.

T. Joshua succeeds Moses Num. 27:18-23.

F. God's promise to Joshua Josh. 1:1-9.

S. Paul's self-control 1 Cor. 9:24 to 10:6.

Printed PortionNumbers 20:1-13, 27, 28.

Num. 20:1. Then came the children of Israel, even the whole congregation, into the desert of Zin in the first month: and the people abode in Kadesh; and Miriam died there, and was buried there.

2. And there was no water for the congregation: and they gathered themselves together against Moses and against Aaron.

3. And the people chode with Moses, and spake, saying, Would God that we had died when our brethren died before the Lord!

4. And why have ye brought up the congregation of the Lord into this wilderness, that we and our cattle should die there?

5. And wherefore have ye made us to come up out of Egypt to bring us in unto this evil place? it is no place of seed, or of figs, or of vines, or of pomegranates; neither is there any water to drink.

6. And Moses and Aaron went from the presence of the assembly unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, and they fell upon their faces: and the glory of the Lord appeared unto them.

7. And the Lord spake unto Moses, saying,

8. Take the rod, and gather thou the assembly together, thou and Aaron thy brother, and speak ye unto the rock before their eyes; and it shall give forth his water, and thou shalt bring forth to them water out of the rock: so thou shalt give the congregation and their beasts drink.

9. And Moses took the rod from before the Lord, as he commanded him.

10. And Moses and Aaron gathered the congregation together before the rock, and he said unto them, Hear now, ye rebels: must we fetch you water out of this rock?

11. And Moses lifted up his hand, and with his rod he smote the rock twice; and water came out abundantly, and the congregation drank, and their beasts also.

12. And the Lord spake unto Moses and Aaron, Because ye believed me not, to sanctify me in the eyes of the children of Israel, therefore ye shall not bring this congregation into the land which I have given them.

13. This is the water of Meribah; because the children of Israel strove with the Lord, and he was sanctified in them.

27. And Moses did as the Lord commanded: and they went up into mount Hor in the sight of all the congregation.

28. And Moses stripped Aaron of his garments, and put them upon Eleazar his son: and Aaron died there in the top of the mount: and Moses and Eleazar came down from the mount.

Golden Text: "Be ye angry and sin not." Eph. 4:26.

Practical Truth: Religious leaders as well as others need to guard carefully their words.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

Our lesson today tells of events which took place during the third and last stage of the journey of Israel from Sinai to the Promised land.

God had been with them and showed himself strong in their behalf, but as soon as they got into a hard place God's former blessings were forgotten and they complained against God, Aaron and Moses. We read,

"How oft did they provoke him in the wilderness and grieve Him in the desert! Yea, they turned back and tempted God, and limited the Holy One of Israel. They remembered not his hand, nor the day when he delivered them from the enemy." Read the whole account in Psalm 78.

God is grieved when His people limit His power. He looks for a people whose hearts are perfect toward Him that He might show himself strong in their behalf. Man must meet varied forms of privations in his pilgrim journey, but God is abundantly able to supply every need. Man is a dependent creature and would lack no good thing if he would continually keep his trust in God. Some of us come face to face with loss of health, prosperity, and friendship, all of which seem so essential to us; but we should avoid complaining, and patiently wait upon God as He works all things out for our good and His glory.

In a previous lesson we learned what a complaining spirit would cause. Notice in this lesson how it caused them to blame Moses and Aaron for things which they did not cause. Trials that we meet will never leave us the same. The state in which they leave us depend upon the way in which we meet them. They will lead to increased patience and submission to the will of God or increased fretfulness and rebellion against His will. In which state did the trials leave the children of Israel?

The need of water caused Moses and Aaron to seek God and God rewarded them. Though Moses sought the Lord for the need of the Israelites, he failed to see the impatience arising in his own heart and did not seek God for grace to overcome that. He permitted his spirit to be provoked because of the disobedience of others, and failed to obey God himself; hence was excluded from the promised land. Saints of God, beware lest a similar sin beset you. I have seen good saints become so impatient because of wrong doing in other professed saints that they committed sin themselves.

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ABIDING VALUES FROM ISRAEL'S HISTORY

Sunday, September 26, 1943

Daily Readings and Meditations

September 20 to 25.

- M. God's promise to Israel Deut. 11:13-25.
- T. God's warning to Israel Deut. 8:11-20.
- W. Israel's mighty deliverance Psa. 114:1-8.
- T. The Lord our keeper Psa. 121:1-8.
- F. God's hand in Israel' history Psa. 105:1-15.
- S. All believers heirs of Abraham Rom. 4:1-16.

Printed PortionDeuteronomy 11:13-25.

Deut. 11:13. And it shall come to pass, if ye shall hearken diligently unto my commandments which I command you this day, to love the Lord your God, and to serve him with all your heart and with all your soul,

14. That I will give you the rain of your land in his due season, the first rain and the latter rain, that thou mayest gather in thy corn, and thy wine, and thine oil.

15. And I will send grass in thy fields for thy cattle, and thou mayest eat and be full.

16. Take heed to yourselves, that your heart be not deceived, and ye turn aside, and serve other gods, and worship them;

17. And then the Lord's wrath be kindled against you, and he shut up the heaven, that there be no rain, and that the land yield not her fruit; and lest ye perish quickly from off the good land which the Lord giveth you.

18. Therefore shall ye lay up these my words in your heart and in your soul, and bind them for a sign upon

your hand, that they may be as frontlets between your eyes.

19. And ye shall teach them your children, speaking of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, when thou liest down, and when thou risest up.

20. And thou shalt write them upon the door posts of thine house, and upon thy gates.

21. That your days may be multiplied, and the days of your children, in the land which the Lord sware unto your fathers to give them, as the days of heaven upon the earth.

22. For if ye shall diligently keep all these commandments which I command you, to do them, to love the Lord your God, to walk in all his ways, and to cleave unto him;

23. Then will the Lord drive out all these nations from before you, and ye shall possess greater nations and mightier than yourselves.

24. Every place whereon the soles of your feet shall tread shall be yours: from the wilderness and Lebanon, from the river, the river Euphrates, even unto the uttermost sea shall your coast be.

25. There shall no man be able to stand before you: for the Lord your God shall lay the fear of you and the dread of you upon all the land that ye shall tread upon, as he hath said unto you.

Golden Text: "Righteousness exalteth a nation; but sin is a reproach to any people." Prov. 14:34.

Practical Truth: God will honor a nation that honors him.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

In this lesson we learn that there is a connection between moral character and material prosperity—a lesson which needs to be learned by every man, woman, and child in our country. If they would grasp this truth they could understand the great failure to produce food supplies this year and if they would take heed, another year of such calamities could be avoided.

God informed Israel that if they would faithfully serve him, he would give them plentiful supplies for man and beast. But if they would turn from him, he would likewise turn his blessings from them by withholding rain, depriving them of harvest and cause them to perish. It is God's plan that the goodness of God should lead men to repentance, so he sends his rain on the just and unjust alike. Rain and fruitful seasons testify to his goodness and should cause the hearts of men to send forth their Maker's praise. But if the blessings and prosperity which God sends causes them to be exalted, slothful, ungrateful and forget God, then God will bring about adverse circumstances to bring men to repentance.

God promised prosperity on the condition that they serve Him. Knowing that man was prone to forget, He warned them to lay up the words in their hearts. We are told that many of the Israelites literally did what God told them to do concerning the signs on their hands and frontlets between their eyes. They had these warnings written on scrolls which they carried with them. They lived up to the letter of the Word but failed to live up to the spirit if it. When God's word are forgotten, then we neglect to do what He has commanded.

God has always put great stress on home training. Parents cannot shift their responsibility to the Sunday School teacher and remain guiltless before God. The family altar has almost disappeared from American homes and the results can well be seen.