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Soldiers of The King

From this land of earth's fair beauty
To the Home of God above,
We will serve our Lord and Maker,
And keep his word in love.
We will live in truth and freedom,
And our honor will be clean.
We are glad to bear the title
Of "Soldiers of the King."

We are marching forth to battle,
Against all sin and wrong;
We will fight for the Bible standard,
And sing glad, joyful songs.
We will pray and preach and labor
And live the Gospel way
Till the Saviour comes to claim us,
And bear our souls away.

The Lord alone can save us;
His blood alone will do;
And if we'll only trust Him,
He will surely take us through.
He will love, protect, and lead us
Till we reach that happy land;
What a blessed, blessed meeting,
Oh, join the Saviour's band.

This band will do no bombing,
They're harmless as can be.
They are bringing the gospel message
That will make the nations free.
Come join this band of soldiers
And live for the good and true,
Put on the gospel armor;
No other kind will do.

—Alice Elizabeth Hall.

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The Unpardonable Sin

That it is possible for man or woman to commit sins in which they could get no pardon or forgiveness from God is scripturally true for in three of the gospels we find Jesus speaking of sins that would not be forgiven. In Matt. 12:32 we read, "And whosoever speaketh a word against the son of man, it

shall be forgiven him: but whosoever speaketh against the Holy Ghost, it shall not be forgiven him, neither in this world, neither in the world to come." In Mark the third chapter and 29th verse we read, "But he that shall blaspheme against the Holy Ghost hath never forgiveness, but is in danger of eternal damnation." Webster says that blasphemy means to mock, revile, or speak with contempt. In Luke again we read, "And whosoever shall speak a word against the Son of man, it shall be forgiven him: but unto him that blasphemeth against the Holy Ghost it shall not be forgiven." Luke 12:10.

We read in Hebrews 6:4, "For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened and have tasted of the heavenly gift [the gift of the Holy Spirit] and were made partakers of the Holy Ghost, and have tasted the good word of God, and the powers of the world to come, if they shall fall away to renew them again unto repentance; seeing they crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh, and put him to an open shame." They place themselves with those that crucified the Saviour, even after they had once received Him into their souls.

In these scriptures we see the apostle merely says, "If they shall fall away." Without any other scriptures to enlighten us on the subject we might think that it would be easy for one to commit the unpardonable sin. Let us turn to the tenth chapter of Heb. and read beginning at the 26th verse, "For if we sin wilfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins." You see here he says, "Wilfully" which would mean wishfully, desirous, voluntarily, meaning that one willingly went back without being in provocation or trial, and begun to mock and revile the Spirit.

The next verse says, "But a certain fearful looking for of judgment and fiery indignation, which shall devour the adversaries." He goes on to say "They that despised Moses' law died without mercy under two or three witnesses." To break or despise Moses' law was a trifling thing in comparison to wilfully rejecting the precious blood of the Lamb of God as a sacrifice for sins. So the writer goes on to say, "Of how much sorer punishment suppose ye, shall he be thought worthy, who hath trodden under foot the Son of God and has counted the blood of the covenant

wherewith he was sanctified, an unholy thing, and hath done despite unto the Spirit of grace.?"

By these scriptures we learn that one would have to do despite unto the Spirit of grace and count the blood of the covenant an unholy thing. A man or woman who was sanctified and tasted of the good things of heaven and then willingly go back and blaspheme the Holy Ghost, reject, mock, and revile the Spirit of grace would certainly have to become exceedingly hard-hearted, wilful, and stubborn. There are not so many that commit the unpardonable sin but there are some that do that very thing and then the Spirit is driven away never to return again. The soul is left to itself to suffer here in this world with a fearful looking forward to the judgment and then eternal burnings.

Man can only get saved as the Spirit or Holy Ghost woos and draws him and if he never returns the man is left hopeless, which is a sad plight to be in, indeed. Jesus says, "No man can come unto me except the Father which has sent me draw him." John 6:44.

According to the scriptures a man who has committed the unpardonable sin is one that has willingly gone back without provocation or trial and has reviled and mocked the Spirit, doing despite unto the Spirit of grace, counting the blood wherein he was sanctified an unholy thing. Not many do this awful thing but there are some. Many times when one backslides through provocation or trial and never does any despite to the Spirit of grace, Satan will then try to make that one believe that he has committed the unpardonable sin and that it is no use for him to try to get saved for he is forever doomed, but Satan is a liar. Those who fall away in this manner are eligible to receive conviction by the Spirit, and having godly sorrow they can repent of their backsliding and get forgiveness and be restored back to fellowship with God the Father and his Son Jesus Christ, and with the saints in light.

There is another way in which people may get themselves in a condition where the Spirit will not strive with them any more and this sin is known by the words, "Sinning away their days of grace." For an illustration: the Spirit strives with a young man, convicts him of sin and draws on him to repent and give his heart and life to God but he refuses, resists him, turns from him and says, "Not now, but when I get older and settled in life with a companion." So the Spirit has to leave him. Later in years the Spirit comes again and convicts him of sin and evil; again he refuses all the pleadings of the Spirit and the Spirit has to leave. The Spirit may come again and again through life but this man refuses and hardens his heart. He does this so much that the Spirit just leaves him forever and he grows old and dies in his wickedness. He just sins away his days of grace. There is a text of scripture in Prov. 29:1 that reads thus, "He that being often reproveth, hardeneth his neck [or heart] shall suddenly be destroyed, and that without remedy." In other words he will have no chance or opportunity to get saved

but shall suddenly be destroyed and torment will be his doom.

Dear soul, it is a fearful thing to trifle with God and to resist the Holy Spirit when he visits you and convicts you of sin. God is long-suffering and has great mercy but there is a limit. We read in the word of God, "Behold therefore the goodness and severity of God: on them which fell, severity; but toward thee goodness, if thou continue in his goodness; otherwise thou shalt be cut off." Rom. 11:22. Brethren, let us tremble at his word and fear to displease Him. —Fred Pruitt.

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Willing To Suffer For Christ's Sake

We hear much in this day and time of suffering. We not only hear but we know there is such being done over this great world. No one can deny it. Many are being rebuked and ridiculed for not being willing to suffer more for our country's sake. Thousands of lives have already been sacrificed and many more to be. Oh, the pangs and horrors of it all—seems as I take up my pen these things hang over me like a dark pall! Then my soul is stirred and I wonder: What am I doing?

What is being done to suffer and sacrifice all for Jesus? We know no one who takes up the cross to follow Him can escape suffering, and must be endowed with the willingness to sacrifice. Then we begin to reflect and wonder what more we must do to sacrifice or give up for Him. Have I given up all? We are made to wonder and marvel at the great mass of people that are pledging and giving up all for "our country's sake." We admire their loyalty, the nobleness of many. But can we dare look back and think of what could have been given up for the cause we all so love—or think we do.

Well do I remember about eighteen or twenty years ago while attending a campmeeting in Denver, Colorado, I met with a dear, precious saint, a dear "mother in Israel." She had a son and family who were home on a furlough as missionaries. She was the most burdened soul, it seemed to me, of any on the camp grounds. She told me how her son and family had to suffer because of lack of proper food and necessities of life and she knew many other missionaries had to do likewise. How her heart was grieved when she saw how the enemy had crept in among God's people. The spirit of pride and indifference had overwhelmed. She drew my attention to many who were wearing such expensive hose. All had to have silk, then had to be the best or they wouldn't last. Of course I knew such was the outstanding conditions. I couldn't deny it and was beginning to be guilty too. When anything was said about it the answer would be, "Oh, that poor old soul studies about those things so much, and it is effecting her mind." Sad, sad, but true, often one of God's prophets would sound the warning, but too many were lulled to sleep.

Now what do we see? A world lost in sin, and too many of us have allowed the enemy to creep in and influence us, and choke out the word. The bur-

den, the vision of lost souls became dull to the hearing, the eyes became blind to the seeing, self-righteous spirits became thick and the Devil's flood drowned out the sweet Spirit of God. He started by just slipping in, then he took possession.

Today the war cry is sounded out all over our land. We are living in the midst of it, and living expecting to hear the siren's call to escape for our lives. Thousands are laying down formality and pride, donning plain attire. Cotton hose are considered sensible, also good sensible shoes—in fact all clothing is more on the "common sense" order. What has done it? Not much of the love of Christ do we see, but people are driven to it by this war, and all are willing to do all that can be done.

Now we who know the worth of Salvation, the joy of it, we turn to our precious Bibles and find consolation; but, oh, ought not it to bring us to repentance of the days and money spent that should have been used in the gospel? I confess my work has been small compared to the work that I should have done and would have done if I had been more fully consecrated and willing to suffer for Christ's sake. Oh it's so easy to be swamped under when the flood comes. In 1 Peter 3:14, 15 we read, "But and if ye suffer for righteousness sake, happy are ye: and be not afraid of their terror, neither be troubled; But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you." Read also 1 Peter 4:1, 2. We fought against fanaticism so hard until a root of bitterness sprang up and choked out the sweet Spirit of love, for our love one to another waxed cold.

Dear ones, take up your pencil and paper. Figure up the thousands of dollars spent for just the "pride of life;" not only silk hose, but many other expensive luxuries or things to satisfy the pride of the eye. Consider the beauty parlors. Thousands who profess to know Christ have been guilty of being steady customers. I have often heard it said that a girl "better be dead than not in style." Well, one surely is dead spiritually if he tries to follow the styles, let alone all the ungodly fashions of nudeness. Guilty—Who has the sentence pronounced on them but the one who once knew God but held on to his profession and let the goddess of pride rule him? Don't tell me God overlooks this. He is no respecter of persons. "Woe to them that are at ease in Zion."

May God help us all to see how great this sin has been. Just figure it all up. See what a sum! It's enough to scare one until he shudders. What could have been done for Jesus' sake if we all had been willing to have suffered! Those of us who now repent, let us redeem the time putting on the whole armor of God's righteousness and follow in Jesus' holy steps.

Some may say, "I sure never went to any shows or worldly places." Well, perhaps not, but many went to meeting, taught Sunday School classes who ought to have been on their knees repenting, calling on God for their transgressions. Now we see the day is at hand. 1 Peter 4:7, "But the end of all things

is at hand, be ye therefore sober, and watch unto prayer." Also 1 Peter 17, 18, 19; 1 Peter 5:4-6. Oh, dear ones, let us be ready for the coming of the Lord, clothed in clean, white linen which is the righteousness of the saints. Amen. —Jessie Holloman.

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God Can Work Wonders

All great soul-winners have been men and women of prayer. I have known nearly all the great evangelists of this generation, and many of the last. All were men of intense prayer.

One man moved my soul tremendously when I was a young unconverted journalist. He was staying with a Presbyterian minister, and I said, "I would like to see Mr. So-and So." The minister spoke of him with awe in his voice and something wonderful in his face, and said, "I have never had such a man live in my house. I do not know when he sleeps. When I go to his room at night to see if he is comfortable, he is in prayer. I saw him go into the church early this morning and he has not been home for meals."

I found the church . . . I crept in lest I would disturb him. It was in the tropics of Australia. I found him divested of his coat and collar. He lay prostrate at the communion rail. I could hear the agony of his voice and the tears in his voice as he pleaded with God for that great gold mining city, that he might lead souls to God. He had been praying all night. And he had fasted and prayed all day.

I crept up to where he lay. I knelt by his prostrate form and put my hand on his shoulder and it was wet with sweat. He had never seen me before but he looked up for a moment and said, "Pray with me, brother. I cannot live if this town does not turn to God." He had been there about three weeks without conversions . . . I knelt with him and prayed with him and he opened his heart to God and pleaded as I never heard a man plead. I went back to my office awed, humbled, trembling . . .

That night I went to the great church where he preached. No one knew he had no food all day, and no sleep the night before. But when he rose in the church I heard several say, "What an unearthly light is on his face." It is true. He was a great Bible teacher but not an evangelist. But that night as he preached, something happened, and the whole place broke beneath the power of God. That was the first great ingathering of souls I had ever witnessed. —Lionel Fletcher.

There is grace in time of need
Always, for the seeking soul;
Though it find it not awhile,
Faith is certain of her goal!
—Albert Emerson Brown

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High Point, N. C.—Dear Bro. Pruitt: I send greetings in the precious name of Jesus. I would have enjoyed being with all of you at the Hammond, La. campmeeting. I thought about and prayed for the meeting and trust that it was a success for the Lord and a rich feast for your souls. The Lord has done wonderful things for me, and healed me of an awful continued cough and heart dropsy. The swelling is gone. That smothering which kept me from lying down and sleeping is gone. I can lie down and sleep now. Also that scaley itching condition of legs and feet is gone. I could scarcely walk any distance, but now can walk two or three miles. I thank and praise the dear Lord for what he has done for me and thank the dear saints for their prayers for my healing. Continue to pray for wife and me, that we do the will of the Lord in all things. Your brother in the Lord for the spread of the truth,
Ashford Newell.

Editorials

With each paper of this issue of “Faith and Victory” we are inserting a self-addressed envelope and a “Three Months” Subscription blank with prepared places for twenty names and addresses for you to fill in and return to us with one dollar. Send five cents extra in postage to care for the mailing of the premium to you. You are invited to choose any one of the eight articles listed on the blanks as a premium for the twenty names and addresses.

We shall appreciate your prompt response to this offer as we are anxious to get the gospel to as many as possible during the three winter months when people do more reading than at other times. Many of those that were sent in last year on the three months offer have become regular subscribers to the “Faith and Victory” paper. If we keep busy doing something for the Lord and precious souls, we shall keep our own souls saved and ready for His appearing.

This offer will expire November 15, 1943 and there will be no more three months subscriptions offered after that until another year. Let each one begin at once, and get your subscriptions in early so they will be ready to begin with the December issue. If your subscription comes in later than Nov. 15th we will have to begin them with the Jan., 1944 issue.

The regular subscriptions have increased more than a third in the last year and we are expecting, by your cooperation, that a much larger increase will be made during the coming year. All the workers here in the office will be looking for your list of twenty names. Let us all move in the fear of the Lord and be a worker together with Him.

The Lord has been supplying us with some more workers in his print shop. Bro. Merrill Williamson, a young man from Louisiana has come up here to help in the work. He was in the army stationed in a camp in Michigan. He became convicted of his sins and prayed through and was born from above and by the spirit of God was made a new creature in Christ. After he got saved he did not want to go on in the war to fight and to kill so he did much praying to the Lord for deliverance and requested prayer of the saints. The army doctors seemed to have found a defect in the ear drum and it was not long until they gave him an honorable discharge from the army. He is now giving his services to the Lord in the great battle against sin and evil of every kind. The Lord will supply his “Print Shop” with workers even if he has to have the officials find something wrong so they can be loosed and free for his service. His home was formerly in Louisiana near Loranger. His parents live there and are saints in the evening light. Bro. Merrill was reared by Christian parents and taught the true way. He is good help in the office work and is satisfied and happy in the Lord.

Sister Rosella Slifer whose home is in Pennsylvania has also joined the office force and is helping nicely in the work. She is a precious Christian girl and is glad to be helping put out the tracts and papers

and sending out the gospel by the printed page. However, she is not giving her full time to the work as she does nursing work at the old people's home during the night hours. She is making good in the work and we do appreciate her services. I am sure the Lord is blessing her as she seems to be so contented and satisfied.

We truly appreciate all of these young Christian workers as they are all so devoted to God and so willing to give their time and services to God, instead of bothering themselves about the big wages that so many are getting in the defense plants. Surely by these sacrifices they are laying up much treasure in heaven and their souls are growing and prospering. There are five workers in the "Lord's Print Shop" besides wife and I and others of the Church here who help when rush work is on hands. The packages of tracts, booklets, and papers are being printed and sent out every day and much lasting good is being done. We do appreciate all of those, who by sending offerings are workers together with God in getting this Gospel to men.



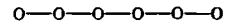
I have heard some say that a fanatical minister or fanatical spirits possessing professed saints can cause more grief and do more damage in confusing and causing weak saints to backslide than a compromising minister or spirits.

I am aware of the fact that a fanatic can do much damage and cause much grief, but usually their damage is not so far-reaching, neither does their work bring so many souls to destruction as a clever compromising minister or spirits, which gradually bring a host of souls to ruin, for they are hard to discern at the first, for they cover with a soft lovey, lovey spirit which slyly and surely brings an abundance of grief to the righteous and destroys a multitude of souls in the end.

The fanatic generally does his storming and stout fleshly actions branding the righteous as evil, causing grief and trouble and if he cannot take charge of things, he will get off somewhere with a little bunch of frightened sheep and fleece them, trying to make them believe that he and his little bunch are the only ones en route for heaven, causing some to be lost or go along with half starved souls. But he cannot and does not take a host of souls to destruction. Other fanatics may jump about and work into some congregations as a fowl on a branch and cause grief and confusion for a while, but will soon (if the pastor and congregation stand true to God) have to hunt for green pasture and what influence they have will soon die.

On the other hand, a compromising minister has a much broader and riper field on which to work, and with his sly, cunning, lovey spirit will fool many that are weak in the faith and others who are in some ways beginning to love the world. Though it may take him many years, he will succeed in dragging a multitude of souls to ruin. The natural man is subject to vanity and the compromiser will flatter and blarney those he cannot get in any other way. One will have to be dead indeed unto the world and

the self life if he keeps immune from receiving honor of man and feeling good when flattered by these prominent, compromising preachers.



There are some who use or refer to the seven churches in Asia, spoken of by John the Revelator, to prove that there is sin and division in the church of God. Because most of these churches were slipping back and some had evil workers who had crept in among them or had backslidden in heart and were counted as some of the church, does not prove that there was sin or division in the Body of Christ, which in reality is the church. The body of Christ, the church of the living God which is made up of blood-washed, redeemed souls, has no sin in it. It is without spot, wrinkle, or any such thing. (Eph. 5:27). This blood-washed throng of believers in the world today make up the real church of God, the exclusive church or body of the Lord, which is separate from the world and all worldly man-made churches (so-called). Even today where the divinely organized church of God or body of Christ is meeting together there may be some who will backslide in heart and cause trouble and grief for a season, and other cunning, crafty spirits surrounded by flesh may creep in and deceive unwary souls for a time and bring much grief, but they are not of the true church. They belong to the crafty workings of Satan—fowls of the air that are lodging in the branches of the kingdom, but not of the kingdom. (Luke 13:19; Mark 4:32). The revealing of the backsliding and evil works of anostatized or fowl spirits working among the children of God is a tremendous warning today to the overseers or pastors of the different flocks to be on their guard and to root out or keep out, by the help of the Lord, all wrong spirits that the flocks of the "Holy One" be not grieved and defiled with error and the wrath of God come upon the whole body. God sets the members in the body as it pleases Him and those whom he sets in as overseers or pastors have a great responsibility before God to yield to God and work with Him to keep the body clean and protect the sheep and lambs from ravenous wolves in sheep's clothing that the whole body may be presented to God as a chaste virgin full of the fruits of the Spirit.

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ASSEMBLY MEETING NOTICE

The Hammond, La. Assembly meeting will begin on Friday night of November 26 to continue over two Sundays or longer as the Lord leads. All saints and lovers of the truth are invited. For information write to Bro. and Sister Ray Key, Box 370, Hammond, La., or to Max Williamson, care of Postoffice, Hammond, La.

MEETING REPORT

Meeting was held at the Watson School on the fourth Sunday in July. The Lord blessed in the meeting, for which we give him all the praise. Three followed the Lord in baptism, after which ordinance meeting was held.

Ministers present were Bro. W. H. Knight of Tulsa, Okla. and Bro. Richardson of Hoffman, Okla. Some saints from Mounds and Okmulgee were with us on Sunday. We all rejoiced in the Lord. Lizzie Murdock.

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Genuine Heart-Felt Prayer

About 1657 John Bunyan, author of "Pilgrim's Progress," was brought before Judge Hale, chief justice of the King's Court, to answer certain charges against him. One charge was that he violated the rules of the Church of England by refusing to use the common prayer book. Bunyan replied that he prayed with the spirit, not by the common prayer book, for its printed prayers were made up by other men and not by the motions of the Holy Spirit within one's own heart. He also declared that as to the Lord's prayer (Matt. 6:9-15) there were very few that could say the first two words of that prayer as to call God their Father by experiencing the reality of a new birth in Christ.

I would that every Christian would read "Pilgrim's Progress," for it is the most wonderful book, second to the Bible to encourage the saved to press on to the holy city. It is also a powerful message to the unsaved.

When Jesus prayed and struggled with God in Gethsemane, he had much more to pray about than the short Lord's prayer. Our own daily experience and battle against unrighteousness may differ in many ways from that of others, and it would be deception and untruth for you to pray the same prayer or words that someone has printed in a book or hymnal. That would be the author's experience, and not yours at all.

It is a delusion to think that the only place to get in touch with the Lord to commune or pray is in some cathedral, temple, or church building. Sincere heart-felt prayer coming from within the depths of your soul telling of your own personal experience and need and request for help to others in need of salvation and healing of body, is as a sweet smelling savor to God and prevails with Him. "Continuing instant in prayer" (Rom. 12:12) indicates that prayer (speaking to the Lord) is a blessed privilege and opportunity at any moment, day or night, at work, at home, or anywhere one happens to be. One need not stop his work to offer up a sensible needful prayer; nor set a date or place to pray. One can get in touch with the Lord God even in rushing, busy moments, or when conversing with someone. One should be prayed up at all times and living in touch with him to the extent that he could contact God in times when the need is urgent. A burden for the needy, aged, afflicted, and unsaved that one may meet on the streets, in hospitals, or sanitoriums gives one a deep sense of the need of instant prayer.

Ceremonial, formal prayers read from a book are disgusting and dishonoring to our Lord. He denounced such as "vain repetitions" (Matt. 6:7). The same old form of prayer that one hears over and over again among many sects avails nothing with God. A full-gospel Christian has no need of a prayer book or a string of beads (rosary), for our Lord is pleased

to hear his servants use wisdom and understanding by carefully weighing their words of prayer that they be not idle words (See Eccl. 5:2). The prayers of Christians should be motivated by the Holy Spirit. It is not the length of prayer that always counts with God, but the sincerity of the heart of the one who prays. Paul said, "I will pray with the spirit, and I will pray with the understanding." 1 Cor. 14:15. A sanctified Christian whose daily life is dedicated to the perfect will of God has far more to express in heart-felt prayer than others. He has much to praise the Lord for—the daily blessings of a close walk and communion with Christ, which may differ as the days come and go. Many are his victories over temptations and sore trials.

It would sound so foolish for a child to express its love to its mother by repeating the same words each day, for it naturally and essentially will have new incidents to narrate of its experience day by day.

Recently a young man who had separated himself from a sect which had kept him in darkness or ignorance of true Bible salvation in this life, still thought he had to pay a minister to do his praying for him. Commercialized prayer is an abomination to God, for "blind leaders of the blind" are more interested in the money they exact from those whom they pray for than for the need.

Many professing Christians do not pray, and do not know how to pray. They seem to think the minister is paid to do that for them. Certainly, no one can ever hope to know God unless he knows how to pray. In time of distress and great need anyone can cry for help. Even so, when a sinner realizes his miserable lost condition, he can pray, if it is nothing more than, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner."

Naturally, those who have repented and been born of the Spirit of the Lord learn and fervently love to pray their own personal prayers from their heart emotions. It is as natural for a true Christian to commune with his heavenly Father as it is for a child to commune with its earthly parents. Those who separate themselves from the sins of this old world to follow the Lord are able to pray for the Holy Spirit is with them and in them to reveal and teach them the things of God.

Through answered prayer the saved realize amazingly great is the priceless value of full salvation and righteous living that makes it possible for the humble child of God to definitely know the reality of the Lord who has things in store for him so much more beautiful than anything this perishing world has ever seen or ever will see (John 14:1-3). This same Jesus wishes to keep in daily touch with his redeemed ones, and he wants to hear from them often through prayer and meditation motivated by daily holy living.

—John H. Griffith

Prayer Meeting Dies Horrible Death

Mrs. Prayer Meeting died recently at the First Neglected Church on Worldly Avenue. Born many years ago in the midst of great revivals, she was a strong, healthy child, fed largely on testimony and spiritual holiness, soon growing into world-wide

prominence, and was one of the most influential members of the famous church family.

For the past several years Sister Prayer Meeting has been in failing health, gradually wasting away until rendered helpless by stiffness of knees, coldness of heart, inactivity, and weakness of purpose and will power. At last she was but a shadow of her former happy self. Her last whispered words were inquiries concerning marts of trade and places of worldly amusements. Her older brother, Bro. Class Meeting, has been dead for many years.

Experts, including Dr. Works, Dr. Reform, and Dr. Joiner, disagreed as to the cause of her fatal illness, administering large doses of organization, socials, contests, drives, and religious education, but to no avail. A post mortem showed a deficiency of spiritual food, coupled with lack of fasting, faith, heartfelt religion, shameless desertion, and non-support were contributing causes. Only a few were present at her death, sobbing over memories of her past beauty and power. Carefully selected pallbearers were urged to tenderly bear her remains away, but failed to appear. There were no flowers. Her favorite hymns, "Amazing Grace" and "Rock of Ages" were not sung. Miss Ima Modern rendered "Beautiful Isle of Somewhere," but none had any idea where this fancied isle might be. The body rests in the beautiful cemetery of Bygone Glories awaiting the summons from above.

In honor of her going the church doors will be closed on Wednesday nights, save on the third Wednesday of each month, when the Ladies' Pink Lemonade Society serves refreshments to the members of the Men's Handball Team. —Sel.

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Whom Do You Love?

"If ye love me, keep my commandments." John 14:15.

It seems that the bulk of souls are being destroyed today by the love of the world in their hearts. In 1 John 2:15 we read, "Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man [any man or woman] love the world, the love of the Father is not in him."

Most of them love the world so much that they never get really saved from it, and others allow it to creep in after having been washed in the blood and become like the sow that was washed and returned again to her wallowing in the mire, or the dog that eats again that which he had vomited up. (2 Peter 2:22). This is a very sad condition for any one to get into and if saints will watch and will not receive the thoughts of Satan, but resist them and draw nigh unto God He will keep them from fleshly lusts (1 Peter 2:11) and worldly lusts (Titus 2:12) and preserve them blameless and spotless before him at his coming.

It seems that those saints who are letting some of the love of the world in can always find a compromising minister who will sympathize with them. If their weakness is dress, he will tell them that little

things like that do not matter. But the sacred word tells us that "Little foxes spoil the vine."

The command of God is so plain, telling us not to be conformed to the world (Rom. 12:2); yet many will allow the enemy to put thoughts into their minds that it does not matter if it is just a little. Dear saint of God, a little conforming to the world will soon call for more and the world in time will claim its own. Your soul will become darkened as so many have already and you will be going on conformed to the world and dishonoring Christ with a profession.

Some one may say, "What do you mean by being conformed to the world?" Webster's definition of conform is to "Make like; to bring in harmony or agreement, as with the customs of society; to harmonize, to adapt." When saints begin to agree with and adapt the customs of the worldly society in slang speech, in revelry, in going to picture shows, in fads and fashions of dress, such as short sleeves and short skirts, low necks, bobbed hair, painted lips and fingernails, adorning with laces, gaudy ribbons, neck ties, and any other unnecessary article of dress or adornments, such as gold, pearls, and costly apparel to make a show, they are conforming to the world and breaking the commandments of the Lord and the apostles and their teachings and instructions of the family of God.

Some one may say, "These things are not in my heart." It would be just as reasonable for those who tell lies to say, "The lying is not in my heart." Your heart is the seat of your affections. If you were dead to the world (Col. 3:1, 2, 3) you would have no desire for the things of the world, neither would you have any wish to conform to the worldly-minded to shun the reproach of the cross.

If saints want to please the Lord they should not dress their children contrary to God's word. Their little girls should not be dressed with worldly adornments, short sleeves, and short dresses, making them bare and immodest, instilling pride in their hearts and worldly conformity. Neither should their boys be dressed with bare arms and legs or any immodest apparel which would set a bad example. The scriptures tell us to bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. (Eph. 6:4).

The professed saint in the pew or the woman in the pulpit with immodest short skirts, bare arms, bobbed hair, painted lips and finger nails belongs to Satan's family and is of the world, no matter how nice she may appear or how many good works she may do or how well she may preach, or what good things she may say; for by professing to follow Christ with such a display of worldly conformity, she disgraces Christ and brings reproach upon the cause of God and all of his true followers. All who conform to the world in smaller degrees are in the current that will gradually but surely in time wreck their salvation and cause others to follow this wrong example and lose their souls also. Jesus told his disciples, "Ye are not of the world even as I am not of the world." Paul in 1 Timothy, second chapter teaches against all worldly conformity and adorning. Peter does the same in 1 Peter, third chapter. These

two leading apostles clearly teach the saints against such and we know that all scripture is given by inspiration of God and it is profitable for doctrine, for instruction in righteousness (2 Tim. 3:16). We as saints should be careful to obey the teachings in every way. Those who become indifferent about it and conform to the world in different ways prove to God and real saints that they do not value their salvation very much. By doing such things they are failing God and will not be chosen in the judgment day to dwell with him in the glory world, but they will awake up to the fact that their names are written in the earth. They will perish and go down into torment and everlasting burnings where the worm (soul) dieth not and the hell fire burnings are never quenched.

Fred Pruitt.

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Look Beyond Earth and Self

Most of us are reaching for a higher power, that something that gives us faith in ourselves and our fellowmen. Of our own selves we can do nothing, but we can do all things through Christ who strengtheneth us. Phil. 4:13.

The prodigal son went into a far country (sin) and wasted his substance (talents, time, etc.) with riotous living. When he was faint he even fed upon the husks that unclean things partook of, but that didn't satisfy. When he came to himself, he said, "I will arise and go to my father." He arose and went to his father. By obeying his better impulse, he was lifted up even to the eternal. Because when he was yet a great way off his father saw him and had compassion and ran to meet him and kissed him. The son said to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven, and in thy sight, and am no more worthy to be called thy son." But the father told the servants to bring the best robe (righteousness) and put it on him for his son which was dead (spiritually) was alive again, he was lost but was found. They began to be merry. (Luke 15:11-25). There is more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner that repenteth than ninety-nine just persons that need no repentance. "Strive to enter in at the strait gate, for many I say unto you will seek to enter in and shall not be able." "The ungodly shall not stand in the judgment nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous. For the Lord knoweth the way of the righteous; but the way of the ungodly shall perish." Psa. 1:5, 6.

—Mrs. Chas. Reese

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Training Children

"For I have told him that I would judge his house forever for the iniquity which he knoweth, because his sons made themselves vile and he restrained them not." 1 Sam. 3:13. "He that spareth the rod hateth his son, but he that loveth him chasteneth him betimes." Prov. 3:24. "Chasten thy son while there is yet hope, and let not thy soul spare for his crying." Prov. 19:18. "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it." Prov. 22:6.

"Withhold not correction from the child, for if thou beatest him with the rod he shall not die. Thou shalt beat him with the rod and shalt deliver his soul from hell." Prov. 23:13, 14. "The rod and reproof give wisdom, but a child left to himself bringeth his mother to shame." Prov. 29:15.

John Wesley's mother said, "The subjecting the will (stubbornness) is a thing which must be done at once, and the sooner the better. In the esteem of the world they pass for kind and indulgent whom I call cruel parents; who permit their children to form habits which they know must be broken. The parent who indulges his child does the devil's work, makes religion impracticable, salvation unattainable, and does all that in him lies to damn his child, soul and body forever." No wilful transgression ought ever to be forgiven children without chastisement.

John Wesley says: "A wise parent should begin to break their will (stubbornness) the moment it appears." "From a year old make your child do as he is bid; if you whip him ten times running, let no one persuade you it is cruel to do this—it is not cruel to do it. If you fear God, how dare you suffer a child above a year old to say, 'I will do what you forbid,' or 'I won't do what you bid,' and go unpunished? Why do you not stop him at once, that he may never say so again? Have you no compassion for your child? No regard for his salvation or destruction? Why, disobedience is as certain a way to damnation as cursing and swearing. The will of a parent is to a little child in the place of the will of God. Therefore, studiously teach them to submit to this while they are children, that they may be ready to submit to God when they are men."

Never on any account give a child anything it cries for. For it is a true observation, if you give a child what he cries for, you pay him for crying, and he will certainly scream again. 'But if I do not give it to him when he cries, he will cry all day long.' If he does, it is your fault. For it is in your power effectually to prevent it, for no mother need suffer a child to cry aloud after it is a year old.

"Do not be always slapping the children and never use violent or terrifying punishment unless necessary. Take the rod; let it tingle, and pray God to bless it. Whatever is done should be done with mildness, nay, indeed, with kindness too, otherwise your own spirit would suffer loss and the child will reap but little advantage."

"Unite firmness with gentleness; let your children understand that you mean exactly what you say, and that your wishes are not to be trifled with. Be careful what company your children keep.

"Never suffer yourself to be amused by any immodest action."

A word of encouragement, occasionally, will accomplish much; but do not flatter or praise children to their faces. Train your children at an early age to pray. Take them alone with you into some room and there pray with and especially for them. This will make a lasting impression upon them. Above all, let parents be themselves what they wish their children to be.

—Selected.

Young People's Section

Help One Another

How often do we leave unsaid
The word that should be spoken
And leave undone a kindly act
To heal a heart that's broken.

How often do we act as though
We were the only soul
Who lived upon this mighty earth
And should enjoy the whole.

Oh, why should we, the human race
Forget our needy brother
And miss the blessings that come
By helping one another?
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Editorials

Death is no respecter of persons. The human race, both old and young, are rushing onward to the grave, for "it is appointed unto man once to die." Since the old must die and the young will die, how wisely Solomon has admonished us to "remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth" and make preparation for that appointment. Where is the person who does not believe that he shall die? And then consider how few are making preparation for that event.

Man's life "is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away." It is "a wind that passeth away, and cometh not again." "He flieth as a shadow, and continueth not." "Our days are swifter than a weaver's shuttle." The certainty of death should destroy all pride of personal attainments, or personal beauty or appearance. How vain and foolish to be proud of these things, when in a little time all these will pass away forever.

Notice the words of another on this subject: "The certainty of death should cause you to make preparation for it. I wonder that man should act with so much wisdom in the affairs of the world and yet act with so much folly in the affairs of the life to come. If any great event is about to take place relating to your earthly concerns, you think much of it and endeavor to prepare for it, yet alas! you are thoughtless and careless with respect to the greatest of all events which can happen to man on the earth; an event, indeed, which removes him from the earth and dispatches him to the land of souls. You must die; and therefore, it is the truest wisdom to fulfill your mission, and stand in readiness for the change. You must grapple with the last enemy; and therefore, you should seek heart purity through Christ's atonement. You must cross the swelling floods; and therefore, you must get rid of your sins which, if not forsaken, will hang about you like a mill-stone, and prevent you reaching the shores of heaven. It is sin which gives death its sting. Give

up thy sins, and death will be disarmed of its terror. Seeing then thou wilt soon take thy flight into another state, it behooves thee to be in haste to prepare for it."

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Bro. Hyrum Ray of the Guthrie congregation, who is working under C. P. S. authority was recently transferred from the hospital work at Ypsilanti, Mich. to a camp at Denison, Iowa. A letter just received from him says he is gaining ground in the Lord and desires to ever submit to the Lord's way. If he is not released soon, he expects to apply for work in another hospital. Pray the Lord to direct him.

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Clark Porter, Jr., another young man of the Guthrie congregation, was assigned this past summer to a C. P. S. camp at Colorado Springs, Colo. Just recently while at the camp he accidentally fractured a bone in his leg. Since he was unable to work, the authorities permitted him to return home for a period of seven weeks while his leg was getting well. He felt that his getting to come home on a visit was an answer to prayer. His leg is healing nicely.

—L. D. P.

Conscience Should Be Regulated

Conscience is like a watch—it may look right, and you may go by it on the assumption that it is right, and find that you have missed your train because it was all wrong, after all. The watch must be set by the sure time, and regulated from time to time as comparison with the chronometer shows it needs.

—Maltbie D. Babcock

"Except Henry"

In the home of a pious farmer there hung the well-known motto: "But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord." The motto meant something in that house, for the farmer prayed daily that all might truly serve the Lord. The last clause fitted all the house except the oldest son, who persistently refused to be saved through Christ. One day the father and son were alone in the room where the motto hung. The father said, "My dear Henry, I cannot and will not be a liar any longer. You, who belong to my house, do not want to serve the Lord. Therefore I must add to the words 'except Henry': it hurts me to do it, but I must be true." The thought so impressed the boy that he gave his heart to God.

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Richwood, W. Va.—Dear Bro. Pruitt and saints scattered abroad throughout the world, Greetings in Jesus' precious name. I am so glad he saved my soul from death. The spiritual death would be much worse than the physical death, I'm sure. God laid it upon my heart 16 months ago to lay my glasses aside and to trust Him, which I did. Praise God! I feel so much better in soul and body. My eyes seem much better and I can read fine print, sew, or anything else without

the aid of glasses. The doctor said I was nearly blind in one eye.

I think the "Faith and Victory" paper is a wonderful paper, both for saved and unsaved. Remember me in your prayers. Your sister in Christ Jesus,

—Alice Elizabeth Hall

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A Broken Spirit

"The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit: a broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise." Psa. 51:17. Oh how precious in the sight of the Lord is a broken spirit. We cannot be of much service in this spiritual warfare if we are continually striving for our way. Isaiah 55:8, "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the Lord." The will of man must be made subject to God's will oftentimes through heartaches and sad disappointments wherein the soul does cry. We think surely the Lord has forsaken us, but just keep holding on to God's unchanging hand and he will bring you out victorious with one more precious lesson learned which will help you in many more fiery tests along life's way. The Lord is only teaching you that His way is best in all things, and he only requires you to give yourself fully into His hands and then he can work with you as he pleases. When you come to the place where you can say, "Not my will but thine be done" in all things then can the Lord make you into a vessel of honour.

Jer. 18:3, 4, "Then I went down to the potter's house, and behold he wrought a work on the wheels. And the vessel that he made of clay was marred in the hand of the potter; so he made it again another vessel, as seemed good to the potter to make it." This is the condition of one whose will has not been broken. The Lord chooses us, (a little lump of clay) and begins to work with us that we may be made pliable in His hands but when we refuse to let him mold us according to His will then is the clay marred in the Potter's hands. How it must grieve the Lord when we consider his way too hard and again turn to our own way. In Matt. 21:44 we are told what will happen to such. "And whosoever shall fall on this stone shall be broken: but on whomsoever it shall fall it will grind him to powder." Let us now consider whether the Lord's way is too hard. There are two decisions to make: the one to accept His will or to reject it. If we make the first decision it will mean the crucifying of SELF, but in the end we will gain eternal life. If we choose the latter, everlasting punishment will be our reward when the grim monster of death will claim us for his own.

—Miss Ruby Ellen Doolittle

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Faith Pub. House.—Dear Saints of God, May the Lord ever bless and keep you encouraged to serve him. I am thanking the Lord this afternoon for full and free salvation that brings such great peace, joy, and happiness to our never-dying soul. I know that we all have trials and are tempted in many different ways, and will be until we die, but the Lord is the only one who can help us out in time of need. I believe the more we learn to keep

every thing committed into his hands and trust him instead of worrying so much about the things that we can't understand and which come up in our lives, we will get along much better and the Lord will be much better pleased with our lives. The Lord has promised to care for us, his children, and help us in every needed way. I believe he'll do just what he has promised if we will only let him. But I don't believe he can get glory out of doing so if we don't commit ourselves, all our problems, and everything we possess to him and just trust him to care for us in every way instead of worrying about things. When we are worrying we aren't trusting and when trusting, we aren't worrying. We just can't have the victory as we should, or be the encouragement to others we come in contact with if we are burdened down with worries. May the Lord help us to count him faithful and trust him with everything that may come up before us, and let us learn to lean on him. We have his promises to back us and we know he has all power both in heaven and earth. Praise his holy name. I'm thanking and praising the Lord this afternoon for complete victory in my soul. I desire your prayers that I'll ever be faithful and true to God above all things.

Your Brother in Christ, —Merrill Williamson

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Sand Springs, Okla.—Dear Brother and Sister Pruitt, This morning I send greetings of love to all the saints in Jesus' dear name. I can still testify that I am saved, sanctified, and determined to live for Him at all cost.

Since we have but one life to live, and since we face a boundless eternity, it behooves us all to consider well what we are living for. As one observes that most people, especially the young people, are seeking earthly things—wealth, pleasure, position, and honors. They are always seeking something new and different, something that will bring pleasure; but I praise God that I have found out young in life that only true peace and happiness comes from living a consecrated life for Him. God's way is always best. Pray for me that I will ever be true.

I attended meeting in Tulsa the first Sunday in Oct. Bro. Ulysses Phillips was holding a meeting there. Very much encouragement was received. A few were there from other towns. I would like to remind everyone again that we still have young people's day at Tulsa on the fourth Sunday of every month. Would love to have all who can possibly attend.

May God bless you, is my prayer. Your young sister in Christ, Miss Geraldine Hale.

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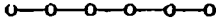
United States Disciplinary Barracks, Fort Leavenworth, Kans.—Dear Mr. Fred Pruitt, brothers and sisters in Christ, I salute you, and may God bless you for your work in sending His word out to all the world. Even behind these prison bars His word is still going on. You may ask how it got here. Well, I think God has more power than man.

I have read many of your books as "God's Gracious Dealings," and I think it is a great book. It surely teaches how a man should live by faith. And "The More Abundant Life" and "A Religious Controversy" are also good. I've read many of your tracts. What I like to read is the paper, "Faith and Victory." The way things stand my money is tied up, as I'm serving time for leaving the army. My parents in N. Dak. would be glad to send you the cost of the paper if you will let me know what the cost is. [The paper has been sent.]

May God bless you and keep you always. I wish you would write at once, for it surely is good to hear from Christian Brothers. Your brother in Christ, Ira L. Fritz, Jr.

Chicago, Ill.—Dear Bro. and Sister Pruitt, Greetings to you and the dear saints at the publishing house in the name of our precious Saviour. Thanks be unto God for the victory that He gives us through Jesus Christ our Lord. The Devil is surely busy trying the saints of the Most High. The Devil knows his time is drawing nigh. Here are some good wholesome scriptures that will help many who are going through. They are the word of God, and we know that God is not slack concerning his promises: Gal. 6:9; Matt. 24:13; Heb. 3:6, 14; Heb. 10:36; Heb. 12:3, 5; Rev. 2:10.

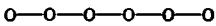
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Purdy, Mo.—Dear Brothers and Sisters, May the Lord of us all find you well and doing well. May God's richest blessings be yours, is the prayer of your sister. This finds me still in the battle for the Lord. He has done so much for me and it seems I have done so little for him, but as I am now it is hard for me to do very much. I want the Lord to have his way with me. I am glad I took the strait and narrow way, for it is the Bible way. Sometimes we have to stand alone, without children, and brothers and sisters in the flesh, but God's grace is sufficient. I am isolated from the saints and cannot be in meeting. I receive much help from the paper. Remember me in your prayers.

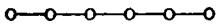
A sister in Christ,

Mrs. Stella Decocq



Independence, La.—Dear Bro. Pruitt and Family of God, I'm sorry I haven't written sooner as I've felt impressed to write you my testimony and the Devil would always tell me I couldn't do that. But this morning I feel so fine in my soul that I'm going to defy the Devil and write the best I can. Monday morning I cut my thumb and finger quite bad on a potted ham can while fixing lunch. I went right to God and asked him to heal them and make them well so I could go about my household duties. On Wednesday I went with my husband who hauls lumber. To my great surprise, when we came home all of our dirty clothes had been washed and were hanging on the line. Praise God! The Lord laid the burden on my brother and his wife to come and do my washing for me. I just cannot thank God enough.

I want all of you to pray for them that they may see more clearly how pure, clean, and holy we must live in order to reach heaven. Pray for me that I may always be humble and have grace to resist the Devil. All who want to can live for God and leave the pleasures of this world behind and lay up treasures in God's store house. My desire is to live for God. I know I've made mistakes and said things or acted in some ways not pleasing to God, but I would have a heavy feeling in my heart about it until I would cry to God and ask His forgiveness. I desire to be a light in my home before my husband and children. Your sister in Christ, Mrs. Alvin Carney



Paterson, N. J.—Dear ones in Faith Pub. House,

May God ever bless all of you in your work for the Master. There never was a time when the gospel in its fullness was more needed than now. I have been talking to the young girls where I work of the Lord. They are mostly Catholic, but they have seen my prayers answered every day, so they come to me and ask me to pray for the Lord to answer their prayers. Please pray that they will find the Saviour whom we have found so faithful and true to all who love and keep His commandments. I found one which had the same belief, so I took her the "Faith and Victory" paper. She gave me a dollar to send for the paper for her. I hope and pray the dear Lord will help in every way He sees best.

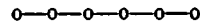
Yours in His service,

Mrs. James Brooks

Alma, Mich.—Dear Bro. and Sis. Pruitt, Greetings to one and all in the name of our blessed Jesus, the one altogether lovely to His saints. We trust all saints there are having a good time in the Lord and that "all is well" with all of you. Bless the Lord! We find it sweet to serve the Lord from the heart and though our pathway may be filled up with trials and our cross somewhat heavy at times, yet there is a blessed comfort in the assurance that all is well with my soul. Like the song says, "Tho storms sweep o'er my trembling bark, And waves around me swell, Still this my ransomed soul shall sing, 'Tis well with me, 'tis well." Oh! yes, "Tho friends forsake and I alone the narrow way pursue, Thy grace dear Lord, I only ask My courage to renew." We know that some sweet day "we'll sing a sweeter anthem with unnumbered millions there, Glory, honor, and salvation in our home so bright and fair." Having this hope is worth more than all the wealth of this world and we humbly thank our God for the blood of Jesus that has brought this hope into our hearts.

Earl still preaches at the mission at St. Louis. Only a few come out to hear the gospel, but they flock to the popular houses which is the broad way. Our hearts are grieved and torn with the conditions that exist about us as it seems whichever way we look we only see Sodom and souls choosing death rather than life, and going down in despair. Our own loved ones are in this vast multitude and we only can pray and weep. Surely these are not days for mirth and laughter. How we miss the saints and camp meetings! tho I believe we can truthfully say we have been brought closer to Jesus and He sweeter to us during this time of isolation. We cannot go to Mt. Pleasant to meetings any more on account of gas rationing. We haven't seen Bro. and Sister Parsons and family since last July.

I have a request to make, that you be agreed in prayer that the Lord touch and heal my throat that I might sing to the glory of God. I have been afflicted this way several months and I cannot sing except as the Spirit of the Lord especially comes and helps out. I would love to have this thing cleared up permanently. So pray! God bless everybody, Earl and Hazel Brown.



Kansas City, Mo.—Dear saints, This is the first time I have ever written a testimony for the paper. I want all to know what the Lord has done for me.

I've been saved twenty-one years and walking in all the light God shines upon my pathway.

When my father died in 1931, I came to Kansas City to live with my sister who passed on in 1942, leaving me with no earthly companion.

My sister had a barber shop. One hot summer evening she fell asleep in the chair and I lay down on a bench to sleep. A snake came in under the screen door and bit me four times in my eye. That was July 23, 1941. I called on God as never before. I went to see an eye doctor who said I was poisoned from my head to my feet, and could not live long. I had misery for a year and ten months. I would walk the floor, and could not rest for my eye burned like fire. I took no medicine. My eye closed for ten days. When it opened it seemed decayed and had a bad odor. I applied hot towels and olive oil and prayed. The Kansas City saints were very good to me. They helped pay my room rent and prayed much for me. My eye looked like dried blood.

After a year my sister passed on, then I was alone. I was blind until Sept. 30, 1942. My face was covered with sores and a white skin formed on my eye. When it came off I saw double, things also looked unnatural. Folks made fun of me for I did not get myself dressed properly, etc., but the Lord helped me out.

My trial seemed to be about like that of Job. The saints at different places prayed for me and sent money. I earned a little by caring for two children two days a week. The saints encouraged me to trust God; telling me nothing was too hard for Him.

I would have written for the paper before, but was real weak. I am gaining. I thank God that it is as well with me as it is. Even the worldly people admit that the Lord surely did bring me out. I can not see clearly yet. I am asking the saints everywhere to pray that I be completely healed, and that I be kept by God's power free from sin.
C. L. Bowie, 725 E. 8th St.

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Indiana Reformatory, Pendleton, Ind.—Dear Sir:

Thank you for a package of tracts which came recently. They will be used.

I am wondering if you would be willing to give me several hundred copies of "What I Have Seen." This tract has printed on the reverse side an illustration "The Power of Habit" which is striking.

Sincerely yours, T. R. White, Chaplain.

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Marshall, Mich.—Dear Bro. and Sister in Christ Jesus, Greeting in His precious name. I feel led this evening to give a testimony to the children of God through the little paper "Faith and Victory."

I am praising God for his wonderful salvation and for the way he cares for me day by day. He gives me health to be about and to do my daily duties. Truly God is good. He touches my body when I am sick. I had a bad heart attack a short time ago and acute indigestion. I thought my time here was short. I told wife to pray. She did and he touched my body at once.

Wife and I are still fighting the battle alone. Some times it seems we are in the midst of despair with sin on every side. We see nothing but sin from day to day. We seldom see any of the saints to speak a word of encouragement or to offer a word of prayer. One dear old brother from Holland, Mich. came over a week ago and prayed with us. We love the dear Brother C. Brandt.

We found wonderful words of encouragement in the paper this month. We love to hear of the good camp meetings. We have no way of getting to any of them.

We surely need the prayers of the saints. We mean to go all the way by the help of God. Especially pray for my wife's complete healing. God has done wonders for her. We want complete victory for her body.

There is much more I could praise God for, but will not take any more space this time. God bless all the dear saints is our prayer, and again I ask that you remember us in your prayers. Bro. Wm L. VanZandt

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Birch Tree, Mo.—Dear Bro. and Sister Pruitt and all the saints scattered abroad, Greetings. Today finds me still saved with a decision to go all the way for the dear Lord. By His grace and help I mean to be true as long as he lets me live, then go to be with my dear Saviour and all the redeemed through all eternity. Truly it pays to live for the Lord here in this life for he careth for us (1 Pet. 5:7).

Just since the Monark Springs, Mo. campmeeting, soon after I came home I took sick with a bowel trouble something like Mother Whiting had two years ago. I was very sick for three days. The Glass sisters came home with me from the camp meeting, so were here at the time. I told the Lord if he would heal me I would write my testimony. The girls prayed for me and the Lord healed me. About two weeks later we were at Eminence, Mo. in a meeting. Something got wrong with

my left hand and wrist. When I awakened, my hand was paining and swollen. Bro. Gibson prayed for me and my hand was healed. I give God all the praise. What a wonderful Saviour we have. He is everything to me. How could we do without him? I could tell of many healings, but space will not permit. I do praise Him for our lives and our health and the way he cares for us in our old days. I would just like to tell it to others for their encouragement.

Your sister in defense of the Gospel, Lizzie Harper.

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Iaeger, W. Va.—Dear Friends, Eighteen years ago the Lord saved me in a cottage meeting, and I still have that experience. What a wonderful day it was when I heard that sweet voice say, "All your sins are forgiven." When I am sad I go to him and he comforts me. When I am sick I trust him and he heals me. I would rather be a Christian than anything in this world. I want to live a life so the world will know I have been true to my blessed Lord. Friends may deceive you, but the Lord is the same yesterday and today and for ever.

Bertha Bright

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Hoffman, Okla.—Greetings to all saints, It has been some time since I sent my testimony, but I am still saved and trusting in the Lord. I am busy giving out literature and praying for the sick, doing all I can to help lost souls. Pray for me that I may ever stay humble at Jesus' feet.

I thank the saints for their prayers for my grandson who has been in the armed force about one year. He says he hasn't had a sick day since he went there, not even a cold. He is now asking the saints to pray for his lost condition that the Lord will save his soul. Pray for all the boys in the service.

Sister Mattie Owens requests the prayers of the saints for the healing of her body and the saving of her soul. Pray for Lula Holmes for both soul and body.

Pray for Carrie Murdock that the Lord will save her soul.

Rebecca Murdock requests prayers of the saints for both soul and body.

Your sister in the Lord, Lizzie Murdock.

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Bogata, Tex.—Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus, Greetings to you all. I am praising and thanking God for his goodness and mercies toward us. I surely do thank the dear Lord for healing my body. He says, "Him that cometh unto me I will in no wise cast out." He is a rewarder of those that diligently seek him. No one but God knows how much I appreciate and thank him for healing my body. I was sickly all my life. I suppose I have taken as much medicine and had as many different doctors and as many different times as any one person ever had. God knows more about our bodies than any doctor, therefore he can do more for us than any doctor can. He is wonderful to us: I want to always praise and thank and obey Him. "If you love me keep my commandments." His commandments are what I want to know and keep.

Love in Christ Jesus, Essie Moore

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Benton Harbor, Mich.—Bro. Pruitt and Co-workers, God bless you. I am sending you some money to pay on a roll of five "Faith and Victory" papers. I love your little paper very much. It sends forth a certain sound I love to hear. I am praying God will hold you fast to the very last. I am passing through afflictions and trials but still abounding in faith. Henry Thornton.

Pomona, Calif.—Dear Saints, In Jesus' precious name, greetings. I thank the dear Lord for keeping me saved and sanctified. He healed me of serious stomach trouble. Praise the Lord, He has given the victory over many foes which came to try to defeat God's work in my body.

God wrought a great victory for Jehoshapat. He and the people of Judah sought the Lord and he gave them promise of victory. They went forth to battle singing and praising the Lord and God fought the battle. They gathered much spoil and God truly has helped me to gather much spoil in teaching me many precious lessons. I thank God for them.

The Lord gives me a determination to go all the way with Him. I know that He can and will keep me from falling if I will trust and obey Him. Jude 24. Let's be true to God, and by His help trust Him all the way. Let's be encouraged to press the battle on. The Lord told Joshua, "Be strong and of a good courage." Josh. 14:12-14.

Pray for me that I be faithful.
Your sister in Christ,

Fern Fortner

Dear Bro. and Sister Pruitt, Greetings in Jesus' dear name. I trust every reader of "Faith and Victory" will take this matter before the throne in prayer. I just came home from a revival and received my paper. A letter was waiting for me from a lady in Quinton, Va.

The lady, Mrs. Allen Smithie, said she had read my testimony and asked that I pray for her sight to be restored and to be healed of a serious ailment. O how happy I was to know my testimony had gone out. I felt God's presence closer and felt he had anointed me anew. I trust all of you will remember her and that God will heal her and give her a wonderful blessing. I know God answers prayer and we read, "Draw nigh unto God and he will draw nigh unto you." I think that means for us to be alone with God when we pray, especially in a case like this. Your sister in Christ, Hattie Munden.

Rosefield, La.—To all the brothers and sisters there and everywhere, greetings in the precious name of Jesus. I have been a reader of your "Faith and Victory" paper now for one year and really do enjoy it. I live in a community where the most of the people are Baptists, and cannot agree with them on the Bible. There is one God and one mediator between God and man, and that is the man Jesus Christ. Christ built the church, not the denominations as they call the churches today. I don't believe in that kind of worship. He says if we walk in the light as he is in the light we will have fellowship one with the other and the blood of Jesus Christ cleanses us from all sin.

I know I am weak, but I thank God for what little light I do have. I desire the prayers of all the saints that I may grow stronger in the Lord. I have a husband who is unsaved and we have four little girls, the oldest is just twelve years old. I desire your prayers for us all. A believer in Christ Jesus, Mrs. J. H. Babcock.

THE CONTACT

If I should utterly go back, dear Christ,
I know that heaven's justice wills that Thou
My name from out the Book of Life must blot;
But oh, what blessedness to ponder, how
If, by Thy grace, I here shall fail Thee not,
Forever I shall be Thine own, dear Christ!

—Albert Emerson Brown


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THE SACREDNESS OF HUMAN LIFE

Sunday, November 7, 1943

Daily Readings and Meditations
November 1 to 6.

- M. The sacredness of human life Matt. 5:21-26.
- T. The law of love Matt. 5:38-48.
- W. The worth of man Matt. 18:10-14.
- T. Divine ownership of man Psa. 24:1-10.
- F. Christ's peaceable kingdom Isa. 11:1-10.
- S. Evil desire a source of strife James 4:1-10.

Printed PortionExodus 20:13; Matt. 5:21-26; 38-45.

- Ex. 20:13. Thou shalt not kill.
- Matt. 5:21. Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not kill; and whosoever shall kill shall be in danger of the judgment:
- 22. But I say unto you, That whosoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment: and whosoever shall say to his brother, Raca, shall be in danger of the council; but whosoever shall say, Thou fool, shall be in danger of hell fire.
- 23. Therefore if thou bring thy gift to the altar, and there rememberest that thy brother hath aught against thee;
- 24. Leave there thy gift before the altar, and go thy way; first be reconciled to thy brother, and then come and offer thy gift.
- 25. Agree with thine adversary quickly, whiles thou art in the way with him; lest at any time the adversary deliver thee to the judge, and the judge deliver thee to the officer, and thou be cast into prison.
- 26. Verily I say unto thee, Thou shalt by no means come out thence, till thou hast paid the uttermost farthing.

38. Ye have heard that it hath been said, An eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth:

39. But I say unto you, That ye resist not evil: but whosoever shall smite thee on thy right cheek, turn to him the other also.

40. And if any man will sue thee at the law, and take away thy coat, let him have thy cloke also.

41. And whosoever shall compel thee to go a mile, go with him twain.

42. Give to him that asketh thee, and from him that would borrow of thee turn not thou away.

43. Ye have heard that it hath been said, Thou shalt love thy neighbor, and hate thine enemy.

44. But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you;

45. That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust.

Golden Text: "Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer" 1 John 3:15.

Practical Truth: God condemns murder and malice and carnal anger and requires instead good will toward all.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

Jesus said in Mark 7:21 that murder comes from within, out of the heart of men. It lurks in his heart in the form or nature of malice, envy, hatred, and pride.

Malice is an ill-feeling or grudge against another. Envy is a very close kin to it. Envy caused Cain to murder Abel and almost caused Joseph to lose his life. It causes one to feel displeased because of the prosperity or ability of others. Hatred and malice are twin brothers. Hatred has been petted and fed more than malice. The Bible tells us contention cometh by pride. Pride in the heart which has kept one from giving in to another has caused many murders.

The natural man is not responsible for the evil things being in his heart, but he does not have to pet them, feed them, and give place to them. God gave him a will-power which can over-power them and keep them repressed. Under the law, obedience to the commandment, "Thou shalt not kill," kept them from the act of murder.

When John the Baptist came preaching the things concerning Jesus and the kingdom of God which he would set up in the hearts of men, he said, "And now also the ax is laid unto the root of the trees." Jesus came to uproot the evil in the hearts of men and to cleanse them from all sin. Read 1 John 3. He does not stop at destroying the works of the devil but sets up the works of God. "A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you."

But even though Christ gives us a heart of love when we accept his atoning, cleansing blood and are born again, there is still great need for watchfulness on our part, as Christians, to keep Satan from planting his evil seeds again. So Jesus gave the warnings and commandments in today's lesson so we may know how to conduct ourselves to keep in the love of the Lord. "We know that whosoever is born of God sinneth not; but he that is begotten of God keepeth himself and that wicked one toucheth him not." 1 John 5:18.

Since God has provided a perfect cure for the evil in hearts, the root of sin in the heart is just as hideous in his sight as the fruit or actual transgression. Those who have hate in their hearts are murderers in his sight.

There is a great need for this lesson in these days of war when such little value is placed on human life, and the popular spirit is one of hatred for enemies. We must keep in mind that this is not God's Spirit and resist it that our peace of soul be not disturbed.

A very lamentable violation of the sixth commandment among the so-called Christian people of today—and this form of murder has been so popularized that little is thought or said about it—is in the form of birth control, and mothers taking the lives of unborn babies. Mothers, your mass slaughter of innocent babes is crying to heaven for punishment.

THE SANCTITY OF THE HOME

Sunday, November 14, 1943

November 8 to 13

- M. The sanctity of the home Matt. 5:27-32.
- T. The sacredness of marriage Mark 10:2-12.
- W. The value of discretion Prov. 2:10-22.
- T. The husband's duty Eph. 5:25-33.
- F. Harmonious living 1 Cor. 13:1-8.
- S. Safeguarding future generations Psalms 78:1-8.

Printed PortionExodus 20:14; Matt. 5:27-30; Mark 10:2-12.

Ex. 20:14. Thou shalt not commit adultery.

Matt. 5:27. Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not commit adultery:

28. But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart.

29. And if thy right eye offend thee, pluck it out, and cast it from thee: for it is profitable for thee that one of thy members should perish, and not that thy whole body should be cast into hell.

30. And if thy right hand offend thee, cut it off, and cast it from thee: for it is profitable for thee that one of thy members should perish, and not that thy whole body should be cast into hell.

Mark 10:2. And the Pharisees came to him, and asked him, Is it lawful for a man to put away his wife? tempting him.

3. And he answered and said unto them, What did Moses command you?

4. And they said, Moses suffered to write a bill of divorcement, and to put her away.

5. And Jesus answered and said unto them, For the hardness of your heart he wrote you this precept.

6. But from the beginning of the creation God made them male and female.

7. For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and cleave to his wife;

8. And they twain shall be one flesh: so then they are no more twain, but one flesh.

9. What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder.

10. And in the house his disciples asked him again of the same matter.

11. And he saith unto them, Whosoever shall put away his wife, and marry another, committeth adultery against her.

12. And if a woman shall put away her husband, and be married to another, she committeth adultery.

Golden Text: "Blessed are the pure in heart; for they shall see God." Matt. 5:8.

Practical Truth: Purity of life is essential to the happiness of the home and to the enjoyment of God's favor.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

Adultery means sexual unfaithfulness on the part of a married person. Fornication means unlawful sexual relations on the part of unmarried persons. The New Testament forbids fornication as definitely as adultery. They are of the same class so let us discuss them both as one. This is a delicate subject. Especially so, since we realize Sunday School classes are made up of both sexes. Partly because of this and partly because it is such a popular sin, teachers of religion have almost excluded the subject from their public teaching. Young people are left to grow up forming their own opinions which, aided by Satan, are usually far from pure. Mothers and fathers who prefer their children to have pure morals often permit loose conduct for fear of being called "old-fashioned." The result is appalling. One would have to be blind and deaf both physically and spiritually not to shudder because of the Sodomite behaviour in our country. God is no respecter of nations. If one nation met destruction because of this sin, America will not escape. God will not long permit His laws of moral cleanness to be thus trampled underfoot.

God ordained the union of man and woman and has placed in their constitution a desire for companionship. The first marriage took place when God made a companion for Adam and gave her to him in the Garden of Eden. This was before the fall. "Marriage is pure, honorable, and heaven ordained. That man and woman might live together agreeably and happy, God put in their nature a quality called, in our English language, love. . . . This as given of God is pure. But this like other God-given passions can be corrupted, and perhaps no pure virtue ever given to man has been so shamefully corrupted as this love of man and woman. This love of the sexes corrupted has occasioned more crime than any other perverted quality in the nature of man. It over-powers all other love oftentimes."—C. E. Orr.

This lesson may be especially hard to teach to young children, but we must remember that a child does not have to be very old when older ones with impure thoughts begin to teach it wrong things. Little innocent children need much help along this line. The aim in teaching this lesson should be to impress upon the minds and hearts of the pupils the importance and need of clean thinking and clean morals. Ask God for special help in teaching these truths to young minds who are not able to understand the mysteries of life. Loose morals are usually started in childhood. Little practices which lead to immorality bring with them a sense of guilt even to a young child. Emphasize the fact that consciences (that still small voice that speaks on the inside) are God-given and should never be seared. Boys and girls should not do anything that they would care for their parents or some godly person to know. God makes a record of all our actions and thoughts. We should do nothing that we would be ashamed to have on a public record.

This should also be a lesson on modesty.

God's laws allow only one living companion. Divorces are not legal in his sight. If more people realized this truth there would not be so much carelessness in choosing life-companions.

Discuss some results of disregarding the seventh commandment—disease, unhappiness, destruction.

Courtship for the purpose of having a good time is of the world and has no place in the life of a saint of God. Courtships for the purpose of becoming better acquainted with one whom you feel would make a suitable companion should be attended with much prayer and carefulness, and no petting.

HONESTY IN ALL THINGS

Sunday, November 21, 1943

November 15 to 20.

M. Honesty in all things Lev. 19:11, 13.

T. An honest man Luke 19:1-10.

W. Integrity rewarded Prov. 2:6-9.

T. Samuel's integrity 1 Sam. 12:1-5.

F. Just dealings Lev. 19:33-37.

S. Godliness is profitable Prov. 11:1-8.

Printed Portion Ex. 20:15; Lev. 19:11, 13; Luke 19:1-10; 45, 46.

Ex. 20:15. Thou shalt not steal.

Lev. 19:11. Ye shall not steal, neither deal falsely, neither lie one to another.

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

Luke 19:1. And Jesus entered and passed through Jericho.

2. And, behold, there was a man named Zaccheus, which was the chief among the publicans, and he was rich.

3. And he sought to see Jesus who he was; and could not for the press, because he was little of stature.

4. And he ran before, and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see him: for he was to pass that way.

5. And when Jesus came to the place, he looked up, and saw him, and said unto him, Zaccheus, make haste, and come down; for today I must abide at thy house.

6. And he made haste, and came down, and received him joyfully.

7. And when they saw it, they all murmured, saying, That he was gone to be guest with a man that is a sinner.

8. And Zaccheus stood, and said unto the Lord; Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have taken any thing from any man by false accusation, I restore him fourfold.

9. And Jesus said unto him, This day is salvation come to this house, forasmuch as he also is a son of Abraham.

10. For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.

45. And he went into the temple, and began to cast out them that sold therein, and them that bought;

46. Saying unto them, It is written, My house is the house of prayer: but ye have made it a den of thieves.

Golden Text: "Thou shalt not steal." Ex. 20:15.

Practical Truth: Honesty in all things should be a fundamental rule of every life.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

Even very young children understand this eighth commandment; but few of them have had sufficient teaching on it. Very few have reached the age of accountability not guilty of breaking it.

Children usually start stealing when very young at home, and parents as a rule consider it very lightly.

Illustration: Johnny likes the taste of jam. Mother tells him he has had enough for breakfast; but he remembers that his taste calls for more. After breakfast when mother is out of the room he goes where she keeps it and helps himself. Mother catches him at it, but the sight of Johnny's jam-covered face is so funny she laughs, instead of teaching him that the act is stealing and punishing him in a way to make him realize it is wrong. He soon learns he can take other things in the home which he desires. Mother may scold at times, but not correct him sufficiently. Then he goes to school and learns that by hiding them from the owner he can take little things that appeal to his fancy. If this is not

checked it will develop into the taking of big things.

Often parents are not strictly honest in their dealings and set a bad example for the child to follow.

Numerous things are stolen in numerous ways. No doubt, we would be astonished at the possessions that would change hands in one day if only the people who profess to be Christians would all get the change of heart that Zacchaeus did. They would not need to restore four-fold as he did, but if they would obey the Bible command and give again that which they have robbed, a great change would take place.

Whether you have stolen a penny, a wife, somebody's good name, a watermelon, or a thousand dollars, you must do all in your power to restore the stolen property or you cannot become a true Christian. Every hidden thing of dishonesty must be brought to light. If it is not confessed and made right here, it will follow and condemn you at the judgment.

An incident concerning this subject was recently brought to our attention. Someone had stolen a box of crayons from a schoolmate several years ago. Later the one who had stolen them desired to become a Christian. Of course the convicting Spirit of the Lord brought to this one previous sins, among which was this theft of the crayons. Evidently, this one realized that he (or she) could not have peace until it was restored, so money to pay for the crayons was sent to the mother of the boy who had owned the crayons along with an apology to which no name was signed. The mother was puzzled. She was willing to forgive, but knew not whom to forgive. Is this making things right? The Bible tells us that an open confession is good for the soul. The person, in hiding his (or her) identity did not bring the sin to the light, and unless very ignorant concerning the word of God, will likely have a troubled conscience until it is confessed.

TRUTHFULNESS AT ALL TIMES

Sunday, November 28, 1943

Daily Readings and Meditations
November 22 to 27.

- M. False witness forbidden Exodus 20:16; 23:1, 7.
- T. Perjury forbidden Matt. 5:33-37.
- W. Gehazi's sin 2 Kings 5:20-27.
- T. The sin of lying Acts 5:1-11.
- F. God hates falsehood Prov. 6:16-19.
- S. God loves truthfulness 1 Sam. 3:10-18.

Printed PortionExodus 20:16; 23:1, 7;
Matt.5:33-37; John 8:42-45.

Ex. 20:16. Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.

23:1. Thou shalt not raise a false report; put not thine hand with the wicked to be an unrighteous witness.

7. Keep thee far from a false matter; and the innocent and righteous slay thou not: for I will not justify the wicked.

Matt. 5:33 Again, ye have heard that it hath been said by them of old time, Thou shalt not forswear thyself, but shalt perform unto the Lord thine oaths:

34. But I say unto you, Swear not at all; neither by heaven; for it is God's throne:

35. Nor by the earth; for it is his footstool; neither by Jerusalem: for it is the city of the great King.

26. Neither shalt thou swear by thy head, because thou canst not make one hair white or black.

37. But let your communication be, Yea, yea; Nay, nay: for whatsoever is more than these cometh of evil.

John 8:42. Jesus said unto them, If God were your Father, ye would love me: for I proceeded forth and came

from God; neither came I of myself, but he sent me.

43. Why do ye not understand my speech? even because ye cannot hear my word.

44. Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.

45. And because I tell you the truth, ye believe me not.

Golden Text: "Wherefore putting away lying, speak every man truth with his neighbor: for we are members one of another." Eph. 4:25.

Practical Truth: God requires truthfulness at all times.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

A lie is a falsehood acted or expressed for the purpose of deceiving. If one tells something that is false which he believes is truth it is a mistake on his part and not a lie. If later he learns the truth of the matter and has opportunity to correct it, it becomes a lie if he refuses to do so.

A person does not have to speak words to be a liar. Any action for the purpose of deceiving or leaving the wrong impression is a lie. Such actions come from a deceptive heart. Saints need to be watchful and careful lest they allow Satan to beguile them along this line for even actions will be weighed at the judgment.

Following are examples of lies, some of which are considered very lightly. Perhaps you can add others to the list.

Parents and teachers tell children that there is a Santa Claus who comes down chimneys and fills stockings with presents. Children may enjoy this, but it is a lie. How could a child of God feel he was honoring the Lord's birthday by telling a lie? The true Christmas story could be made just as enjoyable to them. Can you think of similar lies? How about the story of the Easter Bunny who lays colored eggs? and fairy stories? Discuss the harm done by such lies. Is a lie ever necessary?

An unwelcome visitor calls. The host asks him in and makes over him in a way to give him the impression that he is his best friend, but breathes a sigh of relief and talks about him when he leaves. Has the host not acted a lie?

There may be some one whom you know is not living to the Bible standard, yet he has a pleasing personality and perhaps a little money. He may be a relative or a close friend of the family and you wouldn't want to hurt his feelings. Instead of admonishing him for his evil doings, you make him feel that you have utmost confidence in him. Have you not acted a lie?

Did you ever pretend to be sick to get out of work that you did not want to do? or perhaps as an excuse for not attending services?

Did you ever promise someone that you would go to see them when you had no intention of doing so?

Lying is of the Devil. The first lie is recorded in Gen. 3:4 when the Devil told Eve that she would not die if she disobeyed God. When she believed that lie the spirit of the Devil entered her heart and has been in the world ever since. This is what causes people to lie.

There is no place in God's word where He excuses a "little white lie." Those filled with the Spirit of truth will no more tell a little lie than a big one—not even for fun. Oh, what a predicament we would be in if Jesus had told just a few little lies for jokes! We wouldn't know whether we were safe in believing anything he told or not. "All liars shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone." Rev. 21:8.