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### When Jesus Was Born

When Jesus the Saviour was born long ago  
In the Palestine land far away,  
In the stillness of night many walked to and fro  
While the "babe" in the manger did lay.

No room in the Inn; his parents were poor,  
His garments were of swaddling cloth made!  
But the angel heralded the birth of a king,  
To the shepherds who had become so afraid.

"Fear not," said he, "for unto you this day—  
In the city of David is born  
A Saviour; good tidings; great joy o'er the way,  
To people of all nations has come."

A great multitude of the heavenly host  
Immediately joined him to sing;  
Glory to God on high, on the earth be peace;  
Yes, great joy and sweet peace to all men.

Dear friend, do you have this sweet peace in your  
soul?

Is a song in your heart, can you sing?  
While war clouds are rolling are you safe in the  
fold?

Can you worship and honor the king?

On the stormy sea, in the battle and strife,  
Where economic's fabric is torn;  
The everlasting Father, the giver of life,  
Can speak peace to the weary and worn.  
—Ulysses Phillips.

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### PEACE

The birth of Christ on earth, many, many, many years ago, meant peace to this whole round world, and it means the same today. To possess a spiritual birth in Christ means also peace in your life and mine, and every believer in Christ lives in peace with both God and man.

There is no one element or factor or everyday principle more needed today than peace. When Jesus was born, the angels sang, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good-will toward men."

However at this time it seems that there is peace only in heaven, and everywhere else is confusion, sin, strife, and death. Truly, the fall of Adam was a great fall, for the human race because he fell downward from life to death and from happy paradise of long ago down to the sorrow and wars of the present day.

The Bible tells that God hates the hands that shed innocent blood (Prov. 6:17). So you see, this killing, crucifying, lynching, murdering, and slaying spirit started along way up the road. Soon after the fall, the first human born in sin slew his own brother because his own works were evil and his brother's righteous.

Thus the whole world (as concerning peace) seemed to grow from bad to worse, and was lost in sin and death. But, thank God, all that was lost in Adam may be regained in Christ Jesus. That which is born of the flesh differs much from that which is born of the Spirit of God. Thus we read, the first man Adam was made a living soul: the last, a quickening spirit, the Lord from heaven. 1 Cor. 15:45-47. Praise His sweet name forever. The prophets prophesied, "Unto us a child is born, unto us a Son is given . . . The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace." Isa 9:6.

It is being asked, has Christ failed? No, no, no; a thousand times, no. Yet it seemeth good to our God and Christ to let us choose for ourselves which we prefer, peace and life, or confusion and death. As we said above, He came to bring peace, and that is exactly what He brought. That is my experience, and it is truly the testimony of every saint. 'Tis a kingdom of peace, It is reigning within; It shall ever increase in my soul; You may have it right here when you're saved from all sin, and 'twill last while the ages shall roll.

To "abide in Christ," means to abide in peace; and to have His Spirit abiding in your soul means to have sweet peace abiding in the soul. For the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, etc. Jesus gives this peace himself. Thus we read, "My peace I give unto you, not as the world giveth, give I unto you" John 14:27. "These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace." Just a little while, and we shall hear his mighty voice saying, "Peace Be Still."  
—G. W. McMillan

## Are You A Ransomed Soul?

In the second chapter of 1st Timothy, 5th verse we read, "For there is one God, and one mediator between God and man, the man Christ Jesus; who gave himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time."

Webster's Dictionary says that ransom means to free from captivity, slavery or punishment by a payment; atone for; redeem from the bondage of sin. Jesus Christ has certainly done all this for mankind and even much more. He has not only set us free from sin, bondage and slavery but has made us heirs of God and joint or equal heirs with himself. Read Romans 8:17.

We had all sinned against God and the wrath of God was upon us for it is written, "The soul that sinneth it shall die." Ezekiel 18:4. The penalty of death was upon each of us, eternal death; and there was no one who could be found who was able to pay the ransom price and set us free from the enemy of our soul but the Lord Jesus Christ the only begotten son of the Father. The only way that He could pay the price was by dying in our stead. Since He was innocent, His blood atoned for our sins and we became free from Satan's power. A full ransom price was paid for our souls and God gladly accepts us back to His loving arms when we become sorry for our sins, confessing and repenting of them, accepting the blood as a covering, for the innocent blood of the Lamb of God was the ransom price. It is only as we keep under the blood that we continue free and beloved of the Father. We read in the fifth chapter of Revelation that a strong angel was proclaiming with a loud voice, "Who is worthy to open the book and to loose the seals thereof?" Heaven and earth was searched and no one was found who was able to open the book and John wept much because of this sad condition. The reason he wept was because man had by sinning sold himself into slavery to Satan, and eternal death was upon him.

When one of the Elders saw John weeping he said to him, "Weep not, Behold, the Lion of the tribe of Juda, the root of David, hath prevailed to open the book, and to loose the seven seals thereof." Jesus Christ was the only Mediator that could be found. He alone could pay the ransom price. When He hung and died upon the cross, He broke the seals and opened the book of life to all men. Jesus Christ is the mediator that stood between God and men and His blood being innocent and without sin (which could not be said of any other man) He could die and by His death pay the penalty of sin that hung over our heads and so the scripture came true which is written in Isaiah 53:5, "But He was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon Him; and with his stripes we are healed."

In the 11th verse of same chapter it reads, "He [The Father] shall see of the travail of his soul, and shall be satisfied." God in heaven saw the travail of His Son's soul in the garden when He said "My

soul is heavy, nigh unto death." As He looked upon the scene of His suffering and death upon the cross, the Father in heaven became satisfied with the price He had paid for your soul and my soul and the souls of all mankind. If we will become sorry that we have sinned against God and will confess and repent, accepting the blood as an atonement for all of our sins, we will be made free from Satan's power and his darkness and be translated into the Kingdom of His dear Son. If we will walk in the light as he is in the light we will have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his son will cleanse us from all sin." 1 John 1:7. Jesus said, "I am the light of the world; He that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life." John 8:12.

Dear sinner friend, there is only one thing that separates you from God, and that is your own sins and iniquities, for it is written in Isaiah 59:1, "Behold the Lord's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save, neither is his ear heavy, that he cannot hear: but your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins [your sins] have hid his face from you, that he will not hear." Your sins hide His face from your soul. Confess, repent, and accept the blood as a covering and the Lord's face and favor will be upon you and you will have peace through the Lord Jesus Christ.

Please read one more scripture found in Proverbs 28:13, "He that covereth his sins, [Will not confess them and forsake them] shall not prosper: [will not find favor with God] but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them, shall have mercy." The Lord will have mercy and forgive him and bless him. He will be freed from the power of Satan and brought back into favor with God and the holy angels.

—Fred Pruitt.

### oOo Hold Fast

"Behold, I come quickly: hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown." Rev. 3:11.

At this present time we are especially impressed with these six words of this scripture, "hold that fast which thou hast," as applying to the saints in this the darkening shades of the evening twilight of earth's sunset; not a literal sunset, but the sunset of the sun of righteousness. This sun has already practically set, and the world of mankind is being ushered into midnight darkness.

For a long time God has been shaking gently, and on the increase, the trees of his planting, to shake off the unpromising fruit. In Gen. 19:18 he shook Mt. Sinai to stir up and sift his people and draw them closer to him, and made them fear and tremble. In Heb. 12:25, 26 we read, "See that ye refuse not him that speaketh. For if they escaped not who refused him that spake on earth, much more shall not we escape if we turn away from him that speaketh from heaven: whose voice then shook the earth: but now he hath promised, saying, yet once more I shake not the earth only, but also heaven." How great is the number right now who do not realize that

this latter shaking is going on strongly at the present time. Heaven is being shaken now, in a spiritual sense. God is performing his promise and it is with those who profess Christ like it is with a fruit tree when the fruit is maturing. If you shake the tree lightly the faulty ones will fall off, leaving those that are green and thrifty, clinging tightly to the tree. So those who are not anchored firmly in Christ by the whole truth or Word of God, will be shaken off. Heaven is now being fearfully shaken.

Verse 27 says, "And this word, yet once more, signifieth the removing of those things that are shaken, as of things that are made, that those things which cannot be shaken may remain." Let me insist upon it, dear reader, that in order to not be shaken off and to be able to remain, you have got to be anchored in Christ by the uncompromising gospel as Jesus and the Apostles taught it—the whole truth—or you will be shaken off. Turn with me to 2 Thess. 2:10 and read there the reason why their fruit stem will not hold on to the tree through this shaking. Please don't neglect to read it. This **uncompromising Bible truth** is all that will keep the very "elect" from being deceived in this awful day of deception. The first part of the text says, "Behold, I come quickly." It means to call people's serious attention to the fact. A few mornings ago I was so pressed I couldn't work. I could only get down and weep and pray. And this is what came distinctly to mind, "The Philistines be upon thee, Samson." (Jud. 16:9, 14, 20.) The thought here is that suddenly the calamity of the Philistines taking him and boring his eyes out with a red hot iron, is a very light thing compared to that so soon to come upon all who do not turn to, and cling uncompromisingly to Christ. And that will be suddenly and unexpectedly. Reader, can you sense the fact that the end is just upon us? What is there of Matt. 24 that has not been fulfilled but the 14th verse and who knows how near that is to fulfillment also? And when the last one has heard it, whether he accepts or rejects it, time will close out just the same, according to 1 Cor. 15:52. This is, doubtless, the most testing time of the ages, for the devil has come down to us having great wrath knowing he hath but a short time. (Rev. 12:12) **Hold fast that which thou hast that no man take thy crown (deceive or mislead you).** —J. H. Pierson

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### A Snake Story

One time a Brazilian was wandering along the banks of a tributary to the great Amazon River and found a recently hatched boa constrictor about six inches long. When full-grown these snakes are twelve feet or more long. He immediately sensed the opportunity of making some money, so he carefully carried the little serpent home. He taught it to wind about his finger and to unwind when he whistled. Then he would feed it a bug. As it developed, it wound around his arm, and at a whistle unwound, and then he fed it a mouse. As it grew larger, it would wind around his leg, and was then given a rabbit. When

the snake grew to full size, it wound around its owner's body, and then at a whistle it unwound, and was fed a pig.

When it was well trained, the owner went to work with a circus, and he and his snake were one of the leading attractions. People came for miles to see that hideous serpent completely hide the man in its coils, but at once unwind at a whistle.

Everything went well until spring fever got into the serpent's blood and he became excitable and did not obey the whistle, but instead began to tighten the coils. The man called to the attendants to kill the serpent and save his life, but the serpent was very valuable and they could not believe that it was dangerous. They had seen it obey so many times. The man screamed and pleaded with anyone to come and shoot the serpent and save his life. But the on-lookers, thinking this was part of the realistic program, clapped their hands and shouted. This frightened the serpent still more and he tightened his coils about the unfortunate man. Every bone of the man was crushed, and he fell in a mass to the floor.

You say no one should play with a serpent. True, but there are serpents all about us—liquor serpents, tobacco serpents—that will just as surely squeeze the life out of us as this Amazon boa constrictor did the man who thought he had perfect control over it. Never play with serpents. —Henry F. Brown.

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### There Will Always Be A God

Following is a poem, the author unknown, to the Editor of the Journal, which with the present world struggle and the persecution of certain religious bodies in Europe and the rulers of some nations forgetting there is a God, is rather fitting for the present time:

"They cannot shell His temple,  
Nor dynamite His throne;  
They cannot bomb His city,  
Nor rob Him of His own.

They cannot take Him captive,  
Nor strike Him deaf and blind,  
Nor starve Him to surrender,  
Nor make Him change His mind.

They cannot cause Him panic,  
Nor cut off His supplies;  
They cannot take His kingdom,  
Nor hurt Him with their lies.

Though all the world be shattered  
His truth remains the same,  
His righteous laws still potent,  
And "Father" still His name.

Though we face war and struggle  
And feel their goad and rod,  
We know above confusion  
There always will be a God."

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Webb City, Mo.—To all the blood-washed saints everywhere,—I wish to add my testimony once more. The good Lord has kept me sweetly saved, and let me enjoy his salvation although I am surrounded with most all kinds of sin and ungodliness, here in this wicked world, yet that does not disturb my happiness, for Jesus said these wars and rumors of wars and troubles should come, but He said not to be troubled at all these things. So I let this world with its sinful folly glide by, but it cannot disturb my happiness in being delivered from the ways of this old world. I was at one time carried along in that awful tide, but thank the Lord, he has made me free from all such things. I am well past 84 years of age and have almost perfect health. Months at a time I never have an ache or pain, have never thought of using a cane to walk with. I don’t want to be bothered with a cane. Praise His name! Your blood-washed brother in Christ,

E. M. Wood

## Editorials

Another Christmas day will soon be here. The 25th day of December has been handed down to us as the day when the greatest event took place that ever came to suffering humanity. It is highly proper that we should observe this day in a pious and holy way to give honor to God the Father and His Son Jesus Christ. On this day we reckon that the greatest Gift that was ever given was bestowed upon mankind. Paul writes of it as the “Unspeakable Gift”. Mortal tongue and mind cannot think of nor speak all that ought to be spoken of Jesus, the “Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world.”

This gift was so great that when the baby Jesus was born in the small town of Bethlehem, all heaven and earth was stirred. The Angels came down to sing to the shepherds and tell the glad tidings of great joy that should be to all people, telling them that that day a Saviour was born which was Christ the Lord. Suddenly there was a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, “Glory to God in the Highest, and on earth Peace, good will toward men.” This experience is absolutely true with every truly saved soul today. The Gift of God, the resurrected life of Christ in the soul makes it so.

Let us see now how earth was stirred because of this great event. The wise men of the East saw his star and sensed that a King had been born and they went to great trouble preparing and coming to find that child to worship him and give him gifts. When Herod heard of this great event he was stirred by evil motives in his heart and sought to destroy the child (he represented Satan). He sent his men of war down there and destroyed all the male children under two years of age and the scripture was fulfilled which reads, “A voice was heard in Ramah, lamentation and bitter weeping; Rahel weeping for her children refused to be comforted for her children, because they were not.” Jer. 31:15.

Jesus was born a King and Governor to rule and govern the Lord’s people. We read about it both in the Old and New Testaments; in Isaiah, 9th chapter and 6th verse, which is a direct prophecy of Jesus being born into the world, “For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given, and the government shall be upon his shoulder; and his name shall be called wonderful, Counsellor, The Mighty God, The Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his Government and peace there shall be no end, [Thank God He is still reigning] upon the throne of David [David is a type of Christ], and upon his Kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with Judgment and with justice, from henceforth even forever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this.” Blessed be the God of all comfort for He is truly performing it now and it shall never cease.

Again in Matt. 2:6 we read, “And thou Bethlehem, in the land of Juda, art not the least among the princes of Juda: for out of thee shall come a governor, that shall rule my people Israel.” We who have been redeemed by His blood have become His people Israel and He is our King and governor. Read also Micah 5:2 and Jer. 23:5-6.

We read again in Luke 1:31, "And behold thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name Jesus. He shall be great, and shall be called the son of the highest: and the Lord God shall give unto Him the throne of his Father David: and he shall reign over the house of Jacob [We who are saved are the house of Jacob] for ever; and of his Kingdom there shall be no end." Thank God it is an everlasting Kingdom. Daniel 7:14. Satan would have men to believe that the Lord's Kingdom was a future literal Kingdom and that we cannot expect those good things now, and in that way destroys their faith to receive and enjoy all the good promises now and in this way Satan succeeds in destroying millions of souls. We who are saved by His blood rejoice in His Kingdom today and it will be without end.



We appreciate very much the way our readers have responded in getting subscribers for the "Three Months Offer" for the Faith and Victory paper as it will enable us to get the gospel by the printed page to a great many more souls this coming winter. From the way the subscriptions are coming in we would judge that there would be the need of printing over ten thousand "Faith and Victory" papers each month. The girls here in the office have certainly been busy keeping them set down as each name and address has to be typed on three wrappers, one wrapper for each month. Many times on a single mail we would get as high as seventy and seventy-five letters and it surely takes lots of time to look after all this mail that keeps pouring in from all over the states. We thank the Lord many times for the happy consecrated crew of workers He has given us here in His "Print Shop". It is the Lord's doings and it is marvelous in our eyes as they have all come in by the direct leadings of the Lord without any persuasion on our part. In fact the Lord talked to them and burdened them for the work before we knew anything about it: and not only that but He just supplies all the needs (which mount up very high) without us writing about it in the paper or through letters and reminding our readers all the time, not even a hint is needed as God just talks to hearts whom He can and they gladly and willingly respond to His pleasure and the work is supplied. We would not want any one to send means here to the work unless they did it gladly and willingly as unto the Lord. I do not believe that there will be any reward for folks who give because some one is always after them to do so. If one of God's promises in the Bible is true, they are all true and He says in His precious Bible, "Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal, it shall be measured to you again." Brethren and sisters, these words fell from the lips of our Saviour who declared that all power was given unto Him both in heaven and on earth. Our giving should be a free-will gift and not because some one is after us all the time keeping their wants

before us and therefore influencing us to give to them. Our giving should be freely and as unto the Lord, because the Lord makes us know to do it. There are many parasites in the world today that cover under a cloak of religion. In other words, "Fowls" on the branches in His Kingdom and they will absorb your giving and your soul will miss the blessing that God wants to bestow upon you and you will be laying your treasures up in earthly things instead of in heaven. Jesus said in the 16th chapter of Luke and 8th verse, "The children of this world are in their generation wiser than the children of light." The children of the world are all the time seeking to find places to invest their time and means where it will return selfish gain and profit; if the children of light would be as wise as they, they would all the time be seeking a place to invest their time and means where it would return eternal profits and be glorifying to God. Let each one examine their own past doing and consider well what your future actions and deeds should be that God may be glorified and your treasures be in heaven where the moth doth not eat them and rust doth not corrupt them nor thieves break through and steal. Matt. 6:19. God giving in and you giving out is the very life of the soul. When you hold selfishly what God gives, your soul will swivel and finally die and instead of life from heaven you will be left with a profession which will carry you along on the broad way and you will be comforted by other professors as one being wise and prudent and broad minded. The way that seemeth right unto man is the way of death and many there be that travel this way.



We have been having meeting at the Chapel here in Guthrie for the last 19 days and the Lord has been using his ministers to break the bread of life to our souls. The saints have been greatly blessed and built up in this meeting. Bro. Williams of Hennessey, Okla. was with us ten days and was precious used of the Lord. Bro. Ulysses Phillips of Dover, Okla. was with us for four days. Bro. Darius Gibson was with us through most of the meeting and also Bro. O. B. Wilson and wife of Shawnee, Okla. The saints here will not soon forget the good solid truth that came to us through His Holy Ghost filled ministers. The saints should be in good shape spiritually for the Assembly meeting that will begin on the 24th of December.

#### PRAYER REQUEST

Bro. James Morris of Mo. has pains in his hips and through his body. He earnestly desires the saints to agree in prayer for his healing, as he is suffering very much. He trusts the Lord for his healing and has trusted Him for years.



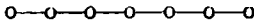
Dallas, Texas—Dear Bro. Pruitt and workers, Some time ago I requested prayer for my back. God instantly healed me. I am asking you now to pray for a cold. It is something like Flu. I have had it for four days. I know God can heal me, for he has several times.

Your saved sister,

Mrs. Jno. Allen

## ASSEMBLY MEETING NOTICES

The congregation at Union City, Ind. plan to have an Assembly Meeting (Lord willing) during the holidays, beginning Dec. 24 to continue over two Sundays. We are expecting the Lord to send in help to feed our souls on the Bread of Life. Let all come who can. Everybody welcome.  
Mae Nottingham, 360 N. State Line St.



The State Assembly meeting of the church of God will be held at the saints' chapel located on the corner of Sixth and Warner Sts., Guthrie, Okla., beginning Dec. 24, and lasting ten days.

This is a state meeting and all the saints over the state should be interested and make up bounty for the same together with much praying and looking to the Lord for a precious out-pouring of His Spirit upon the meeting. We are looking to the Lord for your coming to this meeting. The saints will prepare to care for all who come if possible. As the weather will be cold, those coming should bring quilts, blankets and pillows if they can. Those sending food or money for the meeting should send it to Faith Publishing House and it will be taken care of for the meeting. Those bringing foods and other things for the table should bring it directly to the dining hall at 623 W. Mansur Ave.

This meeting will be run on the free-will offering plan and those without means will be fed as well as others.

All are heartily invited to attend this meeting. Ministers who are out of harmony with God and the saints here or in other places will not be allowed pulpit privileges. The saints at Guthrie send a hearty welcome to all to meet with us during the holidays and enjoy the good things from Father's table. The word of God will be preached in all of its fullness. Come one and all.

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Meeting Reports

We had a good meeting here at Reform, Ala. in September. The Lord sent several ministers to preach to us—Bro. D. S. Richardson of Hoffman, Okla., Bro. S. L. Burke of Tulsa, Okla., and Bro. G. W. McMillan of Boley, Okla.

Praise God for the wonderful messages from men of God, which so uplifted the saints. Bro. G. W. McMillan preached one night on Brotherly Love, and was wonderfully anointed by the Holy Spirit. He said that if all the rulers of the nations would get brotherly love the war would cease.

Pray for us. We are few in number and need a minister to help us.  
—Bro. W. Y. Glass

Rosefield, La.—My dear Bro. and Sister in Christ, I am glad today for full and free salvation that is flooding my happy ransomed soul. Truly I am still saved, sanctified, and satisfied to walk along the strait and narrow way with the good Lord who died that I might have life and that I may have it more abundantly, praise His holy name.

The Lord is wonderfully blessing us with good meetings here. Bro. Key and I started the meeting at Rosefield, October 8th and closed it the 21st. We certainly did have a good meeting. Seventeen got saved, eleven sanctified, and nine were baptized. Then on October 22nd a meeting started at Enterprise which closed Oct. 29. Six were sanctified in that meeting and twenty-one took part in the ordinances of the New Testament. Pray the Lord will continue to bless here in a mighty way.

Your brother,

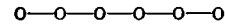
Charles Smith

## Obituaries

Marysville Air Field, Calif.—I feel like I should take this means of letting the saints know that my dear mother, whom the saints knew as Sister Anna English, passed to her reward Oct. 23, 1943, after a short illness.

She was born at Kimeo, Kans. seventy-one years ago, about 1872. She was united in marriage to W. S. Stall, to which union three children were born. Her husband died and later she married my father to which union three children were born, making six children in all. Later she married Mr. English. Besides her children, she is survived by seventeen grandchildren and one brother.

She was a faithful saint of God. It surely was hard to give up my dearest and best earthly friend, but I would not call her back for anything because she is at rest with God.  
Stephen Cable.



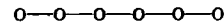
Sister Maggie Albright, born May 6, 1873 in Webster Co., Miss., departed this life Sept. 30, 1943 in the home of Bro. and Sister R. W. Weldon of Boley, Okla. at the age of seventy years, four months and twenty-four days.

She was reared in a Christian home under the influence of the gospel, and when only twelve years of age embraced Christ and confessed a hope in His eternal salvation. She joined the Baptist denomination and was an active Christian, living to all the light she knew. Later in life she met the saints and accepted the truth of the evening light, to which she was faithful unto death. During her short illness she would talk about how well it was with her soul.

She was united in marriage to Ben Saul to which union three sons were born. Two sons and her husband preceded her in death. In 1906 in territorial days she came to Oklahoma and settled near Wewoka. Later she moved to Boley, Okla. where she was united in marriage to Charlie Albright. She faithfully cared for her afflicted mother ten years. Her mother passed on and she made her home with her niece and nephew, Mr and Mrs. R. W. Weldon.

She leaves to mourn her passing one son, four nieces, ten nephews, twelve great nephews, seventeen great nieces and a host of other relatives and friends.

Funeral service conducted by Bro. M. Spears. Text: Psa. 116:15.

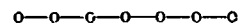


Henry Earl Freeman was born August 28, 1928 at Magnolia, Miss. and departed this life October 28, 1943, age 15 years and two months.

He was the son of Bro. and Sister Ed Freeman of Magnolia, who with his parents, his brother and twin sisters, was baptized about two weeks before his death, being converted one week before.

The family are consoled, like one of old, knowing he cannot return to them, but they can go to him.

Funeral services were conducted by Ruth Murphey assisted by others. Text used Heb. 9:27 and James 4:14.



William Isaac Miles was born October 15, 1873 at Gainsville, Texas, departed this life October 28, 1943 being seventy years and thirteen days old. On September 4, 1898 he was united in marriage to Lycenia Johnson. To this union were born eleven children, one daughter having preceded him in death, Mrs. Argie Long.

He leaves to mourn his passing, his wife, seven sons, Clarence of Glendale, Cecil and Claude of San Bernardino, Clyde of Los Angeles, Carl of Redlands, Clyde overseas and Curtis in U. S. Navy; three daughters, Mrs. Maude Hornbeck of Oklahoma City, Okla., Mrs. May Belle Pruitt of Guthrie, Okla. and Mrs. Wilma Myers of Los

Angeles; twenty seven grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; three brothers and four sisters; many other relatives and friends.

All children were present at the funeral services but the two sons that are in service.

Bro. Miles accepted the truth as taught by the church of God about thirty-five years ago. He was faithful until God called him from labor to his reward. He has labored in this ministry for several years.

Funeral services were conducted by A. E. Harmon and Oslus Wilson of Glendale, Calif. Text 1 Thess. 4: 13-18.

We with others who have known and loved Bro. Miles will surely miss him, as we always received a smile with his greeting, which came from the heart. His death was a shock to us but the Lord's will be done.

—A. E. Harmon

### “How Shall We Escape?”

Dear Brothers and Sisters in the Lord everywhere in this wide world, I pray the dear Lord will bless every one of you with his great blessings. Truly God is good to all.

A scripture is on my mind today so heavy that I want to write a few lines through the “Faith and Victory” paper. The scripture is Heb. 2:3. “How shall we escape if we neglect so great salvation?” I want to say there are many people who are neglecting salvation. One will say all unsaved people are neglecting their souls’ salvation. Yes, that is true, and I will say there are many people who claim to have salvation who are neglecting it. “How shall we escape if we neglect?” One will say that scripture is for sinners. No, not altogether. There are many people who will not go to meeting one half the time. Isn’t that neglect? God said for us not to forsake the assembling of ourselves together as the manner of some is. If we don’t meet together and obey His word, we are neglecting. We see some people go to meeting and never testify or pray. They are neglecting because God wants his people to pray. They will also have a testimony because He says we are his witnesses.

We might escape many things. I have been kicked by horses and mules so hard that I was knocked six or eight feet, but I escaped death. I have had teams to run away with me but I escaped being killed. Not long back my wife, my dad, and I almost met sudden death. We started over a railroad grade when I saw a train coming, almost on us. I just released the clutch and let the car run back down the grade. We escaped being killed but how can we escape if we neglect salvation? Many are neglecting. Brothers and sisters, this is a great salvation. Don’t neglect it. Pray, preach, and testify. Work for God. Be faithful, be true to the dear Lord. He said if we would be faithful unto death that he would give us a crown of life. Paul said he fought a good fight and finished his course. He had kept the faith and there was a crown of righteousness; and not for him only but also unto all who love His appearing. That means you and me if we will be faithful. Don’t neglect this great salvation.

—John W. Wilson.

## Death, Its Origin And End

“Death reigned from Adam to Moses.” Rom. 5:14. Death—what is it? In theology it is “A perpetual separation from God, and subject to eternal torments, called the second death.” A being under the dominion of sin, and destitute of grace or divine life is abiding in spiritual death, the opposite of spiritual life. “We know we have passed from death unto life because we love the brethren.” 1 John 3:14. The Devil was the originator of sin, or “death.” He caused the death of Adam and Eve, hence all of Adam’s posterity were born with the sin principle in their hearts. “For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.” 1 Cor. 15:22. Since Satan is the very embodiment of death, Adam was the first born of death (Job 18:13); even as “Christ is the first born among many brethren.” Rom. 8:29. So all who are born of him are born of life instead of death—eternal life instead of eternal death.

Death (spiritual death) reigned from Adam to Moses. What does it mean to reign? It means to rule or govern. So death reigned till Moses, then God gave the sacrificial law which only restrained the people for the time being, but there was a remembrance of sins every year, as the law could not take away sin (Heb. 10:1-4) But as the blood spilt from those sacrifices was typical of the blood of Christ, all who thus sacrificed looking forward to the antitype (Christ’s blood) were saved; not by the works of the law, but by faith in the spilt blood of Jesus, for he stood as a “Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.” Rev. 13:8. We shall illustrate it as life and death running a race. Life will win out at last. It is a conflict or warfare, so we hear Paul saying, “When I would do good, evil is present with me.” Rom. 7:21-25. Then he cries out in his distress, “Oh, wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death?” Then by faith, looking beyond the blood of animals, he sees the blood of Jesus that takes away the sin of the world destroys death in him, and gives life instead of death, then says, “I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord.”—Now back to the text:

“Death reigned from Adam to Moses.” Then what? This reign can be compared to the reign from the time Catholicism was substantially set up (A. D. 530) to Martin Luther’s time (A. D. 1520). The only reign of the saints during this period of one thousand years (Rev. 20) was with God in paradise. There was no spiritual reign on earth, no salvation work, till the end of the one thousand years, then salvation work commenced again through the labors of Luther and later the Wesleys. Then the saints began to reign on earth through one Christ Jesus, while those in paradise will continue to reign on till Jesus comes. Also Death will continue to reign till He comes. Death is on our track, for we were all dead in trespasses and sins; therefore the need of a spiritual resurrection. “And you hath he quickened who were dead.” Eph. 2:1. This is the new

birth. Jesus says, "Ye must be born again." John 3:7. Why? because you are dead "in sin." One must be raised up out of that dead sinful condition by repentance and faith in the atonement through the blood; then when Jesus comes, the last enemy, death, will be destroyed. 1 Cor. 15:26. Death and hell (hades) will be cast into the lake of fire. Rev. 20:14. That puts an end to him who had power over death, that is, the devil. Heb. 2:14. Then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written "Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? the sting of death is sin." 1 Cor. 15:54, 55.

Some say there are millions on earth who will never die, whereas the truth is, there are millions living on earth who are already dead in trespasses and sins. Some are living in name and are dead, while others are ready to die. Rev. 3:1, 2. Oh, that God could awaken the sleeping nations of the earth that they might not die!

"There'll be no death there  
In my Father's house,  
In my Father's house,  
In my Father's house;  
There'll be no death there  
In my Father's house  
But peace, sweet peace."

—G. E. Harmon.

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When we first gave the "Three Months Offer." we had a large supply of Christmas post cards to send out as premiums, but so many have chosen them for their premium that our supply has been exhausted, and still more calls are coming in for them. We ordered more, but the company informed us that they could not supply us with these Christmas post cards nor the Christmas Folders. Since we cannot obtain them to fill your orders, we wish to ask you not to order more from us.

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Kansas City, Kans.—Greetings to all in Jesus' precious name. I thank the Lord for all of you and for the work that you are doing to help poor lost souls and the dear saints of God. I get much encouragement as I read the tracts and papers.

The Lord is blessing me, soul and body. I feel like I have much to be thankful for. I am fully saved to day and satisfied with the plain way of the Lord. I look out at this old ugly world and see how the Lord has blessed me, when He redeemed me. Some of my dear friends are going from bad to worse. I thank the Lord that He has helped me to give up all.

I thank the Lord for your prayers. I have been wonderfully helped by them but I still have the affliction in my body. I thank the Lord for this affliction because I have received so much help to my soul through it. It has drawn me closer to the Lord. Down in my heart I have a determination to suffer and go on with the Lord. The Lord has blessed me to the extent that I can do my house work and care for my little boy. I think I shall be able to attend some of the meetings this year. Please pray that the Lord will enable me to do that.

I am thankful that the Lord is blessing in the print shop. Give my love to all the dear saints and be sure to pray for my household. Pray that the Lord will guide me in the teaching of my little three-year-old son, and that I will live so holy that my husband will see the way. I desire to be able to do more to help poor lost souls to come to Christ.

I am praying that the Lord will bless this city with a meeting. Your sister, Jettie Davidson



# Young People's Section

## Angels Told the Sweet Old Story

In a land across the sea,  
On a night long years ago,  
Shepherds heard a message sweet  
As sweet strains of music flowed.  
Jesus Christ, the Lord of Glory,  
Had descended to this earth,  
And the angels told the story  
Of our blessed Saviour's birth.

The shepherds saw God's glory  
As it shone around them then,  
And the angels told the story,  
"Peace on earth; good will to men."  
Oh, the glory of this message!  
Oh, what peace to earth it brought!  
It filled their hearts with wonder,  
And with haste the Child they sought.  
They found Him in a manger  
According to the Word,  
And spread forth the precious message  
Of the coming of our Lord.

"Glory to God in the highest,"  
And on earth sweet peace to men.  
May this message fill our beings  
As it did these shepherds then.  
Oh, "Glory to God in the highest!"  
Still rings this message sweet  
Throughout the untold ages,  
The souls of men to greet.  
Still sounding forth the message,  
Let us sing our Saviour's worth,  
Till the blessed, sweet old story  
Has reached every soul on earth.

—Miss Alice Elizabeth Hall

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Camp Hood, Tex.—Dear Bro. Pruitt, Greetings in the name of Jesus. This finds me saved and encouraged to press on to the end. The Lord has been a present help in every time of need. He has favored me much since I have been in the army. Things look pretty dark around an army camp, but by His grace we can stand true to Him.

May the Lord's blessings be upon the work there at Guthrie, and also His children. I know that many souls are edified by the efforts that are being put forth in "God's Print Shop." Pray that I remain faithful to Him who gave His life for all. Alton Stubblefield.

Tulsa, Okla.—Dear Bro. and Sister Pruitt,

Greetings in the precious name of Jesus. This Sunday evening finds me with a greater determination to follow the Lord where'er he may lead, as I know that if we only put our trust in him, he will carry us thro. He sees the future far ahead, and if we only seek him daily in prayer he will guide us safely through. I have so many times caught myself worrying about what the future may hold for this generation, but I realize now, more than ever, how much we really do need to depend upon the guidance of the good Lord. We within ourselves would be failures.

I am truly thankful that the Lord called after me when he did, as the enemy was trying to entice me deeper into the clutches of sin.

Yes, we have dark and dreary hours hover over us, but it is only a trying of our faith and to increase our faith, courage and hope. I mean to stay with Him until he shines the sunlight of heaven around about me. Some day I know he will give me complete victory over all doubts and fears that now assail.

Today I cannot declare how much it does mean to me for the Lord's helping me thro the past when I was away in sin. The time when I was so near death's door I saw my unworthiness before Him to call on Him for help and it seemed as tho man's help would fail. The Lord saw fit to spare me and raise me up, then down through the very darkest of my life he lead me safely thro. Sometimes my escape was so narrow, and yet I made it thro by his protecting hand.

I truly do need the prayers of the saints so that I might be able to be that which the good Lord wants me to be that I might attain the grace and faith with which to please him.

I am enclosing a portion of the Lord's money for the Monark Springs dining hall. May God bless in providing for this cause.

In closing, may the God of peace bless you and help you in the furtherance of His work, is my prayer.

Yours for Christ,

Miss Inez Eck.

## CORRESPONDENCE

Tulsa, Okla.—Late one night the saints were called to pray for Mrs. Eurma Gaines who was very sick. Her relatives from Tulsa and Sand Springs were there and her mother was on her way to her sick child's home. When she arrived the saints were down on their knees praying. She was so frightened that the doctor was sent for in haste, but he could do nothing for she was beyond obtaining help from a doctor. The next morning she was worse. Three doctors were summoned but all left saying she was dying. It seemed her breath was almost gone and death had seized her. More prayers were offered for her. Her husband asked her to confess her sins. She did confess her sins, asked pardon, and the God of heaven struck her as lightning. He brought her back to life, healed her, and saved her. Now she is healed, saved from sin and is a child of God. Now her mother, father, brothers, and sisters know truly God does heal and saves when man's help is vain. The family asks the saints to pray for them. Her mother told me that if she had not seen the mighty power of God she never could have believed it. When God answered the prayers of the saints in her behalf it made believers out of the whole family. She said she would always live for God. When we left she was still rejoicing. We had to have song service and prayer service before we left.

Praise God for His wonderful works to the children of men. Rosa Dillahunty

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Fortescue, Mo.—To all the dear saints everywhere,—Greetings in Jesus' dear name. This morning finds me saved, sanctified, and healed by the mighty power of God. As I see others falling by the way it only makes me more determined to draw closer to my Saviour and live for Him who has done so much for me. When the

storm clouds of life gather around me, he is always near to comfort me. I care not what others say, I know my name is written in the Book of Life. Heaven means everything to me. Oh, I am so happy today, my soul is feasting on the good things of heaven. It means so much to live so we can talk to God and hear him talk to us then obey him. I hear so many say there is something lacking or the Lord would do more and greater things among the people. Well, if you are not near enough to God you had better get near. If you see a fault in some one else, look at yourself. I suspect you will find it is you. I have found that to be true. Let us search our own hearts, get the beam out of our own eye before trying to pull the mote out of our brother's eye. We can draw closer to God each day by prayer and careful living. Let each one do his best instead of trying to discourage by finding fault. Let us move closer to God then we won't see others like we want them but just as God himself is pleased to place them in the body.

Pray for me that I do His will so my life will be a good example. Your sister, Cordia Stroud.

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Farmland, Ind.—Dear Bro. Pruitt,—May God bless you and all your helpers in the work of spreading the gospel. Last spring I sent in some names and money for the "Faith and Victory." One man I did not know. He was so afflicted with heart trouble that he wasn't able to go anywhere. In October I was at a home-coming at a church north of here and testified how God had saved me and then healed me. After services this man, whom I did not know, came up behind me, laid his hand on my arm and said, "I want to shake hands with you." Then he asked if I had the "Faith and Victory" sent to him. I told him that I did. He said, "I take a number of church papers, but that is the best of all, praise the Lord. I have read it and prayed and am able to be out. I am much better the first time in three years." His name is F. E. Weekly, Farmland, Ind. I know he would appreciate a letter from you very much.

A few weeks before I met this man, a woman, Ruth French, Farmland, Ind. came up to me one day in a country store and asked me if I had the "Faith and Victory" sent to her. I told her I did. She said she had enquired of others who had sent it to her and could not find the one but that when I entered the door something told her to ask me. I asked her how she liked it and she replied, "Just fine. Well enough that I am sending in some names myself." She is teacher of the young people's class, also a W. C. T. U. worker. She is surely growing spiritually. Some of her friends have said, "I never saw as big a change in anyone as there has been in Ruth in the past year." Praise the Lord. —F. E. Woodring

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Okla. City, Okla.—To the dear saints scattered abroad,—I have been wanting to write for some time and would get ready to write but would be detained some way. I have been reading the little paper which is real encouraging to me. I am saved, sanctified, and kept by the mighty power of God, encouraged to go all the way with the dear Lord.

I have something which burdens me to write, which might be encouraging to some of the saints who have dear ones in the army. I have a son who went to the army and stayed eight months. When it came time for him to go, the Lord spoke to me as I was sitting in service. He said, "I am going to take care of Tom; I am going to take care of you; I am going to keep you encouraged, and I am going to take the worry away." I said silently, "Praise the dear Lord." In a few days He

spoke again, telling me to tell Tom what He had told me. I talked to Tom and told him about it. I told him that he was facing a great danger without God in his heart, but that if he would seek salvation and get the Lord in his heart the Lord would care for him. He had to go. He was gone about three weeks before I heard a word from him, but I stood on God's promises. God is able to do all things. When I heard from him he was at Fort Sill in the hospital. I went to see him and pled with him to seek the Lord while He was near. It seemed like the heart was willing but the flesh was weak. He stayed three weeks. When I heard from him again he was on his way to camp. He stayed in the army eight months and the Lord delivered him. While he was away the Lord kept me encouraged with different songs and scriptures. The scripture that most impressed me was about Mary, Martha, and Lazarus. When Lazarus died they sent for Jesus. When he came he told them that their brother would rise again. Martha said she knew that he would rise at the great resurrection. Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life: he that believeth in me though he were dead yet shall he live." I knew that though my son was gone the Lord could bring him back again. He can go into the fiery furnace and bring his children out, and He can go in the army and bring them out. He can go into the lions' den and bring them out. He can go in the grave and bring them out. Praise His dear name!

Dear ones, it is truly wonderful what the Lord can do, glory to His name! Pray for me that I keep true to the Lord at all times.

Your saved sister,

Dora Williams

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Baytown, Tex.—Dear saints,—Greetings to all. I do hope this finds all well and happy. We want to thank every one for your prayers for our grandson. Praise the dear Lord, he is healed. Pray for his parents, that they will find the Lord.

I want to thank you for the good books which you sent. We get so much good out of them. And oh, the "Faith and Victory" paper is so welcome at our house!

I do what I can here in handing out tracts and I give the paper to someone else as soon as I read it myself. When I receive it I can hardly lay it down until I have read it all. I find so many good articles in it. Reading it is like going to meeting. I send some of the pieces to others in letters. I do pray that God will bless the work there. I don't know what all of us would do if the paper would quit coming. We enjoyed seeing all of your pictures in the little book. We are all reading the book and it is doing much good at our house. I want to give it to a neighbor when we finish reading it.

We desire to let our lights shine for the Lord. Please pray for us.

M J. Melot.

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Winlock, Wash.—Dear saints—Greetings in the name of our Lord and Saviour,—Since I wrote you last the Lord has touched my body in such a way until I have been getting along fine up until the present time. Now I have a cold and hope you will all pray much for me until I can pray through to victory. I desire to overcome that thing in my body that causes me to have so many colds. One wonderful thing the Lord has done for me is this which I believe was a cancer clear across my shoulder. It seemed at times there was a fire burning me. It was an awful feeling, but God has completely healed of that. He has also undertaken for my right side in such a way that it doesn't give me so much trouble as it did, and that itch is much better. I truly do thank the Lord for His

wonderful mercy to me, for truly I have been very sick. Dear saints, pray that if it is the Lord's will for me to go to California this winter that He will make it plain to me. A sister has been encouraging me to go there to be in a dry climate for awhile. I hope to go, but I will not go anywhere until I know it is the Lord's will.  
Your sister in Christ, Marie Whiteside

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Indianapolis, Ind.—To dear Bro. and Sister Pruitt and all the dear saints of God scattered all over the world, greetings in the precious name of Jesus. I want to tell to all that love the Lord that I find my Lord and Shepherd always faithful to me and the more I serve Him the dearer he is to me. I am nearing my 85th birthday and I find that even down to old age all His people shall prove His sovereign, eternal, unchangeable love. How we love our God and His precious Son, our Lord and King! He is all and in all to me, and will be to all who love Him with all their hearts. May His love and grace abound to all of His true people. How we love each other. Keep the cross in view and stand true to the Captain of our salvation.  
Sister Rebecca Basicker.

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Metamora, Ind.—Greetings to all,—I feel like Paul did when he wrote to the Church of God at Corinth, I will not slight any brother or sister who reads this letter, but will include all the saints that in EVERY PLACE call upon the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, BOTH theirs and ours. Grace be unto you, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ.

I have just finished reading the good testimonies in the November issue of "Faith and Victory," and while reading what many of you seemed to speak out from a pure heart of love and devotion to God and all the children of God wherever they may be, to remember you in prayer for healing of your bodies, more faith, closer walk with God, etc.; I feel the Holy Spirit stirring in my heart. I am brought into closer fellowship with every saint of God, regardless of whether we have ever met or ever will meet here on earth. Dear brothers and sisters, we may be (and are to a great extent) a scattered family geographically; viz., one or two here and there, a few more at other places (not many congregations have large memberships that I know of); but praise God, we are all one in Christ, born again by the same Holy Spirit into the family of God, which is the church of God. God knows where every one in His family is located, and their needs both temporal and spiritual, which He will supply if they will trust Him fully, doubting nothing. "Lord, increase our faith."

I thank God that I found and accepted the Bible way of salvation about forty-two years ago while living in the mountains of Kentucky, bound by the prevailing sins of that country; viz, fuedism, drunkenness, and many other sins. Christ is able (His blood) to save to the uttermost, if they (sinners) will come to Him his way; not their own way. He says, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. His way is a holy way, a high way of holiness. No unclean (sinful) thing CAN pass over His way. Why will some people believe and teach that sinners cannot be cleansed, made free from all sin in soul and body when God gave His only Son, a complete sacrifice for the sin and sins of the whole world. Christ has all power both in heaven and earth. He came to destroy all the works of the devil. The works of the devil is sin in any form, in any place, body, mind, or soul. There is only one enemy left: death, which will be destroyed at the resurrection. If you expect to be cleansed from all sin at death, or in purgatory, you will miss heaven. The door will be closed."  
—C. S. Wyatt

Rosebud, Tex.—Bro. Pruitt and all the saints a-broad,—Greeting in the name of the dear Lord. Thank God this morning for the praying Spirit that dwells in me. I have gained more faith and the Lord is blessing me more and more. I don't want any more medicine. I am not well at times, but the dear Lord has taken medicine away from me. I thank all of you for your prayers. The card was so encouraging. I do love to read letters from the saints. I know God heals and will heal when His time comes. I get much good out of your book.

Still remember me in your prayers until I get healed. I am waiting on Him. I feel so happy at times. I wish I were in some of your meetings. Pray for my family  
Yours in Christ, Mrs. A. L. McIntyre

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Chillicothe, Ohio—Dear Bro. Pruitt,—Greetings in Jesus' precious name. This evening finds me saved and with perfect victory in my soul over sin and every deception of the devil. Truly, we are living in an awful age of time. It seems that sin is all around us, dragging poor souls out into eternity without hope or God. But the dear Lord says that where sin abounds grace does much more abound, praise the dear Lord for His goodness and mercy unto us. I am so thankful to the dear Lord that he ever saw fit to trouble me in heart and show me the need of salvation. I truly have much to praise the Lord for. He has redeemed me from this world of sin and healed my body when I was afflicted with a toxic goiter and has showed me His wonderful truth, praise his dear name. I am glad the Lord can keep us free from sin in this wicked world. We know there are so many deceptions of the devil over the land today that are leading souls astray, but praise the name of Jesus, he says in his word that he would pray the Father and He would send us another Comforter which is the Holy Spirit and he would lead and guide us into all truth. He doesn't say just part of the truth, but ALL truth. I want all the truth. My heart says amen to all the blessed word of God. Jesus says that we cannot live by bread alone, but by every word of God. He also tells us that unless we forsake all we cannot be his disciple.

We pray God's richest blessings on you all there at the printing shop. May the Lord lead, guide, and direct. Pray for us all here at Chillicothe, Ohio that we will all keep humble at the feet of Jesus. If the Lord wills, we want to have a series of meetings starting around the second week of November at Liberty Hill saints' chapel. There are not many of us here but the dear Lord says where two or three are gathered together in His name, that He will be there to bless. We find this to be true.

Your brother in Christ, Pearl O. Brown

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Dear Sister Dravis,—I am writing this to tell you how the Lord healed me. I had been having a pain in my stomach for two weeks on the left side, went clear thro to my back. I kept getting worse. I was at my cousin's house. Two nights I could not sleep. It hurt so badly I could not lie in bed, sit or do anything. When I was all alone in my bedroom I suffered so, and had no one to pray for me and wished that some of you were there. But I prayed for myself and the Lord heard me. My cousin wanted to take me to the doctor. I thought I would have to go, it was so bad. I am sorry that I was tempted and told the Lord to take care of me, that I did not want to go to a doctor and He heard me. I am all right now, thanks to Him. I am at my sister-in-law's, the Christian Science one. She is not well, had a doctor. They believe the Lord's prayer is prayed in healing. I told her we pray the prayer of faith and believe and we are healed.  
Sister Rhurde

Huntington, W. Va.—Greetings in the name of Jesus, I want to write to tell how the Lord wonderfully healed me of Bronchitis with which I had suffered for years, praise His precious name. I would like to see this in the "Faith and Victory" paper, for I promised the Lord if he would heal me I would tell every one I talked to and would write to others telling of His wonderful healing power.  
Mrs. L. E. Stewart

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Osyka, Miss.—To all the saints scattered here and there throughout the world, greetings in Jesus' name.

He is so dear to me and I love to do his will and serve him always. He surely has and still blesses me in so many ways. He also heals my body when sick.

I desire all the saints to pray for my boy who is in service for his country. Pray that the Lord will continue to keep him in the States. He has been in service almost thirteen months. Pray for his salvation, also. He is stationed at San Marcos, Texas. The Lord is so good to us. Pray that I will always do His holy will.

A sister in Christ, Lula Hilburn

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Duarte, Calif.—Dear Bro. Pruitt, greetings to you and workers in the name of our Lord, the Christ of the Bible, and in this name we pray God's richest blessings on you and the work and workers. We all need help from God and from one another in these days of testing tribulations, afflictions, and diseased minds. However, it is wonderful to know that God's true saints are reigning over every obstacle that tries to hinder. I said, "God's true saints." I didn't mean to insinuate that he has any false saints. God's saints are true. Of course, we in these days of abounding iniquity will find as Paul did in his day, false apostles who are deceitful workers and having no part with the children of the Lord. I am glad to report God's church is moving on with victory and making no worldly noise, but just gliding along by the grace that God gives it to abound. Jesus said, "Because iniquity shall abound the love of many shall wax cold," but we are sure some will endure to the end, because where sin abounds grace for saints doth much more abound.  
Brotherly love, L. E. Davy.

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Dayton, Ohio.—Dear Bro. Pruitt:—I have just read about a disappointed soldier in the October "Faith and Victory," and felt led to write this. My eyes have been so bad that I could not read, but they are much better now. Thank the dear Lord, and thank the dear saints for their prayers. How much I would love to be with that dear soldier boy so I could tell him what he must do to be saved. Jesus said, "Ye must be born again." John 3:3-7. I would say to him first, he must confess that he is a sinner and in need of the cleansing blood of Christ to wash his sins away. This, the dear boy has confessed already. He must be sorry for his sins and be determined not to commit them any more, then fall upon his knees and cry to God for forgiveness and the work will soon be done. Jesus came to seek and to save that which was lost. He not only came to save us, but he is seeking all who need him. Praise His holy name forever! Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life." John 11:25. If we forsake all our sins and get Jesus in our hearts and lives and live holy lives we are sure of the resurrected life which Jesus has promised them who endure to the end.

Let us as saints pray for this dear soldier boy, his mother, dad and sisters, that they may all be saved.

I was eighty years old last May 6th, sick and weak in body, but strong in soul and spirit. Pray for me.

Your bro. in the dear Master's service, Jeff Turner

Okmulgee, Okla.—Dear saints,—Oh, how I love Jesus. I'm so glad this morning finds me hid away with Jesus in that blest pavilion, that sacred inner court, the place of God's own dwelling with all the world shut out. Truly my soul is satisfied in Jesus' keeping. It is wonderful to know one has learned the wondrous secret of abiding in the Lord, the place where he can find all that it takes to support soul and body. There we find soul rest and happiness, that peace that abides forever, peace right in the midst of the world's troubles, satisfied to know with Jesus we can conquer every foe. I am praising God for the wonderful privilege of permitting me to go to the national meeting. God's presence was there. I didn't go into a house all the eight days I was there. Oh, that's the way of Christ: different people leaving their homes just to dwell in tents to assemble themselves together, proving the oneness of God's people, one body, one faith in the Lord the Father of us all, bless His holy name. Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity. Even old brethren were there sleeping on the straw under the pavilion. I plan to do all I can to get others to attend in future years, this meeting where all hearts flow in one.

May God stir up the minds and hearts of people to get ready to meet the Lord in judgment is my prayer.

Sister Hattie Hines

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Greenville, Ohio—Dear brother in Christ,—I thought it would be encouraging to write a few lines. I am on the road to God's heaven and still have the victory. A man with the dropsy whom the doctors had given up to die came to my house to be prayed for. The Lord healed him and delivered him from all the affliction. I thank the Lord for the gift of healing. Tell all the brethren not to give down on anything, but be faithful. If nothing happens I want to be at the campmeeting next summer, and testify for the Lord.

Your brother in Christ, Warren Robinson.

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Springfield, Mo.—To the dear saints: I am praising the Lord this morning for salvation and for God's favor and kindness which He has shown to me.

Since last writing some months ago, I have been very near death. It seemed my time had come to go, but the Lord in His mercy spared my life, for which I am praising Him. There is nothing too hard for our God. He is a present help in trouble. Truly I have found it so. My neighbor would come in and say, "Do you suppose you will ever walk again." I said, "Oh, yes." She said, "You will always have to use a crutch." That did not discourage me. I now for several weeks have not been using a crutch and have been doing my work. Truly the Lord is good. I appreciate the prayers of the saints, their help and interest shown to me in this time of affliction.  
Mrs. R. M. Porter.

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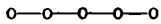
Bessemer, Ala.—Dear Bro. Pruitt, greetings to you every one in the name of Jesus.—God has put it on my heart to write to you to tell of my experience, and how God has helped me through your work.

I am twenty-three years of age. I had a good experience of salvation for a short time when eighteen years of age, but neglected to pray and was overcome by Satan. The smoking habit seemed to have been my biggest trouble. I started smoking again and just got back in sin. I have prayed many times since then that God would save me, and have felt better for a little while at a time, but it just seemed that I could not give up for good.

I started getting the "Faith and Victory" paper a

few months ago. I think my mother has been having it sent to me. I did not read it much at first, for have felt it was best to read the Bible and not much other reading such as tracts, books, and papers. But a few months ago I became interested in the paper and the book "God's Gracious Dealings" which Mother had given me. I was changed to a new job as substation tender in the mines. I did not have much to do on my new job so told my wife I thought I would carry a "Faith and Victory" paper and the book to the mines and read them. All I had to read in the mines was a little Testament which was old and dirty and hard to read. I found it there where I worked. I read the paper through the first night and started on the book. On the 12th of last month I had just about finished reading the book. I was on the job. God told me that I had better get saved. After I made up my mind that I was ready to give up my life and my all for Him, I went around near the switch board to a bench and got down on my knees and asked God to save me. I told Him that I would not let smoking come between me and Him any more. Thank God, He did save me.


The next Saturday night after reading in the Bible to my wife, I asked her if she did not want me to pray with her about her soul, and she said she wanted just that. We prayed together until she said she felt that God had saved her. Thank God for His goodness to us. Pray for us. I am Cora McMillin's son and Vada McMillin's brother. In Christ, Austin McMillin



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**THE SIN OF COVETOUSNESS**

Sunday, December 5, 1943

Daily Readings and Meditations

Nov. 29 to Dec. 4.

- M. Command against covetousness Exod. 20:17.
- T. The sin of covetousness Luke 12:13-25.
- W. Human ambition Matt. 20:20-28.
- T. Ahab's covetousness 1 Kings 21:1-7.
- F. The covetousness of Judas Matt. 26:14-16.
- S. A root of all evil 1 Tim. 6:6-10.

Printed Portion .....Exodus 20:17; Luke 12:13-25.

Ex. 20:17. Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that is thy neighbor's.

Luke 12:13. And one of the company said unto him, Master, speak to my brother, that he divide the inheritance with me.

14. And he said unto him, Man, who made me a judge or a divider over you?

15. And he said unto them, Take heed, and beware of covetousness: for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth.

16. And he spake a parable unto them, saying, The ground of a certain rich man brought forth plentifully:

17. And he thought within himself, saying, What shall I do, because I have no room where to bestow my fruits?

18. And he said, This will I do: I will pull down my barns, and build greater: and there will I bestow all my fruits and my goods.

19. And I will say to my soul, Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease, eat, drink, and be merry.

20. But God said unto him, Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee: then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided?

21. So is he that layeth up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God.

22. And he said unto his disciples, Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat; neither for the body, what ye shall put on.

23. The life is more than meat, and the body is more than raiment.

24. Consider the ravens: for they neither sow nor reap; which neither have storehouse nor barn: and God feedeth them: how much more are ye better than the fowls?

25. And which of you with taking thought can add to his stature one cubit?

Golden Text: "Thou shalt not covet . . . anything that is thy neighbor's." Exodus 20:17.

Practical Truth: An inordinate desire for earthly things is displeasing to God.

**COMMENTS AND APPLICATION**

Covetousness is greed for personal or selfish gain. The Old Testament law was, "Thou shalt not covet . . . anything that is thy neighbor's." This forbid the desire to possess anything—property, money, house, dress, husband or wife, etc.—which belonged to another. The New Testament standard is, "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself." Love "seeketh not her own;" that is, one whose heart is filled with the divine love of God does not look on his own things and desire things for his own selfish end, but desires to even sacrifice that others might have.

This commandment, if obeyed, would remedy at least nine-tenths of the evils in the world today. If you doubt this statement consider the evils that you know and see if covetousness didn't cause most of them. The greatest evil that we know at the present time is the awful war. What caused it? Covetousness. Those who fought and helped in World War No. 1 thought they were doing it to "Make the world safe for democracy." But they learned when the war was over that they had been fighting to promote the selfish interests of a few covetous men.

Covetousness causes the rich to oppress the poor and causes the poor to rise up to gain the possessions of the rich. It is found even in the hearts of babies when they leave their own toys and reach out and cry for the toys of another. This lust comes in many ways and may hardly be perceptible at first.

A minister once delivered a message on the sin of covetousness. He felt that he had successfully exposed the

evil. He was invited out for dinner and a large platter full of chicken was passed to him. He looked it over and started to take one of the best pieces, when he remembered his message. He realized that his desire for one of the best pieces was akin to covetousness so he rebuked it in his heart and took a neck instead.

Discuss the topic, Covetousness is Idolatry. (Col. 3:5).

It may be interesting to the class to name some of the Bible characters who were covetous and the evils that resulted from their covetousness; such as, Achan, Nabal, Gehazi, Judas, Ananias. There are many others.

The Lord is well pleased with one kind of covetousness. He tells us to covet earnestly the best spiritual gifts. He is willing to bestow these upon us freely, but we must desire them. It is unselfish and to the glory of God to desire an increase in spirituality. In other words, we should be satisfied with what we have, but not with what we are unless we are all that we can ever be.

Just before the man came to Jesus asking him to speak to his brother to divide the inheritance with him, Jesus had been teaching them important spiritual lessons. This man's heart was so taken up with the desire for earthly gain that he failed to understand the lesson. He neglected the graver matters or spiritual possessions for the desire for possessions which perish with the using. If you feel you are being cheated out of some of your carnal rights and are clamoring for them, you need to take Jesus' warning to yourself, "Take heed and beware of covetousness." A child of God has no carnal rights. The Lord grants many privileges, and permits him to have possessions, but he should never lose sight of the fact that all he has belongs to God, and he must be content with such things as God permits him to have.

In the parable God had permitted the rich man's land to bring forth plentifully. His sin was not in possessing the riches, but in the fact that he did not consult God in the disposal of them, but thought only of promoting his own selfish interests. Notice how frequently he used "I" and "my." God and others were not considered. Is there now a thought running through your mind that you would not be so selfish if you had riches? The Lord tells us that he who is faithful in the little things will be faithful in great things. What are you doing with the little that you have?

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### CHRIST'S NEW COMMANDMENT

Sunday, December 12, 1943

#### Daily Readings and Meditations

December 6 to 11.

- M. Christ's new commandment Mark 12:28-34.
- T. Keeping Christ's command John 15:10-14.
- W. Brotherly love 1 John 4:7-16.
- T. Good for evil Matt. 5:43-48.
- F. True neighborliness Luke 10:25-37.
- S. The pre-eminence of love Gal. 5:13-15.

Printed Portion .....Mark 12:28-34; John 13:34, 35;  
John 15:10-14.

Mark 12:28. And one of the scribes came, and having heard them reasoning together, and perceiving that he had answered them well, asked him, Which is the first commandment of all?

29. And Jesus answered him, The first of all the commandments is, Hear, O Israel; The Lord our God is one Lord:

30. And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength; this is the first commandment.

31. And the second is like, namely this, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. There is none other commandment greater than these.

32. And the scribe said unto him, Well, Master, thou hast said the truth: for there is one God; and there is none other but he;

33. And to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the soul, and with all the strength, and to love his neighbor as himself, is more than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices.

34. And when Jesus saw that he answered discretely, he said unto him, Thou art not far from the kingdom of God. And no man after that durst ask him any question.

John 13:34. A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another.

35. By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.

John 15:10. If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love.

11. These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full.

12. This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you.

13. Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.

14. Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you.

Golden Text: "A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another." John 13:34.

Practical Truth: Love toward God and toward man are the two supreme tests of discipleship.

### COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

For several weeks we have studied the Ten Commandments which God gave to Moses on the Mount, who in turn gave them to the children of Israel.

There has been much discussion during this time about whether we under this Holy Spirit dispensation are obligated to keep the Ten Commandments or not. Many contend that we do not have to keep them because the law and the prophets were until John and since that time the kingdom of heaven is preached. Jesus, who is King in the kingdom of heaven has given us a new commandment, the commandment of love. This is all very true. Let us consider the commandment in today's lesson, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength," and "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself." Suppose you had never heard anything about the teachings of the Old Testament, but you are saved through the blood of Jesus and keep all that he taught in the New Testament, which includes this commandment. How many of the Ten Commandments would you break? A Christian does not refrain from doing evil deeds because the Law commands it, but he does right because it is in his heart and he loves to. When a person only does right to get by and be well thought of by man, his heart is void of the real love of God.

Our hearts are grieved because of the indifference of professed Christians to the words of Jesus. We hear them quote this commandment and testify that they love God with all their heart, soul, mind, and strength, then fail to back up their testimony by their actions outside the meeting house. This reminds us of the poem about three children who told their mother that they loved her, The

little boy went off to his selfish play, leaving work for his mother to do which he could have done to help her. One little girl teared and pouted until her mother was glad when she went to play. The other girl helped her mother all day. The last verse of the poem is:

"I love you, mother,' again they said,  
Three little children going to bed.  
How do you think that Mother guessed  
Which of her children loved her best?"

It is impossible to love God and others as our lesson teaches unless we have the divine love of God abiding in our hearts. We can know that the divine love of God is in our hearts : if we keep His commandments, if we love our brother; if we love our enemies; if we pray for our persecutors, if we do not commit sin, if His commandments are not grievous, if we love not the world neither the things that are in the world, if we suffer long without complaining and are kind, if we do not envy, if we are not puffed up, if we do not behave ourselves unseemingly, etc.—You finish the list.

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### CHRIST THE FULFILLMENT OF THE LAW

Sunday, December 19, 1943

Daily Readings and Meditations

December 13 to 18

- M. Christ the fulfillment of the law Heb. 1:1-9.  
T. Christ our righteousness Rom 10:4-10  
W. Righteousness by faith Phil. 3:1-9.  
T. The fullness of Christ Eph. 4:1-13.  
F. Justification by faith Gal. 2:16-21.  
S. Christ the life and light John 1:1-9.

Printed Portion .....Heb. 1:1-9; Romans 10:4-10.

Heb. 1:1. God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets,

2. Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds;

3. Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high;

4. Being made so much better than the angels, as he hath by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they.

5. For unto which of the angels said he at any time, Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee? And again, I will be to him a Father, and he shall be to me a Son?

6. And again, when he bringeth in the first begotten into the world, he saith, And let all the angels of God worship him.

7. And of the angels he saith, Who maketh his angels spirits, and his ministers a flame of fire.

8. But unto the Son he saith, Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever; a sceptre of righteousness is the sceptre of thy kingdom.

9. Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated iniquity: therefore God, even thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows.

Rom. 10:4. For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth.

5. For Moses describeth the righteousness which is of the law. That the man which doeth those things shall live by them.

6. But the righteousness which is of faith speaketh on this wise, Say not in thine heart, Who shall ascend into

heaven? (that is, to bring Christ down from above:)

7. Or, Who shall descend into the deep? (that is, to bring up Christ again from the dead.)

8. But what saith it? The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach;

9. That is thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.

10. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness: and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

Golden Text: "God . . . hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son." Heb. 1:1, 2.

Practical Truth: God's supreme message to man is in and through his Son.

### COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

When man by sinning lost the image of God, they could no longer have a true conception of God, yet there remained in their hearts a feeling that God IS. So being ignorant of the fact that they could not know Him except as He revealed Himself to them, they have tried to know Him by their own efforts. Perhaps you have read the poem about the six blind men who went to see the elephant. Each felt a different part of the elephant, and not being able to see, each stoutly declared that the elephant resembled the part which he felt. Even so, men in blindness have searched to find out God and the different religions of the world represent their conception of Him.

God gave the prophets visions and revelations of His true character and will for man, who in turn taught the people. This indirect way of revealing Himself made only a hazy conception of Him in their hearts. But in these last days, or last dispensation, He has directly spoken (revealed; made Himself known) to the people by sending His Son, who is the express image of God to the world. This does not mean that everybody who saw Jesus saw God, for he came in the flesh and many saw only the man. Jesus said, "No man knoweth the Son, but the Father; neither knoweth any man the Father, save the Son, and he to whomsoever the Son will reveal him." Matt. 11:27. Belief precedes revelation. Christ the Son of God has never been revealed to those whose hearts are hardened in unbelief. To truly know God is eternal life. To know God is to know Jesus Christ whom he hath sent. We can all know Him from the least to the greatest. The last two verses of our lesson in Romans tells us how we can know him. Keep in mind that to believe with the heart means more than a head belief that Jesus was the Son of God.

You must realize that you are a sinner without hope and without God in the world, and in your present evil state can never get to heaven where God is. Then you remember that Jesus shed his blood to atone for your sins IF you will believe in Him and accept him as your personal Saviour (Saviour from sin. Verse three tells us that he purged our sins. To purge means to cleanse or free from impurities or guilt; make clear or pure). Go to Jesus with an humble and a contrite heart promising Him that if He will forgive your sins and blot them out you will serve Him. As you earnestly seek Him it is very likely that He will bring things to your mind which you have done against your fellowmen. Do not try to cover these up because you cannot truly get on believing grounds until you have straightened these things up to the best of your ability. Verse eight says, "A sceptre of righteousness is the sceptre of thy kingdom." Righteousness is the emblem of his kingdom. If you hold to

a single sin you cannot become a subject of it. When you have done all you know to do, you have a right to believe that Jesus blots out your sins and makes you a child of God. When you really believe His peace will flood your soul and you will know that you have passed from death unto life; have been translated from the kingdom of darkness into the kingdom of God's dear Son. It will be natural for your lips and life to express what you believe in your heart. Don't let Satan hinder you. The ninth verse says Jesus loves righteousness and hates iniquity. If you remain in His kingdom you must do nothing to displease the King.

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### GOD'S GREAT LOVE AND HIS GIFT

Sunday, December 26, 1943

Daily Readings and Meditations  
December 20 to 25.

- M. The Babe of Bethlehem Matt. 2:1-12.  
T. Messianic prophecy Isa. 9:1-7.  
W. God's love for us Rom. 8:31-39.  
T. God's gift to all John 3:16-21.  
F. Honoring God by our gifts Mark 12:41-44.  
S. Manifesting our love John 14:15-21.

Printed Portion ..... Matthew 2:1-12.

Matt. 2:1. Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem.

2. Saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him.

3. When Herod the king had heard these things, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him.

4. And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he demanded of them where Christ should be born.

5. And they said unto him, In Bethlehem of Judaea: for thus it is written by the prophet,

6. And thou Bethlehem, in the land of Juda, art not the least among the princes of Juda: for out of thee shall come a Governor, that shall rule my people Israel.

7. Then Herod, when he had privily called the wise men, enquired of them diligently what time the star appeared.

8. And he sent them to Bethlehem, and said, Go and search diligently for the young child; and when ye have found him, bring me word again, that I may come and worship him also.

9. When they had heard the king, they departed; and lo, the star, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was.

10. When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy.

11. And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold, and frankincense, and myrrh.

12. And being warned of God in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed into their own country another way.

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

Practical Truth: In response to God's love we should give ourselves to him.

### COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

Years before the birth of Christ the Jews had been carried captive into Babylon, an eastern country. When they saw how God worked among his true children, many of the eastern people became believers. We read of two instances where the king requested them to worship only the God of the Jews because He was the living and true God. Historians tell us that the people of the East were expecting a great king to arise in Judea. It is thought that Balaam's prophecy, "There shall come forth a star out of Jacob, and a scepter shall rise out of Israel" (Num. 24:17) which had reference to the coming of the Messiah, was interpreted literally by the Magi. Be that as it may, we do know that when they saw the star they connected it with the birth of the expected King. They recognized him as no ordinary King but we do not know how much understanding they had as to His nature. Many would have turned away refusing to worship one whose birth had been so humble, but this seemed to have no weight on the wise men. Their worship of Him foreshadowed the time when the Gentiles would worship Him. He was not only to be the King of the Jews, but it was prophesied many years before this that in His name should the Gentiles trust.

When we think of how these men who had heard and understood so little about Jesus were so willing to leave their home, their country, and work and go on this long hard journey that they might find Him and worship Him, it should make us ashamed that we who live in a land of Bibles and have so much light put forth such little effort to worship Him. Many draw near Him with their lips, but their hearts are far from Him. Some make flimsy excuses. Some say they would like to find Jesus but there is so much confusion in the world and different teachings that they just do not know how. God has a way of guiding honest souls. He has told us, "And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart." Jer. 29:13. If all would speak the truth the majority would have to admit that they do not find Jesus and worship Him because they are proud and the way is too humble. They prefer a king who displays more pomp and splendor. The Jews would have worshipped Him had he come in a way to satisfy their carnal proud hearts.

God has sent His great gift to the world—a King to be accepted or rejected as man chooses. Our eternal happiness or eternal woe depends on our response to His gift. Because unbelievers see the world in a bloody conflict they conclude that the song which the angels sang at Jesus' birth, "Peace on earth good will toward men" and the Kingship of Jesus is a myth. Still others do not understand the nature of Jesus' kingdom to which that some time in the future He will come back again and will set up his kingdom of peace for a thousand years and reign as King. We are told in God's word that the kingdom of God is within us, and is not meat and drink, but righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost. He was born King over nineteen hundred years ago. He has all power in heaven and earth now. He causes kingdoms of this world to rise and fall to fulfill His word. But this is not the only way in which He rules as King. He has a Kingdom in the world now where His will is done in earthen vessels as it is done in heaven. He reigns over spiritual foes in the hearts of all who will accept Him. The song says:

"To Christ all power on earth IS given,  
See NOW his mighty sceptre sway;  
While others dream of an age to come,  
He's reigning in our hearts TODAY."