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Oh New Year

Oh, New Year! Nineteen forty-four,
Pray tell us if you can;
What dost thou hold for us in store?
And what are thy demands?

Will we rejoice to read the page
Of the uncovered scroll
Which thou holdest in thy hand
When to us it unfolds?

What are the records in thy vaults,
Of deeds, as not yet done?
Declare to us thy mighty acts;
Reveal them one by one.

Oh, yes; I know that we must wait
The answer to obtain;
Let not our fondest hopes, and dreams
Be counted all in vain.

We'd like to hear the canons' roar
And the bombers' moaning cease;
The machine-guns' clatter - ack - kack --kack,
Give way to songs of peace.

Oh, Nine - teen - hundred - forty-four,
Unveil the covered plaque
Of "Peace on earth; good will to men,"
O, bring the good news back.

Oh, Saviour, touch the hearts of men,
Let kings and rulers know
That "God is love," the source from which
All tranquil waters flow.

Oh, New Year, what is in thy hand?
And what dost thou require
That we may sing the song of peace?
Oh, grant us our desire.

—Ulysses Phillips.

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"If God Be For Us, Who Can Be Against Us?"

"Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord. Praise ye the Lord." When the enemy comes in like a flood then think on these things, and we will surely be encouraged. For "We know that

all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose." So let us cast our burdens and all our cares on our great Burden-Bearer and He will sustain us. I know sometimes we all feel like the Psalmist when he with his weary body said, "Oh, that I had wings like a dove, for then would I fly away and be at rest." But we don't have wings like a dove and we cannot fly away. But praise God, we can all stand in the ways and ask for the old paths where is the good way, and walk therein and we shall find rest for our souls. Some happy day when the good Master calls us to come up higher, and the prison bars of our earthly house will be broken and our poor, tired spirits will take their happy flight to realms of endless light and happiness, then we shall be forever with our loving Lord as his spotless bride. Till then we'll sing:

"Just a few years with their toil and tears
And the journey will be ended.

Then I'll be with Him where the tide of time
With eternity is blended.

I'll exchange my cross for a starry crown
Where the gates swing outward never.

At His feet I'll lay every burden down,
And with Jesus reign forever."

Because we have this hope we will:

"Be an overcomer, only cowards yield,
When the foe they meet on the battlefield.
We are blood-bought princes of the royal host,
And must falter not, nor desert our post.
Be an overcomer, He who stands with you
Is a mighty One who is always true
In the sorest conflict you shall win the day
Face the legions dark till they flee away.
Overcome - - - - - Overcome - - - - -
In Jehovah's might put the foe to flight
And the victor's crown you shall wear at last."

Dear saints of God, we should never doubt, for doubting will cause our spiritual sky to be overcast with clouds. And sometimes the clouds will become so dark they will hide the face of the Son of righteousness and leave us in a dark, gloomy state. Oh, I praise God that I have learned the secret of living in the inner circle with Jesus away above the clouds and I can lift my happy soul in praise and sing, "Here the Son is always shining, Here the sky is always bright.

Tis no place for gloomy Christians to abide.
 For my soul is filled with music, And my heart with
 great delight,
 And I'm living on the hallelujah side.
 Oh, glory be to Jesus let the hallelujahs roll
 Help me ring the Savior's praises far and wide,
 For I've opened up toward heaven all the windows of
 my soul
 And I'm living on the hallelujah side." Amen.

There are so many precious promises in the good Book and so many encouraging things we might say but time and space will not permit them all. I want to use one more promise from our beloved old St. Peter's writings. 1 Peter 1:3-5, "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, To an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that fadeth not away reserved in heaven for you WHO ARE KEPT BY THE POWER OF GOD through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time."

Oh, won't it be glorious when we are all gathered home Where we'll never more sorrow, where we'll never more roam;

We'll live there with Jesus in the sweet bye and bye In our home made of gold far above the blue sky. "And they shall be mine saith the Lord of hosts in that day when I make up my jewels." Mal. 3:17.

Your blood-washed brother who enjoys so much the privilege of being with the happy saints of God. Geo. Stephenson, R. 1, B. 420 A, Lake Charles, La.

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Christian Fellowship

The first chapter of the first epistle of John clearly defines Christian fellowship, which does not include those kindreds walking in the darkness of sin, for such cannot be possible. The Pharisees and Sadduces desired to join or fellowship John the Baptist (Matt. 3:7-9), but John would not receive nor fellowship any, rich or poor, unless they had repented and were sincere, honest, and dependable by bringing forth fruits of righteousness (demonstrated Christian virtues and works).

John was not seeking worldly popularity or a big membership by compromising the truth of God whatever. To have received them without a heart-felt repentance unto salvation, he would have been a party to their ungodly ways and thus sanctioned the works of darkness.

Because those (redeemed ones) who daily live and measure up to a sinless, holy, New Testament standard of perfect and full salvation do not and will not fellowship nominal (in name only) Christian believers or sect church members who possess no definite heart-felt experience of full salvation, they are criticized and disliked. In fellowshiping a sectarian communion service (Lord's Supper) where sinners also take part in this ordinance, saints are guilty of an abominable act toward God, by sanctioning darkness and the evil ways of those unsaved. Condemna-

tion will be upon their souls, for this service is for saved people only. See 1 Cor. 11:27-30.

Our Lord would not fellowship those nominal believers as saved persons even if they did agree with Him in some things. Matt. 7:21.

It is satanic and nothing but deception that the saved should fellowship those who are unwilling to go all the way with Jesus, but stop to consider so called liberty in non-essentials. Many say they believe, but have never felt godly sorrow for their sinful nature nor ever sought repentance unto salvation according to gospel requirements.

When asked if she was saved, a woman replied that she was baptized when a child and contended that was all she needed to fellowship Christ as her Savior. She was amazed when informed she was without salvation and numbered with the lost. It is most sad, disappointing, and lamenting to be deceived, or for any one to believe they are saved by just a mere profession, or by depending upon others to lead them aright by failing to study the Word of God to learn of these things. It is of vital importance and a great need since it is God's will and Word for everyone to eagerly and prayerfully read and study the Word of God just as those at Berea (Acts 17:11) did when Paul came there from Thessalonica. See also John 5:39.

Naturally, all Christians will love and study the Word of God to gain a better and clearer fellowship with Christ that they may be more able to co-operate with our Savior to be light bearers to those sitting in the darkness of sin and the shadow of death that the marvelous, unspeakable works and values of perfect and full salvation and redemptive power of Jesus Christ may be made a reality in the lives of the unsaved about us and elsewhere.

Multitudes will be sadly disappointed on that great day of His wrath, for some will mourn and others in rage will gnash their teeth. Matt. 25:30 does not indicate just who the gnashing of teeth is directed at, but it is evident such wrath, hate or accusation is hurled at those false teachers, ministers, pastors, and priests (also numbered among the lost) to whom they had depended upon to rightly inform them how to find peace with God, but had failed to do so due to a ceremonial, human, and formal creature worship (Rom. 1:25 and Matt. 15:9) that fellowships the world, and void of any heart-felt, spiritual fellowship with Christ Jesus that the genuine works of repentance unto full salvation truly brings to the penitent.

Satan has deceived many a minister into a personal selfish desire to be sensually popular with his congregation. Usually when a fine looking young minister assumes charge of a congregation, young women will fall for him if he does not preach the full truth of God. "Isn't he just grand, his preaching just suits me," say those who show by their outward appearance or dress that they are strictly worldly minded and positively lack fellowship with Christ. If the minister is of another makeup, possessing a firm determination not to compromise the truth of God, but to give full proof of his ministry

(2 Tim. 4:5) he will boldly condemn what is hindering so many from definitely knowing God. He will not be embarrassed by young women falling in love with him when he denounces worldly fashions, cigarette smoking, wearing jewelry, painting their faces, lips, and finger nails to attract attention, by declaring he positively will not fellowship anyone as a Christian until they seek Jesus and possess a heart that will reflect a far greater sense of beauty and loveliness than any carnal, outward, worldly adornment and appearance can ever do. See 1 Timothy 2:9.

The faithful minister whom God has called and put in trust of the gospel (1 Thes. 2:4) will not withhold the full gospel from his fellow creatures. Not on his life will he be found guilty of high treason to the powers that be above. Knowing well there is grave danger ahead he will not let the weary traveler in the dark pass by without warning him of certain destruction ahead. See Ezekiel 33:4, 5, 6.

How blessed and sweet is the fellowship with Christ day and night. "Watchman, what of the night?" Isa. 21:11. It is nigh the midnight hour, and awake. All is quiet, but suddenly the mental powers become active in answer to prayer for wisdom, knowledge, and instruction so much needed in one's gospel talent, gift, and work. A message, for Christ is on the line of communication between the human soul and its creator and redeemer, in whom we have delight in the law of God after the inward man. Rom. 7:22.

Great is the delight, joy, and happiness or blessings to be in constant contact and fellowship with our Savior, which is so far greater than all of mortal life's pleasures, events, and joys, all of which eventually fade away as a wilted, faded flower. The blessed fellowship, unfaded treasures, and rejoicings in Christian service possess everlasting values and treasures.

The first six verses of Ephesians, 4th chapter reveal the elements and characteristics so vitally essential to a definite Christian fellowship.

—John H. Griffith.

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The Way Of Escape

What is peace? Jesus said, "In me ye shall have peace," so He is the way of peace. The angels' song when Jesus was born was, "Peace on earth, good-will to men." This peace and good-will is not of this world, but we have it in Jesus. The song the angels sang was a heavenly song and Jesus was a heavenly being. All who will take Jesus in their heart and life will have peace and good-will to one another and abound in love toward one another for this is the fruit of this peace. If this peace and good-will were in every heart, there would be no room for greed and selfishness. There would be no big I's and little you's but a helping hand would be extended to one another in brotherly friendship—this is the way of peace. This world would be a place of peace and love if all would live by that new commandment to love one another. There is no greed in a heart of love as that is the place where peace abounds—

no malice or ill-will. That is the way to have peace on the earth. What a difference there would be in this world if the spirit of peace and love would prevail. Why should it not be that way? It could be that way if everyone would live with the peace of God ruling in their hearts. Peace will not cause any trouble. The peace that rules in some hearts today is not of this world. Jesus still is peace and He came down from heaven.

Jesus said, "In the world ye shall have tribulation, but be of good courage I have overcome the world." He also said to His followers, "Ye are not of the world, even as I am not of the world." It is the peace of God that passeth all understanding that will keep our hearts and minds through Christ Jesus our Lord. The God of peace has promised to be with us. This peace and good-will is such a wonderful blessing to this world, if only hearts would accept it. This blessed holy peace in Jesus abides and it will protect and guide all the faithful ones to the last. It gives us power to hold fast to the unchanging hand of God.

Blessed holy peace in Jesus abides

And how it will protect us and guide

All the faithful ones to the very last,

It is the only power that will hold them fast.

United in unity — in love that is sweet,

In oneness all the saints do stand complete

With that peace that is holy and right,

All discord will weaken in their sight.

Standing together in God's holy way

All will see it some glorious day.

"In me," Jesus said, "ye shall have peace;"

And by Him that peace will never cease.

"Be ye all of one mind," will keep us together,

And from this holy mind we will not sever

This standard will never let us fall.

It will be about us as a mighty wall.

F. W. Spour

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GOD'S TIME

God's time is never wrong,

Never too fast or too slow;

The planets move to its steady pace

As the centuries come and go.

Stars rise and set by that time,

The punctual comets come back,

With never a second's variance,

From the round of their viewless track.

Men space their years by the sun,

And reckon their months by the moon

Which never arrive too late

And never depart too soon.

Let us set our clock by God's

And order our lives by His ways,

And nothing can come and nothing can go

Too soon or too late in our days.

—Annie Johnson Flint.

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Memphis, Tenn.—Dear Saints—Greetings in Jesus' precious name. Christian love to you both and all the saints everywhere. I am truly a child of God since I have given up all to follow him. I haven't been saved very long. I feel that I should write a testimony for the Lord. I am so glad this morning that I can still report victory in my soul and a deep desire to go all the way with our blessed Lord. We feel we are in His order in being here. I desire special prayer for my son who is in prison and also pray for my family and me. I am not well. My suffering is very weakening in my limbs. I want the saints to pray for me that I may be healed.

Your sister in Christ,

Ethel Simpson

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Editorials

The State Assembly meeting that was held at Guthrie during the holidays has come and now is gone, marked down as a thing that has come to pass and looked upon by those who attended as a time when God showed himself in power and demonstration of the Spirit, bringing joy, comfort, and consolation to the beloved saints of God, and others received help to their souls at the altar of prayer.

At first the meeting was much hindered on account of flu and bad weather, but the Lord kept working and healed those of the flu and cleared the weather some, and others began to come in until it became necessary to open up the Sunday School rooms to have seating capacity for those coming in to the services.

It seemed to most of us that the Lord gave the ministers unusual anointing and freedom in giving out the truths of his word and it was edifying and up-building to the saints. The power of God was so great that Satan was afraid to show himself to make any disturbances and toward the last of the meeting many were speaking of what a wonderful, good meeting the Lord was blessing us with.

Those who are grumbling, complaining with murmurings about the Church being divided and going down, having sin and other evils in it, ought to throw away the Devil's Spectacles and have a personal house-cleaning so they can see things as God sees them. It is a very common thing for professors to brand others as the realities are in their own souls.

Bro. C. E. Orr used to tell about a woman who looked out of her window and saw her neighbor's washing on the line. It looked so dirty that she remarked about her putting out such a dirty washing, saying that she would not hang out clothes if she couldn't get them cleaner than that. She went out of doors and the clothes looked clean and she found out that the dirt was on her own window. You can generally know an unclean vessel by the way they pick and find fault with others. Jesus tells about one who wanted to pick a mote out of his brother's eye and behold a beam was in his own eye. You can read that in the seventh chapter of Matt. beginning at the first verse.

Ministers and others attended the meeting from a number of different states. Bro. George Stephenson from Lake Charles, La., Bro. Cecil Carver and family from Shreveport, La., Bro. Everett Hilbun and family of Anthony, Kansas, and Bros. Murphey and Egbert Allen of Mo. Several ministers of this state were present. Everyone that came in added more fire to the blaze. Bro. Everett was only at the meeting a few days when he and Bro. Darius Gibson felt led of the Lord to attend the Union City, Ind. Assembly meeting, so they left for that place. We all regretted to see them leave but were willing for God to have His way. He has a right to send his ministers wherever He pleases. We are the clay and he is the Potter. We are members and He is the governor. We are subjects and He is the King. His will is our will.

Two young men desired to follow the Lord in

baptism and Bro. Willie Murphey officiated in this service, having to break some ice out of the way on the river to get it done.

The meeting closed by singing No. 277 in Select Hymns song book entitled, "Blest Be the Tie."

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Recently we have received offerings for the upkeep of the "Lord's Print Shop" from different parties and they gave no name or address and we know not whom to make acknowledgement to. Perhaps they did it purposely as often is the case, but if otherwise and you do not receive acknowledgment you will know it is because you failed to give us your name and address.

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To the subscribers of the "Faith and Victory" paper we wish to say that you should get your paper before the first Sunday of each month and if you do not, just let us know and send again to us your exact address and we will send you another paper. Something about your address may not be just right or it failed to get to you, being lost in transportation.

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The House of God which is the Church of God, the pillar and ground of the truth is not a human organization, neither is it a part of such but is a distinct and exclusive body of men and women who are born from above and by yielding themselves continually unto God retain their membership or citizenship in heaven. They do not join themselves to any earthly thing but cast aside all earthly weights and run the race with patience which is set before them. They are not conformed to the world and do not have fellowship with the works of darkness. They are spoken of in the scriptures by many different symbols comparisons and illustrations and all the objects used denote a thing that is solid, firm and always together. It is so strong, mighty, and sure that Jesus said, "The gates of hell shall not prevail against IT." Matt. 16:18. You notice Jesus said "IT", giving us true knowledge that there is but one true Church. In the Song of Solomon we read in the 6th chapter, 9th verse, "My dove, my undefiled is but one, she is the only one of her mother." She has no sisters or half-sisters.

The Psalmist David said, "They that trust in the Lord shall be as Mount Zion, which cannot be removed, but abideth forever." The Church or family of God are symbolized as Mt. Zion. He will fight for His people who are Mt. Zion. "So shall the Lord of Hosts come down to fight for Mt. Zion and for the hill thereof." Isa. 31:4, latter part of verse. He also refers to the Church as, "Jerusalem which is from above is free, which is the mother of us all." Gal. 4:26. In the fifth verse he says, "As the birds flying, so will the Lord defend Jerusalem; defending also he will deliver it, and passing over it he will preserve it." The angels of God are all about his Church, his people to defend and preserve them. David said, "The angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear Him, and delivereth them."

In Joel 2:32, we read again, "And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of

the Lord shall be delivered: for in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem shall be deliverance, as the Lord hath said, and in the remnant whom the Lord shall call."

In Heb. 12:22, 23 we read, "But ye are come unto Mount Zion [or Zion], and unto the city of the living God [the Church is often symbolized as a city] the heavenly Jerusalem [we are symbolized as "Heavenly Jerusalem because we are born from above, have an heavenly birth] and to an innumerable company of angels [plenty of protection to preserve us] the general assembly of the church of the firstborn, which are written in heaven, ["And of Zion it shall be said, this and that man was born in her; and the highest himself shall establish her. The Lord shall count when he writeth up the people, that this man was born there." Psalms 87:5, 6] and to God the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect." Heb. 12:22, 23.

In the 15th chapter of St. John, Jesus compares him and his children, or the Church, to a vine. He is the true Vine (there are many false vines) and each one of his "born again" children is a branch in the vine. They cannot bear fruit except they abide in the Vine. They are only together as each one abides in the Vine. They draw all their strength from the Vine and thereby bear the fruits of the Spirit because they are in him and he in them.

Paul tells us that the Church is a building fitly framed together and groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord, and says in the 22nd verse of the 2nd chapter of Eph. "In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit." He also says in the 6th verse of the same chapter, "And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus." God's children or family are always together. Every "born again" soul that will loosen entirely from all of this old world will automatically flow together in this time-world bearing the same fruit as they abide in the Vine and will be caught up together to meet the Lord in the air; and so shall we ever be with the Lord. 1 Thes. 4:17. "Thank God for a Church triumphant, all pure in this world below; for the Kingdom that Jesus founded does triumph o'er every foe."

Angeline (Thomas) Jackson was born Oct. 1872 at Washington, La.; departed this life Nov. 27, 1943, at Okmulgee, Okla.

In April, 1890 she was united in marriage to Paul Jackson to which union six children were born, three boys and three girls, one boy having preceded her in death. In 1908 they left their home in La. and moved to Hoffman, Okla. where they resided until 1922 at which time they went to Mexico to reside until 1933 when they returned to Oklahoma.

While in her youth she professed a hope in the Christian faith and joined the Missionary Baptist Church, but in 1918 she sought a closer walk with God and took her stand with the saints in the church of God.

She was a loving, faithful wife and mother. She quietly passed from this life, leaving husband, two sons, three daughters, seventeen grandchildren, three brothers, three sisters, and a host of friends to mourn their loss.

Bro. W. W. Crawley officiated at the funeral service. Text: John 15:14.

NATIONAL CAMPMEETING — 1944

The national campmeeting of the Church of God will be held, the Lord willing, on the camp ground at Monark Springs, Mo., July 21 to 30, inclusive. A cordial invitation is extended to our many readers to plan to attend the campmeeting this year. Come and become better acquainted with the work the Lord is doing in these last days of gathering His people together in one.

The saints should begin now to pray and give for the benefit of the meeting. Lay by in store such items as rationed foods, home canned fruit and vegetables, and purpose to send or bring meats, fresh fruits and vegetables. The Lord's work should not suffer for lack of means when there is so much money in circulation. Ask yourself if you are regularly declaring ten percent dividends to the Lord on your one hundred percent consecration.

Much more funds are needed with which to construct a dining hall on the campgrounds. You may send your offerings for the dining hall or campmeeting to Bro. Sam Barton, R. 8, Box 119, Tulsa, Okla., or to the undersigned at 1005 W. Mansur, Guthrie, Okla.

—L. D. Pruitt, Secy.-Treas.

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He Suffered for You

In Gethsemane,

Jesus prayed for thee,

That ye might have life eternal, full and free.

In agony He prayed,

Many hours he stayed

In the garden, to his Father made his plea.

Even when betrayed,

Still our Savior prayed—

Oh! what love He manifested unto all!

How they mocked with scorn,

Ah! what pain was borne.

He tasted of the drink they gave Him mixed with gall.

Was it all in vain,

Jesus suffered pain?

That He bore the cross and died on Calvary?

Ye must be born again,

If with Him you'll reign

In that joyful heav'n of love eternally.

You'll be cast away

In that judgment day,

If you've spurned salvation in this life below.

When you stand before

Jesus on that shore

Will you be saved or cast into darkest woe?

Will you yield to Him?

Let the Savior in!

He is pleading for your soul, Oh come tonight.

He will cleanse your heart,

If from sin you'll part

Out of darkness into ever perfect light.

—Mrs. Roy Elwell

**Anti-Ordinance Questions Answered
By The Word of God**

First, notice the commission found in Matt. 28:19, 20. This was Christ's last commission, "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost." The Anti-ordinance people say Christ did not mean the Gentiles in the commission, or if he did, he did not mean literal water, but they give no scripture for their way of thinking. "Teaching them to observe [put in practice] all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, [all your days] even unto the end of the world." This commission was sanctioned by the holy trinity and covers all time down to the last day so this bursts another one of the anti's bubbles, wherein they claim literal water baptism is only for the Jew, never for the Gentile, and that Paul made a great mistake when he baptized those few. His reason for not baptizing more was, "lest any should say that I had baptized in mine own name." 1 Cor. 1:15. Paul was very careful to keep himself in the background. Christ was a Jew, but he did not baptize, but his disciples did. He also set the example for all the world (nations) to go by, Matt. 3:13 and Matt. 28:19, 20. He has but one plan for all the world, as he commanded in his last commission, and nowhere can it be found that he changed that plan. The change is found only in the deluded mind of man. Let God be true and all who oppose Him liars. The anti-ordinance doctrine is only bringing to pass 2 Peter 2:1. "But there were false prophets among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies."

I will liken this to an incident that occurred one time. One of our ministers owned a parrot which he taught to sing, "There is glory in my soul." A mischievous man who heard the parrot sing, proceeded to correct it, saying, "You have no soul, just a craw, and you should sing, 'There is glory in my craw.'" So the parrot changed his song according to what the man said. This is what I call "damnable hear say." Like Eve in the garden, God taught her what to do and what not to do, but the devil came along and turned God's commandments into a lie. She believed the lie and began to imitate the parrot right away. Eternity alone can tell the awful cost of believing a lie.

It is said by the Anti-ordinance people that Paul was not water-baptized, baptized only a few, and never taught water baptism, as he was a chosen vessel to the Gentiles. But we find by reading Acts 9th chapter that Paul was a chosen vessel to the Gentiles and kings and the children of Israel. I am sure he preached the same doctrine to all. We see also by the same chapter that he was saved, sanctified, then baptized, and in Acts 16th chapter he undoubtedly baptized the jailor and all his straightway. Philip also baptized the Ethiopian, another Gentile. Isn't it too bad God neglected to have an anti-therapist to instruct Philip? It is also said by the anti-therapist

that Peter made a mistake when he commanded those Gentiles to be baptized. Acts 10:48. If he did wrong isn't it strange that none of the apostles corrected Peter for his mistake? Paul did correct Peter because for fear of the Jews that came down he quit eating with the Gentiles, but he never said ought against Peter baptizing the Gentiles. "Oh, Consistency, thou art a jewel."

One more question at least we believe should be answered; to wit that the Jew could not receive the Holy Ghost except by the laying on of hands after they had been water baptized. Yet we see by the word that on Pentecost, one hundred twenty at least received Him, without the aid of human hands. There were at least sixteen nations represented there that day, and Peter preached to all alike that day. God doesn't need the arm of flesh to help him baptize the people with the Holy Ghost, but he does say, "cursed be the man that trusteth in man and maketh flesh his arm." Jer. 7:5.

—G. E. Harmon

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John Bunyan was one of God's great lights to pass through this sin-cursed world. He lived twelve years in jail for Jesus' sake. God was in jail with John Bunyan and gave him visions and dreams that reach to the end of time. His volumes of holy Christian literature are spread all over the world while his persecutors are writhing in hell. He pictures up the Highway of Holiness in a most wonderful way, and those few lone travelers thereon who come in through the strait gate. Others were on the Highway at times—but there was no holiness in their hearts. They did not come in through the strait gate (Jesus) but came in tumbling over the wall. When reprimanded by Christian they remonstrated, saying, "We are in the way the same as you," but ere long they tumble out again over the wall. How typical of professed saints. Is Jesus our Savior a hard master? Will He take a carnal Bride to heaven? The great need today is men and women who are baptized by Jesus Christ with the Holy Ghost and fire from heaven.

—J. Edward Wetzel.

CORRESPONDENCE

Breedsville, Mich.—Dear Bro. Pruitt and co-laborers together in the kingdom of God. I enjoy so much to read your paper "Faith and Victory."

I want to testify of God's goodness to me and what he has done for me. He has saved me from all sin and is keeping me day by day. He has delivered me from Roman Catholicism of which I was once a faithful member. I was catechised and instructed and confirmed by Bishop Borgess of Detroit. Just to show you how sincere and faithful I was, I wondered why everybody did not join our church and be saved. Oh, the awful darkness and deception the enemy of all souls can keep humanity in. I was also a slave to tobacco, addicted to the habit for years. I tried at different times to quit it, but always failed. But thank God, when I turned everything over to Him who careth for all, the work was done. I carried the weed in my pocket for

several weeks to see if the Lord would test me, but thank the Lord, I have had no desire for it from that moment on. He has made me more than a conqueror through Him. Praise His holy name.

He has been such a comfort to me these last five years, especially since He has taken my darling companion to him. I promised her that I would meet her in heaven as she requested, and by God's assisting grace I will strive to attain glory. Will you please pray for me that I keep true and faithful. May these few lines help some poor soul to seek the Lord before it is too late.

Your saved brother, J. C. Wauchek

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Clayton, Ind.—Dear Bro. Pruitt—Greetings in Jesus' name. I feel that I should write and tell you that I like your little paper, "Faith and Victory." I am glad there is someone who prints the Bible as it is. This finds me saved and encouraged to press on to the end. I am enclosing one dollar for which to renew my subscription for two years. You may use the rest where most needed.

Yours in Christ, Howard B. Davis

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To the readers of "Faith and Victory" scattered abroad throughout the land, greetings. We thank the dear Lord for His blessings upon us this past year. How He has encouraged us to press on amid the trials of life as we travel on our journey homeward.

The Lord has taught us some precious lessons in the past year so we want to be faithful and keep these lessons in mind and learn more in this new year if we are permitted to stay here in this world.

We want to be like Mary, we want to choose the good part which shall not be taken away from us—that is, to sit at the feet of Jesus and learn of Him. He is our teacher and guide.

We have received a large bunch of Christmas folders from different ones of our readers, for which we do thank each one.

We thank the saints for the offerings that each one has sent in this past year which has enabled us to put out the gospel of our dear Lord to many precious souls.

We pray God's blessings upon each one, that they will ever stand true until Jesus calls them home to be with Him.

We are just going thru the world once so we do not want to miss getting ready for that home over yonder.

Yours for the whole truth, Mary A. Pruitt

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Olla, La.—Dear saints, Greetings in Jesus' precious name. Tonight finds me still saved and trusting in God for both soul and body, praise his name. I am glad I ever learned to trust in Him.

I am not well in body, I need your prayers. I have the Flu I guess. I also am suffering again with asthma, and had to sit in my rocker five nights without lying down, but the Lord was good to me. He would come to my rescue and relieve me of the terrible smothering attacks, and kept me from being so nervous. I desire the prayers of the saints that I get completely healed of this asthma. My daughter has just been operated on, pray for her. And her little girl has something wrong with her leg. She has not walked in about five or six weeks. Pray earnestly for her.

Pray for our work here that the different ones be encouraged. When you are praying earnestly for my healing, pray also that the Lord will increase my faith. I am determined to go all the way with my blessed Lord, and trust him to the end, praise His name.

Your sister in Christ, Mellie Esters

Redlands, Calif.—Dear Bro. Fred Pruitt and Family, and all the saints of the household of God that love our Lord in sincerity and in truth, sanctified in Christ Jesus our Lord: Grace unto you and peace from God our heavenly Father. May He richly bless you in every good work wherein the Lord hath called thee out from among the world to be a true witness of the Gospel of Jesus Christ wherein the Lord hath called thee, to His honor and glory. Witness to the word of God with all sincerity. The time has come when these sect churches have turned their ears away from the truth of the gospel of Jesus Christ to lying spirits and doctrines of devils, the commandments of men of corrupt minds, wolves in sheep's clothing. Jesus said take heed that no man deceive you, for many false prophets shall arise and deceive many. We are now living in these evil days that Jesus spoke of. God's people will soon pass through fiery trials; there will be many Christian martyrs die for Christ's sake before this great world war is over. But we, who belong to Christ, know in whom we have believed and that Jesus will keep that which we have committed unto Him against that day. So we put our hand in the hand of Jesus and go marching on to victory! Jesus is our captain and will lead the way for He is our refuge and strength. Praise ye the Lord!

When I joined one of those sect churches in 1902, 42 years ago, they had then the free ministry and preached against church members conforming to the world. As time moved on, other sects having hired pastors, they, in order to be like the others started hiring college pastors. It soon spread all over the brotherhood, and now they are just like all these other worldly minded sects. They dress just like the world; short dresses, bobbed hair, painted finger nails, and all kinds of gold and pearls and costly array. Now when I considered all these evil things that are practiced among the sect churches through an educated, hypocritical, hireling ministry, I came to myself and arose and came out of Babylon to follow Jesus.

In these evil days we need to be much in prayer with a strong faith in God. For the just shall live by faith. "It is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in man." Psalms 118:8. "They that wait on the Lord shall renew their strength." Isaiah 40:31. We walk by faith and not by sight. I am now on the faith line. I'll tell the good old story of how the Saviour saves and keeps and sanctifies and satisfies the longing soul.

I received your good letter and the two books you sent me. (God's Gracious Dealings and A Religious Controversy.) They surely have the gospel ring. I enjoyed reading them very much. I am now convinced without a doubt that I am on the right way. Hallelujah! Jesus reigns in my heart. What heavenly peace and joy to walk and talk with Jesus while passing through the valley and shadow of death in these dark and gloomy days of evil.

Your Brother in Christ Jesus, H. U. Christner.

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Lyons, Ore.—Dear Bro. and Sister Pruitt and Co-workers together with all the holy remnant of our God, scattered over the earth, which is the salt of the earth, to all greetings of love in Jesus our Lord.

We rejoice to report victory and to tell a little of the wonderful things God is doing for his faithful few in this part. On November 19 Bro. and Sis. Stonecypher of Clovis, N. M. arrived at our home in Mill City where we had services over Sunday. Not many came, yet the Lord blessed. On Monday, 22nd we went to the chapel on the camp ground on Sister Busch's place near Stavton and had services for ten days. In those meetings the power and love of God was poured out on all present. One was sanctified, some healed, and all edified in the Lord.

A young Brother Kliever who lives near Lebanon, Ore. has been saved for some time and is called to the gospel work, was with us for most of this meeting. He took a firm stand for all the old time truth of God and was blessed in his efforts.

Bro. and Sister Stonecypher had intended to go on to visit some isolated saints east of here, but during the meeting I received a letter from Sister H. E. Locker of Brownsville, Ore. requesting the saints to fast and pray Sunday, Dec. 5 for her sister's son who had T. B. and wanted to be saved and healed. They asked Wife and I to be with them on the 5th if possible. On reading the letter, Bro. Stonecypher felt led to stay and go with us over there. He and his wife, Sister W. H. White, my wife and I went over Sat. Dec. 4. On our way we visited Bro. and Sis. Isaac Bennett who live at Shedd, Oregon and had song and prayer service in their home. Sister Bennett is afflicted with rheumatism and wants all the saints' prayers. God wonderfully blessed all of us while waiting on him in their home. We arrived at Bro. Locker's, found him and his wife standing steadfast in the faith and pressing on to the mark of the high calling in Christ Jesus. We had meeting Sat. night and Sunday. On Sunday the afflicted young man was there and prayed through and found God and peace to his soul. Then he was anointed for his healing and God, who never fails, touched him and there surely was great rejoicing in the love and power of God.

Today, Dec. 6, Bro. and Sister Stonecypher started on to the appointed work where God leads them, and our love and prayers and the fellowship of the Spirit go with them. We sorrowed to part with them so soon, yet look forward to the time when all battles are fought, the course finished, then all the redeemed, bloodwashed host will assemble to enjoy the fullness of the love of God while eternal ages roll. We feel that all who come in contact with them while on their God-sent mission among us were benefited.

We feel that all saints should continue to remember the young brother who was saved and healed and also Bro. and Sis. Bennett. God has wonderfully manifested his power and the enemy will not fail to try some cunning devise to weaken or overthrow their faith.

With love and fervent prayers for all saints. I am your brother in Christ, redeemed from this old world and all its foolishness and determined to stand true to God and the fullness of the gospel. Remember us in prayer.

Sam and Beulah Wilson.

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Madera, Calif.—Dear Saints—Greeting you in the name of Jesus. He has saved my soul and has taken care of me through these hard tests and trials. Through sickness he is at my side. Praise his holy name. I am glad that I found the sweet Savior in time. I know that if we expect to have peace in our soul, we have to give up this old world and come to God. Then we will gain peace and happiness in our soul. We can help the ones who despitefully use us and feel happy in doing it. I need the prayers of the saints.

Bro. James Wesley Smith

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Los Angeles, Calif.—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 truth. Things look pretty dark at times but by His grace we can stand true to him. May the Lord's blessings be upon the work.

Your sister in Christ,

Mrs. C. Cray

Young People's Section

Is God Ashamed of You?

Is God ashamed of your life, dear one,
The way you live each day?
Or is He saying, "My child, well done.
Keep up the shining way"?

Is God ashamed of the things you say,
When with your friends you meet?
Do you tell them of the Savior's love,
His blessings pure and sweet?

Or do you speak of the worldly things,
The pleasures found on earth?
They'll soon decay with the using, friend,
And bring no lasting mirth.

Is God ashamed of the way you act,
When you some problem face?
Do you go away in secret prayer
And seek for needed grace?

Or do you then murmur and complain
Of trials that come your way?
It will do no good, look up to God,
He'll brighten up the day.

If God's ashamed of your life, dear one,
Your words, your thoughts, and deeds,
I beg you to the fountain come,
From sin to be relieved.

—Olive A. Phillips

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Editorials

The Guthrie Assembly meeting was well attended by young people. In fact, it seemed that a large percent of the attendance of the entire meeting was younger people. Several young ministers were present, and the young people's meetings held each day at 4 p. m. proved to be spiritual blessings to those in attendance. Some were saved, sanctified, and baptized during the meeting.

A young man nineteen years of age, named Edwin Weir, who had gotten saved a short time ago, came to the meeting from his ranch home near Raton, N. M. for the purpose of getting sanctified and baptized. He had the shine of salvation on his face, and with some instruction he received the Holy Spirit as his abiding Comforter. He and Clark Junior Porter followed the Lord in baptism, even though there was ice on the water. This was Bro. Weir's first time to meet the saints in general, and he expressed appreciation for the privilege, and was loathe to leave. He is isolated from the saints, so pray that God will ever keep him as a bright light in a dark place. The Lord is seeking out honest souls wherever they may be found.

Four of the boys who are in Civilian Public Service camps from the Guthrie congregation were privileged to spend their furloughs at Guthrie at various times during the month of December. Clifford Wilson, stationed at New Raymer, Colo., arrived first to spend about ten days. Then Roy Jennings from New Raymer, Hyrum Ray from Denison, Iowa, and Clark Junior Porter of Colorado Springs arrived in time to attend parts of the Assembly meeting which was held here during the holidays.

These young men are not complaining because of the situations and circumstances the Lord has permitted to surround them, but are encouraged and willing to "suffer hardness as a good soldier of Jesus Christ." The people of God should appreciate those who are standing true to their God-given convictions, and loyally following in the footsteps of Jesus whose teaching of non-violence to their fellow-men, either as a principal character or an accomplice, is their rule of everyday conduct. Let us continually hold them up to the throne of grace, and also those who are to face like problems.

"Who will suffer for the gospel,
Follow Christ without the gate,
Take the martyrs for example,
With them glory at the stake?"

"Oh, for consecrated service,
'Mid the din of babel strife!
Who will dare the truth to herald
At the peril of his life?"

"Soon the conflict will be over,
Crowns await the firm and pure;
Forward, brethren, work and suffer,
Faithful to the end endure."

—L. D. Pruitt

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How Shall We Escape?

"How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord and was confirmed unto us by them that heard him." Heb. 2:3. We wish to call the reader's attention to the fore-part of this text which reads, "How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation." So many people seem to fail to see the importance of salvation because they neglect it and put it off, which is a dangerous thing to do. There is danger of losing all chance of ever getting it. Salvation means deliverance from sin. Jesus said, "If the Son therefore shall make you free ye shall be free indeed." To be saved from sin is wonderful freedom. It is joy, peace, and gladness. "There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit." Those who are saved are free from

the condemnation of sin and death. They have peace with God, they are happy in the service of the Lord. Those not saved are under the condemnation of death. "For the wages of sin is death." Rom. 6:23. All sinners are servants to sin and sin pays the wages of death, (a separation from God) misery, and despair. Jesus says, "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me, for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. Matt. 11:28, 29. Again He said, "Him that cometh to me, I will in no wise cast out." And again, "Whosoever will, may come." "God so loved the world, that He gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." John 3:16.

The Holy Spirit calls every sinner to repent, urges them to forsake their sinful ways and serve the Lord, to live in obedience to his commandments and do his holy will. The Spirit of God reveals to every lost soul at some time in the course of their life, their need of salvation. Grace is offered to all men through the Spirit. Everyone has a chance to be saved if they will. If you are lost and die in your sins, it is of your own choice. God says, "My Spirit will not always strive with man." God's mercy often rejected may cause the Spirit of God to take its departure from you and leave you in Satan's control. A few weeks ago I was talking to an unsaved, elderly man. He expressed a hope of getting saved some day. He had never been a Christian in his life, but had always thought to be saved in the future. He took sick and was very ill. Before he died he said, "God has passed me by." How sad! He had lived all his life in sin and at the end he had no hope. It is not safe to reject God and put him out of our lives. "There is no hope for the wicked saith the Lord." "God requireth all men everywhere to repent."

"How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation?" —L. D. Foster

Static, Tenn.—Dear Brothers and Sisters in the Lord—I want you to know my heart is still for Jesus, for He is the greatest comfort of all to me. I know he can heal the sick body and can ease a worried, broken heart. If it wasn't for God's love and mercy to help and comfort our hearts when we are in distress and sorrow, what could we do in this sinful world with so many haughty women and men around us? I am so glad Jesus loves me. I will praise his sweet name forever and ever.

Dear sisters and brothers in Jesus, I have made mistakes in my past life which I'll regret as long as life lasts me. But I sure learned a lesson about believing people who live for the devil. Oh, how many times I have repented, asking God to forgive me of my sins. I sure have counted the cost and paid the price, but now Jesus is with me. My heart's desire is to live for Jesus the rest of my life here on earth until God calls me to heaven to meet my friends and loved ones.

Although I have been a moral woman all of my life, yet I did not live pleasing to God all the time. I have a dear old Christian mother and father still living and I am so proud of them. You faithful Christians pray for me to get stronger in soul and body. And also

pray for me, I need your prayers. Please pray for my seven children, some of whom I have not seen for about six years. Please pray a special prayer for my son, Hollis who is over sea in the army. I have not heard from him for over two months. Pray that God will protect him and keep him safe and that he will return again back to our own land. The Lord knows everything that is best. Pray that if it is His will that in some way I will get to be with all of my children again in life. If I could only have my children together again it would be one more happy time in life for me.

I have received some nice letters from dear sisters and brothers in Jesus telling me how they enjoyed reading my testimony which was published in the Sept. "Faith and Victory." Please pray for my friends and loved ones that they will make peace with Jesus before it is too late. Your sister, Mrs. M. H. Bilbrey

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Olla, La.—Dear Saints of God,—Today finds us still saved, sanctified, and satisfied and willing to go all the way with the Lord.

We have felt for some time that the Lord would be pleased for us to write a testimony for the paper and tell how good the Lord is to us. He is our all in all, we have found Him to truly be a helper in every time of need. We are so thankful we have someone who knows all about us and that the God we serve does hear and answer prayer at all times if we live close to Him.

We have many trials and temptations if we serve God in this sinful world, but by God's help we intend to go all the way. People of the world just can't understand why we trust our bodies in God's hands to heal, but He has never failed on one of His promises. He has promised to heal our bodies and he has healed many times in our home. We can't tell all He has done for us. All praises to God who is able to do all things.

We surely pray that the Lord will bless His workers at the Lord's print shop and keep His work going and encourage each to go all the way with the Lord. Pray for us. We need the prayers of God's people to do what God has for us to do. Pray earnestly for our little girl that the Lord will heal her body.

A bro. and sis. in Christ, Mr. and Mrs. Willard Esters

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Holland, Mich.—Dear Bro. Pruitt and all,—Just a few lines to let you know that the dear Lord has been and is good to us every day, giving us the peace in our heart that the world doesn't know of and can't have. Through all this old year, God has given us the victory over those things that belong to this old world and helps us to live above them all. Jesus says if we keep our mind stayed on him, he will keep us in perfect peace, and that is more than all this world has. May this new year bring us all still a little closer to our God and His holy will. Thank God for victory in Christ our Lord. And now in closing, I wish you all the blessings of the Lord in the new year. Let us not forget to pray for one another and that God will soon bring peace and make an end to this war.

Yours in Christ,

C. Brandt

Jefferson, Ore.—Dear Bro. and Sister Pruitt and all the saints scattered abroad,—Greetings. Today finds me still saved with a decision to go all the way for the dear Lord by his grace and help. I mean to be true as long as he lets me live in this world and then I know the angels will take me to heaven.

Noah White took sick and we prayed the prayer of faith and the dear Lord healed him at once. Now he is well again. In a few days, Arthur White took the pneu-

monia. We prayed for him and he was healed, too. I told the dear Lord if he would heal my dear boys I would write a testimony for him. To God be all the glory, "And the prayer of faith shall save the sick and the Lord shall raise him up and if he has committed sins they shall be forgiven him. Confess your faults one to another that ye may be healed." James 5:15, 16. "These signs shall follow them that believe." Mark 16:17. It is a precious blessing to be saved and to live true to God. No tongue can tell the joy we have in our heart, which we draw from Father above to keep us each day happy in our souls.

Your sister in Christ,

Lydia White

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Trout, La.—Dear saints everywhere,—Greetings in Jesus' sweet name. I feel led tonight to send in this testimony, telling about the night the Lord saved my soul from sin (not in sin). Surely we are saved from sin if we are saved at all. We must quit sinning or we are not saved.

One night, over a year ago I went to bed feeling about as usual I believe. I went to sleep and later awakened and thought I was dying. Oh how awful I did feel knowing I was unprepared to die. I called my husband out of bed and when he found out what was wrong with me he asked if I wanted a doctor. I told him, "No, I want Eva and Earnest (Mitchell, my sister-in-law and brother who are saved) to come and pray for me." I was really doing some praying and didn't know whether I would live until my husband got back or not. I called on the Lord to save me and it seemed as though I was going to die without God. Oh, what a feeling! My husband came back in just a few minutes and then my sister-in-law. She prayed with me and after we both prayed a while, God wonderfully saved my soul and healed my body. Praise His name. I'm still trusting him for my soul and body. The Lord has been good to me and I have treated him so bad. I was saved once before and drifted away from Him and He was patient enough to save me again and my full determination is to go all the way with him. I really appreciate my salvation and my experience. Just to think of that awful time when I thought for a little while God was going to let me die and go to Hell.

Dear people don't trifle with God. He is merciful, but surely he will not strive with man always. It grieves my heart to see so many people going on in sin, not seeming to think of eternity. I have an unsaved husband. I would like for you to pray for his salvation. We have two small children. I sure would like for their daddy to be saved and help me rear them to please the Lord. I would also like for the saints to remember me in their prayers for the healing of my body. I suppose what I have is heart trouble. I'm looking to one who created this body of mine. The Lord teaches us in His word when we are sick to pray. Let's do that and not put our confidence in man. Your sister in Christ who wants to live according to all of God's teachings. Mrs. Cassie Price.

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Mansfield, Louisiana—Dear Ones,—I have been reading the "Faith and Victory" paper for two years. I delight in reading it and in reading the testimonies of those who are saved. I am saved too, and filled with the wonderful Holy Ghost that keeps me every day. I am living to all I know how for the Lord. He saved me from all my sinful habits and from all pride and snuff and everything not like Jesus. I was full of pride and followed the styles. He called me down from a high look and told me common and clean was his way, the fancy way was of the devil. He told me to read the 6th chapter of Proverbs the six things God hates. When he filled me

with his spirit, I lost the love for pride and all worldly amusements. He told me common and clean was his way.

When he cleansed me he gave me a message to carry to the women to stand for something more than unnecessary decoration to their body. It's a sin and shame for Holy Ghost filled people to follow after the worldly people. He said for his church to be a light in the world. He was no more in the world but we are and as his Father sent him, he sends you and me. He wants us to win the world. How can we win it when we are with it? He wants us to be separate from the world. Amen. Bless God for His spirit he gives. He called me out one day in the month of June on Tuesday morning, 1918. I have been out of the world's forms and fashions ever since. I mean to go on in his clean, common way. Read Isaiah 3rd chapter. It's a shame to paint your face. Read Jer. 4:30, 31. He wants us to adorn ourselves in modest apparel. 1 Tim. 2:9, 10. I mean to go on in his way till he calls me out of the world. Yes, I am saved and sanctified and baptized with the Holy Ghost and with fire. Where he leads me I will follow. I'll go with him all the way. The world and it's goods will pass away but God's word will stand forever. I am standing on His word. I ask the prayers of the saints everywhere. Pray for me for I mean to go on.

I have two sons in the army, one overseas. Pray for them that they will stay in Jesus. Also pray for my daughter, Mattie Bell Tomas to overcome some kind of spell she has. The prayers of a righteous man avail much. Yours for the cause, I. T. Holmes

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Hoffman, Okla.—To All the Children of God,—Greetings to you. This leaves us saved from sin. I am well in soul but not in body. I am suffering with pains in my body, but I have put my trust in the Lord. I am unable to come to the meeting but I have faith to believe that the Lord is able to heal my body. I ask your prayers that the Lord will touch my body. I hope you will have a good meeting and that some souls will get saved from sin. Remember Wife and me, as we are both unable to get around. We are trusting in the Lord and the prayers of the dear saints. Read Isa. 35:3-6. This prophecy encourages my heart to trust in Him. It was fulfilled in Matt. 8:14-17. I ask your prayers.

Yours truly in the gospel,

D. S. Richardson

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Creighton, Mo.—Dear Bro. and Sister Pruitt,—Greetings in Christian love to you both and all the saints everywhere. I love all of God's people who are in truth and in deed. I have been receiving the "Faith and Victory" for some time through the love of Brother D. A. Gibson who sent my name to you. Thanks to him in the dear name of our Lord for I enjoy reading it very much.

Brother Gibson was here at my place and I love him because he is of God. I am corresponding with him now. I am asking all the saints that read the paper to ask my God to grant me the happy privilege of establishing an orphan home here to be reared up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. I have a burdened heart for those dear little ones. And I have faith to believe that God can supply all the finances that are needed. I have put all of self and all I have on the altar for my God and his work. I know how I was lost and was slain by the enemy of my soul. My parents did not bring me up as they should. I just came up in darkness and knew nothing about Christ to the saving of my soul. Now I am trusting that the Lord will grant this blessing on your brother in the Lord.

Yours in Christ,

I. L. Turner

Cross Plains, Texas.—Dear Brother Pruitt and Saints, It has been quite a while since I heard from you all and I want you to know that we're still going through for Jesus. I received the sample of tracts, also the paper, "Faith and Victory". Enclosed you will find three subscriptions and a small offering for tracts. I can say that your little paper had a great part to do with the foundation of my Christian career. About sixteen years ago, a brother of Collin Co. Texas by the name of Johnce Thompson, well-known by many, gave me one of your little papers to read. I was rough and tough in those days, although a member of a big church. After reading your paper it seemed something was planted deep down in my soul. A hunger was created for a deeper walk with God. After reading several of those little papers, I found that I was not a saved man at all and I commenced to examine myself. As the good old brother would come by time after time, I submitted myself to have prayer with him. This prompted me to pray more and more, until finally after much prayer the Lord really got hold of me. Yes, the tears began to flow freely and a broken spirit was present, thank God. Finally I reached the abiding place in my Lord, born again. All things became new and the old things passed away. Glory to God! Then the little paper would come in and we would read it and then sing and shout and cry as our hearts were filled through reading the "Faith and Victory" paper. Thank God forever. It was a glorious time and I shall never forget it as long as eternity rolls. Brother, remember your work is not in vain.

Soon after reading your first papers in my home, there came the call of God to my heart to go preach and tell the world the glad story. But as many others, I began to make excuses such as, I am too old, I am not learned enough. I am not worthy, I have too large a family, and others until finally God reached down into our home and plucked out one of our jewels, a boy 10 years old, the picture of health. He had been liked by everyone who knew him. Then when I saw how God could make my family smaller if I complained too much about it being too large and could do other things to soften my heart, I said, "Lord, here is my life. My time is yours from now on." So I started out and in our first revival God proved his power and gave us 73 conversions. And Bro. Pruitt, God has proved himself over and over again and again in my 15 years of ministry. I have lacked nothing, thank God. Never one time have I ever gone back to depend on the labor of my hands but I have been busy for the Master and so I am today.

I wish to say that your ministry through the little paper, "Faith and Victory" has been a great help in building a foundation in my Christian life that has never been shaken. Thank God. May the Lord bless you and your workers and your great ministry. Pray for me and my home and ministry. I am yours in the service for the Master.

Wm. Lightford

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Independence, La.—Dear Brother and Sister Pruitt—Greetings in Jesus' name. I'm just going to write my testimony to the "Faith and Victory" paper that I get. I love to read it so much, as it does me much good. I do thank and praise God that I can trust him for both soul and body. The dear Lord heals me so many times.

We all have something to be thankful for, that we are living in a land of peace and can have fellowship with one another in these perilous times such as God said there would be. Pray for everyone to have peace with God before it is too late, because I love every soul and I

do want every one saved by the power of God. God says that all things work together for good to them that love the Lord. And He says that man should not live by bread alone but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God. I do thank and praise Him for His goodness and mercy to me. I love to read so many good letters in the paper. I praise God that I can be here yet to write this as I will soon be 74 years old. I am so thankful that I gave my heart to Jesus and He is my friend at all times. I ask each and every one to pray that I will keep my health and strength in my body as long as I live. At the present I have a cold and want you to pray that the Lord will heal me and strengthen my body on this line as it seems in late years that every little change gives me a cold.

Your sister in Christ,

Mrs. L. J. Gates

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Moss, Miss.—I am still saved, sanctified, and satisfied with my salvation. I don't want to miss heaven. It is well worth striving for and thank God, His grace is sufficient for us in these troublesome times. I do love to read the paper. It is spiritual food for my soul. I don't feel so well in my body this morning, but my trust is in God, for he is my great Physician. I was real sick in the fall of this year but I thank my Lord how he did heal me in answer to prayer. I am agreed in prayer with all the saints for peace and our boys. I don't know this morning where my boy is. I have an idea he is somewhere in California. I have a grandson and some neighbor boys who will have to go this week. My boy is not saved. Please pray for all of us.

Your saved sister,

Hattie Legg

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Georgiana, Ala.—Dear Bro. and Sis. Pruitt,—I just want to praise the Lord for salvation through the precious blood of Jesus. I am so glad I can report victory over sin. I am glad that He said in His word he would never leave nor forsake us. I want to so live that I can speak kind words to wayward boys and girls, men and women; to help them to find Jesus and gain a home in heaven where there are no heartaches. Praise the Lord. Pray for me and my entire family. The Lord has been so good. When we are sick He always comes on the scene and heals. Thank God for the Holy Ghost.

A sister since July 1921,

Trudie K. Ledlow

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Faith Pub. House—Dear Saints of God—It is with joy and peace in my soul that I greet you. I am so glad that I have been redeemed by the blood of the Lamb and that I have His peace abiding in my heart and life.

I often think of this peace the Lord has given us and of how wonderful it is to have at a time like this. Just think what a wonderful gift we have bestowed upon us. He says, "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you:" John 14:27. My peace I give unto you. What more could we ask than to have the peace of our Lord abiding in our souls; that peace which nothing can disturb? Though He faced persecutions, trials, and even the cross, yet He faced it with peace and quietness in His soul. It is wonderful to me. Satan may be and is roaring and storming and causing confusion on every hand, yet we as the saints of God have the privilege of reigning over all this. "My peace I give unto you." Let us not live beneath our privileges in the Lord but continue to have peace and quietness through every storm. God expects this of us and we owe it to Him. He made it possible so let us have the peace of God reigning in our hearts continually. In Jesus name, Dorothy Byers.

Dear Brother in Christ and Servant of God—I did not expect to send for another order so soon, but I am planning (God willing) to take a trip to Baltimore and wish to prepare myself with tracts as I'll be going to Newark, New York, and from there by bus to Baltimore.

The day before and up until 11 a. m. on the day we celebrate the birth of Christ our Saviour I spent in Newark, N. J. and most of the time in giving out tracts. I stayed at one of the largest hotels and God through Christ led me to do witnessing there too. I gave out at least 1,000 tracts. I had my over-night bag full and a package and gave them all out. I had such splendid reception from those to whom I told my mission that I felt in this way I was truly celebrating the birth of Christ. They acknowledged that it was indeed the real way. I had a blessed experience.

This was my first time doing it on a big scale, but it truly proved a blessing to me in many ways. I asked everyone to pass them on, and pray most of all that they will accomplish in the lives of those to whom given what is most needed to bring them closer to our Lord.

I am living to make HIM known and praying that God through Christ will richly bless your work and undertake for all your needs as He has promised.

Yours in Christ through His grace, Mary E. Conant

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Willing Slaves

More than one hundred twenty-nine billion cigarettes were purchased in the United States during the first seven months of last year. Millions of people are addicted to the tobacco habit in one form or another. Each year thousands of boys and girls are added to the ever-growing army of tobacco users—slaves to a vicious, filthy, soul-and-body destroying habit.

The person greatly to be admired today is the one who stands free from this debasing enslavement. How inspiring it is to see a firm, clean-cut boy or girl refuse to be coerced by public opinion into the bondage of tobacco!

Tobacco is your enemy! Don't ever forget that fact. Millions of people look with longing eyes toward the freedom you enjoy. Never give up that freedom which brings strength of body and character.

Westbrook Pegler, famous columnist for a large chain of newspapers, said recently, "I can't say that I ever got any pleasure out of smoking. It is a nuisance. I am sorry cigarettes have got such a hold on us. I blame it on the smokers themselves. But I am not going to crusade to save the people from the cigarette. I can't even save myself."

Here is the case of a man who has made a success in life as the world views success, but who admits that he is the plaything of a vile habit, and as much as he deplores his condition, he cannot break he bonds of his slavery.

There are millions like him, men and women who are apparently successful, but in the eyes of God they are worshipping at the shrine of nicotine, weighed in the balances, and found wanting.

—Floyd C. Carrier

—NOTICE—

Bro. O. B. Wilson, Jr. is expecting to make a trip in the near future from Calif. to Okla. and back. He will be glad to stop and visit any isolated saints for a meeting service or two, or for just a few hours fellowship visit. He could make some side trips from the regular route if needful or come one way and go back another. He is a minister and deeply interested in the welfare of souls. It will be strength and encouragement to your soul to meet him. Anyone wanting him to stop should write him at once. Address your letter to O. B. Wilson, 4254½ Perlita Ave., Los Angeles, California.

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JESUS FEEDS THE MULTITUDES

Sunday, February 6, 1944

Daily Readings and Meditations

Jan. 31 to Feb. 5.

- M. Teaching in a desert place Mark 6:30-34.
- T. Feeding five thousand men Mark 6:35-44.
- W. Walking on the sea Mark 6:45-52.
- T. Feeding the four thousand Mark 8:1-9.
- F. A miracle meal 2 kings 4:42-44.
- S. Feeding a nation Exod. 16:11-15.

Printed PortionMark 6:35-44; 8:1-9.

Mark 6:35. And when the day was now far spent, his disciples came unto him, and said, This is a desert place, and now the time is far passed:

36. Send them away, that they may go into the country round about, and into the villages, and buy themselves bread: for they have nothing to eat.

37. He answered and said unto them, Give ye them to eat. And they say unto him, Shall we go and buy two hundred pennyworth of bread, and give them to eat?

38. He saith unto them, How many loaves have ye? go and see. And when they knew, they say, Five, and two fishes.

39. And he commanded them to make all sit down by companies upon the green grass.

40. And they sat down in ranks, by hundreds, and by fifties.

41. And when he had taken the five loaves and the two fishes, he looked up to heaven, and blessed, and brake the loaves, and gave them to his disciples to set before them; and the two fishes divided he among them all.

42. And they did all eat, and were filled.

43. And they took up twelve baskets full of the fragments, and of the fishes.

44. And they that did eat of the loaves were about five thousand men.

8:1. In those days the multitude being very great, and having nothing to eat, Jesus called his disciples unto him, and saith unto them,

2. I have compassion on the multitude, because they have now been with me three days, and have nothing to eat.

3. And if I send them away fasting to their own houses, they will faint by the way: for divers of them came from far.

4. And his disciples answered him, From whence can a man satisfy these men with bread here in the wilderness?

5. And he asked them, How many loaves have ye? And they said, Seven.

6. And he commanded the people to sit down on the ground: and he took the seven loaves, and gave thanks, and brake, and gave to his disciples to set before them; and they did set them before the people.

7. And they had a few small fishes: and he blessed, and commanded to set them also before them.

8. So they did eat, and were filled: and they took up of the broken meat that was left seven baskets.

9. And they that had eaten were about four thousand: and he sent them away.

Golden Text: "I am the bread of life; he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst." John 6:35.

Practical Truth: Compassion for the needy will prompt us to help supply their needs.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

Several things are recorded as happening between the events of last Sunday's lesson and those of today's. Jesus was rejected in his own country. He sent the twelve disciples out two by two to preach that men should repent, to cast out devils and to anoint the sick. His power was so manifested as the disciples worked in his name that his fame spread abroad. The disciples returned to Jesus and told him all they had done and taught. This is a good example for us to follow. We should daily rehearse to Him the things which we have done and taught to see if they meet with His approval.

Jesus started to take his disciples alone into a desert place to rest awhile, but their rest only lasted the short time that it took them to cross the lake. When they reached the other shore they were confronted by the familiar sight of sinful, weary, sick humanity seeking Jesus. We are told that He was moved with compassion because they were as sheep having no shepherd. The false shepherds (religious teachers and leaders) which they had had, only fleeced them and left them bruised, bleeding, and starving. (And so it is today with those who have not found the true Shepherd, but are trusting in the sadly defective leadership of man.)

In their efforts to keep up with Jesus, they left in such haste they had no time to prepare for the needs of the day. Jesus supplied their needs, thus verifying His promise that if men will seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, all necessary temporal things will be given to them. If we will not withhold things from Jesus which He desires us to give Him, they will multiply under His blessing.

Jesus set the example of thanking the Father for the food. Dependent human creatures should do likewise.

Miracles which the Lord performed brings to us spiritual lessons. The bread with which Jesus fed the multitude soon perished; but He desires to feed the hungry multitudes on the bread from heaven (He is that bread from heaven) which gives eternal life.

Notice how the disciples shrank from the task which

Jesus commanded them to perform, "Give ye them to eat." Humanly speaking, this was impossible, but Jesus never gives a command without making obedience possible.

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JESUS ON THE MOUNTAIN AND IN THE VALLEY

Sunday, February 13, 1944

Daily Readings and Meditations

February 7 to 12.

M. Jesus on the mountain Mark 9:2-8.

T. The impotent disciples Mark 9:14-19.

W. Jesus in the valley Mark 9:20-29.

T. The glorified Christ Rev. 1:12-18.

F. Isaiah's vision and service Isa. 6:1-8.

S. Moses on the Mount of God Exod. 24:12-18.

Printed PortionMark 9:2-8, 17-27.

Mark 9:2. And after six days Jesus taketh with him Peter, and James, and John, and leadeth them up into an high mountain apart by themselves: and he was transfigured before them.

3. And his raiment became shining, exceeding white as snow; so as no fuller on earth can white them.

4. And there appeared unto them Elias with Moses: and they were talking with Jesus.

5. And Peter answered and said to Jesus, Master, it is good for us to be here: and let us make three tabernacles; one for thee, and one for Moses, and one for Elias.

6. For he wist not what to say; for they were sore afraid.

7. And there was a cloud that overshadowed them: and a voice came out of the cloud, saying, This is my beloved Son; hear him.

8. And suddenly, when they had looked round about, they saw no man any more, save Jesus only with themselves.

17. And one of the multitude answered and said, Master, I have brought unto thee my son, which hath a dumb spirit.

18. And wheresoever he taketh him, he teareth him; and he foameth, and gnasheth with his teeth, and pineth away; and I spake to thy disciples, that they should cast him out; and they could not.

19. He answered him, and saith, O faithless generation! how long shall I be with you? how long shall I suffer you? Bring him unto me.

20. And they brought him unto him: and when he saw him, straightway the spirit tare him; and he fell on the ground, and wallowed foaming.

21. And he asked his father, How long is it ago since this came unto him? And he said, Of a child:

22. And ofttimes it hath cast him into the fire, and into the waters, to destroy him: but if thou canst do anything, have compassion on us, and help us.

23. Jesus said unto him, If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth.

24. And straightway the father of the child cried out and said with tears, Lord, I believe; help thou mine unbelief.

25. When Jesus saw that the people came running to gather, he rebuked the foul spirit, saying unto him, Thou dumb and deaf spirit, I charge thee, come out of him, and enter no more into him.

26. And the spirit cried, and rent him sore, and came out of him: and he was as one dead; insomuch that many said, He is dead.

27. But Jesus took him by the hand, and lifted him up, and he arose.

Golden Text: "I believe; help thou mine unbelief." Mark 9:24.

Practical Truth: Divine visions should help to qualify us for effective service.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

When we started the study of Jesus' life according to Mark, we purposed to study it with one aim in view: to follow in His steps. Now there may be a question as to how we can follow him in this mountain experience. We cannot have the same experience in every detail, but if we live in the inner circle with Him we will witness transfigurations. Christ was soon to pass through a great trial. Luke tells us that Moses and Elias talked with him concerning his death which was soon to come at Jerusalem. God has often permitted his children to experience wonderful blessings just before a great trial to strengthen them for it.

Moses represented the law, and Elias the prophets. There was a time when people who wanted to serve God acceptably, looked to the law and the prophets for instruction. In this vision Moses and Elias disappeared from view and the disciples were left with Jesus with instructions directly from God to HEAR him. His beloved Son. If men had hearts to obey God and had heard Jesus since that time the world would not be in the condition that it is today. Neither would there be all the conflicting doctrines which now exist. We think of one statement which Jesus made which, if the people would hear it, would clear up much confusion. "The law and the prophets were UNTIL John: since that time the kingdom of God is preached and every man presseth into it." If people would hear Jesus they would quit teaching that one is all right if he keeps the Ten Commandments, and that the kingdom of God is to be set up in the future. Can you think of other plain statements which Jesus made which people who claim to be His disciples do not hear? When God instructs us to hear He means for us to heed.

This mountain vision inspired the disciples for service the rest of their lives. Read 2 Peter 1:16-18.

The swift change from the glories of the Mount to the trials and toils that awaited Him below may be regarded as typical of the lives of all Christians. Blessings from heaven should fit us to serve others. The world needs the help of God's children in various ways. We must be as willing to render humble service as to receive blessings.

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JESUS TEACHES TRUE GREATNESS

Sunday, February 20, 1944

Daily Readings and Meditations

February 14 to 19.

1. The divine Teacher Mark 9:30-32; 10:32-34.
2. Greatness in childlikeness Mark 9:33-37; 10:13-16.
7. Greatness in brotherhood Mark 9:38-41.
3. Greatness in beneficence Mark 10:17-23.
4. Greatness in service Mark 10:41-45.
5. Greatness of John the Baptist Matt. 11:7-15.

Printed Portion Mark 9:33-39; 10:13-16, 42-45.

33. And he came to Capernaum: and being in the house, asked them, What was it that ye disputed among yourselves by the way?

34. But they held their peace: for by the way they had disputed among themselves who should be the greatest.

35. And he sat down, and called the twelve, and saith

unto them, If any man desire to be first, the same shall be last of all, and servant of all.

36. And he took a child, and set him in the midst of them: and when he had taken him in his arms, he said unto them,

37. Whosoever shall receive one of such children in my name, receiveth me: and whosoever shall receive me, receiveth not me, but him that sent me.

38. And John answered him, saying, Master, we saw one casting out devils in thy name, and he followeth not us: and we forbid him, because he followeth not us.

39. But Jesus said, Forbid him not: for there is no man which shall do a miracle in my name, that can lightly speak evil of me.

10:13. And they brought young children to him, that he should touch them: and his disciples rebuked those that brought them.

14. But when Jesus saw it, he was much displeased, and said unto them, Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not; for of such is the kingdom of God.

15. Verily I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child, he shall not enter therein.

16. And he took them up in his arms, put his hands upon them, and blessed them.

42. But Jesus called them to him, and saith unto them, Ye know that they which are accounted to rule over the Gentiles exercise lordship over them and their great ones exercise authority upon them.

43. But so shall it not be among you: but whosoever will be great among you, shall be your minister:

44. And whosoever of you will be the chiefest, shall be servant of all.

45. For even the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.

Golden Text: "The Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many." Mark 10:45.

Practical Truth: Christlike service is the test of true greatness.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

Worldly ambition is a universal fault among the human race. Satan even tried to tempt Jesus by offering him the kingdoms of the world. Though others may not be tempted in so great a measure, yet there are no normal adults who have not been tempted along this line. It keeps multitudes from entering Christ's kingdom, and causes multitudes to return to the old life after they have been saved. The ambition may be along the line of dress, education, accomplishment, wit, or politics but it all springs from the same source, the desire to be superior in some way to gain the praise of men.

The disciples were yet carnal and their ambitions were of a worldly nature. They still thought of Christ's kingdom as an earthly kingdom; hence, though they were good men, their ideas of greatness were such as the world has; that is, to become rich, to do something that others have not been able to do, to become president, climb to high society, become a dictator or pope, be a manager or boss, or high officer—in other words, the worldly standard for greatness is to have earthly-minded self exalted, the very thing that Jesus said must be put to death by those who would be his disciples. The Millennium theory is promulgated by men and women with a worldly conception of greatness. They visualize Christ on a literal

earthly throne with His followers holding positions of worldly honor. One noted evangelist said he hoped Christ would make him Mayor of Chicago during the Millennium. If you are an honest soul, you can see how contrary this is to Jesus' teachings. Do you think Christ will lower his standard of greatness to the worldly standard for a thousand years?

Consider some characteristics of a little child which Jesus referred to. This child was young enough to hold in his arms. A young child is humble and teachable. He has no selfish ambitions, but watches his parents and imitates them. The only ambition which God's children should have is to be like Him. A child does not hesitate to take his first steps for fear they will seem inferior to the steps of others. A child of God should not fear to take his first steps for God for fear he cannot do as well as an older Christian. To shrink from doing the will of God is false humility which the devil likes. Jesus never had such humility. A child believes what his parents say. God's children should believe their Father's Word. A little child will imitate his older brothers or sisters and follow their examples. Children of God should follow the example of their older brother, Jesus Christ, into a life of humble service with self crucified. If there is any exalting done, let God do it. He exalts only those who are not seeking praise of men and will honor Him.

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JESUS PRESENTS HIMSELF AS MESSIAH

Sunday, February 27, 1944

Daily Readings and Meditations
February 21 to 26.

- M. The Messiah acclaimed Mark 11:1-10.
- T. Authority of the Messiah Mark 11:11-22.
- W. The Messiah rejected Mark 12:1-12.
- T. Christ and the nation Mark 12:13-17.
- F. Christ and the home Mark 12:18-27.
- S. Christ and the individual Mark 12:28-34.

Printed PortionMark 11:1-10, 15-18.

Mark 11:1. And when they came nigh to Jerusalem, unto Bethphage, and Bethany, at the mount of Olives, he sendeth forth two of his disciples,

2. And saith unto them, Go your way into the village over against you: and as soon as ye be entered into it, ye shall find a colt tied, whereon never man sat; loose him, and bring him.

3. And if any man say unto you, Why do ye this? say ye that the Lord hath need of him; and straightway he will send him hither.

4. And they went their way, and found the colt tied by the door without, in a place where two ways met: and they loose him.

5. And certain of them that stood there said unto them, What do ye, loosing the colt?

6. And they said unto them even as Jesus had commanded: and they let them go.

7. And they brought the colt to Jesus, and cast their garments on him; and he sat upon him.

8. And many spread their garments in the way; and others cut down branches off the trees, and strawed them in the way.

9. And they that went before and they that followed, cried, saying, Hosanna; Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord:

10. Blessed be the kingdom of our father David, that cometh in the name of the Lord: Hosanna in the highest.

15. And they come to Jerusalem: and Jesus went into the temple, and began to cast out them that sold and bought

in the temple, and overthrew the tables of the money-changers, and the seats of them that sold doves;

16. And would not suffer that any man should carry any vessel through the temple.

17. And he taught, saying unto them, Is it not written, My house shall be called of all nations the house of prayer? but ye have made it a den of thieves.

18. And the scribes and chief priests heard it, and sought how they might destroy him: for they feared him, because all the people was astonished at his doctrine.

Golden Text: "Again the high priest asked him, and said unto him, Art thou the Christ, the Son of the Blessed? And Jesus said, I am." Mark 14:61, 62.

Practical Truth: Because Jesus was and is the Messiah, the Son of God, he has authority which should be recognized by all.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

A short time before the events of our lesson, in the midst of the rising tide of hatred against him, Jesus left Jerusalem and went to Perea where He continued to be about his Father's business. He received the news that Lazarus was sick and returned to Bethany to raise him from the dead. His fame spread abroad, exciting the jealousy of the rulers and high priests. From there he went to Ephraim, then to Perea, then back to Bethany where Simon the leper gave a supper in his honor and Mary the sister of Lazarus anointed him with precious ointment. Today's lesson starts with events of the next day which was the beginning of Christ's last week before his death.

It would be good for the class to make a list of Old Testament scriptures which were fulfilled during the last week of his life as we study it. It is estimated that about 200 Old Testament prophecies concerning our Saviour were fulfilled. This should encourage faith in the Word of God, and cause us to realize more than ever the truth of the scripture, "For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of men, but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost." It would have been impossible for a mere human to foretell even the event recorded in this lesson. Notice how Zech. 9:9 was fulfilled. Christ did not prearrange to obtain the colt on this day, as we see by the surprise manifested by the owner.

Do you turn your possessions over into the hands of the Lord's servants to be used by the Lord as readily as this man gave up his colt? If the Lord had need of such a lowly animal to fulfill scripture, has it ever occurred to you that He has need of you? He is using you to fulfill scripture. If you are not fulfilling scripture concerning those who are faithful in the Lord's service, then you are fulfilling that which you will wish you had not fulfilled when you stand before Him in judgment. Would you rather have been with those who acclaimed Jesus King and praised Him, or with those who were resentful? On which side are you today?

God gave definite instructions concerning the use of the temple, but left in the hands of sinful man that had allowed sinful practices to creep in. It was intended to be a type or pattern of the church which Jesus came to build out of lively stones, which is without spot, wrinkle, or any such thing. Notice how earnest a zealous Jesus was to cleanse the temple so it would be a true pattern. If He was so interested in it which was so soon to be destroyed do you think He will allow it in His church today? No, He cleanses it by His blood and makes of it a house of prayer. If this is not your experience, then you are not in His church.