

# FAITH<sup>AND</sup>VICTORY

## *The* EVENING LIGHT WATCHMAN

At evening time  
it shall be light.

—ZECHARIAH 14:7

GOD IS  
LOVE

YE SHINE AS LIGHTS  
IN THE WORLD.

—PHILIPPIANS 2:15

JESUS  
SAVES

Unto Him shall  
the gathering of  
the people be.

—GENESIS 49:10

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### *Divine Sympathy*

If we could draw the curtain  
That veils some others' lives,  
See, as God, the heart and spirit,  
We would love, not criticize.  
We would lend a hand to help them,  
By example point the way  
To trust God in darkest midnight  
As well as bright noon-day.

If we could draw the curtain  
Of some pilgrim of the cross,  
We would see their trials and heartaches,  
And not magnify their faults.  
With them we'd weep and labor,  
With them we'd watch and pray  
Until the trial was over  
And the burden passed away.

If we could love the sinner  
Yet keep on hating sin,  
I'm sure our new-life here on earth  
Would immediately begin.  
If we'd help where now we hinder,  
What a blessed world 'twould be!  
Where the Golden Rule is followed  
Through life to eternity.

If we love each other better,  
Judge all deeds by motives pure,  
We can make this world an Eden  
And our "Peace on Earth" secure.  
So let's pass a loving word on,  
Or a hearty clasp of hand,  
To the young as well as aged,  
Tho they may not understand.

Then when all our life is over  
And we reap that blest reward  
That is waiting for the faithful  
According to His Word,  
We shall join the song of millions  
Of the happy Blood-washed throng,  
Sing His praises through all ages  
While eternity prolong.

—Hazel Brown.

### *No Time For God*

This generation of rollicking, dancing, card playing, theater-going, God-forgetting, Christ rejecting, sinners and professors need to hear some earnest preaching—preaching that deals with sin and the punishment that sin will bring. This dying world needs to know a living Savior and to find reality in the one person who can deliver from fear and bondage; one who can give us eternal life. What does it matter then if we fail to keep up with the ways of the world? In John 17:16 Jesus said, "They are not of the world even as I am not of the world." Multitudes of souls are being destroyed today by the love of the world in their hearts. 1 John 2:15, "Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him." Humanity is letting these things choke out the word of God; no time for Jesus. The devil has succeeded wonderfully in blinding the hearts and minds of both saints and sinners of all the eternal and spiritual. They seem to forget that all enduring things are found in Him. The great Apostle Paul said, "Yea, doubtless and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord ... and be found in Him, not having mine own righteousness ... but that which is through the faith of Christ ... that I MAY KNOW HIM." Phil. 3:8-11. After years of experience the Apostle Paul is saying this: "By all means and at any cost, I must know Christ." He felt that it was the most essential thing. All worldly knowledge, pride of life, and lust of the eye, all things that are not of the Father must give way to this one most important thing. I must know "the power of his resurrection and the fellowship of His suffering, being made conformable unto His death." Paul felt the deeper things in knowing Him than just his personal Saviour. He felt that which takes the soul into fathomless depth of mercy; and into highest heights of his infinite love of God. To know Christ in that way includes all the graces and fruits of the spirit of God. Yet the crowded multitudes have no time for Jesus; no time for the word of God; no time for Christ who had time to bear all our iniquities and sickness. He even had time to agonize in Gethsemane because of our sins and now

has time to sit at the right hand of the Father and there to intercede in our behalf. He has time to hear all our complaints and sorrows and sympathize with us in every trial.

You have time for pleasures, time for gossip, time for novel reading, time for nameless things, nameless because of their number and oftentimes because of their character. But you have no time for the God who loved you or the Christ who died for you. You will not dare to bring those excuses to God as you slip off into eternity. The devil is robbing you of the very best there is for you. To know God is worth more to you than all the gold and riches of earth. We are going to be weighed by the word of God. "Thou shalt have a perfect and just weight, a perfect and just measure shalt thou have." Deut. 25:15. God enjoins us to have a perfect and a just measure, for "a false balance is abomination to the Lord: but a just weight is His delight." Prov. 11:1. Every one must be sure of his own personal relationship with Christ for evil men and seducers are growing worse and worse. To know Him here will most certainly result in untold happiness forevermore.

—Mrs. Artie Bowers.

### Marvelous, Unspeakable Love

John, whose mother was probably the sister of Mary, mother of our Lord Jesus and Saviour, was the author of the gospel of our Lord by St. John, and also the epistles of 1st, 2nd, and 3rd John. This is the same John who was banished to the isle of Patmos where he received the wonderful revelation of Jesus Christ known as the Apocalypse. He was the last survivor of the 12 apostles and who obviously knew and understood Jesus Christ better than anyone else. It was St. John who instructed or taught Polycarp (Bishop of Smyrna, Asia Minor) who suffered martyrdom because he refused to denounce Christ. St. John writes more about Divine love than any other of the apostles. When he drew the contrast between the old dispensation and that of the gospel dispensation by our Lord and Son of God, he marveled at the divine love of God that made it possible for a Christian to even love their enemies which the old dispensation under Moses could never do.

This made St. John exclaim, "Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the Sons of God." 1 John 3:1.

Great and mighty man in the spirit and power of God as John was, he marveled at God's unspeakable love in considering unworthy sinful mankind to make such a supreme sacrifice to redeem His creatures and also to prepare for their souls such an everlastingly glorious, happy abode.

So astonishingly great was and is God's long-suffering, mercy, and love in perfecting the plan of salvation and redemption of mankind, that it caused the angels of heaven to wonder and desire to look into this marvelous, supernatural work of the Almighty. 1 Peter 1:12. "What is man that thou shouldest magnify him, and that thou shouldest set thine heart [love] upon him?" Job 7:17.

John 3:16 tells us of the marvelous Divine love and gift of God to sinful mankind. The 19th verse reveals what condemns all who scorn and reject this wonderful, unspeakable love and gift of God of eternal life. For the elements, definitions, and characteristics of Divine love see 1 Cor. 13:3-7 and Galatians 5:22-24.

St. Paul valued Divine love so great and high that he has declared in Romans 8:38, 39 "For I am persuaded that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

In referring to Matt. 10:35-38 and 19:29; also Luke 14:26, the Lord Jesus made it plain that to love him, one must be willing to make the sacrifice of all earthly ties and bonds. He meant by hating our relatives and to forsake houses, lands, including all earthly treasures, that we must not let any of these things stand in our way of Christian progress. This means to hold up and esteem our Redeemer above all earthly ties, treasures, relatives, loved ones and friends that Christ be all in all.

So vastly different is inordinate affections, lust of the eyes, the flesh or sinful worldly things that such possesses no comparison, for the love of righteousness has everlasting values, but the former is as a faded flower that soon perishes. See John 21:15, 16. A Christian is commanded to love not the world, nor the things that are in the world. 1 John 2:15.

This can be easily done by loving God in preference to all worldly things. Perfect Divine love and obedience is unconditional surrender to the Lord. Under no conditions put God to task by promising him you will love him and be a faithful, loyal servant if he will answer your prayers for healing of the body or other needs. Such appears to me in a way as tempting God to prove himself to you before you take proper steps to meet certain conditions required of you to know from the heart affections the absolute reality of God. When seriously ill many call for help, but after relief comes they mostly fail to keep their promises. Such is not just, honest or reasonable showing lack of proper intelligence.

To the unsaved, get seriously minded that your guilty condemned conscience will cry out for mercy and freedom from your sinful nature which is salvation by the act of repentance through a full gospel standard, then serve the Lord faithfully with heart-felt love whether your requests are granted at once or later on. "But seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things shall be [granted or] added unto you." Matt. 6:33. Oh, that the church in one accord may join in affectionate prayer that this warring world will soon undergo a mighty transformation from greed, hate, and selfishness to that of divine love to help make the abode of mankind a more peaceable, loving, and a more worthwhile place to live. This reformation of old time apostolic full gospel ministry motivated by the Holy Spirit can make it so by a cooperated

plan with the Lord as defined in the truth of God's Holy Word.

To love them that love us is civil retribution; to hate those who love us in human corruption; to love them that hate us is Christian perfection; to love God (who first loved us) whom you have never seen is living faith that never dies. —John H. Griffith

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**HARVEST TIME**

Last autumn a year ago, many people sowed wheat. It sprang up and grew the remaining days of fall and through the winter, taking root in the meantime, and last spring it grew up, covering the ground, and developed into wheat heads with grains. About the latter part of June it was ripe—then came the harvest. All this was honorable toil, raising wheat to make bread for the hungry. Yes, people sowed wheat and later they reaped wheat, and this was harvest time, wheat harvest.

There is more than one kind of harvest. There are harvests that we reap in the sultry summer time, and harvests we reap in the bitterest of winter. Just now, this cold winter day, as I write, the world—most of it—is reaping a harvest of that which it has sown and been sowing for a long time. It is not a harvest of wheat, but it is a harvest of tares (Matt. 13:24-30). God's human creatures have sown an enormous crop of tares. And now the whole world is reaping an abundant harvest of that which is sown.

We read in Gal. 6:7, "Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap." Mankind is now reaping a harvest. They are reaping a harvest of that which they have sown. According to this law, is it any trouble to see why it is reaping such a harvest as it is? This most shameful war that is now wasting humanity is but the partial reaping of the harvest from the seeds the nations have been sowing. Not only billions of dollars which are needed for the poor and the Lord's work are being wasted, legitimate liberties of domestic life being restricted and turned upside down, with almost all lines of industry disordered; but far worse than all, compared to which all these are nothing, the thousands upon thousands of young men that are being mowed down, so enormous a number of whom know not God—to fill a Christless grave!

In the time of Christ, men gathered darnel seeds (a very bad tare) and sowed them in their neighbor's wheat fields while they slept, when they wanted to do their neighbor a private injury; and when harvest came, there were the tares in their wheat. The devil has his warehouse packed with darnel seed (tares). This is one of the things that is not rationed.

Men have been profusely sowing the devil's darnel seed, a few examples of which we shall endeavor to show you, that he likes to sow on religious ground:

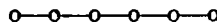
1. Union meetings (which hold together only while the meetings last, to fall apart, just as before, as soon as the meeting is over) instead of unity and oneness which binds together permanently in one Spirit as in John 17:11.

2. Teachers and preachers deceiving the people

with their false propaganda that a divorce granted by the laws of men makes it all right for a man or woman to remarry while their first companion still lives, right in the face of 1 Cor. 7:10, 11. Dear soul, let me say to you as a true friend, with a burdened heart for you, **obey this scripture for your soul's safety, and do not listen to teachers who teach differently.** They are your enemies, regardless of how highly educated they are, how great a name they have, or how many there are who say it, for they, themselves, will every one be judged by this same Word of God, which is the law for all men. May God help all people to see that regardless of who or how many put a wrong construction on the scriptures, it does not change God's Word on any subject.

3. New Thought, new ideas of God not supported by the Word. Beware of them! There is a harvest of tares awaiting all who accept a counterfeit of God's Word, make it mean something else, add to it or take from it (2 Pet. 3:16; Rev. 22:19).

—J H. Pierson.



Senath, Mo.—Dear Sister Pruitt, Greetings in the dear name of our Saviour. He has been so good to us that I want to tell you of the many things He has done for us since we have lived here at our new home. We have lived here one month. When we first moved, my little girl, who will soon be four years old, took sick with a fever which lasted a day or two when my husband got uneasy about her and began to give her medicine, the first she had ever taken. Her fever would seem to cool for awhile, but would come back. For several days she was sick. Husband said he wished he knew what would cool her fever. I told him she had always been healed and never had taken medicine before and I felt she would be healed if he would not give her any more medicine. He said he would not give her any more medicine and see if she would be healed. We had prayer for her that night and her fever cooled in the night and she has not had any since nor been sick in any way.

Our other little girl, who is eight years old, burned her leg with hot water in several places. We prayed and trusted the Lord and she was soon healed and back in school. Then she was hit on the head with a piece of ice which broke the skin in two places and raised a large knot on her head and forehead. We went right to the Lord in prayer and she was soon feeling all right and did not have to miss any school. Isn't He a mighty God whom we serve?

He did another wonderful thing for me. He healed my jaw where I had two teeth pulled. The dentist must have shattered my jaw bone as it hurt me for several days. I just trusted the Lord for healing, and a small piece of bone came out of my jaw and the hurting stopped. I surely do give Jesus the praise for all these mighty works

My foot and ankle have been afflicted until I can hardly walk. Please continue to pray for my healing. I know that Jesus can heal all manner of diseases. Pray that I shall be patient and shall trust in Him always. Pray for my family, especially the ones who are in sin, and pray for my two boys who are in service.

May God bless all the workers at the print shop and help you to carry on this true and holy work of His.

Yours for the truth,

Effie Miller

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Jena, Louisiana—Dear Saints of God,—Greetings in Jesus precious name. It is wonderful to trust in the One who watches over us and cares for us day and night. I get much pleasure out of serving the Lord. He surely comforts His children when they are in trouble.

The Lord gave me extra strength to care for my mother from July until Sept. 2, when she passed on. Ruth Murphey was with me the last few weeks. Her presence surely was a blessing. The Lord held me up in a wonderful way. I realized the saints were praying.

As long as mother could sing, she sang No. 75 in "Select Hymns," "All in Jesus." I feel sad and lonesome but am glad I can praise the Lord as Mother did. I want to follow in her footsteps and live for Christ as she did.

I have a son 13, who is saved. He is a great blessing to me and so much comfort. I do thank the Lord for him. Yours in Christ,

Velma Wilson

## Editorials

On January 26, I received a Special Delivery letter asking me to come to Chicago at once to pray for Sis. Cora Dravis, who was very sick and afflicted. I left the next morning for Chicago and arrived there that night near eleven o'clock. She was anointed and prayed for, and God touched her body that night. The next day the enemy afflicted her again, and she was again prayed for. That night she went to meeting and testified to what the Lord had done. We had a few night's meeting there, then on Monday morning took the bus for Benton Harbor, Mich. where we visited over night with Bro. Werchke and wife who pastor a congregation at that place. We had a very pleasant visit with them, and the next morning he took me in his car to Bangor, Mich. where we stopped at the home of Bro. and Sister Clarence Brant. We had been corresponding with her, but had never met any of them. We found her anxious to learn about the Saviour and the humble ways of the Lord. Her father and mother-in-law were also interested in the old time truths of the Gospel. We stayed in that country a week and had cottage meetings at Bangor. Also, the door of the meeting house was opened to us at South Haven, Mich., which is twelve miles west of Bangor, and we had several services there, including three services on Sunday. The Lord blessed in the services and gave good liberty to speak forth the truths of his precious word. The folks seemed much interested and several were at the altar for help. We found some precious souls in that country.

Grand Junction, the place where Brother D. S. Warner, many years ago proclaimed the truths of this reformation and printed and sent forth the Gospel Trumpet paper, was twelve or fourteen miles north of Bangor. Bro. Brant took me up there to see the camp grounds and Bro. Warner's grave. He is buried there in one corner of the camp grounds. It, no doubt, is a very beautiful place in the summer time. A large, beautiful lake lies in sight of the camp grounds.

From there, we went to Elkhart, Ind. and visited Bro. and Sister Priem. She has been sick and afflicted for some time, and much of the time in bed. She was anointed and prayed for and claimed her healing. She got up and ate breakfast with us the next morning, and in family worship she thanked God for healing her. We are praying that her faith will not fail or waver. We enjoyed our over-night stay with these dear saints of God. From there we went back to Chicago and had meeting with the saints there on Tuesday evening. The Lord wonderfully blessed our souls together, and all the congregation was very happy in the Lord. The Lord just filled the mission hall with His presence and it seemed like there was no devil existing. Praise God for such victory through the Lord Jesus Christ. I arrived home on Wednesday night, having been gone two weeks. Wife looked after the publishing work while I was away, and she and the workers kept things up nicely.

Sister Dravis needs the saints' prayers, for she is in heavy trials, and the enemy accuses and causes grief. We are praying that God will give her patience and victory in all the fiery trials of life.

Christendom today, in a general sense, is in a deep sleep and it seems that only the Judgment shock will cause an awakening. Then it will be too late to repent for the door will be shut and the weeping, wailing, and gnashing of teeth will begin. Oh, how grievous all this is to the soul that is clearly wide awake and what a burden it puts on us to do all we can to awaken poor sleepy, drowsy souls. The greatest sin among professing Christians today is their failure to walk in all the light that God has given them. If they would do this, God would give more light, and their souls would prosper, and the Bible would be living words to the soul, and would be loved and read all the time.

Many of the preachers have let down, and are letting down, sympathizing with worldly ways, having some of the world on themselves, then when they preach against worldliness it has very little effect. It seems that they all have become drowsy and sleepy together, and have more faith in earthly things than in God. The God of the whole earth has become a very small God to them, and many of them have no definite experience now of the Baptism of the Holy Ghost (sanctification), and naturally have practically ceased to "earnestly contend for the faith that was once delivered to the saints," the faith that God gave the 120 on the day of Pentecost to receive the Holy Ghost. You cannot expect souls to have faith to receive the Baptism when the preachers do not strongly teach it and manifest it. Jude, in writing to the sanctified ministers who were preserved in Jesus Christ and called, said, "It was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints." If it was needful then, how much more so at this present time! He spoke of men creeping in unawares who would turn the grace of God into lasciviousness (carnal, lustful emotion to deceive and make people believe that they are heavenly spiritual) and in that way would deny the only Lord God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Notice, he said, "crept in unawares." Many of them have crept in unawares in the so-called church of God today, and have become leading ministers with authority and great influence because of advantage. Perhaps, at one time they had the sanctifying grace of God in the soul, but the love of money, the love of the praise of men, and the love of the world has destroyed that grace, and the majority have not been aware of it. In this way they have crept in unawares and the world and its ways have swallowed up the congregations which they pastor, and others whom they have influenced by lascivious methods. Many are sleeping the deep sleep of death, and others are half starved and beaten by thievish and robbing spirits because they have been decoyed away from the heavenly Jerusalem and are on the way to Jericho, which is a substitute for the real, Luke 10:30. Mr. Olin, who visited Jericho, says, "It is the meanest and foulest village of Palestine." Smith's Bible Dictionary. In Revelation 18:2, we read the following description of sects which men have made up and called churches to substitute for the true Church:

"Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird." This is an analogy of Jericho in many ways (excepting the size).

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One who sets an alarm clock to get up by, then fails to get up when it alarms and awakens him will soon sleep on no matter how loud and long it may alarm.

Christendom has failed to heed the alarms of God's word until their spiritual eyes have become blind and their ears are deaf.

When I was a young, unsaved man, scouting around over the country, I took a job of milking cows in the Puget Sound country of Washington State. I was to sleep in a room where a Swiss milker slept. He had an alarm clock fastened to the sill on the side of the wall with a cord to it that ran to the ceiling of the room and then out to the middle of the top of the room. On this cord he had tied old cans, buckets, and pans. When the alarm went off, the string slipped loose and the cans, buckets and pans hit the floor with a bang. I needed no such noise to awaken me, but this fellow had failed to heed the alarm, so he had to have a string, a can, a bucket, a pan, then several of them to make a noise even worse than a clap of thunder. Oh, what a great noise it did make in the stillness of the morning hour, and yet he was just barely awakened.

Just so, when a saved man or woman begins to pass up and fail to heed even the least of the teachings and instructions of His Word, his ears will soon become dull of hearing and his spiritual eyesight will dim, and he will soon be doing many things contrary to true holiness and righteousness. He will become so dull of hearing that he will not be able to receive the chastening of the Lord and the checking by the Spirit. If persistent, he will become sound asleep with a high profession of religion. The alarm of God's word to such people is, "Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light."

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Since I have been writing about alarm clocks, it reminds me that the "Lord's Print Shop" has need of at least two alarm clocks, and if any of our readers has an alarm clock that is in good order which you can spare we would like for you to send it to the Faith Pub. House to be used in the work. Let us know what you want for the clock, and we shall be glad to send the amount to you. Just put it in a box and put packing around it in good shape and post it to us or send by express collect. I thank you very much. The Lord will not forget to reward you.

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Since the two boys who worked in the press room married and feel the Lord leading them into other work, it leaves a vacancy here in the work. The Lord's Print Shop is in need of a consecrated young man in the press room to do the printing, operating the Job Presses and Cylinder Press and making up forms. We are praying that God will send the

right one to take this place. We feel sure that he has a young man some where who is consecrated to do this work for the Lord. Write us if you feel the Lord talking to you about this work, and we can let you know more about it.

#### —NOTICE—

If any of the saints should be passing near La Grande, Oregon, 2404 N. Birch, will you please stop as I would be so happy to see a dear saint of God? It would be almost like heaven. I am isolated, and you know what a visit would mean. I would be glad to hear from any of the saints in Oregon. May God hear my prayer and send some of you my way. Mrs. Grace Jones

#### PRAYER REQUESTS

Bro. E. Vannoy of Reddies River, N. Car., a minister and pastor is badly afflicted in body and is asking our earnest prayers for his healing.

His mother-in-law, Sister Rilla Wyatt has lost her eye-sight and is asking the saints to agree in prayer that God will restore her eye-sight. We are setting the date of March 5, as a day of fasting and prayer for these dear saints of God. Let us all be agreed with them in fasting and prayer on that day.

Please pray for my son, Wesley. He has been an able minister in the Church of God and by his labor has won souls, but through discouragement he has gone back in sin. Please pray that God will help him to see himself and repent and do what God has called him to do; this is no time for idleness. —Wm. L. VanZandt

#### Obituaries

Curvy Crawley, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Crawley, was born December 28, 1906, departed this life Jan. 8, 1944 at 4:00 a.m. On September 13, 1930 he was married to Miss H. B. Fuller. To this union seven children were born, four boys and three girls. He professed to be saved in his youth but after he married he strayed away from God. On his sick bed he confessed to be saved. His mother asked him if he was praying and he said that he was. She asked him if he was saved and he assured her that he was. He called his wife and oldest daughter to the bedside and asked them if they were well. He said, "Everything is all right with me." He leaves to mourn his passing a wife, six children, father and mother, five sisters, four brothers, and a host of aunts, uncles, and other relatives and friends.

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William Leroy Rapp was born at Bradford, Ohio, April 11, 1871 and departed this life Jan. 13, 1944 at the age of 72 years, 9 months, and 2 days. August 26, 1914 he was united in marriage to Miss Lucy Yoder. To this union one daughter, Helen was born.

Bro. Rapp gave his heart to the Lord a number of years ago and has lived a devoted Christian life. He had been in failing health for a number of years and bore it all patiently. He was bed-fast the last 5 weeks of his life. He never murmured or complained but always asked for singing and prayer. He rejoiced and sang as long as he was able.

He leaves to mourn his departure a loving and devoted wife, one daughter, Helen Hill of Bradford, Ohio and a son-in-law, Chalmer Hill, three grandchildren, three brothers, two sisters, and a host of relatives and friends.

We have lost our darling loved one,  
He has bid us all adieu,  
He has gone to live in heaven,  
And his person is lost to view.

Oh that darling, how we loved him  
Oh, how hard to give him up,  
But an angel came down for him,  
And removed him from our flock.

Funeral services were conducted at Horatio meeting house Sat., Jan. 15 at 2:00 o'clock by Bro. S. E. Abbot of Union City, Ind.

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Harry Mansfield Knight was born near Tuscaloosa Ala. May 4, 1856 and departed this life in San Diego Calif., Dec. 27, 1943 at the age of 87 years, 7 months, and 23 days.

In 1879 he was united in marriage to Mary Love. To this union 5 sons and 4 daughters were born. By the wisdom of God this companion was called in death. In 1904 he was again united in marriage to Clara Jones. To this union six children were born. He leaves to mourn his departure his companion, 13 children, 20 grandchildren, 5 great-grandchildren, and a host of friends, who by his kind words and pleasant ways, had learned to love him. When only a young man he professed hope in Christ and united himself with the A. M. E. church. Later in life he accepted the teaching of the Bible and conformed his life thereto and lived a very consistent Christian life until the end came. Bro. Knight was a loyal citizen, a loving companion, a kind and affectionate father and always wore a pleasant smile and was loved by all.

His remains were laid to rest in the Mount Hope cemetery, San Diego, Calif. Text 2 Cor. 5:1, St. John 14:1-2. Funeral services conducted by the writer.

—T. T. Holde

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On Nov. 22, 1943 Edna Lizb Long, daughter of Va and Ruby Long, went home to be with Jesus, age 11 months. Bro. John Purkey conducted the funeral. Text, Mark 9:14. A sweet little darling, the light of the home.

On Jan. 19, 1944, Verbel C. Long, little daughter of Homer and Bertha Long, departed this life to live with Jesus, at the age of four years. Funeral conducted by Bro. John Purkey. Text, John 14:1, 2.

"Asleep in Jesus, blessed sleep,  
From which none ever wake to weep."

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Ida Parlee Warden was born May 20, 1878, Collins County, Texas, and departed this life January 1944, at the home of her daughter in Pomona, Calif., at the age of sixty-five years, seven months and nineteen days.

On March 13, 1898 she was united in marriage with R. M. Trimble. To this union three children were born two girls and one boy. One of the daughters died in infancy.

She is survived by her husband, R. M. Trimble Lyons, Oregon; one son, Jesse Trimble of Lyons, Ore and one daughter, Mrs. I. D. Stover of Pomona, Calif. also, two sisters, Mrs. L. W. Sparks of Los Angeles, and Mrs. C. E. Taylor of Linsley, Calif.

She accepted Christ as her Saviour and gave her heart to God in 1904. She was very devoted to God, and had a deep appreciation for right and truth and delight in the service of Christ.

In her 46 years of married life she was a faithful and devoted wife and mother, and in her 40 years of Christian life she was a faithful and devoted Christian.

During these years many things came and went but tested her faith severely. Her last sickness was also a severe test to her faith and that of many others. Times she suffered severely but kept her faith and trust

in God and felt that he would bring something good out of it, and said a number of times that she was confident that she would not suffer one more pain than the Lord wanted her to. Thus she kept herself in God's hands and was able by His grace to persevere in that saving faith and was faithful unto death.

Funeral service was conducted by O. B. Wilson, Jr., and A. E. Harmon of Glendale, Calif. at 11:00 a. m. Jan. 11, in Pomona. The sermon text was 2 Tim. 4:7, 8. Burial was at Pomona, Calif.

### CORRESPONDENCE

Anderson, Ind.—Dear Bro. Pruitt, May God bless you and encourage you to be faithful, loyal, and true is my prayer. I enjoy reading your book, the third edition. It is very interesting how God leads and cares for His children.

This last summer in the hot days I felt very bad in body. The enemy suggested that I get some Carter's pills, but I refused, saying I was going to trust the Lord, live or die. I asked God to care for me and heal me, and He did. I have had no back set since, for which I thank Him. I praise Him for salvation. I had what they call the flu this winter and God took care of that too. I trusted Him for it and it is all gone.

Rudolph A. Glassman.

Watonga, Okla.—Dear Bro. and Sister Pruitt, greetings in the name of Jesus. I am saved and encouraged to go all the way with the dear Lord and trust Him for my healing. He has healed me many times, praise His holy name. It encourages my soul to read the "Faith and Victory," and I feel that the Lord wants me to send my testimony for it.

Sallie Doris

Colville, Wash.—Dear saints, We greet you in His name. I want to tell you of some of my experiences for His glory. Jan., 1941 I was sick in bed. People who were with me wanted me to take medicine or get a doctor. I had been healed instantly more than once, but I felt such an influence against me. I really had a battle. We began to put my case into God's hands and after some time got it fully given over to God. When God had the case without any question I was well, and to His praise and glory I have not had a sick day since. That has been over thirty-seven months ago. I give Him all the glory and praise.

Now I am lame from hurts which I received more than forty years ago. I have to go on crutches. Also, I have a growth on my body that gives me trouble. I want to ask special prayer for this growth that God will heal it. While I do not want to limit God's power, some of my bones or muscles are out of line and have been out so long I don't expect to be active again as I am in my nineties, but would like for God to heal this growth.

B. B. Naff

Loranger, La.—Dear readers of Faith and Victory, May heaven's richest blessings ever rest upon each of you. We have felt impressed for some time to write our testimony for the purpose of giving God the praise, glory, and honor for His special love manifested to us in performing such a wonderful miracle of healing in our home recently. We are trusting too, that this testimony of God's love and power will prove a blessing and help to other dear ones who are sorely afflicted or have met with some accident, for He is no respecter of persons and what He has done for us, He can do and will do for others if He sees He will be glorified through it.

On Oct. 28, 1943, our only child, a little boy just past two years of age, stepped in hot ashes. We were only a few feet away and after hearing his screams we had him in our arms in a very few seconds. But the heat was so intense, by the time we picked him up, the skin from the entire sole of his foot had slipped loose and was just hanging. Only the Lord could see and realize the agony of our heart. It seemed more than we could bear.

We knew nothing about dressing or caring for burns so we got Sister Katherine Simpson who is a nurse and has done nursing for the saints many times, to dress the foot. We and the saints who saw what an awful burn it was knew it would just be the power of God through prayer to bring our little darling through. We trusted him fully in the hands of the Lord. How precious the saints were to us here and elsewhere. Those near here visited us often with words of encouragement and mingled their prayers with ours. And those who were afar sent their letters of encouragement and let us know how concerned they were and how very hard they were praying and some even fasting.

The Lord blessed in a special way from the very beginning by giving rest and sleep and keeping the baby from suffering so much. At the end of the first week, it seemed the foot was doing real well and we thought improving right along. But it was quite a different story by the second week. It seemed that infection had surely set in. Most of the foot turned green and pus boiled out of the top of it. The odor was terrible. The baby was very restless and miserable. He had been anointed and prayed for by ministers more than once, but we felt impressed to send for ministers to come again to anoint, lay on hands and pray for him. We made a complete consecration of the child. We knew the devil had many traps and pitfalls for his little feet and felt if the Lord saw he would grow up and be lost in the end, it would be far easier to see him taken now while he is innocent and knows no sin. So we prayed to that end that the Lord would do as it would be for our good and His glory. It seemed the saints had no other leadings but that the Lord was going to do a complete work of healing. It was soon an evident fact that the healing power of God had touched the little foot. Only those who saw the awful condition it was in, can realize what a miracle the Lord performed. Those little toes that were burned so badly that were so swollen and glued together and looked so certain would be grown together, in a few days were all covered with new skin, each one healed perfectly and separately. How we and others rejoiced when we looked at them for we knew it was just the power of God that caused them all to stay on and heal to perfection. All the praise and glory is the Lord's.

Years ago, Sister Lottie Joiner had a little brother to step in hot ashes and receive a burn very similar to that of our baby's. She said in a few days three of his smallest toes had come off and the other two were drawn under and grew that way. It took six months for the new skin to gradually grow and cover her brother's foot and it was that long before he attempted to walk. The skin did not just gradually grow until it covered our baby's foot. By the end of the four weeks anyone could see a new skin coming over the entire sole of his foot. In a few more days he was standing on it. At the end of seven weeks, he was walking. Praise the Lord for His love and goodness manifested to us. When we ask the baby who made his little foot well, he says, "Jesus."



Truly, we esteem it a great privilege to have such a high and lofty one as the Lord God to be our own kind and loving Father who loves us so dearly. He bids us take all our burdens and cares to Him so that He may bear them for us. Surely He is a Father to those who will be His obedient children. He sees our heart this morning that it is our desire above everything to be one of His obedient children with a willingness by His help and grace to follow Him in everything He sees best to lead us through. We realize this is a high and exalted position He has placed His children in, being heirs of God and joint heirs with Jesus Christ. We also realize it takes more than just a mere profession to hold this position. All professors are not possessors of our Saviour. "By their fruit ye shall know them." By the help of the Lord, we expect to bear such fruit that people will know we are truly possessors of the salvation that Jesus bought for us and that people may see that Jesus is abiding in us each day giving us grace and strength to reign right here in this present world over all sin.

Thanking the Lord again for His goodness to us and the saints for their prayers and interest, we remain your brother and sister in the one way.

O. D. and Alta Flynn

Earlsboro, Okla.—Dear Bro. and Sister Pruitt,—Greetings in the Lord's precious name. This morning finds me more determined to live closer to the dear Saviour, the one who gave his life for all. I have intended for some time to send in my testimony. "Ye are my witnesses, saith the Lord." Isa. 43:10. The "Faith and Victory" paper and the saints' testimonies are a great encouragement to me.

We have a son who has been across 19 months in this awful war. I ask the prayers of all God's children for him. I also have a daughter in Calif. who once knew the dear Lord but now needs your prayers. Also pray for our son in Texas that he will remain in the States if it be God's will. I thank the Lord that he is a child of God. I also thank the Lord for a saved married daughter and son-in-law who are serving the Lord. Pray for my unsaved husband and other children. I truly feel the need of prayer that I be what God wants me to be. Pray for me that I draw closer to God. Mrs. E. E. Stubblefield

Pascagoula, Miss.—Dear ones in Christ,—I enjoy reading the healing testimonies in Faith and Victory. I have been healed many times. I just praise our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ for all He has done for me and mine. I might mention a few severe afflictions I have had and God through Christ Jesus came to my rescue. I had a terrible cough years ago. All at once the Lord touched my body and it was gone. I had a serious throat trouble. My tongue was almost drawn down my throat. I asked for prayer and all at once I felt God had touched my throat and all misery was gone and I surely praised God. I had a skin disease and was healed twice of the same trouble; no powder or cream could do any good but when prayer went through it was done. Six of our children got the itch at school. I worked so hard but all seemed to no avail. We all agreed in prayer and the Lord God came to our rescue. I never shall forget the first morning it was done. It has never come in our home since. Praise his matchless name forever. Amen. Another time I had a serious affliction and the Lord healed me after I suffered untold misery. I had two teeth extracted. We lived 24 miles out in the country. One night (five days afterward) I had awful bleeding. My clothes were saturated with blood. I got up and sat in a chair and those places

flowed like fountains no matter what husband and children did. A good neighbor lady came in but no one could stop the flow. I asked my youngest child to reach up on the mantle and get the oil bottle and anoint my jaw. When she laid her pure, clean hand on my jaw, I felt virtue go through my body and the blood stopped right then. I was so near gone that I fainted when my son and his companion assisted me to bed. I still feel the effect of the loss of that blood but am holding on to the unchanging hand of our God and when I touch the hem of his garment, I will be healed for His glory. Praise His dear name.

I could give many more testimonies of how I anointed others and they were healed and recovered of their trouble when they looked unto the Lord from whence cometh help like in Psa. 121. He never fails, praise His name! If we meet the conditions he requires of us He will do the rest. I am asking you to pray for my loved blood pressure and hearing, for I will not be denied.

Yours in Christ,

Mrs. J Strickle

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Duarte, Calif.—Dear Bro. Pruitt,—Greetings to you and workers. This leaves wife and me fighting in the arm of the Lord with the rest of the saints who are going up this narrow way. We, in Southern California are thanking the Lord for the blessed Christmas Assembly. The Lord met with us. I suppose some one has already reported the meeting but if they have, I am only another witness that the Lord met with us and so great was the preaching, witnessing, and rejoicing in God's people that those who were otherwise minded dared not even join in but looked and listened while the word of God was magnified. The saints were more compacted together being unified by meeting the condition to be entirely sanctified.

We pray that the publishing work may continue printing the good news and publishing salvation; how to get it and not only how to keep it but also specifying that it will keep the individual who will yield to God's term and receive the experience. Again I say, God bless the Evening Light Watchman.

I have an unspoken request before the Lord. Will the saints please agree with me in prayer? God bless you all. In Jesus' name,

L. E. Davis

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Garrison, Mo.—To the saints everywhere, Greeting in Jesus' precious name. I always enjoy so much reading the "Faith and Victory" with its wonderful little sermons and testimonies. I am so glad this morning that Jesus saves even me. I can never thank and praise Him enough for saving me from sin and taking away a desire for worldly pleasures and putting within my heart the love of God. He placed my feet on the Rock Christ Jesus, the only thing that will stand when this world all on fire, all other ground is sinking sand. Oh, how love this way with Jesus. He grows each day still sweeter than he was the day before to my soul. He is my strength and in all. I do want to be in that number when the saints of God go marching in and help sing that glorious song, "Bring forth the Royal Diadem and crown Him Lord of all." What a wonderful day that will be for those who have been redeemed by the blood of the Lamb, who Jesus comes for His own. Life in this world is filled with so many heartaches, hard trials, and tests, and heavy burdens to bear, but just one glimpse of Jesus with all the toils of life repaid. They will all then seem nothing. I am determined to follow Jesus all the way by the help of God's grace. I mean to make heaven my home when life here is ended. Pray for me that I will be true and what He wants me to be. Mrs. Charles Ke



# Young People's Section

## The Most Wonderful Master

Our Master is known throughout the world,  
And yet few were as poor as He.  
He never owned but the garments He wore,  
In His thirty short years in our country.  
There was never a man more persecuted;  
Nor mocked, nor scoffed at, nor lonely.  
He was nailed to a cross, died the most painful death  
In order that we might be free.  
He had more power than a king or president,  
Yet a crown of thorns was placed on His head.  
He could walk on the waters; He could heal the sick.  
He calmed the winds, many multitudes he fed.  
He never married but was loved by many.  
He was betrayed at the hands of His friend.  
He loved little children; He was a great Shepherd.  
He never ceased to extend goodness, nor a helping  
hand lend.

Though he lived nineteen hundred years ago on earth,  
We never forget the day of His birth.  
Of no other man could such things be said,  
As our Wonderful Master, of whom we've all read.

—Lucille Gatke Elliot

## Editorials

Bro. Merrill Williamson, a young man who has been working here in the office for the past several months, was united in marriage to Sister Ruby Doolittle on Sunday, Jan. 23, 1944 at Clovis, N. M. The ceremony was attended by the bride's parents, relatives, and friends. At present they are visiting relatives and friends in California. The Lord willing, they will soon go to Louisiana to make their home unless the Lord leads otherwise. May the Lord indeed bless the union of this young couple, and may they keep so consecrated that the Lord might make them of greater service in the work of God. Keeping in God's order is the secret of real victory and soul rest.

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Bro. Vada McMillian, another young man who has worked most of the time in the office during the past year and a half, was united in marriage to Sister Carrie Wyatt on Sunday, February 6, 1944 at Neosho, Mo. For some time these fine young people have felt the call to the ministry and the Lord has used them. We pray that their future life and work together will result in the extension of the gospel of Christ which is "the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth." At present the Lord has led them to Louisiana, and perhaps they will also go to Alabama and Georgia. Surely many workers are needed in the great vineyard of the Lord, and a few, at least, are answering the call.

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The Word teaches us that the soul of man needs to be adorned and made attractive by the rich graces

of God. There are many ornaments and decorations to put on, but no allowance is made for outward adorning. In 1 Peter 3:3, 4, we read: "Whose adorning let it not be that outward adorning of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of gold, or of putting on of apparel; But let it be the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price." Another scripture tells us that man looketh on the outward appearance, but God looketh on the heart. Whether one is continually adorning the outer or inner man determines whether one is trying to please those who look on the outward appearance or Him who looks upon the heart. The life of Christ shines out through the hidden man of the heart adorned with the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, but the outward adorning exalts self and eclipses the true light. Self must be crucified in order that the "hidden man" might be seen. The soul adorned with the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit is in the sight of God of great price. Then when He looks at your soul, does He see it fully adorned, beautiful and attractive to Him? You may know that you look very well on the outside, but take a look inside. How much time do you give the Lord to adorn your immortal soul with heavenly graces? Is that wedding garment kept pure, clean, and white? In that great day of reckoning the adornments of the soul is what will speak before God's throne.

—L. D. P.

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Tulsa, Okla.—Dear readers of this little paper;—May God bless each one is my prayer. My heart gets hungry for the saints scattered in the land. We cannot do much traveling these days but there is one thing we can do and that is to pray much for this lost world and especially for those in the service of our country.

I thank God for His love and mercy shown to us. I can say He is everything to me. In sorrow He is my comfort, in trouble He's my stay. Bless His holy name. While papa was so ill we just trusted God. Some few suggestions were made but we know that God knows His business and we would be very much afraid to take things in our own hands. A doctor told my brother-in-law that they could help but the treatment would be severe. How our heart leaped within for the comfort and joy we have found in turning all of our troubles over to our Maker. The Lord has made this frame of ours and knows how to fix it when it becomes sick. He knows how to operate his machinery better than any one else. Papa is up and around, but not strong, so continue to pray for him. We thank each one for the interest you have shown. The good letters of encouragement brought comfort and faith.

I am so glad for the good reports we get from saints in other parts of the state and other states. We hear how some of the young saints are moving on and out for the Lord. This growth is the result of having dug deep until they strike the Rock. If we stop short of that we will not make it through the present trials and tests. Floods and severe storms can't move

us. People can mistreat us, love others more than us but it matters not, we have our feet on the Rock with our eyes set on Jesus with heaven in view. We know He loves us and that is what counts. After all we are only as the dust of the earth, worthless; only as God lives in us do we count worthy of any good. This experience holds good today.

Your sister in the body of Christ, Selma Hiebert.

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Vian, Okla.—Dear ones in Christ, Please pray for my husband who is still in England. My baby and I have not seen him for eighteen months. My faith in God is for him to be saved and come home. Sometimes my faith grows weak when I get so lonesome for him.

I love Jesus better than anybody and desire your prayers that I abide in His calling. I have vowed, saying I would die trying to do what God has called me to do, even if preaching is so hard for me to try to do. After all, it is not I, but He that is within me.

—Freida McFadden

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Niota, Tenn.—Dear friend in Christ,—Praise the Lord for the wonderful blessing I received last night from reading a tract. I read part of it and it was so good I just went into the other room and got down on my knees and prayed. Thank the Lord for hearing and answering prayer. I got the victory and came up from there shouting and praising the Lord. I had been feeling so awful. I do not know what was wrong with me; sometimes I thought I would go crazy. I went to sleep last night so happy, got up happy, and went to work happy, praise His wonderful name. I just want to go on and grow stronger and have more faith. Keep me in mind when you pray. I would love for you to send me about five of those tracts about the Paratrooper.

May God bless you and enable you to keep spreading the gospel.

Nora Clayton

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Raton, N. M.—Dear Bro. Pruitt and all the young saints everywhere,—Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. I am still on my heavenward journey and ever expect to keep going until I get to that city. The road sometimes seems or looks pretty muddy and cut up with ruts (trials and temptations) but I am afraid to turn off on the detour around the ruts as the detour looks smooth. The devil has all kinds of detours up and down the road and they are usually paved, (with good intentions). If we just keep looking down the road and not pay any attention to the detour signs we will get through all right. But if we become afraid (lose faith), we can't go through the ruts we may have a very hard time. We should always remember that we are driving a car that will go through (the prayer of faith).

When we pray for God to give or to do something for us, we must believe and ask according to his will. If we believe something we expect it to be done. If we don't believe what we ask of God will be done, we don't believe the scripture or haven't come to the full realization of it. The scripture says, "If ye shall ask anything in my name, I will do it." John 14:14. "If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will and it shall be done unto you." John 15:7. But first, before we pray or ask something we must be on terms so we can talk to God. We must ask according to his will and one has to keep searching his life every day because Satan will work so slick and try to get us off the track and sometimes he succeeds and we don't know or don't realize it until we pray or call on God and he just isn't as near to us as usual, or we feel a little off some place. Sometimes God won't show us at once what

the matter is and Satan will keep us upset until we get very earnest over the matter. Maybe we feel earnest and yet we don't know what the matter really is and we call upon God more deeply to reveal to us our trouble. Then, if we are in earnest enough when he reveals our trouble, we will remember it much longer and we will have more joy out of it when we do find our trouble. Always keep in peace with God and you will be on the right road to heaven. But we can't only feel at peace with God but we know when we are right with him. Read 1 John 3:14, 19, 24; 4:13.

Yours in Christ,

Edwin Weir

## CORRESPONDENCE

Chillicothe, Ohio—Dear Brother Pruitt—We greet you in the all-prevailing name of Jesus. This leaves us saved and encouraged to live for God who has done so much for us. We pray that you all are well and enjoying the pleasures of salvation. We are very thankful to the dear Lord that He ever saved us from this world of sin and brought us out into His precious truth. We are so glad for the way. We realize there isn't but one way and that is through and by Jesus our Redeemer. Praise His dear name. We are so thankful that we have found the way and mean by the grace of God to stay in this way. It makes our hearts sad to see so many of the older saints passing away and see so few young ones rising up to hold up His blessed truths. But we believe as time goes on that there will be fewer and fewer who will hold up all the truth. Nevertheless, there will be faith on the earth when Jesus comes in the clouds to receive His bride. Praise his dear name.

We are thankful for the little paper, "Faith and Victory" which is so much encouragement to our souls, and also for the many testimonies that are in it for we love to read of what our dear Lord has done for his saints.

Pray for us all around Chillicothe here that we will keep humble and in the will of our Lord and increase in faith and understanding of what the will of God is at all times.

Yours in Christ,

Mr. and Mrs. Pearl O. Brown

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Santa Rosa, Calif.—Greetings to all my brothers and sisters scattered abroad over all this sin-cursed world. I feel like I should witness with my testimony of how wonderfully God blesses me in soul and body daily. He is my all in all and while I am here alone with no saints to talk to or to pray with me, God my Father is always near and helps me through all difficulties. Bless His holy name. Dear saints, let's keep courage and victory in our souls for we have no excuse at all to get discouraged or think our trials are too hard to bear. If we love God with all our heart, mind, and strength, believe His word and trust and obey his commands, we have all the wonderful promises he has made to those who love and obey him to rely upon, and God never fails us when we live up to His word. I have proved God's promises for over 50 years and he has never failed me yet. When I do my part, God does his in every way, in forgiving my sins and sanctifying my nature and healing my body many times even when I was given up by some, saying I could not live 6 hours, God healed me instantly by the prayer of faith being prayed. In 10 or 15 minutes I was up and well. He healed two broken bones for me without ever being set by man or bandaged in any way and left no scar or bump. Praise God, He is a wonderful Saviour. I had had the rheumatism off and on for years. Eight years ago I had it in my knees very bad. Part of the time I had to use a crutch. Often when pain would strike like light-

ening I would fall if I was not in reach of something to hold to. One Sunday on my way to Sunday School, it got so bad I could not go down a hill. I leaned up against a tree and told God I could not go any farther. He knew I was doing all I could to get the truth to those people and I had to have help from God. He completely and permanently healed me right there. I went on and am still going with no symptoms of rheumatism. Thank God. I could tell on and on of his healing power and of many ways where there seemed to be no way. Thank God, he has done so much for me. I never get a bit discouraged or tire of serving him. It's little I can do here alone with people so uninterested about their souls' salvation. Dear ones, let's pray earnestly for all the poor boys and girls in this awful war being sent into eternity by the thousands the world over. Lots of them without God or a hope of heaven. Some would not accept God, war or no war, but we can pray God to send Holy Ghost to every honest soul and help them to understand how to get ready to meet God. Christ died for all mankind and all souls are precious to him.

I ask the prayers of God's saints that God keep me true the last mile of the way. I am doing the little I can do to help others to find God and to keep true when they do. God bless you all. Your saved sister, Bonnie Wells.

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Texico, N. M.—Dear saints one and all, greetings in Jesus' precious name. I feel it would be pleasing to my dear Saviour to write my testimony for the "Faith and Victory," which I love to read. It does my soul good to read the testimonies of so many dear saints. The "Faith and Victory" is food to my soul.

I love my dear Saviour and he is so good to me. He heals all my afflictions, praise His name forever. I want to do more for my dear Saviour, by his help, in this coming year than I have in the past year. Dear saints, please pray for me. I need your prayers, that I be faithful. Your sister, Stella Wilson.

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Akron, Ohio—Dear Bro. Pruitt,—I am yet encouraged to press my way on to glory. Thank the Lord for what He is to me and how He heals my body when I get sick. I have been very sick with the flu, but the Lord, who is always faithful to hear the cries of his children, heard our cries and raised me up. He is blessing us here in Akron and Sandusky. Two weeks ago, two got saved in Sandusky. Pray for us. We shall remember you and the work there in Guthrie. E. Hudson.

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Giddings, Texas—Dear ones in Christ—I praise God for everything, yes for the many blessings I receive each day. My soul still feasts on the contents of your wonderful little paper "Faith and Victory." I am praying that God may lay it on hearts to send in the needed amount to keep things going there. And may this be a prosperous year for all there. God bless you all.

A sister in Christ, Mrs. Tennie Stork

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Five Forks, W. Va.—Dear Bro. Pruitt, greetings in Jesus' name. I enjoy so much to read the "Faith and Victory" paper. I want to testify of God's goodness to me. He has saved me from all sin and kept me day by day in His love. I am glad there are a few who still teach the Bible. I have been healed in body and He has cleaned me up from all bad habits. I am on my way to heaven, praise His name. I expect to go all the way.

Pray for me, also for my mother in my care who is almost helpless, seventy-seven years old.

Yours for the whole truth, Mrs. Mary Burrows

Paoli, Ind.—Dear saints, greetings. I am saved and have a decision to go all the way with the dear Lord. I have just read the book, "God's Gracious Dealings," and it fed my soul. Also the "Faith and Victory" encourages me much. It is just like hearing a good sermon.

I ask all the saints to pray for me that I will be completely healed of high blood pressure and a bad head ache and nervous trouble that keeps me weak in body. I will soon be seventy-three years old.

Your sister in Christ, Mrs. Emma Mathers

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Nashville, Tenn.—Dear Brother in Christ, Greetings in His precious name. This finds me happy in the sweet love of Jesus and enjoying the sweet fellowship of His saints. The Feb. issue of the precious little silent preacher, "Faith and Victory," has just been received and read, and I can truly say that it is REAL FOOD to my soul. I like the good articles. They have the interpretation of the Word of God. I feel sure they are written after much prayer and studying of the scriptures. I thank my heavenly Father that one day in 1924 a man gave me a copy of your little paper and some tracts. I read them and the message was so good and it has been a blessing to me ever since. I was then in a sect (so-called church), being ruled by man and not enjoying freedom. The paper was sweeter than honey (spiritually speaking). I sent for more papers and tracts and gave them out to people over a great portion of Tenn. and Ala. I gave up man-made churches and took my stand with God's true saints who have given up all things that are of the world.

I moved from McMinnville back to Morrison in 1926 and asked a holiness preacher to have cottage prayer meetings. About thirteen gathered in my house and the Lord anointed me to preach to them. When the altar call was given some came for prayer. We had meetings all winter and in the spring we baptized about thirty-seven precious souls. Then I taught them that we preachers could not take them into the Church of God, but it was God's business to ADD them to his church. The preacher who was a member of a sect gave up his membership with them to be ruled only by Jesus, the head of the Body.

I hope to be able to attend some of the meetings this year, the Master willing. Since I read your first article in 1924, I have wanted to meet you face to face, that I might tell you how much your Spirit-filled messages have edified me and given me courage to still fight the good fight. Please pray for me and the work I am doing and tell the saints to pray for me.

Your humble brother in the body of Jesus, which is the Church of God, Bro. Colonel Pendleton

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Olla, La.—Dear saints—Greetings in the precious name of Jesus. I have been afflicted and it was so good to hear from the saints during that time. I have been almost free from asthma for quite some time. I got better a few days after I wrote for prayer. I had a trial of faith, a few nights ago, in another way. I took severe pain close to my heart. I could hardly speak but God came to my rescue and I got relief. The Lord surely is a present help in time of trouble. Sometimes I wonder why I have to suffer so much. I do know that I have it settled to trust my Lord to the end. Praise His name. These afflictions truly have brought me closer to the Lord. We have had so many different trials of faith in our home, but praise God, he never leaves nor forsakes us.

If God has a work for me, I am willing to do anything He wants me to do. I want to ever do his will and be what he wants me to be in every way. I truly desire your

prayers that I be just what he would have me to be. Even though I feel bad in body, I can rejoice in my soul. I thank him for saving me from sin and planting my feet on the solid Rock. I am determined to go all the way, for at the end of this race I see a reward. I have many hard things to go through here but I don't expect beds of ease. My resting shall be in heaven. I am not laying up anything here, my treasures are all above. Praise His name.

I often think of you folks there and what a great work you are doing. I wish I could do more but am doing what good I can in all the places I can. Pray for me that I be able to spend more time and talent for my blessed Lord. My desire in this life is to do the will of my Father which is in heaven. Pray for me and my family. I have some unsaved children, one boy in the army. Pray for him. It is wonderful to be where we can pray for our loved ones that are in the service of our country. May God bless you all is my prayer.

Your sister in Christ, Mellie Esters

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Tampa, Fla.—Dear saints everywhere, greetings in Jesus' dear name. It is with great praise and thanksgiving to my dear heavenly Father that I can still say I love Him with all my heart and have that sweet peace like a river flowing in my soul. Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.

I have been busy this winter as usual writing religious letters. I put tracts in them all. I try to do what I can in that way for the Lord. This place is flooded with tracts—some of the sects are giving them out all the time—so the devil told me there was no use giving them out for no one would read them. I told him that I didn't believe his lies, so I went right on. I give them out to the ones I think might read them. We cannot stop and listen to the enemy's lies for we know time is too short to waste. I have a burden and a desire to see precious souls saved and brought home to our dear loving Saviour, who died that we might be redeemed from sin here, and gain heaven when this life is over. I do get anxious for heaven sometimes. Won't it be wonderful to meet our dear Lord and be forever with Him? Praise our God for ever!

Dear unsaved friends and lost souls everywhere who may read this, won't you come and give your heart to the Lord before it is for ever too late? He wants to save you. He is knocking at your heart's door. Won't you open and let Him in? How can you turn Him away? He loves you and wants to save you and come in and sup with you. It is dangerous to put it off. Tomorrow may be too late. Today is the day of salvation. "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." "Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven." Matt. 8:21.

I have a deep desire to live close to the Lord and do His will and be at the place where He can use me for His glory. I want to be ready when the trumpet sounds.

May God bless you all in the work you are doing for Him. Mrs. Minnie Krause

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Richmond, Va.—Dear Saints,—Greetings in Jesus' name. This is my first testimony I have written to you. I feel that I want to tell what the Lord has done for me. About a month ago I was taken sick, suffering severely with a pain in my right side. Finally I had a doctor. He said he thought it was a stone in my kidney. To be sure I must have an X-ray taken of my side to find the trouble. The following Monday I suffered something terrible. I

planned to have the X-ray taken Tuesday morning. Monday night I suffered so I could hardly move. I called my husband who was in the next room and told him to pray for me. He anointed me with oil in the name of Jesus and knelt down and prayed for me. I was healed instantly. I turned over and went to sleep and slept all night, got up the next morning and cooked breakfast with no pain in my side and have been feeling fine ever since. To God be all the glory, praise His wonderful name. I never had the X-ray taken. I have been saved and walking with God for 30 years. The way seems sweeter and brighter as I journey on. Praise His name. I am saved and sanctified with the peace of God reigning in my heart. Yours in Christ, Sister P. O. Counterman

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Eufaula, Okla.—Dear Brother and Sister Pruitt and saints—Greetings in Jesus' name. I'm just going to write my testimony to "Faith and Victory" paper. I love to read it as it does me so much good. I do thank and praise God that I can trust Him. I am asking you all to pray for me. I have a pain in my arm and knees. Also a pain in my neck. I know the Lord can heal me.

We are living in a land where we can have fellowship with one another in these perilous times. So pray for me and husband, also my boy in the army. Pray for everyone to have peace with God before it is too late. I love every soul and I do want to live for the dear Lord.

Your sister in Christ who wants to live according to all of God's teaching, L. B. Harrison

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Fort Devens, Mass.—Dear friends—Just a few lines from a lonely soldier this afternoon. My mother took your paper and I have read it and found some articles that are very interesting. Although I am a sinner in this unpeaceful world, I have faith in the Lord that he will take care of me here in the service, at home, on the battlefield, or anywhere I may be. I haven't read "Faith and Victory" since I've been in the service but when I was at home, I was interestd in it. I have been in service about six weeks and I have found that God is the only friend when in need and at all times. I am asking special prayer of the saints. Pray for me to press on forward and take the Lord Jesus Christ for my needs and get on his side and live a true, happy life. I was out this morning with some of the soldiers and they were talking of ungodly things and drinking. As I left them, I said, "Soldiers, you may think you know what you are doing but I think you ought to seek God now. Don't wait until too late to get down on your knees and ask the Lord to forgive you. He is your only friend."

I am willing to suffer for others and willing to suffer for Jesus for he suffered for me. Thank God. I hope I shall not be a sinner all the time. I am taking a stand on the Lord's side. I often think of the old hymn, "A charge to keep I have, A God to glorify." I desire your prayers each day. Pvt. Hughey L. Billups

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Marshall, Mich.—Dear Bro. Pruitt and family and all co-workers at the Print Shop and saints scattered abroad who love the Lord—Greetings in the name of our God. I feel led tonight to write a little testimony for the glory of God. I am trusting God for these few words I told the Lord if he would give the words I would write it the best I could. I must tell how good he is to me and mine, how He spares our lives and touches our bodies when sick. When near death's door, He with that great and tender compassion touched my body and gave me victory and today I am praising him because he was, and still is caring for me. Praise His holy name. I told the

Lord I would give him the glory for it so I am keeping my promise by telling what he has done. Praise our God.

A short time ago, wife was given up to die by two doctors. I sent out a request for the saints to pray for her and the Lord touched her body and today she is as well as usual, doing her own work. One doctor told her he was afraid she would not live to get home. She did not take medicine but was examined by request. We feel we have great reasons to praise God. We are still alone with God, no one to help or encourage us, but God's word and the "Faith and Victory" paper are a great blessing to us. We enjoy reading the sermons and the many testimonies.

Yours in Christ, Wm. L. VanZandt

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Vian, Okla.—Dear saints of God—Greetings in Jesus' precious name. Dear people, I know the Lord in the free pardon of sins and I love Him more than anything on earth. He is so good to me and mine, I can't praise him enough. We are here among the sect churches and don't get to be in services much, but we study the Bible and all good, clean literature from Faith Pub. House. We get so hungry to hear the Word preached as it should be in this day and time. My body is afflicted. Please pray for my healing. My back and head hurts me all the time.

My husband distributes lots of tracts. In that way he can spread the gospel as he hasn't been called to preach. We can all do something to help the gospel go forth. Your humble sister,

Mrs. W. H. Morse

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Walkersville, W. Va.—Dear Bro. Pruitt and all the workers at the Lord's print shop and all the faithful saints of God who are the light of the world and are walking in the heavenly way, the way of peace, life and light.

I am still on the sunny side of life as well as the victory side. I have no evil report to bring of this holy way as it grows better all the time. I appreciate the "Faith and Victory" paper, for I love the gospel story and the wonderful plan of salvation. I pray that the dear Lord will bless all the workers with spiritual wisdom, also every writer and may the testimonies be a blessing to every reader.

I will soon be to my 88th milestone. Time flies fast. I will soon be to the end of the way, so pray for me.

With love to all,

F. W. Spour

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Greenville, Ohio—Dear saints of God—We had a good assembly meeting at Union City, the best I ever attended. I've been in the work for 30 years and have seen many healed. I was at Lockington, Ohio canvassing one time. I started down a hill and came to a quagmire. I just walked across the top of it and didn't know it was here. A man came running down the hill as hard as he could run, and said, "Did you walk across that?" I said, "Yes." He told me that was a dangerous quagmire and it was a wonder I did not sink. I didn't know it was here but the Lord knew it and safely guided me across. The Lord took the Israelites across the Red sea and we're trusting in the same God today. Praise His name forever. May God bless all His children.

Your brother in Christ,

Warren Robinson

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YOUR FACE

You don't have to tell  
How you live every day;  
You need not reveal  
If you work or you play,

For a trusty barometer's  
Always in place—  
However you live  
It will show in your face!

The truth or deceit  
You would hide in your heart,  
They will not stay inside  
When once given a start.

Sinews and blood are like  
Thin veils of lace—  
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You must wear on your face.

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JESUS URGES HIS DISCIPLES TO WATCH  
Sunday, March 5, 1944

- Daily Readings and Meditations  
February 28 to March 4.
- M. Warning against deceivers Mark 13:3-10.
  - T. Watching for the Lord Mark 13:31-37.
  - W. Wisdom in watching Matt. 24: 45-51.
  - T. Blessedness in Watching Luke 12:35-40.
  - F. Watch and be sober 1 Thess. 5:1-11.
  - S. "Watch thou in all things." 2 Tim. 4:1-8.

Printed Portion .....Mark 13:3-10, 31-37.

- Mark 13:3. And as he sat upon the mount of Olives over against the temple, Peter and James and John and Andrew asked him privately,
4. Tell us, when shall these things be? and what shall be the sign when all these things shall be fulfilled?
  5. And Jesus answering them began to say, Take heed lest any man deceive you:
  6. For many shall come in my name, saying I am Christ; and shall deceive many.
  7. And when ye shall hear of wars and rumors of wars, be ye not troubled: for such things must needs be; but the end shall not be yet.
  8. For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be earthquakes in divers places, and there shall be famines and troubles: these are the beginnings of sorrows.
  9. But take heed to yourselves: for they shall deliver you up to councils; and in the synagogues ye shall be beaten: and ye shall be brought before rulers and kings for my sake, for a testimony against them.
  10. And the gospel must first be published among all nations.

Mark 13:31. Heaven and earth shall pass away: but my words shall not pass away.

32. But of that day and that hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels which are in heaven, neither the Son, but the Father.

33. Take ye heed, watch and pray: for ye know not when the time is.

34. For the Son of man is as a man taking a far journey, who left his house, and gave authority to his servants, and to every man his work, and commanded the porter to watch.

35. Watch ye therefore: for ye know not when the master of the house cometh, at even, or at midnight, or at the cockcrow, or in the morning:

36. Lest coming suddenly he find you sleeping.

37. And what I say unto you I say unto all, Watch.

**Golden Text:** "Watch ye therefore: for ye know not when the master of the house cometh." Mark 13:35.

**Practical Truth:** The Christian should be constantly prepared to meet his Lord.

#### COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

In the two verses preceding the printed portion, the disciples had called Jesus' attention to the magnificence of the holy buildings. Jesus told them that they would be destroyed. This led to the question, "When shall these things be?" In Matt. 24:3, three questions are mixed together: "When shall these things be? and what shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world?" Mark does not repeat the three questions but repeats Jesus' answer to the three in this chapter. Some of Jesus' statements recorded in this chapter refer to the destruction of Jerusalem which was in A. D. 70, and some to His second coming and the end of the world.

The Jews were expecting a Messiah to come to deliver them from the yoke of the Romans. This false hope partly led to the insurrection which caused the destruction of Jerusalem. False Messiah's came among them promising deliverance. Jesus warned the disciples to not be deceived by these. He told them to flee the city when they saw it encompassed with armies. History tells us that the Christians did flee and were saved from the terrible destruction which came upon the others. This warning to Christians not to be deceived by false teachers also extends to the end of time. The Holy Spirit is in the world to teach those who have a love for the truth. Those who believe lies now will meet with destruction.

Jesus' exhortations and warnings were chiefly for the purpose of keeping his followers encouraged to press on in the path of duty regardless of what confronted them. It is likely if He had not told them about these things they would have been alarmed when tragic events occurred and probably would have quit working for the Lord, thinking the end had come.

Think of how the forces of hell have combined in past ages to stop the spread of the gospel. Yet in spite of opposition, verse ten is constantly being fulfilled. Praise the Lord! It seems this alone should make believers out of everybody.

Did your parents ever go off and leave you at home with some duty to perform? If you performed it well, how did you feel when they returned? If you played and forgot the work, how did you feel when they returned? Were you not sorry that you had permitted something to attract your attention to get your mind off your duty?

In the Household of Faith the Lord has left "every man his work," to do while He is gone. There are many attractions on the outside to get Christians' minds off these duties, and many are neglecting the Lord's work

for secular interests. Those who neglect their share of the Master's work certainly will not have it completed when He comes. How do you think they will feel when the Lord returns and their work that He gave them to do is not done? What will the Lord do with such?

Slothfulness seems to be contagious. If the faithful are not watchful and prayerful they will allow themselves to be influenced by others whose love has grown cold.

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#### JESUS BETRAYED, DENIED, AND CONDEMNED

Sunday, March 12, 1944

##### Daily Readings and Meditations

March 6 to 11.

M. Jesus betrayed Mark 14:10, 11, 17, 18, 43-46.

T. Jesus in the upper room Mark 14:22-26.

W. Jesus in Gethsemane Mark 14:32-42.

T. Jesus arraigned Mark 14:60-64.

F. Jesus denied Mark 14:66-72.

S. Jesus condemned Mark 15:12-20.

Printed Portion .....Mark 14:10, 11, 53, 54, 66-72; 15:12-15.

Mark 14:10. And Judas Iscariot, one of the twelve, went unto the chief priests, to betray him unto them.

11. And when they heard it, they were glad, and promised to give him money. And he sought how he might conveniently betray him.

53. And they led Jesus away to the high priest: and with him were assembled all the chief priests and the elders and the scribes.

54. And Peter followed him afar off, even into the palace of the high priest: and he sat with the servants, and warmed himself at the fire.

66. And as Peter was beneath in the palace, there cometh one of the maids of the high priest:

67. And when she saw Peter warming himself, she looked upon him, and said, And thou also wast with Jesus of Nazareth.

68. But he denied, saying, I know not, neither understand I what thou sayest. And he went out into the porch; and the cock crew.

69. And a maid saw him again, and began to say to them that stood by, This is one of them.

70. And he denied it again. And a little after, they that stood by said again to Peter, Surely thou art one of them: for thou art a Galilean, and thy speech agreeth thereto.

71. But he began to curse and to swear, saying, I know not this man of whom ye speak.

72. And the second time the cock crew. And Peter called to mind the word that Jesus said unto him, Before the cock crow twice, thou shalt deny me thrice. And when he thought thereon, he wept.

Mark 15:12. And Pilate answered and said again unto them, What will ye then that I shall do unto him whom ye call the King of the Jews?

13. And they cried out again, Crucify him.

14. Then Pilate said unto them, Why, what evil hath he done? And they cried out the more exceedingly Crucify him.

15. And so Pilate, willing to content the people, released Barabbas unto them, and delivered Jesus, when he had scourged him, to be crucified.

**Golden Text:** "He is despised and rejected of men a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief." Isa. 53:3.

**Practical Truth:** Since Jesus was unjustly treated we ought not to lose heart though called upon to endure sufferings for his sake,

## COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

The final scenes in Jesus life were sacred and important and they are presented to us in the four gospels in detail. Today's lesson deals chiefly with the deeds of the three men who betrayed, denied, and condemned Jesus. Our aim in studying the deeds of these men should be to consider ourselves lest we also be tempted and fall as they did.

Many follow Christ when pleasant things are coming to them and they can be popular by doing so; but when trials and persecutions begin to come and they see no selfish profit in following Him further, they leave Him to follow after that which seems to promote their welfare here in this world. In order to promote this self interest more some even pretend to still be followers of Jesus while they join with the worldly in condemning the true Spirit and life of Jesus. Judas had seen Jesus refuse to be made an earthly king, so his hopes for selfish gain along that line had vanished so he turned traitor. A traitor is never respected by either side. After Judas performed his cowardly act he had no friends, nor has he had any to speak kindly of him since that time. Often people give up the Lord thinking they'll gain the favor of the worldly crowd, but in reality the world does not respect that one though they tried in different ways to get him to take that cowardly step.

Jesus knew the strength of the powers of darkness, and had won the victory for all he would have to face while praying in the garden, but the disciples had failed to watch and pray though Jesus warned them about the approaching danger; consequently they did not have sufficient strength from heaven to stand against the enemy. Peter who had been the boldest in declaring he would never forsake the Lord though he should die with him, followed Jesus afar off then denied him. This should teach us that we have no strength in ourselves to overcome the devil, but we do have the privilege of abiding constantly in the Lord who will endue us with strength if we will. One of the enemy's powerful tools is man fear. Do you shrink from doing the will of God because of what someone might think or say?

Pilate's desire to hold the favor of the crowd at the expense of justice to one whom he knew to be innocent has rendered his name infamous in history. Instead of asking God or his own better judgment about it, he turned to the biased mob and asked, "What will ye that I shall do?"

The "voice of the people" becomes god to many, and children of God should beware of it. Countless numbers have yielded to compromise the truth of God's word to hold the favor of crowds who are crying away with the parts of the Bible which will not grant us liberty to live to gratify our lusts. Remember, only cowards compromise! Barabbas was a robber, and it seems to us a terrible crime to loose him in preference to Jesus; but when you allow or sanction questionable things to please people rather than stand firm for God's Word, you are releasing robbers and crucifying Jesus. Whole congregations and movements have been robbed of peace and righteousness just because leaders who had authority to bind them released questionable things.

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## JESUS CRUCIFIED

Sunday, March 19, 1944

Daily Readings and Meditations  
March 13 to 18.

M. Jesus crucified Mark 15:21-28.

T. Jesus on the cross Mark 15:29-39.

W. Jesus in the tomb Mark 15:42-47.

T. "Christ died for us." Rom. 5:1-8.

F. The resurrection of Christ Mark 16:1-8.

S. Reconciled through Christ 2 Cor. 5:14-21.

Printed Portion..... Mark 15:22-39.

Mark 15:22. And they bring him unto the place Golgotha, which is, being interpreted, The place of a skull.

23. And they gave him to drink wine mingled with myrrh: but he received it not.

24. And when they had crucified him, they parted his garments, casting lots upon them, what every man should take.

25. And it was the third hour, and they crucified him.

26. And the superscription of his accusation was written over, THE KING OF THE JEWS.

27. And with him they crucify two thieves; the one on his right hand, and the other on his left.

28. And the scripture was fulfilled, which saith, And he was numbered with the transgressors.

29. And they that passed by railed on him, wagging their heads, and saying, Ah, thou that destroyest the temple, and buildest it in three days

30. Save thyself, and come down from the cross.

31. Likewise also the chief priests mocking said among themselves with the scribes, He saved others; himself he cannot save.

32. Let Christ the King of Israel descend now from the cross, that we may see and believe. And they that were crucified with him reviled him.

33. And when the sixth hour was come, there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour.

34. And at the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani? which is, being interpreted, My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?

35. And some of them that stood by, when they heard it, said, Behold, he calleth Elias.

36. And one ran and filled a sponge full of vinegar, and put it on a reed, and gave him to drink, saying, Let alone; let us see whether Elias will come to take him down.

37. And Jesus cried with a loud voice, and gave up the ghost.

38. And the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom.

39. And when the centurion, which stood over against him, saw that he so cried out, and gave up the ghost, he said, Truly this man was the Son of God.

Golden Text: "He was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed." Isa. 53:5.

Practical Truth: Jesus went to the cross in order to make possible our salvation.

## COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

It is not important that we should know the historical part of our lesson, the kind of material in the cross and how it was made, nor the exact location of the places of crucifixion and the tomb where they laid Jesus' body; but we should know that Jesus gave himself a sacrifice for our sins. He finished His part of the great plan of salvation, the only way whereby man could be redeemed from his fallen condition and brought back into favor with God to inherit eternal life. Our part is to believe on the Lord Jesus Christ with all our hearts. When we truly believe, He by His Spirit gives us a definite knowledge that we are saved from sin. Jesus' death on the cross will never profit those who do not do their part, regardless of how much they talk and sing about Christ



dying for them. Faith without works is dead. What one truly believes in his heart motivates his actions.

Jesus refused the pain-easing and sense-dulling drugs offered Him. He was willing to go all the way, drinking, as it were, the very dregs of the cup of suffering; not because he had to, it was a willing sacrifice that he made.

Is verse 24 according to prophecy?

How did the inscription placed over Christ show the divine arrangement of God?

Do we receive the practical application in: "He saved others, Himself he cannot save?" And is not this true with us?

How did the heavens and earth witness that Jesus was the Son of God? God always has a way of causing others to recognize His children. In our trials and temptations and sufferings, can we so conduct ourselves that those who are looking on will have to testify as did the centurion, "Truly this man was the Son of God?"

The temple was a type or shadow of the New Testament church. The holy place in the temple foreshadowed the experience of regeneration or justification and the Most Holy place foreshadowed sanctification or cleansing of the Holy Spirit in God's temples, our hearts. Only priests could enter the temple but when Jesus died on the cross the veil was rent to signify that the privilege of entering into the most holy place was open to all believers. We may now draw near in full assurance of faith, for we may boldly "enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way which He hath consecrated for us through the veil—that is to say, His flesh."

### SACREDNESS OF LIFE (Temperance Lesson)

Sunday, March 26, 1944  
Daily Readings and Meditations  
March 20 to 25

- M. Life created Gen. 1:27-31.
- T. Life evaluated Matt. 12:1-13.
- W. Life redeemed 1 Cor. 6:19, 20.
- T. A temple of God 1 Cor. 3:16, 17.
- F. Man and his maker Acts 17:24-28.
- S. The worth of a man Matt. 18:12-14.

Printed Portion ..... Gen. 1:27, 28; Matt. 12:11, 12;  
Rom. 14:19-21; 1 Cor. 6:19, 20.

Gen. 1:27. So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.

28. And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.

Matt. 12:11. And he said unto them, What man shall there be among you, that shall have one sheep, and if it fall into a pit on the sabbath day, will he not lay hold on it, and lift it out?

12. How much then is a man better than a sheep? Wherefore it is lawful to do well on the sabbath days.

Rom. 14:19. Let us therefore follow after the things which make for peace, and things wherewith one may edify another.

20. For meat destroy not the work of God. All things indeed are pure; but it is evil for that man who eateth with offence.

21. It is good neither to eat flesh, nor to drink wine, nor anything where by thy brother stumbleth, or is offended, or is made weak.

1 Cor. 6:19. What? know ye not that your body is the

temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?

20. For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's.

Golden Text: "Know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost?" 1 Cor. 6:19.

Practical Truth: Because human life is sacred, we ought to do nothing which will tend to degrade ourselves or others.

### COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

Our lesson begins with the thought that we are created in the likeness of God. God is a Spirit. When we think of the spiritual part of a man, we think of a life within. In the redeemed it is expressed in power to do right, bringing the flesh in subjection, thus acts of righteousness are manifested.

Jesus was the express image of God's person and upheld all things by the word of His power. (Read Heb. 1:3). We marvel at the power that was in the life of Christ that moved things for the glory of the Father and the good of souls when he was upon earth. Do we desire that above all there shall be a working of the power of God in our lives? God created us in His likeness and then provided salvation through Christ for us in order that we be clean so He can take pleasure in us.

Since Christ did such mighty works in the name of the Father while living in the flesh, we should have a great interest in just how he lived in the flesh. He said he did always those things that pleased the Father. An absolute confessing and forsaking of sin and a full surrender of our lives to Christ will make us partakers of God's great salvation, the blood of Jesus availing for our cleansing. What manner of persons should we then be in all holy conversation and godliness. Could we imagine Christ or the apostles raising the dead, healing the sick, casting out devils, etc. if they had only been half-hearted in godliness, wasting time in idleness, engaging in light talk, etc? We who are redeemed need to realize that we are not our own and that God's word to us is to glorify God in our body and our spirit which are God's. The unsaved need to stop and consider that they are God's creation, therefore His rightful possession, but since Satan took advantage of human nature they need to seek the Redeemer and place all their hope in the price He paid. We must take God's way so far as our bodies are concerned or there will be no spiritual life within that is like God. If people would seek the Lord in earnest prayer when they feel their need of a stimulant instead of resorting to drugs and alcohol humanity would be in a far stronger and healthier condition both physically and spiritually.

Paul, in writing to the Romans, exhorted them not to be contentious for all things that might be rightfully theirs for the body, but to prove that they desired others to prosper in a spiritual way, sacrificing what might be pleasing to the appetite, etc., in order that others might continue in the spirit and eventually learn what the Lord would teach them.

As we think of our bodies as being temples of the Holy Ghost, we naturally have serious thoughts as to how to do right by them, since they are not our own. Let us be encouraged to seek the Lord for wisdom and a spirit of sacrifice and self-denial and be willing to measure ourselves with the Christ (as we know of Him in the flesh) at all times. When tempted to do something to gratify appetite or desire and the Holy Spirit checks, let us consider Jesus and we will have grace and power to do the right.

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