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FROM DEATH TO LIFE

From death to life, O, what a thought,
Within my soul what change is wrought
By pow'r divine. No tongue can tell;
One thing I know, for me 'tis well.

From darkness unto light the same,
Through my Redeemer's matchless name;
For this He left His home on high,
Upon the cruel cross to die.

There He paid it all I see,
To bring this wondrous life to me.
Life from above—O joy sublime,
That such a treasure should be mine.

Now in God's Son I have a part,
Eternal life within my heart.
Translated from the shades of night
Into the realm of glorious light.

The first resurrection I confess
Has taken place within my breast;
I've been awakened from the dead,
And now I live with Christ instead.

And when I lay this body down
To mold and crumble in the ground,
My ransomed soul shall fly away
To one long, bright eternal day,

Where light and life without an end,
Into eternity shall blend;
And I the Lord of life shall greet,
And worship at His blessed feet.

Then may I clasp His nail-scarred hands
Which broke for me death's awful bands;
By His great love, how could it be?
From death to life He lifted me.

—Ulysses Phillips

“This Do”

“And, behold, a certain lawyer stood up, and tempted him, saying, Master, what shall I do to inherit eternal life? He said unto him, What is written in the law? how readest thou? And he answering

said, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength and with all thy mind, and thy neighbor as thyself. And he said unto him, Thou hast answered right: **this do, and thou shalt live.**” Luke 10:25-28. You say you love the Lord, and how could you do another thing better than that? If all people were doing that today, all this present-day butchery of war would cease at once. If all people had been doing **this**, war never would have been.

Let us look and see whether we love the Lord as well as we think we do, or not. There are ways to **know** about this, and not be left to guess at it. There are many ways by which we can show that we do love him and vice versa. John 14:23 says, “If a man [or woman] love me he will keep my words.” Now we know there are many things he has commanded us to do, or not to do, **all** of which conclusively speak for themselves. But the one the Lord has been laying with **weight** upon us for some time is found in Eph. 5:21-25.

“Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God. Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the saviour of the body. Therefore as the church is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in everything. Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it.”

This is a delicate subject. Some men touch it lightly for fear of their wives; some wives touch it lightly for fear of their husbands. But ignoring the devil, I purpose to deal with it in its true colors here because with the weight with which it has been laid upon our heart, somebody's soul is hanging upon it.

First, to begin with verse 21, which says, “Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God.” Oh, dear reader, can you not see at once what a blessed and perfect foundation that lays for perpetual peace? That brings a subdued condition of heart wherein either one can perfectly fit into his or her place. With this subdued condition of heart it is no trouble for the wife to fulfill verses 22, 23, 24. And let me say right here in **true love for your soul**, if you are going to be the “head boss” and everything must go your way to settle matters, **don't lie any**

longer by saying you love the Lord, because this is a plain violation of his command, and he says that shows you don't love him. This is his word he is speaking now, and he says the same shall judge us in the last day (John 12:48). Hence, you will not go in at the gate (Matt. 7:14) till you trim off that objectionable branch.

Did you ever hear a wife say to her husband? "You'll boss as far as I say and stop there." May God convict such of the error of their way, for wives of that type are positively on the wrong road, no difference how much they claim they love the Lord. They will have to get off that wrong road or they will go where the wrong roads lead. Then the husband will have to come up with his part and fulfill verse 25 and both can walk harmoniously (Amos 3:3) together on the same road. "This do, and thou shalt live." (Luke 10:28).

Oh, the influences mankind set in motion here in the dressing room of this little short life by ignoring God's commands that bring sorrows that shall never end; or the influences they set in motion by a willingness to keep his commands that shall bring everlasting peace, rest, and happiness. Which one it will be depends on our own choice. —J. H. Pierson.

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CRY ALOUD, SPARE NOT

We read in Gen. 3, where Adam and Eve were in the garden of Eden. After they had transgressed God's commandment, they heard the voice of the Lord God while walking in the garden, and they hid themselves, knowing they had sinned. "And the Lord God called unto Adam, and said unto him, Where art thou?" Gen. 3:9.

God is calling people today, saying, "Where art thou?" and they are trying to hide behind their fig leaf professions just as Adam and Eve were trying to hide themselves behind fig leaf aprons. People today have so many religions until iniquity is abounding on every hand and this old world is in a terrible uproar. Read Matthew 24:11, 12. The true Christian will not follow after the false prophets and false teachers, because his affections are on heavenly things. He is following the example of his salvation, Jesus Christ the Son of God. 1 Pet. 2:21, 22.

Matt. 24:24 reads: "For there shall arise false Christs and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible they shall deceive the very elect." We see and hear of people all around today following false prophets—followers of man more than of God. We are made to think of Elijah when he came unto the people and said: "How long halt ye between two opinions, if the Lord be God, follow him; but if Baal, then follow him. And the people answered him not a word." 1 Kings 18:21. We think of it: If the Lord be God, follow Him; but if man (false prophets and false teachers), then follow him. We are persuaded that most people are following man.

People teach and preach that they can continue to sin and go to heaven. We read in 1 John 3:4, 5, "Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the

law: for sin is the transgression of the law. And ye know that he [Christ] was manifested to take away our sins; and in him is no sin." Verses 8, 9, says, "He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil. Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him; and he cannot sin, because he is born of God." In Jno. 3:1-7, Jesus says, "Ye must be born again." We must take all of the Word, and leave none of it out. Read James 2:10. So long as we are born from above we do not commit sin because the Holy Spirit dwells in our hearts (souls) and He guides us into all truth. We have died to self, and are led by His Holy Spirit. People who teach, preach, and follow that "sin you must, and sin you can't help it" doctrine are following man, and not Jesus and the inspired Word of God. They are not being led by the Holy Spirit.

In speaking of the Holy Spirit (Holy Ghost), we think of the modern tongues people, and how they misinterpret the Word of God. Jesus did not say that He would give a gift of unknown tongues when He commissioned His apostles in Mark 16:14-18 to go into all the world and preach the gospel (not a gospel). He said in verse 17: "And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues." After this He was received up into heaven and sat on the right hand of God. Then on the day of Pentecost the promise of new tongues that Jesus promised was fulfilled the first time. We read of this in Acts 2nd. chapter—when the apostles "were all filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance." It didn't say unknown tongues, it says other tongues. "And there were dwelling at Jerusalem, Jews, devout men, out of every nation under heaven. And they were all amazed and marvelled, saying one to another, Behold, are not all these which speak Galileans? And how hear we every man in our own tongue, wherein we were born?" There were sixteen or seventeen nationalities present there. It says: "We do hear them speak in our tongues the wonderful works of God." I truly praise God for this being so plain. Even a child could understand it. In 1 Corinthians 14, Paul explains about the unknown tongues. Verses 20 and 21 read: "Brethren, be not children in understanding; howbeit in malice be ye children, but in understanding be men. In the law it is written, with men of other tongues and other lips will I speak unto this people; and yet for all that will they not hear me, saith the Lord." Read Isa. 28:11, 12 and Joel 2:28. Tongues are for a sign. Tongues mean languages or languages mean tongues. The gift of tongues is another language given to men where it is needed—not taught to us, but given to us by the Holy Ghost. We read of three places in the New Testament where the gift of tongues was given. That was on the day of Pentecost in Acts 2, and at Cornelius' house, Acts 10, and at Ephesus, Acts 19. I'm made to believe according to the way the Bible explains the gift of tongues, that people who teach,

preach, and believe in this modern tongues movement are following man, not God. I believe God's Word and will follow Jesus' teaching, not man's.

Isa. 58:1, "Cry aloud, spare not, lift up thy voice like a trumpet, and shew my people their transgressions, and the house of Jacob their sins."

"Behold, I lay in Sion a chief corner stone, elect, precious: and he that believeth on him shall not be confounded." 1 Pet. 2:6.

"Where art thou," dear soul? Are you going in the way of the crowds and multitudes? There are two ways spoken of in Matthew 7:13, 14, "Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it." Read Luke 13:24-29. Jesus said unto Peter in John 21:22, "Follow thou me." That same Jesus is yet pleading with you today to follow Him. Dear ones, let us be serious about this. Read Heb. 2:1-4; 2 Cor. 13:5; 2 Cor. 6.

Acts 20:28, "Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers to feed the Church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood." We see this says the Church of God. No where in the New Testament does it teach us to join any organizations of man—all the like are sects. Every one should read the book written by Brother Fred Pruitt, "The New Testament Church and Its Symbols." We can see by this that we are to live by the teaching of the New Testament. Remember there is just one way and one spirit, and one Lord, and one God and Father of all. It only teaches about the one church—that is the pure and holy Church of God.

"Where art thou?" --Clyde Lea

PEACE, PEACE, PEACE

That is the cry we hear today. How wonderful it would be could we have peace again, with all sorrow and heartache ceased in our land and loved ones home with us. But for more than two thousand years, war has been in this world and it will be so as long as the world is permitted to exist.

"Heaven and earth shall pass away: but my words shall not pass away." St. Luke 21:33.

Many are wishing this were the last war,—and it may be. Let us read concerning the signs of the times in St. Luke 21:10, 11, 24-27: "Nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: And great earthquakes shall be in divers places, and famines, and pestilences; and fearful sights and great signs shall there be from heaven. And they shall fall by the edge of the sword, and shall be led away captive into all nations: . . . And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring; Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken."

Many are not ready for that day. I think of

the housewives who are very saving with sugar: sometimes the supply is all gone before more can be obtained, while thousands of pounds are being used to make liquor, the curse of our nation. Boys and girls of only fourteen and fifteen years stagger on the streets with their lives ruined and their character gone. Many old gray-haired men and women are drinking liquor.

What is the matter with America? Our country is sold to the devil. Wake up, America! Wake up, ye heads of our nation! We, as a nation, must return to God as of old or we are lost! "Be not deceived, God is not mocked; for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap." Gal. 6:7.

God have mercy on our nation. May the authorities of our government realize the awful condition. May the Lord help America to clean up, so that if the war does end, those that are alive can come back to a God fearing and a clean nation and not to the most drunken nation in the world.

—Mrs. J. W. Anderson

DO NOT MURMUR

"Neither murmur ye, as some of them also murmured, and were destroyed of the destroyer." 1 Cor. 11:10. This scripture refers to the Israelites who murmured because of their sufferings when God was leading them out of Egypt, the land of bondage, into Canaan, the land of promise. As a punishment for their murmurings they were bit by poisonous serpents. Read Num. 14th chapter. Do you wonder why God reminds us of their punishment for murmuring? "Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples: and they are written for our admonition."

When souls are delivered from the bondage of sin through faith in Christ, it is God's will that they journey (spiritually speaking) through hard places that He might show Himself strong in their behalf. When they are in difficult places, Satan endeavors to take advantage of every human weakness in order to persuade them to forsake the Lord and His ways and return to his bondage, if possible. He whispers to them of better things which they enjoyed in the past; he magnifies their present sufferings, and causes them to feel sorry for themselves. Self-pity causes them to murmur, and murmuring leads to rebellion. God is unable to deal with rebellious souls, consequently they are destroyed by the destroyer.

If the destroyer is tempting you to pity self, consider what great things others have had to suffer that you might hear the gospel and be saved. Think of how Christ left the honors and comforts of the glory world to come to this sin-cursed world where he was despised and rejected, and where he had no place to lay his head. If he had murmured and rebelled against suffering hardships, what would have become of poor, lost humanbeings whom God had sent Him to seek and save? If you murmur and rebel because you are suffering, some souls may be lost whom you could have pointed to Christ if you had been willing to let Him have His way with you. Another way to gain the victory over the devil when in a trial is to,

"Count your many blessings, name them one by one,

And it will surprise you what the Lord hath done."

—G. Ray.

Read about Easter Sunday service on page thirteen.

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GREATEST

What monsters in war
Are our ships and our tanks,
Which compass the sea and the land;
But the greatest of all
Is the unseen HAND
Which prayer alone can command.

Editorials

We are happy to make the statement that everything is running along nicely at the Faith Publishing House, the "Lord's Print Shop," and the workers are going about their duties with grateful hearts to the Lord; glad to be in His service, with a burden for the souls of men and women. The quietness, peacefulness, and assurance that is filling each member in the print shop makes it a heavenly place. There is no malice, no envy, no grumbling or complaining, no fussing, no quarreling; instead we have righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost. All have faith that all things work together for good to them that continue to love God. The Spirit aflame in each soul will make paradise begin.

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At this writing, two of the workers are detained by the Lord in other places. Sister Geneva Ray is spending a few weeks in Colorado Springs, Colorado, where her husband, Hyrum, is in the C. P. S. camp. Sister Evodna Thurman is in Dallas, Texas, with her mother for a few weeks. We are confident they are doing something for the Lord. We are expecting them back soon. The printing work can then go on in its full force again. We have tried to keep out of the way and just let the Lord choose and send in the workers for His shop here as it pleased Him. Therefore, we have an office force of precious, consecrated souls who love the Lord and make Him first in their hearts and lives. We find that He makes no mistakes and that his choosing is always best. Our hearts are so satisfied with His choosing and much joy and praises to God are flowing from our hearts continually. Let us all exalt the Lord together and give honor and praise to Him who was alive and died for us, but now is resurrected and is alive forevermore. Bless his holy name. Breathe it in prayer and sing his praises loudly; laud him all ye people, bow in reverence to the Almighty God, for all of His great and precious promises are yea and amen to them that believe.

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"Cry aloud, spare not; lift up thy voice like a trumpet, and shew my people their transgressions, and the house of Jacob their sins." Isa. 58:1. Notice the text says, "Cry aloud, spare not." Those words, "spare not" mean much more than most preachers seem to think. Remember King Saul spared the best of the flock in disobedience to God's word and he lost his soul. It seems that it is hard for preachers today to obey God for they just will spare those of the flock who seem better and are more able to give to satisfy the preachers' fleshly desires. They withhold the sword from blood in order to continue to receive the gifts and have larger numbers.

Then, too, the text says, "Lift up thy voice like a trumpet." It didn't say, neither did it mean to convey to us the idea that every trumpet that was sounding was showing up the transgressions of the people; but the command was, "Lift up thy voice like a trumpet." There are many trumpets sounding in the world today but so many of them give out an uncertain

sound. And many who are sounding their trumpets, live so much like the world and indulge in fleshly lusts until it becomes a muffled sound to the righteous and leaves the hearers in uncertainties and spiritually speaking, with a bad taste in their mouths.

Now we come to the next part of the text, "And shew my people their transgressions." If the present-day preachers would really preach the gospel in a way to shew the people their transgressions, live a life not of the world in spirit, truth and deeds, there would soon be thousands of preachers left without a salary and without many friends, and many of their wives would want to divorce them because the majority of those would-be followers of Jesus love the world and not the crucified way. There is little probability of preachers doing this as most of them are like the rich young ruler; they just will not forsake all to follow in the crucified way; they love the praise of men more than the honor that comes from God.

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In Romans 1:17, Paul says, "The just shall live by faith." Lately I have been meditating upon the humble and faithful ministers in the beginning of this reformation and of how they "cried aloud and spared not" but shewed the people their sins and lived by faith according to the word of God. But what, oh, WHAT do we see now? The early ministers were just men and lived by faith. They had a real burden for souls and went to proclaim the truth and shew the people their sins, without salary or money in sight. They preached the truth against preacher factories, "incubators" as Bro. D. S. Warner used to call them. They taught the truth concerning salaried ministers and branded them as they are, hireling ministers. They showed up the wrong of ministers prefixing "Reverend" to their name and conceit of attaching "D.D." or "LL.D." because of worldly wisdom, after their name. The wrong of sectism and the class books was brought to light and they cried, "Come out of her, my people." They held up the truth against double marriage and the law doctrine of tithing. They had faith for healing without resorting to doctors and medicines. But what, oh, WHAT do we see today?

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In further considering the ministers who were humble and God-fearing in the beginning, we think of them as being a separate people from the world and sectism and all carnal professors, insomuch that they dressed in plain clothes, no superfluity, no extra, unnecessary adornments: such as, the necktie, gold pins, watches, and chains. The sisters made their clothes so they would cover their bodies well. They wore no powder and paint, and their hair was long, as God ordained it to be as a covering. They were meek and humble before God. But what do we see today among these professing people? Pride began to creep into some of their hearts. The love of the world, the love of the praise of men, and the love of money began to find lodging. And some of the men wanted to put on the tie. "Oh," they said, "Just a little black bow tie." Ere long, it began to grow and changed its color. It got so long, it began to flop around and they

thought it necessary to have a little pin, some of them preferring gold, to fasten it down to the shirt. The women fell captive to the same pride and began to put on some frills and to fall into the fashions of the vulgar world. They cut their skirts off high, and then higher; their dresses lost their sleeves and it was much too warm to have the dress cover the breast. So we find them today dressed in this fashion with their hair bobbed, painted faces and finger nails. They look more like clowns than the meek and humble followers of the lowly Jesus.

It would be inconsistent and foolish for these people who are now called "Trumpet People" to cry aloud and spare not and say, "Come out of her my people" when they are solidly attached to the world and are of the same spirit as other sects. It has become one of the most deceitful sects in existence. Even one of the leading men at the "Trumpet" office attended the movies and testified that it was good. What blindness! Truly, the scriptures have been fulfilled as spoken of by the Lord, "If therefore the light that is in thee be darkness, how great is that darkness!" Matthew 6:23.

In the fear of God, I proclaim that the warning given by the Apostle Paul in Romans 1:18, belongs to these people. They hold much of the truth, but they hold it in unrighteousness, as God's true people are not of the world and they do not allow the enemy to bring them under bondage to worldly ways and lustful deeds. These people have lost their identity as the Church of God and have become like those Jude speaks of in the first few verses of his epistle. Jude found some of the same kind in his day. He instructed the sanctified and preserved in Jesus Christ to earnestly contend for the faith once delivered to the saints, lest the Church be corrupted by these men. He said in the fourth verse, "For there are certain men crept in unawares, who were before of old ordained to this condemnation; ungodly men, turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness [lustfulness], and denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ."

Some may say, "How could they creep in unawares?" Listen to me, dear one, I love your soul and dare to speak plainly. The "Trumpet" church has corrupted itself to the extent of an unredeemable state by just such ones creeping in among them unawares. Now they have hold on the thing and in such possession, the honest, sincere ones cannot move them. The only hope you have of being ready when He comes is to obey the scripture in Rev. 18: 2, 4: "And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, 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. And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues."

Some one may say, "I do not yet see how men like that could creep in unawares." These ministers began to let some of the love of the world in-

to their hearts and began to receive the honor of men and the love of money and ease. Gradually they grieved the Spirit of God away and were left with self-righteousness. Because of position and influence with men's persons in admiration, they swayed rule in a cunning way and brought others to corruption through fear of being put out of their synagogues (Church buildings). You see, my dear friend, they give way to the world and these fleshly, lustful things so gradually, that very few detect them creeping in; and being in admiration by the majority, their teachings blind others to the real truth. After losing God out of their souls, they become "ungodly men," as Jude says. They are ungodly because they do not have God in their hearts.

Some one may throw up their hands in horror and say, "Surely these nice appearing and kindly mannered men are not ungodly." In Matthew 23:25, notice what the Lord says to the Pharisees and the scribes of His day who were nice, clean appearing men. These ministers of today stand in the Pharisees' place, in comparison to the true children of God that are a separated people from the world. Jesus told them they were "like unto whited sepulchres, which indeed appear beautiful outward." In Luke 11, He said to them, "Ye are as graves which appear not." They look good and appear nice and spiritual, but are as graves (dead) so far as being alive from heaven is concerned. There are many in this "worst of all sects," that see the corruption of the thing and long to be free from it. Some do loosen from it in some degree; but very few will forsake all of the worldly ways and come out clean and separate and become willing to bear the reproach of the cross with the despised few. Paul says that every one who will live godly in this life shall suffer persecution. Not many are willing to die out to the world and all of its praise and honor, and take the lowly way with Jesus. Thank God, there are a few, and the rich blessings of God are upon them.

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Obituaries

Brother Lyle L. Jackson was born in Lickskillet, Mississippi, March 10, 1867. He married Cora Peteet October 7, 1895.

He attended Tuskegee Institute, in Alabama; later taught school in Mississippi and Oklahoma.

He accepted the truth as taught by the ministers of the Church of God and felt a call to the ministry and labored in this capacity until disabled by affliction. He departed this life, January 25, 1945, at the age of 77 years, 10 months and 15 days. He leaves to mourn the loss, a true, loving, and devoted wife and two daughters, a step son, with other relatives and a host of friends and loving saints.

"We sorrow not as those who have no hope."

Funeral services were conducted by Brother Ulysses Phillips and Brother Sam Barton. Text: St. John 17:4.

Burial was made in Pine Cemetery, Okmulgee, Okla.

—Bro. G. W. McMillian

George W. Hanson was born March 8, 1872, and departed this life December 23, 1944, at his home in Springdale, Arkansas.

In 1890, he was united in marriage to Lucy Forbes. He was converted at the age of 12 years. At the age of 23, he received light on sanctification and the one true church. He consecrated his life to the Lord and realized His call to the ministry. He spent almost 50 years serving the Lord in that capacity. He was handicapped the last few years of his life because of affliction, but he preached whenever he was able to do so.

He always trusted the Lord completely for the healing of his body. Jesus healed him many times, also different members of his family, and other folks, in answer to his prayer of faith. He was steadfast to the end, being fully resigned to the will of the Lord.

He leaves his wife, four sons, and one daughter.

Since we no longer hear his voice in prayer, we all miss him so much.

—Rufus Hanson, a son.

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NOTICE TO SAINTS

We, the saints at Good Pine, Louisiana, expect to have a campmeeting this summer, perhaps about the middle of August. We earnestly desire the prayers and co-operation of the other saints. The exact date has not been set. For further information, write Brother Ernest Mitchell, Route 1, Trout, Louisiana; or Mrs. C. H. Price, Route 1, Trout, Louisiana. Sister Price is treasurer.

—Meeting Notice—

Oklahoma,—Greetings to all the dear saints scattered abroad—Today finds us still on the Lord's side. We find the way more precious all the time. I will say the dear Lord has been such a consolation to us. Truly, I wouldn't exchange places with the richest in this world's goods. I'm like the old Bible man, "I'd rather be a door keeper in the house of God than to dwell in the tents of the wicked."

Our hearts and thoughts have been on the campmeetings we expect to have this year. From all appearances the way looks foggy, but our God is still answering prayer and we know prayer changes things. We are now doing all we can to be ready when the time comes, and have been doing what we could this winter. We have made five cot ticks, and tea towels, and expect to make some quilts yet. We have them all ready to put together. One young sister sent me a quilt, one gave me some aprons, and one some tea towels; some are making monograms for the quilts and aprons. We would like to receive a card from every one the Lord has had to make something for the Monark campmeeting so we can make a check-up and know what to buy. The Lord has helped us in a lot of ways. We got fifteen sugar bowls by cleaning them up, jars for milk, and one brother sent three granite plates, three forks, three knives, and spoons. I feel greatly encouraged, for our God will provide if we only trust Him.

Truly, it is time God was consulted on this shortage of gas. Our hearts are made sad so many times because we have no way to go pray for the sick. Our God owns the cattle on a thousand hills and I know if we go to prayer over the matter that it will change. I have no fear if we go to prayer about the campmeetings, they will be held as they always have been. Our God will make a way. Dear ones, what we need

is more prayer meetings. Truly, the worldly people are losing all Christian principles, and our President knows that prayer is all that will stop the war. We need to pray for those in authority.

I will say we have some real saints here in Tulsa. They can be depended on. Pray for us here. We recently closed a two weeks meeting that was blessed of the Lord. Bro. Willie Murphey of Guthrie, Bro. Manly Spears of Okla. City, and Sister Bell of Okmulgee were with us. The meeting encouraged us to go a little farther. Remember us in prayer. Sister Sam Barton
Route 8, Box 119, Tulsa, 15, Okla.

Indiana,—Dear Bro. and Sisters at the Lord's Print Shop and everywhere,—Greetings in the precious name of our Redeemer. I want to testify through the "Faith and Victory" paper to the glory of God. I am happy because I can still report victory in my soul; glory be to God. I am so glad for the little paper, the silent preacher. I enjoy reading every page.

We have had good meetings in homes around here. The last five Sundays we met in the home of Bro. and Sister Pearson at 1913 Brown St., Anderson, Ind. We have precious meetings and a good time in the Lord. Sunday afternoon, Feb. 4th, we had an ordinance meeting. What a wonderful time we had as we obeyed our Lord's command. Our hearts were melted in love, and tears were brought to our eyes as we ate of the bread and drank of the cup as Jesus gave it to His disciples. Mark 14:22-24. What a blessed privilege it was to wash the saints' feet. About eleven took part; the interest is growing. I am so glad for a few people who will lift up the true standard.

I love the saints, the church of God. I have read and reread the book, "The New Testament Church and Its Symbols." I am thankful for the plain teaching of this book. On page eleven, we read that the Church goes to the meeting house. Many speak of going to church or joining the church, but we are born into it.

I love the truth and thank the Lord for saving me. I want to follow in His steps who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth. 1 Peter 2:22.

Will all the saints everywhere please pray for us here? We desire that everything be done to the glory of God so that souls will be born into His kingdom.

May God bless all his saints and keep them encouraged to go all the way with Him. We are asking the Lord to bless in His print shop and supply every need and keep it going to His glory.

Your saved sister, Stella Lee

Oregon—To all the dear saints of God, greetings in Jesus our Lord. We are glad to report that God is working in a wonderful way in these parts. The saints around Jefferson and Scio are rejoicing in the fullness of His blessings. The Lord sent Brother and Sister Mead to Tillamook for the encouragement of the few saints at that place. Some precious souls have been saved, and a little flock is being raised up there.

Brother Kleiver is at present pastoring the little flock that God has just raised up at Grants Pass, through the labors of the faithful brethren whom He sent there recently. God is moving all the true saints to a closer walk with Him.

We feel the Lord wants a campmeeting this year in Oregon. We are asking all the saints to pray for us and the work out here. We want God to direct in all things. We feel that there is no meeting on earth that compares with the gathering together of God's

holy remnant. The saints of the most high do sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus, while consecrated ministers whom God has made as a flame of fire, proclaim the pure and glorious gospel of our salvation, with power and anointing from the eternal throne.

Let's all pray much, and will all who possibly can, plan to come to the meeting? Full particulars as to time and place will be given later in this paper, Lord willing. Anyone wishing information now may write Sister Emma Busch, Scio, Oregon, or Noah White or to your servant
—Sam Wilson, Jefferson, Oregon

PRAYER REQUESTS

Kindly pray for Bro. and Sister Decker who live at Richmond, Ind. They are both aged and ill. Bro. Decker seems to be getting blind and his wife is not able to care for him. Their only son is seriously ill which proves to be a great and added burden for them to bear. Let us seek the Lord for help for them in their every need.

A sister who had influenza is still suffering; she also needs spiritual help. Her brother is a slave to the drink habit; she is much burdened for him.

Another sister who had cancer of the liver is looking to the Lord for help.

The wife of Bro. J. H. Pierson, Valeene, Ind. is pitifully afflicted. She is confined to bed in a helpless condition and is irrational much of the time. It is all very burdensome for both and it seems as though they need immediate help. Pray that the Lord defeat the enemy in this case in His own precious way.

Compared to the Beauty of a Rose

In all of God's creation of nature, what is more beautiful than a healthy rose? It may have thorns, but they are nothing in comparison to its beauty. It pours out its rich fragrance to all who come near.

I would like to compare a beautiful rose to a Christian life. The rose speaks to me of sweetness, purity, and perfection. At first, it is only a bud, but finally it unfolds so that we behold the rich color. As the rain pours upon it and the sun shines on it, the petals unfold and we see the flower of all flowers, a beautiful, healthy rose.

It is as a bundle of God's love; it may cheer the heart of a shut-in, or a lovely friend. It may encourage the heart of one seeking the Lord for salvation.

Have you noticed how the fragrance of a rose lingers after the color and beauty have faded away? This is true of our Christian life. At first, we are only as a nice bud and things are new to us. We are weak, but as we read and pray and perform the duties of a loyal Christian, we also unfold to a healthy Christian. Prayer and meditation and the study of God's Word are as the sunshine and rain to the rose. We grow in favor with God. If we labor for the Lord many years, we grow old in body, but still there is a sweetness and fragrance that pours out from a life that is lived for Christ. The beauty of a faithful Christian life lives on to encourage others after they have been called to live with Jesus.

Jesus found thorns along His earthly pathway,

but looking upon His life we behold only the fullness and depths of all that immortal beauty. The beauty of Jesus—may it ever be seen in our lives.

—Mrs. Roy Pruett

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Walk In The Path Once Delivered To The Saints

"Jude, the servant of Jesus Christ, and brother of James, to them that are sanctified by God the Father, and preserved in Jesus Christ, and called: Mercy unto you, and peace, and love, be multiplied. Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints." Jude 1-3.

In the Bible, many times "walk" means our manner of life. "But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin" 1 Jno. 1:7. This is to live as our Saviour lived. "This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lusts of the flesh" Gal. 5:16.

"There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death. For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh: That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit" Rom. 8:1-4. And, "Be ye therefore followers of God, as dear children; And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet smelling savour" Eph. 5:1, 2.

Through Christ Jesus our Lord, rest, peace, faith, mercy, goodness, salvation, etc., were delivered to the saints. Christ lifted the standard of righteousness to its rightful place. His standard is the only standard. God said to the apostles, "Hear ye Him." He warned His followers to heed, but not to do as the Pharisees did. For they could tell others what to do, but could neither do nor keep God's Word themselves. Jesus said, "Except your righteousness shall exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven" Matt. 5:20.

All who would not receive Christ could not live the life VICTORIOUSLY. It is a terrible thing to tell others how to live and then come short of doing it ourselves. Only in Christ is there deliverance. He alone, can give the wedding garment. Without that, all are in filthy rags. Isa. 64:6.

God honors no other sacrifice. Christ is God's Sacrifice, and no other will He accept. It is the blood of Christ that cleanseth us through and through. Christ is the Mediator that restores us unto God, purified and made white in the blood of the Lamb. When

we get into Him, then we can walk in Him, in newness of life. Rom. 6:4. "Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life." But there must be a birth. Every one must be born into the kingdom. No one can live unless he is born. Neither can one live the Christian life unless he is born of the Spirit. As Jesus told Nicodemus, Jno. 3:1.

Through salvation we become saints of the Lord, and by the Holy Spirit.

God wants us all to walk worthy of Christ. As the truth was delivered by Him to the saints, we are expected to walk even as He walked. Paul says, "I therefore the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called, With all lowliness and meekness, with long-suffering, forbearing one another in love; Endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; One Lord, one faith, one baptism, One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all." Eph. 4:1-6. We can live right when born again. We must be born again to make heaven our home. We must walk free from sin; we must live right for God to claim us as sons and daughters; we must walk even as He walked.

Can we imagine any of Christ's disciples acting unworthy of God? God becomes our Father when we are born of the Holy Spirit. We must live holy to honour our God and our Saviour. We must walk as He walked and be like Him.

—I. E. Kriebel

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MY HEART'S DESIRE

The Lord gave me the words for this poem on my 86th birthday, January 26, 1945,

I would not want to have a thought
I'd blush to have my Father know;
Nor go where I would be ashamed
To ask my Lord with me to go.

I would not want to do a thing
I would not want my Lord to see;
Nor say one word I would not say
If He was present here with me.

Then let my thoughts and where I go,
And what I do and what I say,
Bring glory to my God and King.
For this, dear Lord, I humbly pray.

I would not waste one precious hour,
For this one hour might seal my fate.
And then instead of a, "Well done,"
I'd hear those awful words, "Too late."

Then let each moment of each hour—
Each hour of each oncoming day
Be filled with fellowship with Thee.
For this dear God, I humbly pray.

—Rebecca Basicker

Young People's Section

A Vision of Life in Death

In evil long I took delight,
Unawed by shame or fear,
Till a new object struck my sight,
And stopped my wild career;
I saw One hanging on a Tree
In agonies and blood,
Who fixed His languid eyes on me,
As near His cross I stood.

Sure never till my latest breath
Can I forget that look:
It seemed to charge me with His death,
Though not a word He spoke:
My conscience felt and owned the guilt,
And plunged me in despair;
I saw my sins His blood had spilt,
And helped to nail Him there.

Alas! I know not what I did!
But now my tears are vain:
Where shall my trembling soul be hid?
For I the Lord have slain!
A second look He gave, which said,
'I freely all forgive;
The blood is for thy ransom paid;
I die, that thou may'st live.'

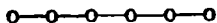
Thus, while His death my sin displays
In all its blackest hue,
Such is the mystery of grace,
It seals my pardon too.
With pleasing grief and mournful joy,
My spirit now is filled
That I should such a life destroy,—
Yet live by Him I killed.

—John Newton

Editorials

"For now we live, if ye stand fast in the Lord," thus declared the Apostle Paul. 1 Thes. 3:8. The act of standing fast in the Lord is the secret of keeping spiritually alive. Young people who give their hearts and lives to the Lord can continue living victoriously by being zealous and steadfast in the Lord and His ways. Not only the individual will stand, but others looking on and observing such steadfastness will be benefited and encouraged to live in touch with the Lord.

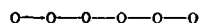
The Lord desires that we increase and abound in love one toward another and toward all men for the purpose that He may establish our hearts without blame in holiness before God at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all His saints.



An individual writing editorially states, "If I had the choice to make, I would ask for ten times

as many fanatics in our work as we have at the present time." Webster defines "fanatic": "A person affected with excessive enthusiasm, particularly on religious subjects; one teaching and practicing religious beliefs with uncompromising insistence."

Without question, the obtaining of salvation and living daily for the Lord should be the primary and major concern of every person. Every object of this life should be viewed in reference to the life to come. The question should always be asked, "How will this undertaking or enterprise affect me in relation to my future state in eternity?" How can we be too earnest about things of such momentous consequence? How can we be too diligent in seeking deliverance from everlasting destruction, or the possession of everlasting life? How can we be too prayerful, when we are commanded to pray always? How can we be too serious in our conversation, when for every idle word we speak we shall have to give an account at the last great reckoning day? How can we be too anxious about a godly behaviour before our neighbors, when our conduct, whether good or bad, will have an influence over them which will be felt all through life? How can we be indifferent to the salvation of others, when, if they perish, through our neglect, their blood will be required at our hands? Would it be fanaticism to practice these truths? If so, then you must be a fanatic or miss heaven.



The all-important question is, "Have you prepared to meet thy God?" Thousands of voices cry out to you, "Prepare to meet thy God." Prophets and apostles, martyrs and confessors, all unite in saying, "Prepare to meet thy God." Your reason, your judgment, and your conscience say to you, "Prepare to meet thy God." Bethlehem, Gethsemane's garden, Mount Calvary, and the bleeding cross cry, "Prepare to meet thy God." The scarlet robe put on Christ, the mock-sceptre put in his hand, the crown of thorns placed on his head, the nails driven through his hands and feet, and the spear thrust into his side, all speak to you in loud and solemn accents, "Prepare to meet thy God." Every tear Christ wept, every prayer He offered, every drop of blood He shed, and every pain He endured cries, "Prepare to meet thy God." The Saviour's tomb, His ascent to heaven, and His intercession at the Father's right hand call aloud, "Prepare to meet thy God." The lifted sword of Divine Justice, the threatened penalty of transgression, the strivings of the Holy Spirit, and the shortness of time cry, "Prepare to meet thy God." The happy Christian and the miserable worldling, the death-beds both of saints and sinners reiterate the cry, "Prepare to meet thy God." Every grave, every tombstone, every coffin, every shroud, every robe of mourning, every widow, every orphan joins in the exhortation, "Prepare to meet thy God."

Reader, you are convinced that you ought to

seek this preparation. "Behold, now is the day of salvation; behold now is the accepted time." "Seek Him while He may be found, call upon Him while He is near."
—L. D. Pruitt.

Oregon—Dear Saints everywhere, Greetings in Jesus' dear name. I'm truly thanking and praising the dear Lord tonight for His rich blessings to me. The peace and joy within the soul of the man or woman who is living for Christ is truly great. My soul is filled to overflowing. God has been so merciful to each one of us. The closer we draw to Him, the richer the blessings; and the greater the trial, the more blessing we receive from it. If we commit our lives entirely and completely into His hands, He works in our lives to give us more joy and happiness than we could ever hope to have otherwise. The precious lessons we learn in the Lord are worth more than this world and all that it contains.

The young people here in Oregon are truly rejoicing over the good news of those recently converted in the different congregations. Two new congregations have just been raised up here in Oregon, one at Tillamook, and one at Grants Pass. The saints are truly prospering. We all have a great burden for the new converts, that they may grow in the good things of God and prosper and go on to perfection. We have learned that the way to prosper is to continually seek to know the will of the Lord concerning us, and then to do it. How blessed it is to do the things God commands us to do. One of the greatest blessings is received to our souls when we move out for Him; for not only our own soul receives a blessing, but some other soul, too. Whenever we testify to what God has done for us, that is one more step taken for Him. Praying in meeting makes us bolder for Jesus, and all these things strengthen us and make us workers for Him.

We are looking forward to a glorious campmeeting here, if the Lord permits. We're hoping some other young people will get to come and be with us this year. We have some very precious meetings and get lots of food to our souls. As one brother says, we bring the gospel rake to meeting with us, and just rake in all the rich blessings we can.

It truly behooves us to live so we can be an example to others. We don't know who's watching our lives. If we live so that we know God's approval is upon us at all times, that's all that is necessary. To do that we must be diligent in doing all we can for Him. It means a lot to have the testimony Enoch had, that he pleased God. Heb. 11:5.

Pray for the work here. Although we don't know each one of you personally, the young people here are praying for you that you may stand steadfast in the Lord, doing all you can for Him.

Your sister in Christ,

Betty White

CORRESPONDENCE

The saints of God in Kalamazoo, Mich., extend an invitation to all to attend services at 2607 Parkview Ave. Sunday school, 10 a.m.; Bible study, 11:00 a.m., and 7 p.m.; prayer meeting, Thursday, 7:30 p.m. Come and worship the Lord with us.

Arizona—Dear Bro. and Sister Pruitt and workers at the office and saints everywhere,—Greetings in Jesus' dear name. May God's richest blessings be yours is our prayer.

Husband and I left our home in Hennessey, Okla. Feb. 7, and arrived here in Vicksburg, Ariz., Feb. 9. We thank the dear Lord for his rich blessings and the dear saints for their prayers. We had a safe trip and a seat all the way. The Lord manifested his power in healing the sick and encouraging souls on our way here in answer to prayer. Praise His dear name. I can now more perfectly understand these words than I could a few weeks ago. "He sees before we see, He knows, He understands; Just yield yourself into His hands." The Lord willing, we shall be here until about March 15th. We shall be glad to hear from any of our dear saints. Our address is Box 14, c.o. Thomas Williams, Vicksburg, Ariz. Pray for us. Bro and Sis. John Williams

California,—Dear Saints, I feel like testifying thru the "Faith and Victory" paper. I am still saved and living for the dear Lord, pressing on and ever taking the Bible way. The Lord is blessing me in a wonderful way here. We had an earthquake the other night but I wasn't even afraid. I know God was in the quake and was with me, and I with Him.

Yours in Christ,

Annie Wiley

Arkansas,—Dear Bro. and Sister Pruitt,—I received both of your letters a few days ago while I was still in the hospital. I applied the anointed handkerchief, and I truly believe the Lord healed me. The doctors weren't doing anything. One afternoon I felt that people were praying for me. I started getting better and the next day they let me walk across the room. I'm still weak as I've been in bed almost four months. But I know God can give me strength.

I want to thank you people for your prayers. Keep praying that I might give up everything for the Lord.

Yours in Christ,

—Mrs. Clyde Moss

Oklahoma,—Dear Bro. Pruitt,—I wish to let you and all the saints know of God's merciful dealings with me. I had a Caesarian operation and have been in bed over two weeks. No one had any hopes of my recovery, but my husband and parents prayed for me all during the operation. When the operation was over I was very weak and sick. My stomach was twice its normal size and waste matter was pumped from it. I was fed through my veins. Even the nurses and doctors did not think I would live but my parents held on to God in prayer for me, and asked other saints to pray, and God in His mercy spared my life.

I now have a nine and one-fourth pound baby girl. I'm still in bed and not able to walk. Will you and all the saints kindly pray for me? I desire to work and rear my child for the Lord. I have great faith in God's power to heal and believe I shall get well.

My parents are Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Hiebert. They live in Enid, Okla. My mother takes the "Faith and Victory" paper and I read it, too. Mrs. Emery Fleshman

Michigan—Dear Brother and Sister in Christ,—I promised the Lord that if He healed me, I would testify to it through the paper.

I had been afflicted for over a year with heart trouble and a complication of diseases. Since the Lord has never failed me I was resigned unto Him, soul and body. We all belong to God, whether we live or die. Praise God, we are not our own.

I have learned to trust God. He has been my phy-

sician for about 35 years and has brought me through some very severe tests. I decided to trust God again through this trial, and praise God, He healed me. I took no medicine. I know He will fulfill the promises of His Word to His true children.

Please pray for me.

Your saved sister, Mrs. W. E. Berryhill

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Texas—Dear Ones,—With pleasure I write these few lines to the glory of God. I love the Lord; He saved and sanctified me and filled me with His love. He is a wonderful Saviour to me.

I am so thankful He taught me to trust Him. "Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus. Just to take Him at His Word; Just to rest upon His promise; Just to know, Thus saith the Lord."

I love Him, for without Him I would be a failure. Often I have been tempted to do wrong to gratify selfish desires. At such times, I would think of the Saviour, and His words would not permit me to do that which I had purposed. I would then humble myself before God, deny myself, and bear the cross. After bearing the cross for awhile, I would realize that it was all God's way of granting me the desires of my heart. If I had followed my own selfish purposes, all would have been confusion. In and through Christ alone, I have received blessings that are worth while.

I am so glad I obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine delivered unto me by the saints.

Dear wayfaring one, the only way to real happiness is to deny self, bear the cross, and follow Jesus.

Love to one and all. A sister in Christ, Essie Moore

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Louisiana—To all the dear saints, greetings.—I feel I need to testify of God's goodness to me.

A few weeks ago, I began having trouble with my limb, the one that had been affected by the abscess that I had last summer. In writing to different ones, I mentioned it. Before long, I realized the Lord had so blessed that I was healed. It hasn't bothered me since, thank God. He is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all we ask or think.

We need to ask in faith, believing, nothing wavering. He is faithful who has promised.

I am encouraged to live for God. Pray for me. In Christ, Ruth Murphey

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Michigan—Dear Bro. and Sis. Pruitt and all—How I do thank God for salvation which enables us to live right in this old world.

Folks need salvation instead of a form of religion in order to be a light in this dark world. I went to a certain meeting and the preacher said that the majority of people voting for beer and booze were church members. That is sad.

We know that members of so-called churches drink, play cards, go to shows, and talk bad about their neighbors. God tells us how He will deal with folks who go on in such ways. 1 Cor. 3:16, 17. "Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are."

The Lord has saved me from all sin and He will make new creatures of all who will let Him have His way in their hearts and lives. Thank God for all He has done and is doing for the willing and obedient.

C. Brandt

California—Dear Brother and Sister Pruitt,—Greetings in Jesus' holy name. May God's gracious blessings rest upon you, and all the rest of the blood-washed saints in Guthrie.

The world conditions today give evidence that the Lord is coming soon. We need to work, watch, and pray; and be about our Father's business, earnestly contending for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints. These are evil days of sin and corruption throughout the world, and we need to be much in prayer, and read God's Word. Thus we become rooted and grounded in the truth of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

"Follow peace with all men and holiness without which no man shall see the Lord." Peter said to sanctify the Lord God in your hearts. 1 Peter 3:15. Let us make our calling and election sure, so that we shall not be ashamed at our Lord's coming. May the grace of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, the love of God, the Father, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, abide with you all who are sanctified and washed in the blood of the Lamb of God.

Sincerely, with a compassionate love for all the saints of God throughout the world, H. U. Christner

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Oregon—Dear Brother and Sister Pruitt, and all the saints scattered abroad, greetings in Jesus' dear name. I believe the Lord would have me tell through the little paper what He has done for me. He saved my soul which is the most precious thing He can do for mankind. Oh praise His holy name. He is my all in all. I can never thank Him enough for all He has done for me.

He has healed me many times in my life. About twelve years ago He healed me of gallstones. I haven't had one symptom since, to God be all the praise and glory. I was fifty-four years old my last birthday and have never taken a dose of medicine in my life. The Lord has been my physician all these years. Last December I had broken my arch and it affected my back. My arch was never free from pain and several advised me to have shoes made to fit my feet and with arch supports. One morning before I arose, I was talking to the Lord and it occurred to me that the Lord would get more glory if I would trust Him for the healing of my foot; than He would, should I spend His money for more shoes, when I already had shoes. I told the Lord I would testify to it through the little paper if He would heal my foot. Before I got through praying, the pain was gone from my foot; all thanks be to God. It hasn't hurt me since, but my knee, hip, and back hurts at night until I can hardly sleep.

I know the Lord is still willing and hasn't lost any of His power, so I am looking to Him for complete healing to His glory. Will all the dear saints please remember me in their prayers? Your sister in Christ, Emma Busch

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Kentucky—Dear Brother Pruitt,—I am praising the Lord for saving grace. I love Him with all my heart.

Will all who know the value of prayer kindly pray for me? I am almost deaf. I also have trouble with my throat.

I know from reading God's Word that He can heal all manner of diseases, so please pray for me.

Eva Vaughn

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Pennsylvania—Dear Brother and Sister Pruitt and all the saints,—Greetings to every one of you, in the precious name of our dear, loving Saviour.

I praise the Lord for all of His mercy and goodness to my husband and me. We are thankful to God for having so much love for us, and not for us only, but for one and all.

I am writing to ask the dear saints every where to agree in prayer to the Lord that He will somehow work and help me to be able to sleep at night. I have been up all night at the time of this writing and haven't slept any. I am so miserable at times I hardly know what to do.

There have been many nights I have been restless all the night with no sleep. When I do sleep I only get about two to five hours before waking. I have quite a time in lying down. It's not because I am not sleepy when time comes to go to sleep, but it is my condition.

I am encouraged to follow Jesus all the way regardless of all my trouble. He means so much to me.

I praise the Lord for healing me of several ailments since I have been trusting Him. He is the same yesterday, today, and forever. Hebrew 13:8.

I really enjoy the "Faith and Victory" paper, and all the loving testimonies that are in it. I wouldn't do without this little paper now.

I am so glad to hear about the wonderful work going on at the Faith Publishing House for the Lord. This is a time when the true gospel should go out to a lost and dying world. My prayers are for all who are in the true gospel of Jesus Christ. I pray the Lord will ever keep us all true and faithful unto death.

I send a little prayer along with this testimony that it may encourage some one.

May God bless all of His dear children every where is my prayer. Your sister in Christ, Avis Tinsley

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Louisiana,—Saints of God,—Please pray for me. I have had a terrible headache most of the time for about six months. Somehow I do not have the victory yet, but am looking to the Lord for complete healing. All who feel led, please pray. Also pray for my husband who hasn't been well. My little boy has been very sick and I thank God for blessing him and helping him to feel so much better and to be up some.

—Myrtle Savoie

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California—Dear Brother Pruitt and co-workers,—I just wouldn't like to be without the "Faith and Victory" paper. I receive so much soul food from its pages. I would miss it greatly to be without it. One thing I do know and can put my confidence in, is that it is full of the truth; it truly preaches the true gospel.

I thank you so much for your prayers that helped me so much in time of need. I received the little book, "New Testament Church and Its Symbols." I have read it through several times and I cannot tell in words the light it has given me. If I could only have had it years ago! I truly love the truth as it is taught in the book. I let every one read it who seems interested.

I have only known "Faith and Victory" two years; have been getting it since I was at the Monark Springs campmeeting in Missouri.

I have eight children I would love to see saved. Two are across the sea. Some of them read the paper.

With Christian love, Mrs. Alice Brewer

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California—Dear saints of God,—I feel it would be to the glory of God to tell what He has done for me since I sent in my other testimony to "Faith and Victory" paper.

On November 16, 1944, I arose with my head hurting and a dizzy feeling. I soon became worse and a more severe pain struck my head. I became sick at my stomach, and in a few minutes was unconscious. I was in that condition for sometime. When I regained consciousness I found I had had a stroke and was partly paralyzed; my right arm was numb and difficult to move; my speech was affected and I was unable to move either foot and had no feeling whatsoever in my right limb. After prayer and waiting on God, I got so I could use my left foot; but my right foot remained helpless and numb. My brother-in-law's funeral was that afternoon. I went with my right foot having to be moved for me every step I made. Some of the saints were there and prayer was offered for me. That evening I was sitting in my chair and a tingling was felt in my limb. Feeling came into it and I could move my foot some but the blood clot remained in my head and affected me so I could not raise myself or walk alone. I remained this way until December 5.

I was having to keep one of the girls home from school as we could not get help. On December 4, the Lord sent Sister John Wilson to be with me. On Tues. Dec. 5, I was sick all day and could feel the pressure on my head getting worse. About four o'clock that afternoon I had another stroke which affected my entire body. When I regained consciousness some time later, I could not move any part of my body at all, except my left hand a very little, and I had no feeling in my entire right side. I could not move my head and could not swallow or speak and my right hand was drawn down and out of shape. It looked as if each breath would be my last and all present thought I was dying. My face also drew out of shape and my mouth drew to one side. But prayer was made without ceasing for me. The saints were called. Many prayers were offered in my behalf. Some of the saints came. I was anointed and God touched my body. The pressure on top of my head gave way and I began to rest and we talked of God's power to heal. I noticed my hand was straight and said, "See, my hand is straight." The glory of the Lord came down. I raised my hand up and waved it and shouted and praised God. That was a shouting time. I arose and walked into the living room and Sister Wilson prepared me something to eat for I was row hungry. I walked to the table and ate. It was after ten o'clock that evening I was healed. Truly, He is just the same today.

I attended the Los Angeles Assembly Meeting. The Lord truly gave us a good meeting and a goodly number of young people were saved, among whom were my two girls, and my boy was sanctified. I am walking and working and telling of his wonderful power.

Yours in Christ,

—Nellie Poulos

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Petaluma, California—Dear saints of God,—Greetings in His name. I am still praising Him for all He has and is doing. He has healed me so many times, but I am in good health at this present time for which I give Him all praise.

I still ask prayer from the saints, as I am getting up in years and could take sick any time. I do ask Him to keep me in His grace and love as long as He lets me stay in this old war-torn world. Please pray that He will have His way in my home. Pray for my husband and all my children.

Your sister in Christ,

—Alta Bonner

Nashville, Tenn.—Bro. Fred Pruitt and all the precious saints of God scattered abroad,—I wish to greet you in the holy name of our blessed Saviour Jesus Christ. I feel that it is pleasing to our heavenly Father for me to write through the good little paper, "Faith and Victory," which God has so kindly given us through His true servants. I can truly say that I certainly do enjoy the good articles and testimonies in the paper each month. They inspire me and give me new courage to fight the good fight of faith. This paper still stands for the same old time truths that our good Brother D. S. Warner and other true preachers taught. They suffered so much for the sake of these great principles; but I truly believe they are "Safe in the arms of Jesus" now. Many preachers and writers have let down their standards to please the people and win more of the worldly-minded—I say, "their standards" because God's standards are like Him, unchangeable.

I have a little mission here in Nashville where we have meeting each night. I do carpenter work in the day time and preach at night. I am not trying to see how many I can get started in the way, but I want to lead them out of sin and on to sanctification. In Matt. 5:8, Jesus said, "Blessed are the pure in heart; for they shall see God." I call the little mission, "Faith and Victory" mission, because it surely was a test of faith to begin this work in this place with not one person to help me but most of the people against me; but I can say that God has stood by me in the undertaking and is giving me the victory in that precious souls are being saved. I give Him all the praise, glory, and honor.

Please pray earnestly for me and the work I am doing for our God. I do not cease to pray for all the saints scattered over all the world.

Your humble brother in Christ's one body, "the Church of God," of which Christ is the head, Colonel Pendleton

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Sister Mabel M. Colvin of Rolla, Mo. requests the saints to pray earnestly for her husband who served the Lord when he had his right mind, but now is in the State Hospital for the insane at Farmington, Mo. His case is hopeless so far as man's power is concerned. He has hardening of the arteries of the brain.

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Our Boys In C. P. S. Camps

The Civilian Public Service Camps, to which conscientious objectors are sent when drafted, are under the direct supervision of the National Service Board for Religious Objectors, Washington, D. C. This board is composed of representatives of the "peace" churches, and the financial support for these camps is derived mainly from the contributions of members of these religious bodies. No support comes from the government, yet all money earned by the boys in doing "work of national importance" goes into the government treasury, and the boys get nothing for their work. The entire cost falls on the "peace" churches, and it is estimated that the cost per month to support each boy in camp is \$30. This does not include their clothes and personal, incidental expenses.

The true Church of God is a "peace" church whether we want to acknowledge it or not, and if we want it recognized as such by the world, then we must do our part to support our boys in camp. At present there are three in camp from Guthrie, and the Guthrie congregation has a fund with which they endeavor to furnish these boys

with clothes, incidental expenses, and furlough fares. We are confident that the saints in general do not want religious organizations to assume our financial responsibility of housing and feeding our boys in camp. If you have a care for these conscientious, God-fearing, Christian boys, then send your free-will offering regularly to this office, specifying for what purpose, and the amount will be applied to their accounts through the National Service Board for Religious Objectors.

EASTER SUNDAY SERVICE

The saints of God at Guthrie, Oklahoma expect (Lord willing) to have the annual all-day service Easter Sunday, April 1, 1945. The ordinances of the Lord's Supper and Feet Washing will be observed in the afternoon. Dinner will be served on the grounds. All are invited. Come praying that the Lord will make it a profitable day in Him.

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BIBLE STUDY

Order Sunday School supplies about two weeks before the beginning of new quarter. The price of the Primary Picture Roll is \$1.15, and the Lesson Cards are 4 cents per set. Each set contains cards for one pupil for each Sunday in the quarter. These sets cannot be broken. Send order to Genevieve Capps, 920 W. Mansur, Guthrie.

JESUS TEACHES FORGIVENESS

Sunday, March 4, 1945.

Daily Readings and Meditations

February 26 to March 3.

- M. A lesson in forgiveness Matt. 18:23-33
- T. A lesson in greatness Matt. 20:20-28
- W. A lesson in reconciliation Matt. 5:21-26
- T. Humility in prayer Luke 18:9-14
- F. Humility in service 1 Peter 5:1-11
- S. Humility illustrated John 13:1-16

Printed Portion Matthew 18:21-35

Matt. 18:21. Then came Peter to him, and said, Lord, how oft shall my brother sin against me and I forgive him? till seven times?

22. Jesus saith unto him, I say not unto thee, Until seven times; but, Until seventy times seven.

23. Therefore is the kingdom of heaven likened unto a certain king, which would take account of his servants.

24. And when he had begun to reckon, one was brought unto him, which owed him ten thousand talents.

25. But forasmuch as he had not to pay, his lord commanded him to be sold, and his wife, and children, and all that he had, and payment be made.

26. The servant therefore fell down, and worshipped him, saying, Lord, have patience with me, and I will pay thee all.

27. Then the lord of that servant was moved with compassion, and loosed him, and forgave him the debt.

28. But the same servant went out, and found one of his fellowservants, which owed him an hundred pence: and he laid hands on him, and took him by the throat, saying, Pay me that thou owest.

29. And his fellowservant fell down at his feet, and besought him, saying, Have patience with me, and I will pay thee all.

30. And he would not: but went and cast him into prison, till he should pay the debt.

31. So when his fellowservants saw what was done, they were very sorry, and came and told unto their lord all that was done.

32. Then his lord, after that he had called him, said unto him, O thou wicked servant, I forgave thee all that debt, because thou desiredst me:

33. Shouldest not thou also have had compassion on thy fellowservant, even as I had pity on thee?

34. And his lord was wroth, and delivered him to the tormentors, till he should pay all that was due unto him.

35. So likewise shall my heavenly Father do also unto you, if ye from your hearts forgive not every one his brother their trespasses.

Golden Text: If ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you: but if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses. Matt. 6:14, 15.

Practical Truth: We cannot gain or keep the favor of God unless we have a forgiving spirit.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

Let us discuss this lesson by dividing it into sub-topics.

1. The Nature of Forgiveness.

Has anyone forgiven an offender if he holds a grudge and desires to "get even" with him? By "getting even" he means to do something just as bad to the offender as the offender did to him. Is it all right for a Christian to hold a grudge until the offender repents?

Matt. 18:15-17, tells us how to deal with a brother or sister in the faith who has offended us. If he will not be reconciled, then we are to treat him as a "heathen man and a publican." How did Jesus treat heathens and publicans? Romans 12:19, 20 instructs us how to treat them.

Has one truly forgiven an offender if he holds the attitude, "Well, I forgive him, but I don't want to have any more to do with him"? Can one forgive an offender and yet keenly feel that he has been wronged and have no confidence in the offender until he repents?

2. The Limit of Forgiveness

The law taught forgiveness, but teachers of the law thought there should be a limit to the number of times one would be required to forgive an offender. They usually taught that it should be three times. Peter knew that Jesus' righteousness and requirements exceeded that of the Rabbis; but, no doubt, he thought "seven" was a generous number and that even Jesus would not require more than that. Jesus' reply meant that it could not be limited by numbers. The disciples then prayed, "Lord, increase our faith." (Luke 17:5). Truly, it takes living faith to live up to the standards which Jesus taught. The Spirit of Christ is a forgiving spirit. As His Spirit lives in our hearts, we shall be able to forgive. If we find ourselves lacking, we should pray as the disciples prayed.

3. Why Should We Forgive?

If we expect God to forgive our innumerable and great trespasses against Him, it is only reasonable that we forgive the little trespasses of our fellowmen.

We injure ourselves and others when we refuse to forgive. Acting out the slogan, "I'll get even with you," does not profit one even in this world. Can you give examples?

We cannot get to heaven if we do not forgive others. Read the memory verse. Death makes no changes in one's spiritual state. Heaven would not be a safe place if men could enter with their grudges. An unforgiving spirit is one of the devil's best pieces of armour, which becomes stronger as it is used. He gave it to one man in his youth. When he was old he heard about Jesus and wanted to get saved, but when he learned he had to forgive others he chose to go into eternity unprepared to meet God rather than to give up a life-long grudge. There are numerous cases like it. Sometimes the devil will work on a Christian for years, and finally will succeed in getting him to accept this piece of armour, which means death to his soul. Beware of the "root of bitterness"!

THE COST OF DISCIPLESHIP

Sunday, March 11, 1945

Daily Readings and Meditations

March 5 to 10.

M. The rich young ruler Matt. 19:16-22.

T. Treasures in heaven Matt. 6:19-24

W. Treasures on earth 1 Tim. 6:9-19

T. Poor though rich Luke 12:13-21

F. Rich though poor 2 Cor. 6:1-10

S. Following Christ Luke 9:57-62

Printed PortionMatthew 19:16-26, 29

Matt. 19:16 And, behold, one came and said unto him, Good Master, what good thing shall I do, that I may have eternal life?

17. And he said unto him, Why callest thou me good? there is none good but one, that is, God: but if thou wilt enter into life, keep the commandments.

18. He saith unto him, Which? Jesus said, Thou shalt do no murder, Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not bear false witness,

19. Honor thy father and thy mother: and, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.

20. The young man saith unto him, All these things have I kept from my youth up: what lack I yet?

21. Jesus said unto him, If thou wilt be perfect, go and sell that thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come and follow me.

22. But when the young man heard that saying, he went away sorrowful: for he had great possessions.

23. Then said Jesus unto his disciples, Verily I say unto you, That a rich man shall hardly enter into the kingdom of heaven.

24. And again I say unto you, It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God.

25. When his disciples heard it, they were exceedingly amazed, saying, Who then can be saved?

26. But Jesus beheld them, and said unto them, With men this is impossible; but with God all things are possible.

29. And every one that hath forsaken houses, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my name's sake, shall receive an hundredfold; and shall inherit everlasting life.

Golden Text: If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross and follow me. Matthew 16:24

Practical Truth: Only those who are willing to make any sacrifices that Jesus requires can be His disciples.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

If a man who needs a new coat should go to the store to purchase one and learn that the price is \$25 cash, he would either pay the price or he would not get possession of it. It would be foolish for him to refuse to pay the price, then patch the old one and pretend it is the new one which he went into the store to purchase.

We cannot purchase salvation with money, good works, or anything of an earthly nature; yet there is a price to pay. The price is of such a nature that every one can pay it, yet it seems so great to some that they go away sorrowful rather than to pay it—as was the case of the rich young ruler in today's lesson. Every soul needs salvation. There is an empty void in one's heart until he obtains it. Therefore when he learns how to obtain it, yet refuses it because he feels the cost is too great, he cannot help but go away sorrowful. He has refused the only way of happiness, he has bartered his never-dying soul for a few fleeting, vain pleasures, he has sold his birthright for a mess of pottage as Esau did.

What is the price of salvation? Jesus told the ruler, "Sell that thou hast ... and come follow me." That is the price. You must sell (give up from your heart) what you have, what you are, what you hope to have, and what you hope to be, that you may be able to follow Christ without distraction. The Lord will occupy your whole heart or none of it. The desire to gain earthly possessions will keep you out of the kingdom as much as the possession of them. Money is not wrong, but the love of money is. When one loves money or covets it, it becomes an idol which occupies most of his time and attention, and he is ever faced with the temptation to trust in it instead of in God. The Lord requires us to give up only those things which would act as weights upon our souls, hindering our progress in the spiritual race. Name some things besides money which people allow to keep them from obtaining salvation.

Everyone who inquires of the Lord with an honest earnest heart can know whether or not he has paid the price, or if he still lacks something. When he pays the full price he will have possession of salvation. It brings such joy, peace, assurance, and satisfaction to the soul that one knows beyond a shadow of a doubt when he has possession of it.

It is foolish and unprofitable for one to claim salvation when he does not possess it. He may be able to patch up his old life and deceive many people, but people's opinions will not give him eternal life. Let us deal honestly with our souls. If we fail to pay the price which God requires, our lost souls in eternity will have an awful price to pay; but if we pay the price of salvation, the Lord will give us an hundred fold for all we had to sacrifice (with persecutions) in this life, and in the end, eternal life.

THE LAW OF LIFE

Sunday, March 18, 1945

Daily Readings and Meditations

March 12 to 17

- M. The great commandment Matt. 22:34-40
- T. The royal law James 2:5-13
- W. Good citizenship Rom. 13:1-7
- T. Love fulfilling the law Rom. 13:8-14.
- F. The ten virgins Matt. 25:1-13
- S. The talents Matt. 25:14-29

Printed Portion Matt. 25:31-46

Matt. 25:31. When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory:

32. And before him shall be gathered all nations; and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats:

33. And he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left.

34. Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.

35. For I was an hungred, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in:

36. Naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me.

37. Then shall the righteous answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, and fed thee? or thirsty, and gave thee drink?

38. When saw we thee a stranger, and took thee in? or naked, and clothed thee?

39. Or when saw we thee sick, or in prison, and came unto thee?

40. And the King shall answer and say unto them, verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.

41. Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels:

42. For I was an hungred, and ye gave me no meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me no drink:

43. I was a stranger, and ye took me not in: naked, and ye clothed me not: Sick, and in prison, and ye visited me not.

44. Then shall they also answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, or athirst, or a stranger, or naked, or sick, or in prison, and did not minister unto thee?

45. Then shall he answer them, saying, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye did it not to one of the least of these, ye did it not to me.

46. And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal.

Golden Text: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. The second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. Matt. 22:37-39.

Practical Truth: He who truly loves Christ will show his love by Christ-like deeds of helpfulness.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

"When the Son of man shall come in his glory," refers to the second coming of Jesus. Other scriptures which refer to his second coming should be studied

with this. There is much erroneous teaching on this subject, so the class needs to know what the Bible teaches. As you study them, find out in what manner he is coming and what will take place. Some other scriptures are: Acts 1:11; Jude 14, 15; 1 Cor. 15:50-52; John 5:28, 29; John 6:39, 40, 44, 54; 2 Peter 3:10; Rev. 20:11; Rev. 1:7; Rev. 11:18; 1 Thes. 4:10-18; 5:1-5; Acts 17:31.

Today's lesson teaches that all, both good and bad, shall stand before Him "when he shall come in His glory." His first coming was in humiliation, but His second coming will be glorious and powerful. The doctrine of future eternal punishment for the unrighteous is taught by our loving Saviour just as definitely as the doctrine of eternal reward for the righteous.

Jesus is not teaching "salvation by works" as some may suppose. Eph. 2:8, 9 instructs: "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: not of works, lest any man should boast." We are justified, or saved by faith in the atoning blood of Jesus. Then after we are saved the Lord has work for us to do, and we work because the Spirit of God prompts us to. If we fail to obey the Spirit, He, in time, will cease to direct us and our faith will become "dead faith." Read James 2:14-20. Works will not justify a person, but a justified person will work. When one is depending on his own self-righteous works to justify him, he will think in terms of "what I have done"; but when he is working because he is saved for service, he will think in terms of "what Christ has done," and will not estimate his works as being worthy of any praise or reward.

Notice the attitude of the righteous in this lesson. Lord, "when" did we do these good works? They did not even realize that they had done them. On the other hand, the wicked did not realize that they had failed to minister to the Lord. They may have done deeds of charity. But when one does not have the spirit of Christ, his ministering to others is usually with some selfish end in view.

If we are working for Christ, words of praise from men will not cause us to have an exalted opinion of ourselves; neither will words of censure cause us to give up in despair.

THE LAST WEEK

Sunday, March 25, 1945

Daily Readings and Meditations

March 19 to 24

- M. Welcome to the King Matt. 21:1-11
- T. Parable of the Vineyard Matt. 21:33-43
- W. The last supper Matt. 26:26-29
- T. Jesus, the bread of life John 6:41-51
- F. Jesus in Gethsemane Matt. 26:36-46
- S. Perfect through suffering Heb. 2:5-12

Printed Portion Matt. 21:6-16

Matt. 21:6. And the disciples went, and did as Jesus commanded them,

7. And brought the ass, and the colt, and put on them their clothes, and they set him thereon.

8. And a very great multitude spread their garments in the way; others cut down branches from the trees, and strawed them in the way.

9. And the multitudes that went before, and that followed, cried, saying, Hosanna to the son of David: Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord; Hosanna in the highest.

10. And when he was come into Jerusalem, all the city was moved, saying, Who is this?

11. And the multitude said, This is Jesus the prophet of Nazareth of Galilee.

12. And Jesus went into the temple of God, and cast out all them that sold and bought in the temple, and overthrew the tables of the moneychangers, and the seats of them that sold doves.

13. And said unto them, It is written, My house shall be called the house of prayer: but ye have made it a den of thieves.

14. And the blind and the lame came to him in the temple; and he healed them.

15. And when the chief priests and scribes saw the wonderful things that he did, and the children crying in the temple, and saying, Hosanna to the son of David; they were sore displeased,

16. And said unto him, Hearst thou what these say? And Jesus saith unto them, Yea; have ye never read, Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings thou hast perfected praise?

Golden Text: Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord; Hosanna in the highest. Matt. 21:9.

Practical Truth: We should recognize Christ's supreme authority over our hearts and lives.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

The title of our lesson includes all the events of last week of Jesus' earthly ministry recorded in Matt. chapters 21, 26, and 27:1-56. Our printed lesson covers only a small portion of this. Parallel accounts of this lesson can be found in Mark 11:1-18; Luke 19:29-47; John 12:12-19. Some of the gospels make it a little clearer than others, so it is good to study them together.

Verse six is a simple statement, yet it is full of meaning. It took that simple act of obedience on the part of the disciples to help bring about the triumphal entry into Jerusalem. Jesus could have secured the colt some other way, but he chose to use his disciples for the task.

Can you truthfully testify concerning your daily actions, "I went and did as Jesus commanded me," or would you have to admit, "I went and did as I pleased"? Remember, each little act of obedience on your part will help Jesus to make a triumphal entry into one or many hearts and lives.

The Word tells us, "Praise is comely for the upright," and "Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord." Over and over again the Lord instructs His people to praise Him. Why should we praise Him? Because "Whoso offereth praise glorifieth me" (the Lord). It is an excellent way to keep the victory in our own souls and it testifies to the world that He is the King of our lives, of whom we are not ashamed. When people began to praise Him on the day of His triumphal entry into Jerusalem, others asked, "Who is this?" Praise will have the same effect upon others today. Let us not quench the Spirit by being ashamed to praise Him. If we do, others will give Him the praise that rightfully belongs to Him and we shall lose the blessing.

The temple and performances therein were meant to be types of Christ's church. Jesus' act of cleansing the temple should teach us that he requires his church (people) to be clean, holy, and a house of prayer; that His anger is waxing hot against those who make merchandise of the gospel; and that he has power and authority to cleanse His church and to keep it clean.