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No Hope Outside of Christ

The Church of God that Jesus made
Was joined in one, as Jesus prayed;
He is the *door*, no other route,
He takes them in or turns them out.

Rev. 3:8.

He saves his people from their sins,
And puts his mark of love within.
He sets each member in his place
And gives to each his needed grace.

The love of Christ is proof, we see,
The church He built in charity.
This greatest gift will never fail,
In faith and hope we shall prevail.

Abiding daily in his care,
To do his will, our earnest prayer,
And live the life so all can see
'Tis only Christ can make us free.

Christ fed the lowly, fish and bread,
He healed the sick and raised the dead,
He preached the gospel to the poor,
Believe, repent, and sin no more.

Arthur L. Johnson

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The Water of Life

A Captain once lived near the Merrimac River in Mass. While on a voyage, his boat was wrecked near the shores of Arabia. He escaped on the high plateau of Arabia. In that land of heat and sun and sand without water he suffered untold thirst, and wished as Job had done before him, that he had never been born. He began to pray to God for His pity and deliverance, lest he perish in that land of heat, sun, sand, sky, and earth with no water. For days he suffered, and after prayer, God let him see through the cliff of the rocks, the city of Mascott on the sea shore of Oman, below the Persian Gulf. It was not a mirage, but a real city seen through the cliff of the rocks. In his prayer to God, he had made a vow that if He would answer his prayer and deliver him he would go back home and dig a well by the side of the road so that none

need pass without having a refreshing drink of nice fresh water, a well where both man and beast could stop and be refreshed. When he reached the city of Mascott he heard some sailors speak in his native tongue, and they returned him to America.

His folks had thought him dead and his return caused much rejoicing. After the greeting, he asked for a spade and began his work, keeping his promise to his heavenly Father to dig the well for his fellowmen, that none who passed that way should suffer for a drink of water. He dug and dug until he struck a vein of water, then he had to scramble to the top in a hurry, for the water followed him as he climbed to the top. The well was finished, and there was water for all that passed his way. The tired and thirsty could stop and drink water to their fill and be satisfied. Both man and beast could go on refreshed and satisfied from his well. He was grieved if man in his haste did not stop and drink and rest by the side of his well.

Our heavenly Father is also grieved; for He, too, has dug a well that all mankind, both black and white, yellow and red, yea, all nations, may stop and drink from His well which will flow to the end of time. All nations may stop and drink of this FOUNTAIN OF LIFE and be changed from the curse of sin, which is slavery with the devil as master. By drinking from God's overflowing fountain, one can become as pure as heaven. The Word says, "Be ye holy, for I am holy." He expects us to be holy vessels unto the Lord while we live here upon this earth. His holy people can have no hatred in their hearts, but love for all people, regardless of color or race; for God's Word says, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me." Matt. 25. Remember, we cannot separate ourselves from God's saints just because they have African blood in their veins. If we do this, we just separate ourselves from the fold of Christ; and what we do to one of these little ones who trust in Him, we do to Him.

The African, the Indian, the Greek, the Chinese, the Japanese, the German, all that find the SAVIOUR, make up God's kingdom in the earth. and are in God's fold or house. All of God's saints

must fellowship God's redeemed, meek, and lowly followers, and live among the lowly. Christ said, "I am meek and lowly in heart, and ye shall find rest unto your souls."

Yes, pride separates souls from God, and pride separates nominal Christians from saints. We must love our fellow saints in the Lord if we ever see God's face in peace, because God, the One who dug the WELL of SALVATION, is the God of love and without love there is no fellowship. Can we afford to do less than God wants us to do? Can we afford to despise our brethren of darker hue or different color? I came from Puritan stock on both sides of our family, but without love to my fellow saints in light, I would be blacker in God's sight than any African's skin. It is not the color of our skin that makes us acceptable unto God, but the color of our hearts. The proud heart is far from God. It needs redemption.

Salvation is an individual work of God to those who drink at His FOUNTAIN of LIFE, His overflowing well, which is JESUS the righteous one. He says, COME UNTO ME AND DRINK OF THE WATER OF LIFE AND LIVE FOREVER.

—Edith Kriebel.

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"Lift up a standard for the People."

Isaiah 62:10.

I.a.—Greetings of love to the readers of the "Faith and Victory" paper.—I feel it will be to the glory of God that I write briefly some of my life's story.

My mother died when I was ten. For three years my father had a housekeeper who was very good to my sisters and brothers. There were six of us; I was the oldest. The lady seemed to have a pick at me because I could tell Father of some of the things she did. Oh, how I missed my mother! When I was thirteen years of age, Father put us in a Catholic convent so I could go to school. I had helped with the work at home and had missed much school. We left home on July 20, 1910. My two brothers were in one place and we four girls in another. We were separated for the first time. Oh, how I cried and longed for Papa and home.

The Catholic sisters were good to us. Then a new life began. I went to school and studied catechism. I took my first communion, was confirmed by Bishop Shaw and went regularly to confession and communion as all good Catholics do. Three years later I was a good Catholic and would fight for its teachings. Then Father took me out of the convent and he died a year later. Left alone, I entered training for a nurse—a profession which I have kept all along and still nurse where I can to the glory of God. I have seen many sad things while nursing. I have seen many souls go into eternity unprepared to meet God; have heard men who were strong while in health, pleading for more time on their death beds.

November 16, 1916 I was married to a man who professed in the Church of Christ. We were married by a Justice of the Peace, and I thought he would have our marriage blessed by the priest. We were happy for a while, but he didn't have our wedding blessed. I was excommunicated from the church and was in trouble in

mind and in the home. I was high-strung and wanted to go to communion and take a part in my church, but couldn't. My husband and I fussed and both cried. He said that he would not go to church anywhere. I didn't go either. We had quite a pull, but, thank God, we stayed together. We are still together after twenty-nine years and love each other. Even as a Catholic, I did not believe in divorces.

Dear ministers of God, we need to cry aloud and spare not against the awful evils of divorce and double marriage. So many of our young people are in adultery. If they want to get saved and live for the Lord, what a price they have to pay! There is no way around Matt. 19:9, "And I say unto you, Whosoever shall put away his wife, except it be for fornication, and shall marry another, committeth adultery: and whoso marrieth her which is put away doth commit adultery." Young people, you that are saved, be sure that you marry saved companions.

Eight years passed with hard work, worry, no contentment of soul, and no children to bless our home. We took a sweet, little boy ten days old. What a joy and comfort he was to us!

Some friends lived a quarter of a mile from us. The old grandma called herself a saint. At that time I did not understand that any saints existed on the earth. But she was a sweet old lady. Her daughter, whom I knew well, danced and played cards as I did; but the dear old saint kept living for God. She would leave home when her daughter would give parties or dances. At last the daughter went to a campmeeting and claimed to get saved but she did not change much. She invited Bro. and Sister Watson (now Sister Key) to our community to preach. They came and this sister dug down and got a good case of salvation.

On the first night of the little tent meeting I went out for curiosity only. I thought it was awful for a woman to preach. I was very bold and did ugly things. I thought I was spiting the preacher. I even told her that I just came out to hear a woman preach. However, the Lord began to talk to me the first night of the meeting. I was a snuff user, and when the Word went forth on that dirty stuff, I said, "Those Holiness preachers don't buy my tobacco, and it isn't any of their business." But I was ashamed of it and wouldn't use it in company. I was miserable, for something told me I was wrong. I would stay at home away from service, but the Lord talked to me. Then I would go again and He would still talk. Oh, how miserable I was. The truth went forth on modest dress. I took the shield out of my dress and made the neck as low as I could. I sat so bold, but the Lord followed me. He knew I was just ignorant and was letting the devil cause me to do those mean things. Finally, on the last day of the meeting, while at home, I was doing my work when the Lord got so heavy I could not carry it. I went into my bedroom and in my simple way asked the Lord to save me. I told him I would quit everything I knew that was wrong. Praise God, he spoke peace to my troubled soul.

I did not know just what I would need to do, but my faith was in God. I gave up my snuff, told God I would quit it if it killed me. Well, I thought it would kill me, but the Lord knew my heart. He said that He would not let me be tempted more than I could bear—I did not know that then for I had not studied the Bible.

Dear people, we can and must give up all filthiness of the flesh and spirit for Jesus. Heaven is holy; there are no spittoons there, and here on earth is the place to clean up. We must be as clean here as the saints are over there.

After Jesus saved me and I began to tell the folks, they made light of me. They said I would be using my snuff in a few days and that my religion would last three months; but twenty years have passed, and I am still free. My sister, who was Catholic, would not let her little girl spend the night with me any more, she said, since I was sanctified. Oh, I came up against so many things.

I did not know at first that I needed to make my wrongs right. I was so happy I didn't see the need of taking off my wedding ring, but in a short time the Spirit of God began to teach me. If we are honest, the Lord will teach us what to do. His teachings and the Word of God will be the same; the Word and the Spirit agree. One night while reading aloud by the fireside, I read 1 Peter, 3rd chapter. When I got to the 3rd verse where it tells us about "not the wearing of gold," my husband asked me what I was going to do with my wedding ring. He was not saved, but he was watching. He knew more of the Bible than I did. A light flashed on my pathway, so off came the ring and other things as I received light. Persecutions came and many things happened.

I was in meeting one night when the word of God was being preached. I was saying, "Amen." Then something was said and I then saw that I had wrongs to make right. While clerking in a store I had taken fifty cents. That was not much, but enough to bring condemnation to my soul. The devil said, "Now what about your amens?" I said, "Amen, Lord, I'll make it right." The man from whom I had taken the money was a millionaire and had been really nice to me. When I went home from meeting I wrote to him and confessed what I had done. I told him that the Lord had saved me. His answer commended me for the stand which I had taken and said that if there was anything he could do to erase it from my mind to count it done. Another wrong I had to make right was the killing of a pesty pig which persisted in rooting up the garden. I threw it into the pasture. I did not have money at that time to pay for it, but the Lord showed me that I had a cow to sell. I said, "All right, Lord, give me a buyer." The next evening a lady came and wanted to buy my cow. I asked how much she would give me, and the price was more than I had expected. There was nothing left for me to do but go and confess and pay. My husband told me there was no need of that, that I would only make a show of myself; but I went and confessed and was ready to pay. The people broke down and cried. They said, "We believed you were a good woman, now we know it." They wouldn't have any pay. I felt good in my soul when I had gone all the way for the Lord. I could tell many experiences.

The Lord called me to preach the gospel. I thought that was something I just could not do; surely the Lord did not mean that I should go out and preach. I could nurse, clerk in stores, do house work, work in the field; but the thought of speaking before crowds horrified me. I did not know the Bible well. Too, I had made my income by nursing and preaching would be by faith. I did not understand that the Lord would supply all of my needs. I compromised by teaching a Sunday School in my home. The Lord blessed, but that was not enough; He had called me to preach. I did not let anyone know that I felt called to preach. One day one of the ministers asked me if I did not feel my call. I started, but did not go very far. I went back to nursing. I got away from the Lord; not into open sin, but I failed the Lord and lost the joy out of my soul.

Dear people, we cannot trifle with God; He knows our hearts. "Obedience is better than sacrifice." I renewed my consecration, but I still had to preach to please

the Lord. I had begun to get stout. I weighed 180 lbs. when saved and in a short time I had gained 100 lbs. My size embarrassed me. I knew that some people would make remarks. What a struggle I had! The Lord permitted me to be sick with heart trouble and other afflictions, until I wasn't able to do much work. Finally, I promised the Lord that by His help I would preach. He healed me and gave me the scripture in Psalms 81:10: "Open thy mouth wide and I will fill it." I still stand on that scripture, for of myself I can do nothing; what is done the Lord has to do it. —Catherine Simpson.

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He Is Calling Thee Now!

We cannot escape God's judgment, no matter where we go or what we do. (Psalms 139:7, 8). God sees and knows and is there. We cannot think anything in secret. Backslider and sinner, you can not run away from God, you cannot hide your evil deeds from Him no matter how long you are able to hide them from your fellowmen. Even an evil thought is a sin, so it behooves us to keep pure within. What anguish you are having in your souls, you who have once known God and are now away from Him. Aren't your sin-laden hearts weary with the cares of the day? Don't you long for that sweet love of God you once had in your heart—if you are really honest with yourself? Do you remember how sweet it was to trust in God, and to cast all your cares on Him? How free you felt when you were trusting in Him!

What a joy and peace I feel within my soul tonight! It is a bliss no mortal tongue can describe. Oh, dear sinner, the Lord is calling you to repent and to get your name written in the Lamb's book of life. Take this strait, narrow, heavenly highway on your journey through life. Shun the broad way of sin that leads to perdition. Turn away from this way and take the way that gives you true happiness both now and in eternity. God is calling you tonight. Make this decision for Him. You'll never regret it. Do it *now* before it is forever too late. It does not pay to put off salvation, for we know not what moment we may be swept into eternity. Oh, dear sinner friend, repent and accept Jesus as your Saviour NOW!

—Betty White

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Minn.—I sent a request for prayer in behalf of Br. Robert when he was so seriously ill. I meant to write you soon after but neglected it. I wanted you all to help me praise God for answering prayer. God certainly answered prayer and undertook, not only for him but touched my ear for which I had prayed for years. I had been anointed and there was no change. However, I held right on to God. Just when I needed help and encouragement the most God touched my ear. Praise His name. It isn't too late yet to help me praise God for His great love and mercy toward me.

How I wish I could be with you in campmeeting. I haven't been to one since 1929. If I don't get to one here I want to live so carefully that I can meet with the great throng throughout eternity.

Yours in Him,

Margaret Robert

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Texas—Dear Bro. Pruitt,—I have been a reader of "Faith and Victory" nearly three years and consider it one of the cleanest Christian papers published in our great nation. It teaches the blessed scriptures as God wrote them. "The gospel must first be published among all nations." St. Mark 13:10. Back to the Bible is the only hope for any civilization or individual.

Jesse J. Gorman

Editorials

We put out no *Faith and Victory* paper in Aug., so it has been two months since we have sent any word to our many readers. We trust all of you have kept your eyes on Jesus and are pressing the battle on against sin and all manner of wickedness and have allowed the Spirit of God to have his right-of-way in your hearts; for it is God that worketh in us both to will and to do of his good pleasure. We are the clay and He is the Potter.

Your servant and all the workers here at the office have not laid down the armor of God, but we have all been busy for the Lord in one way and another. Some of us have attended the campmeetings at Hammond, La., Monark Springs, Mo., Guthrie, Okla., and Bogata, Texas. Our souls have been fed. God blessed in all of these meetings and at times in a large measure. We had the pleasure of seeing many souls pray through to victory at the altar of prayer; some for peace through the Lord Jesus by repentance and some sanctified or baptized by the Holy Spirit of promise. Many received healing for their bodies through faith in Jesus, the One who has all power both in heaven and in earth. Glory to His holy name!

We desire to speak especially of the State campmeeting at Guthrie as it was greatly blessed of God from the beginning to the end, and at times in the meeting heaven was very real. Souls gathered at the altar of prayer for help and would get up rejoicing, having met God who has power over Satan, and soul troubles took their flight leaving peace, quietness, and great assurance in the soul. The meeting was well attended and the large tent (40 ft. by 60 ft.) was often filled to overflowing with saints and others who were interested in their souls' welfare. Many different states were represented at the meeting: California, New Mexico, La., Texas, Florida, Nebraska, Mo., Wisconsin, Minn., Illinois, Colorado, Kansas, Arkansas, and Indiana, besides a large number from the state of Okla. It was a glorious meeting and a blessed refreshing time from the presence of the Lord. Twenty or more ministers were present and the word went forth with power and in the demonstration of the Spirit of God. Many testified to the saving and healing power of the Lord, and some testified about how God had led them out of Babylon confusion into the Church of the living God, and of how God had cleared up their vision as to the true Church in the earth, the lively functioning body of Christ which has come down from God out of heaven and will be taken back to heaven when God sets fire to this old world, for they are the Bride, the Lamb's wife, spoken of in Rev. 21:9, 10.

We truly thank God from the depths of our heart that he has stopped this awful war which has brought so much misery upon the innocent and such a great slaughter of God's creatures of different nations. God forbid that we as the saints of

God, the bride, the Lamb's wife, should rejoice as carnal men rejoice over the spoils of another nation even though they may be our enemies, for God has said in His sacred word, "Rejoice not when thine enemy falleth, and let not thine heart be glad when he stumbleth, lest the Lord see it and it displease Him, and he turn away his wrath from him." Prov. 24:17, 18.

Our weapons are not carnal, but mighty thru prayer. Our warfare is not a carnal one, but is fought against spiritual wickedness in high places. By the denying of our self life and allowing Jesus to be seen we prove to those who can see that Jesus has already conquered the devil and all his hosts when he died on the cross, was laid in the tomb and arose on the third day by the awakening power of God, now to reign and rule over sin and evil forevermore. Bless His holy name!

The carnal men of this world rejoice greatly because they have gained the victory, so they think over their enemies; but the saints who do not enter into war and killing, thank God that He has brought an end to such great misery and slaughter of life which the devil has brought about by his evil workings in the hearts of wicked men.

While this nation through its strength and power has been allowed of God to literally crush their enemies and bring them to their knees as beggars, yet they have failed completely to subdue their worst enemy. In fact, by their so-called victory they have strengthened and fortified themselves in their self-righteousness, and Satan, who is the author of war and human bloodshed, will in his crafty ways work in and through exalted, fleshly men to bring about in this country in time to come greater misery, destruction of life and property than human beings have ever seen. Real, lasting peace can never be secured by force, but will come only when people humble their hearts down before God in real heart-repentance and are born from above and then so live that they will retain the life of Christ in the soul. Then, and then only can any family, city, or nation have real, lasting peace.

Satan is in his glory when he can get nations in bloody combat. He can only do that when men are without God in their souls, for the Spirit of God working through Christ tells us to love our enemies and to do good to those that hate us. This is made plain in Romans 12:19, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay saith the Lord." Therefore the saints of God do not have to fight carnally, but just tell it to Jesus and he will take care of their enemies and those who impose upon them in any way. It is wonderful what great freedom the saints of God have while living among men of this earth. Truly the scriptures are fulfilled in the case of the saints where Jesus says "If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed."

There shall never be any lasting peace so long as Satan is loose in men's hearts, for he will cause

them to think evil, to do evil, and to line up with those who are evil. These world powers that are planning to make and formulate laws to have lasting peace will in time find that the devil will work up war among themselves and greater distress and woe will come upon the nations of earth. From observing the powers of evil that are working in this country of ours, it is easy to see that we are facing rebellion and an overthrow of our supposed-Christian nation, which will bring misery to many and much persecution with killing of true Christians. If the people in our nation who claim to be Christian were Christ-like in heart, were really born from above, and were retaining that life in their souls, they could agree in prayer before God and He would subdue all our enemies without one of us becoming carnal and fighting back or lining up with those that do fight and kill. Then the saints would have something worthwhile to rejoice over, inasmuch that it would be Jesus our King who gave the victory. It is just and righteous for God to do as he pleases with his created beings, but he has never given that right to man. When man takes vengeance in any way, he is robbing God of that which belongs to Him, and becomes a transgressor in the sight of God.

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It takes much grace and wisdom from God to be steadfast and unmovable in these evil days, and we find that people in general will not receive the truth, but will heap to themselves teachers having itching ears. It is easy for men to take up with preachers who will not walk in the brightly shining light of this evening time, therefore they will brand those who are walking in the light as fanatics and try to turn the Lord's sheep away from the holy and pure way. You may gain the praise of men and escape persecution and the scoffs of the religious, worldly-minded people, but you cannot please God and sow to the flesh and follow their counsel and advice. The Bible teaches us to grow in grace and in the knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the more we have knowledge of Him and his ways the more grace we shall need. There will be a constant growth, making a healthy soul, as we walk in the light which is continually shining brighter. Any minister who thinks he has all the light and knowledge and refuses to walk in the brighter light will in time become a stagnant pond, spiritually speaking, and will lose his own soul with all who hear him. The brighter light of God will never lead you closer to the world, will not cause you to conform to the world, but will cause you to get farther and farther from the world and its carnal ways. This will bring more persecution upon you and you will be misunderstood and blamed by those who are drawing back from true light and knowledge.

When Jesus was here he did not receive honor nor dishonor from men. To receive dishonor from men when you are innocent of any wrong would bring you into confusion and bondage. To receive

honor of men when all honor is due the Lord would only puff up the fleshly man and cause him to soon be filled with his own ways. It takes much grace, wisdom, and power from God to stand steady and firm against all the fiery darts which the enemy is hurling at the righteous in these days of multiplied digressions.

It seems that many of the saint preachers in these days are drinking some Babylonian wine, and their vision of the true Church, the Body of Christ which is functioning in the world, has become dim, and unless they cease to drink the wine of the "kings of the earth" who are committing fornication with Satan's wife, they will become so blind that they will put darkness for light and light for darkness and become one among many religious sects who will persecute and slander the members of the Body of Christ.

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When we began to publish the *Faith and Victory* paper, we put no subscription price on it and for seven years there was no subscription price on it because we believed it pleasing to God to send it out that way so He could thoroughly test and try our faith. Then after seven years of tests and trials, it seemed good to us and the Holy Spirit to put a small subscription price of 25 cents per year on the paper, which sum was barely enough to pay for the paper used in printing it. The work goes on as purely a work of faith in God, and he has proved himself faithful all through these trying years. If we were wrong in putting out the paper without price, then Jesus made a serious mistake when he sent his disciples out as recorded in Luke 9:3, as he told the disciples to take nothing for their journey, neither bread nor money. In Luke 22:35 he asks them again if they lacked anything when he sent them out with nothing and they said they lacked nothing. Then in the 36th verse he instructed those that had a purse to take it. If the Lord would deal with the disciples at that time, is it a strange thing for him in these last days, when light is as the morning, to deal likewise with his followers?

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Since the campmeetings are over, the office force is back in the Lord's print shop and the machinery is humming again. While campmeeting was in progress here at Guthrie, the "Automatic Feeder" for the 12 x 18 Job Press arrived. We had ordered this Automatic Feeder last fall and on account of war conditions we could not get delivery until now. The company sent two men up from Dallas, Texas to attach it to the Press. It is in operation now, printing the gospel tracts which are going forth in a steady stream to all parts of the country, bringing vital gospel messages to thousands of precious souls. We are truly thankful to God for this machine and know that God will not forget to reward those who gave of their substance to make this printing and publishing possible. The Lord is encouraging us much in the printing work. He is

getting the shop equipped so that when the paper shortage is over we shall be able to double the amount of printed material and send it forth to rescue precious souls.

Continue to pray for us, dear readers, that all phases of the work may be kept up in divine order and that the brighter shining light of the gospel may reach every honest soul, separating them from the world and all its foolish ways.

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A PAVILION TO BE BUILT

For years and years the saints have had their State Assembly meeting at Guthrie, Oklahoma. It has been well attended and successfully governed by divine power and many souls can look back with pleasure that they sought and found the Lord during some of the Assembly meetings at Guthrie.

Several years ago the saints decided that Guthrie would be the proper place for the State Campmeeting which had previously been held at Oklahoma City, Okla. as the oil industry had surrounded the camp grounds there and the noise of drilling and pumping made it hard to have meeting. They purchased a house and lots across the alley from the saints' meeting house at Guthrie and remodeled the house, making it into a dining hall, and since that time the State Campmeeting has been held at Guthrie each August with much success in a spiritual sense. Also, since it is centrally located, it is convenient for all in the state.

The campmeeting this year was one of the best which we have had and the word was preached with power and demonstration of the Spirit. Many went to the altar of prayer to obtain spiritual help and the saints were wonderfully built up in the faith and oneness of the Spirit. When mention was made about the state tent becoming old and worn and would soon be in such a dilapidated condition that it would not be suitable for meeting purposes and the proposition was put before the congregation of saints about building a pavilion here at Guthrie which would be used for the campmeeting here each summer, hands went up all over the assembly of saints until it seemed that it was unanimously their will that a pavilion should be built. An offering was taken, which was the beginning of the pavilion building fund.

If other offerings are added to this offering (which amounted to \$85.44) throughout the year, there will be sufficient money in the treasury by next summer at campmeeting time for the trustees to get together and begin the building of the pavilion. We are asking all the congregations over the state, and elsewhere if they are interested, to set aside one Sunday offering each month and send it to this office to be applied on the pavilion building fund. If any of our readers feel led to help, your offerings will be greatly appreciated and God's blessings will be upon you. If all will lay it to heart and do what they can, it will be easy to have sufficient funds by next summer to erect a building which will be much cooler than the tent and better in every way for campmeeting purposes. Let us all pray and do as He bids.

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Anderson, Ind.—Dear saints,—Our tent meeting will begin August 20 and will continue indefinitely; located one-half block south of St. R. 9 in S. W. part of Anderson, Ind. The city bus runs within one-half block of this.

Wm. Pearson, 1319 Brown St., Anderson, Indiana

Dear Saints,—By the Lord's help we are furnishing a two-room apartment. We would like to have some sister come and share it with a sister here or a man and wife could have it alone. We desire to raise up a clean work for God so we want some good saint in the apartment who is clear with God and His true saints, who will come and worship with us and help us. The rent is free for caring for fire, grounds, etc. Anyone who feels led of the Lord to come should first write to Sister Minnie Brown, R. R. 2, Tinsley Park, Ill. This is a suburb of Chicago.

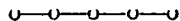
We are having Sunday School at 9:45 a.m. and gospel services at 7:30 p. m. Sundays. Any saints or ministers who come this way, be sure to stop and see us. Telephone No. 2392.

We are so happy and grateful for all God has done for us and we mean to keep pressing on and stay at the front of the battle lines. Christian love, Minnie Brown



Camp Meeting Notice

There will be an old fashioned campmeeting of the Church of God at Langdon, Mo., beginning Sept 14, lasting through Sept. 24. This will be the last campmeeting of the church of God this season. This is a very needy field and we shall need helpers and ministers to help in this meeting. Bring bedding and cots if you have them. This meeting will be run on the free-will offering plan. By the Lord's help, we will take care of those who come. We cordially invite every lover of truth to come regardless of creed, color, or race. Those coming by railway, come to Langdon on Burlington Route; those coming by bus, come to Rockport, Mo. For further information write Egbert Allen, Langdon, Mo., home minister.



Tulsa, Okla.—To all the dear saints scattered abroad, I greet you in Jesus dear name.—I am glad the Bible is true. It is our way-bill to glory. It seems there is so much suffering and disappointment in this old world until it makes us homesick for heaven; but we need to be faithful to our blessed Lord and be ready when our name is called—it is sad that many will not be ready when God calls.

The National Campmeeting has come and gone and is on record for eternity. Oh, may it have helped many souls, for what was left undone cannot be recalled. Many times meetings close out some soul; often it is someone whom we love.

The Lord truly blessed in the meeting and we believe much lasting good was done. I was so busy caring for the saints that I did not have the privilege of enjoying the spiritual part of the services as much as I desired to, but the meetings which I attended were very good. Truly, the truth fell like hail stones.

Expenses were met and a little money was left and not one time did we have to take up an offering for the table. The ministers were given a small offering.

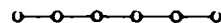
I want to thank all the dear saints for the bedding, towels, aprons, dish towels, and table ware which they sent. I had a pleasant surprise when I arrived and Sister Morris showed me all the nice things which the saints had sent to be used for campmeeting purposes. I felt ashamed of my little faith, for the Lord had caused His saints to show me that we should have more faith. There were 35 quilts; I had had faith for 25. There were over 200 dish towels. Some wrote that they were sending some quilts, but they didn't get to the meeting, so it is all right to send them to Sister James Morris, R. 3, Neosho, Mo. We used every quilt and all the blankets, and every bed tick was in use. I want to thank each one for your part in all this wonder-

ful surprise. I also wish to thank the sister who sent the six cream pitchers. They were useful.

For next year we need granite or tin cups. We have been using tin cans, but they are too large and not so good for table use. Will the saints please watch in the stores for these cups during the winter? We also need a large new butane stove and some butane hot plates. It was very difficult to cook for the saints—there were 110 on the grounds most of the time—on the old worn-out gas stoves which we have now.

We are glad to announce that Sister Strech is to be our new kitchen manager next year. Let us pray that her health will improve; also pray that she will have plenty of help. I plan to help her all I can.

Remember us in prayer. Bro. Barton was very sick after he came home. He is up, but he lost in weight. His leg gives him trouble. Also pray for the brethren to get under the burden concerning the building of the dining hall. We can build the basement and foundation now. Workers are needed. Sister Barton.



To the dear saints scattered abroad: May God's blessings rest upon each of His children so they may shine for Him.

We feel it needful to write to the saints everywhere about a matter concerning the General Southern Camp ground located here at Hammond, La., which camp ground is beautifully situated and an ideal place for saints' annual camp meetings to be held which are strictly run on the free-will offering plan—no charges for meals or sleeping quarters—and with God's help we endeavor to cling to the truth as it was first preached by Bro. D. S. Warner, Mother Sarah Smith, and other precious saints, and desire to see this place continue this way until Jesus comes.

This camp ground has been located here for about 38 years, as we just closed the 38th annual campmeeting July 8, 1945. Bro. F. M. Williamson was an humble minister of God whom the Lord used as founder of this work. He passed to his reward some years ago but his widow is still living here, who is still preciousely saved. A tract of land was purchased for the camp ground and buildings were erected on it for camp meeting purposes, but because of financial strain some of it, including five lots, was sold to one of the brethren at that time in order to raise money to carry on the needed improvements. We understand that at that time this brother expected to build on it for a home but later changed his mind, and now after a space of over 30 years he has decided to sell and the saints here feel it pleasing to the Lord to buy it back and add it back to the camp ground like it was at the beginning, for the main reason of keeping away undesirable neighbors. For instance, this plot of ground is about the right size for a worldly playground or anything else similar to it, which we feel would be a great hindrance spiritually to this neighborhood and campmeetings held year after year to have anything like that close by. During the camp meeting just closed it was decided upon to buy this land back for the sum of \$500. \$150 has already been paid on it, leaving a balance of \$350 yet to be met. And the matter is left so if later any of the saints feel led of the Lord to purchase any of these lots for themselves a home they may be free to do it and the money received from such purchases will be used for further improvement of the camp ground, which is greatly needed. Some improvements have been made along, but as everything is in constant deterioration, there is constant need of replacement. Right now many things need to be done on the grounds. The saints here at

Hammond have had a big part of this load to carry and greatly appreciate any financial help any of you feel led of the Lord to give us. This camp ground is yours as much as ours—we just live here is the only difference—and we want you to enjoy the camp meetings with us. Dear ones, you do just whatever you feel the Lord directing you to do in this matter and He will reward you many times in return. Christian love to all.

Please send all donations to Bro. and Sister Ray Key, residing ministers, or Max Williamson, care of Post Office, or C. H. Bailey, P. O. Box 694—members of the camp ground committee, all of Hammond, La.

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NATIONAL CAMPMEETING NOTES

The dates for the 1946 National campmeeting at Monark Springs, Mo. have been set for July 19 to 28 inclusive. For the past three years false rumors have been going abroad that there would be no National campmeeting. However, the meeting was held each year as officially advertised in this paper, and will continue each year as long as the Lord permits. Therefore, we advise that from now on, that you accept no report contrary to those announcements which you find in this paper.

Plans have been made for the building of the dining hall on the National campground at Monark Springs, Mo. Those who have attended the meeting are aware of the urgent need for such a building, which is to include a basement for storage, etc., and a full story above the dining hall for sleeping quarters. With prospects bright that materials will soon be available, it is up to the saints by the leadings of the Lord to work and give, so that the building will be constructed and ready for use at the next campmeeting. A sum is in the dining hall fund for this purpose, but several hundred dollars are yet needed to pay the cost. Let us work and pray for this need.

Please send your offerings to the undersigned, whose address is 1005 W. Mansur, Guthrie, Okla.

—L. D. Pruitt, Secy.-Treas.

Campmeeting Report

The Oregon Campmeeting at Jefferson has again gone on record in God's book of remembrance. A number of the holy remnant from different parts of the country were camped on the ground. The love and fellowship of his saints was precious and the truth went forth with power. A number were saved, some were sanctified and bodies were healed by His power. Fourteen followed the Lord in baptism and seventy-five took part in the ordinance of Feet Washing and the Lord's Supper. The Lord sent Bro. John W. Wilson and his wife Essie, Bros. Gene Harmon and Victor Orr, S. L. Fingerle from California to be with us, also local ministers, Bro. Carter and Kleiwer and others. God honored His word by pouring out His Spirit. We feel that God has His hand on the work at this place and ask the prayers of all saints that His kingdom be advanced and souls be brought to the truth. Yours in Christ, redeemed by the blood, ready to suffer for Him that I may be partaker of His glory, Sam Wilson

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To all the dear saints of God scattered abroad, we send greetings. We are still busy for the Lord, enjoying His service and blessings. The good Lord has led us to conduct several meetings since April. We've had meeting at Glendale, Pomona, and Bakersfield. At the latter place we surely had a blessed time. Some sick ones were healed and all the saints were much encouraged.

We also met Sister Bell and Sister Wily there. We went to Fresno where we sat together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus. We left Fresno for Grants Pass, Ore., visiting some sick ones along the way. We stopped at Salida with Bro. and Sister Holoman. We met some saints at Orland. Bro. Verl Cleaver is caring for the work at Grants Pass, which is a new work and is moving along nicely with the Lord's blessings. We met saints whom we had never seen before. We thank the Lord for the young ministers and workers; it is encouraging to see them moving out for the Lord. We went to Jefferson and found the saints working on a building on the camp ground. On Friday all brought lunch and stayed all day. By working hard the saints had the building ready for the first service June 24th, which was an all day meeting with fifty-one present. We were in a few services in Tillamook which is also a new field. God has a few children there.

At present we are at Chehalis, Wash., visiting and having meetings at the home of our uncle. We have met many of our relatives here in the west. The Lord willing, we expect to stay in the west until next spring or longer, if the Lord wants us to. We love the blessed truth of God with all our hearts and want to do all we can for souls while we are on this earth. We enjoy working for Jesus.

We wish to request prayer for our cousin, Ida Blankenship of Visalia, Calif. She has T. B. and has been in the hospital two years. In answer to prayer the Lord touched her. She is at home and much better.

Our address for the remainder of the summer is Jefferson, Ore., in care of Sam Wilson.

Your saved brother and sister, John and Essie Wilson

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Mo.—Dear Bro. and Sister Pruitt,—I promised the dear Lord that I would send my testimony, for he has been so good to me.

I have trusted Him 21 years for soul and body until last spring when I went to a doctor, but he could not help me. I was compelled to return to Jesus and call on Him. We have a sweet loving Saviour who always takes us back..

Please pray for me: I desire to be more like Jesus and have Him first in my life. I want to be true and do His will.

Mrs. Henry Gohring

A Universal Curse

This universe has one more curse,
That seems to grow from bad to worse.
Tobacco, snuff, and poison stuff,
In this age, none is just enough.

There's no excuse for so much use
Of so much poison smoke and juice.
No human should, no Christian would,
While hungry children cry for food.

It isn't funny to burn up money
That should be paid for bread and honey,
And laid in store, to feed the poor
That beg and starve right at your door.

Yea, everything the righteous king
Will into judgment surely bring;
And punish then ungodly men
Found guilty of this awful sin.

—G. W. McMillan

Young People's Section

The Precious Life

I'd love to sit at Jesus' feet
Like loving Mary did of old,
And feel his comfort rich and sweet,
Worth more than all earth's finest gold.

No other place on this vast earth
Can soothe and fill the longing heart;
Nor mundane joys, nor human mirth
Can e'er, I'm sure, such bliss impart.

Then Mary came with tears of love,
She at Christ's worthy feet did bow—
Can I do less than also crave
To be in such position now?

Let all those have earth's joys who will
Waste all their life in sinful lust—
Come, O Jesus, and my heart fill,
Make me dwell humbly with the just.

O Lord, that I might now recline
On Jesus' sweet and loving breast,
Though of this world no wealth be mine,
I need that comfort and soul rest.

Christ is my hope, my joy, my song,
I'm sure no other joys will pay;
My heart invites him all day long—
Oh friend, you need Him, come today!

O soul, I pray, don't turn Him down,
He's earth's most blessed portion. Friend,
He's holding out to you a crown,
You're lost without Him in the end.

—J. H. Pierson.

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Editorials

The campmeeting season is nearing its close. and up to this time it has been our privilege to attend three campmeetings—General Southern at Hammond, La., National at Monark Springs, Mo. and Oklahoma State here at Guthrie. All these meetings have been a great blessing to those in attendance. The Word was preached clear and definite by Holy Ghost ministers, and the Spirit of unity and harmony prevailed. Souls were saved, believers sanctified, and the sick healed in answer to the prayer of faith.

Fourteen years had elapsed since we last attended the Hammond campmeeting, and we enjoyed the fellowship of all the saints there and were glad to renew old acquaintances.

On account of travel restrictions and other shortages, the Monark Springs campmeeting was not so well attended as last year, but a better meeting has not been held on the grounds. Saints are getting

a stronger hold on God, for they realize these are perilous times when many winds of doctrines are blowing and many false prophets are gone out into the world and would deceive the very elect if possible. Yet you may be certain that God has a people, though few in number, who are going through on the Bible line.

The Lord wonderfully blessed in the Guthrie campmeeting. A much larger group of young people were in attendance at Guthrie than at Monark Springs. They held their meeting each afternoon at 4 o'clock.

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In answer to prayer, the Lord has brought this awful war to a close, and we thank Him for it. One has well said that there are no winners in war; all the nations concerned are losers, not only physically and materially, but morally and spiritually.

Isaiah says, "There is no peace, saith my God, to the wicked." Isa. 57:21. When people do not have peace between them and God, they cannot long have peace with one another. Many are now crying peace and safety, while on the other hand, there are many fears and doubts, and the present world situation is summed up in these stanzas of the song by Bro. Warner:

"We have reached an awful era,
In the onward flight of years,
While the nations are in slumber,
Crying 'peace' mid drowning fears;
Lo, the shadows of creation
Lengthen to the even-tide,
The Lord is surely coming
To receive His holy bride.

"Every human structure round us
Crumbles from the mighty shock,
While we stand upon the summit
Of the everlasting Rock;
Mighty heralds, swiftly flying,
Sound the news from shore to shore,
The Bridegroom is returning,
And already at the door."

—L. D. Pruitt

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To the Young People Everywhere: I am sixteen years old and I am happy to say that I received the Holy Ghost one month ago. I find that the holy path is the sweetest way to walk. Since I have changed my way of living my friends that I once had do not seem to like me any more, but it does not matter about having friends in this world. If we only have Jesus for our closest friend, we shall never be lonely. I have met with great temptations just in this short time, but the question always appears to me: "What would Jesus do if He were in my place?" I pray and use my best judgment in answering this and do as nearly like I think

He would as possible. If we always follow Jesus, we will make the goal that we have started out to reach.

When Jesus was here on earth, He set examples for us to follow, but how can we follow Him if we do not know Him? We should read and study the Bible and learn as much about Him as we can.

Dear friends, if you are not already saved and ready to meet Jesus when He comes, I pray that you will get more concerned about your soul and please make heaven your home.

Miss Jeanette Hester.

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La.—Dear Saints,—This, my testimony, is written with a desire to help some poor soul to see the right way before it is everlastingly too late. I am willing to fight against sin to make heaven my home. It gives me great pleasure to realize what the Lord is to the whole world. He is making the devil out a liar every moment of the day. I know if I am a child of God he will make everything work together for my good. I am thankful for the holy way. I do not have the privilege of attending meeting as I desire, but I have made the Lord a faithful promise that if He would only let me live I would obey His word and keep His holy commandment. I am out on the battlefield striving to do my best. I desire above all else to be obedient to the Holy Spirit. The Lord once told me what to do, but I did not want to be obedient to Him; but when the Lord got through with me I was surely willing to be obedient. Praise ye the name of the Lord! My mother and I are the only ones here who are saved. Since we are isolated, there isn't much that we can do for the Lord, but we can pray for others in need of help.

Miss Orilar Vaughns

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Ind.—Dear Bro. and Sister Pruitt,—I have been getting the "Faith and Victory" for a year. I consider it the most precious magazine that has ever been published. The testimonies of praise to our Master fills my heart with a sweet overflowing joy as I read each one.

I have proven His mercy and love and He has blessed me so many times. Praise His name, there is no limit to the blessings which He bestows on His children. I have known the Lord as a personal Savior and friend for the past five years, and I find Him just as precious as when I first accepted Him.

Various and many temptations attract the minds of the young people today, but I am so glad that I still find his grace sufficient for me. There is no sweeter joy for either the young or aged than that of doing the will of our heavenly Father; and my determination grows deeper each day to do more for Him who has done so much for me. Please include me in your prayers.

Miss Pauline Pryor

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Obituaries

John E. Wilson, son of Jackson C. and Sarah Wilson was born near Nashville, Tenn., Sept. 23, 1853, and passed away at his home in Greenfield, Mo., July 26, 1945, at the age of 91 years, 10 months, and 3 days.

He was married to Sarah Emaline Corn, Dec. 5, 1872. To this union eleven children were born. His wife and three children preceded him in death.

He leaves five sons: Arthur, Benton, Fred, John, and Orvil; three daughters: Mrs. Sarah Baker, Mrs. Golden Grace, and Mrs. Lucy Twentier; 36 grandchildren; 68 great-grandchildren; and 3 great-great-grandchildren.

When he was a young man he brought his family to Dade County, Mo., where he settled near Dadeville, and farmed for 25 years. In 1904, he moved to western Okla.,

and returned with his wife to Missouri and made their home in Greenfield until the time of his death.

As a young man he was converted and lived a Christian life for a time. He then failed God and lived for awhile in sin, but met the saints and sought and found God precious to his soul and enjoyed many happy years in the service of God.

He was laid to rest in the cemetery by Routh's chapel near his old home in Dade Co., Mo. Funeral services conducted by O. B. Wilson. Text: Heb. 9:27, followed by other scriptures suited to the occasion.

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Sarah Kendrick was born in December, 1887, and departed this life at Tulsa, Okla., July 5, 1945, at the age of 58 years.

In her youth, the year 1907, she gave her heart to the Lord and lived in remembrance of Him until life took its departure.

January 20, 1904, she was united in marriage to William T. Barton, who preceded her in death July 9, 1935. To this union thirteen children were born. One preceded her in death. October 9, 1937, she was united in marriage to N. M. Queen, who mourns her departure. Others who mourn are six sons: Frank, Elmer, Oscar, Raymond, Dean, and Donald; six daughters: Mrs. Grace Roberts, Mrs. Ruby Osburn, Mrs. Ruth Highley, Mrs. Wilma Caudle, Mrs. Mary Crowell, Mrs. Dorothy Highley; ten step-sons, two step-daughters; and twenty-seven grandchildren.

While we extend our sympathy and many friends mourn their loss, we do not mourn as those who have no hope, for we believe our loss is her gain, and we trust her many prayers for the salvation of her children will yet be answered. She was a faithful wife and a loving mother. The funeral service was conducted by O. B. Wilson. Text: Rev. 14:13.

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Although the obituary of Sister Amanda Shaffer has been delayed, we still wish to inform the saints of her death as she was well known to many of God's children. She fell asleep, sweetly, in Jesus at the home of her granddaughter, Mrs. William Cramer, and husband at Souderton, Pa., March 26, 1945. She was confined to bed only four days during which time she suffered patiently.

She was a native of Pa. She heard the truth of God preached in Philadelphia about 1907, and left sectism to take the narrow way with Jesus. Soon after that time the enemy was successful in having many of the followers of Christ in that city depart from the lowly ways of the Lord. Sister Shaffer detected his workings and stood firmly against compromise, although just a babe in Christ. Later, she with her husband and granddaughter moved 35 miles north of Philadelphia to Silverdale, Pa. Her granddaughter sought the Lord for His pardoning grace when just a child and other young people were contacted there who were not offended in Christ, and they took the narrow way with Jesus also, so a small congregation was raised up. At present they have a small meeting place in Souderton, Pa. with Bro. Charles Houck as pastor.

Sister Shaffer desired with all her heart to live godly and be an example of godliness and taught others likewise, and the Lord blessed her efforts in many ways. Her presence is sadly missed in the little congregation and in the home where she was a real mother.

Funeral services were conducted by Charles Houck, Perkasio, Pa., assisted by Bro. Wm. Downer, So. Seaville, N. J. Text: Josh. 24:15 and Deut. 30:15. Her house of clay awaits the second resurrection beside the remains of her husband at Northwood Cemetery, Philadelphia.

George Albert Farrell, eldest son of Isaac and Elizabeth Marsh Farrell, was born near Denison, Kans., Feb. 27, 1866, and departed this life August 10, 1945, at the age of 79 years, 5 months, and 14 days.

At North Cedar, Kans., on April 6, 1892, he was united in marriage to Cora Alice Torsh. To this union four children were born: Celesta, Alta, Albert, and Ruth.

In 1902, Mr. and Mrs. Farrell moved to Oklahoma, and located on the farm 12 miles southeast of Guthrie; which had been their home until his unexpected passing.

He is survived by his faithful companion of 53 years, three daughters, one son, ten grandchildren and two great-grandchildren, and other relatives and friends.

Several years ago he affiliated himself with the Church of God.

The funeral service was conducted by Fred Pruitt. Text: Job 14:14. Interment: Summit View Cemetery, one mile north of Guthrie, Okla.

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George Washington Winn was born Dec. 4, 1847, at Thomasville, Ga., died at Guthrie, Okla., Aug. 13, 1945, at the age of 97 years, 8 months, and 9 days.

He was married to Carry Jefferson, December 4, 1867, at Navasota, Tex. To this union nine children were born, six boys and three girls. Two boys and two girls preceded him in death, also his wife passed on to her reward Dec. 6, 1938. August 17, 1942, he was married to Mrs. Eliza McCullough of Guthrie.

He moved from Kansas to Oklahoma about the year of 1889. At that time he was an ordained preacher in the Methodist church, but he heard and accepted this truth about 1896 and was a minister of this gospel until the end of his life. He leaves the following to mourn his passing: His wife, Mrs. Eliza Winn of Guthrie; R. W. and C. C. Winn of Oakland, Calif.; G. K. Winn of Oklahoma City; S. S. Winn and Mrs. Anna L. Willhoite both of Guthrie; also 20 grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren, 2 great-great-grandsons and a host of other relatives and saints.

Farewell, thy toils of life are all now ended;
Soldier and saint of God, thy victory won;
Thou wouldst but grieve to see our tear drops falling,
Eternity's glad day with God is just begun.
Thy loyalty to God and truth has never wavered,
The fire of soul passion never cooled nor dimmed.
Farewell, dear soldier, thou didst fall in battle,
God called and thou didst go to Him.

God blessed thy youth and old age He hath given,
And now the joy thou hast no human tongue can tell;
For this glad day, we know thou long hast striven,
Thou hast gone on before and all is well.
Farewell, Brother, the torch is ours to carry,
The prize of God's high calling now is thine,
The sweet chariot swung low and carried thee to heaven,
Now countless hearts thy memory shall enshrine.

CORRESPONDENCE

Oklahoma—Dear saints scattered abroad,—I feel impressed this morning to write our testimony to try to tell what God has done for us. It seems hard to find words to express what He is to us. His great love, goodness, and mercy, and how He comes to help us in time of need. Oh, I feel that my cup is running over this morning with praises to God. We thank Him most of all for this great salvation, and the privilege of prayer. Everyone who wants this salvation can have it.

I want to tell of the miracle He performed in our home yesterday—just one of the many, many blessings He has bestowed upon us. Our little boy, 4 years old, was climbing up the side of a chicken house, and fell, breaking a window. It cut or knocked a big hole in his head just above his eye, which bled so badly. Sister Souder was here. I said, "Come and pray." We had prayer and the Lord stopped the awful bleeding. Then I noticed he was trying to talk and couldn't. He couldn't close his mouth or talk, or even swallow, and his tongue was drawn away back. I knew that he had lock jaw. We continued to call on God, and, praise His precious name, He heard our prayers and healed Tommy then. When he could close his mouth and began to talk and color came back into his little face, oh, how we did praise God. It made us realize how we need to live more carefully and prayerfully that we can call upon God in such a time of need. Sometimes we need the Lord quickly and we should be ready to pray always—pray without ceasing.

One time our little boy drank some kerosene and was near death and the dear Lord healed him. God has healed our family so many times, I could tell of many more instances of healing.

God healed my eye last April. My right eye was hurt. Water ran out of it for three days and it was very painful. I was losing my sight in it. We took it to the Lord in prayer and He healed it. Now I can see out of it as well as ever. Praise the Lord! I am so glad our trust is in God instead of man. Pray for us to stand true to God at any cost.

Mabel Melot

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Mo.—Dear Bro. Pruitt, Greetings,—I feel like it would be pleasing to God for me to tell how he healed my finger and kept it from getting sore when I cut a large slice and part of the nail off. I was setting some posts and nailing some cross ties on to hold up a wire to tie the red raspberry and boysenberry vines up to keep them off the ground. When flattening one of the cross ties with a hand axe it made a glancing lick and cut my finger. It was done so quickly that I did not realize it was done. It felt numb, and I looked at it and saw the piece of flesh hanging by a small skin. I placed it back and praised the Lord because I realized He is the same loving Jesus now that He was when He raised the widow's son and gave him back to his mother. I knew she was happy, and I was too, for I had the same Jesus who is touched with the feeling of my infirmity. I bound the finger with a cloth, and praise our dear Savior and healer, now the finger is healed without a scar. The nail has not grown out yet.

Praise the dear Lamb of God, he is all and in all to me. He keeps me in health every day to do my daily labors here on the camp ground. I find Jesus our shepherd a very present help in all my trials. If space would permit, I could tell many other things He has done for me. He is ever a friend in time of trouble.

I thank the Lord for giving me discernment of spirits. So many false teachers are in the world that we need to be able to discern spirits. They went out from us but they are not of us. If they had been of us they would have continued with us. Jesus warned us to go not after them. Praise His holy name for the gift of the Holy Spirit to lead us into all the truth of His word which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon and our hands have handled of the word of life (1 John 1:1). Thank God, I can bear witness and live every day that eternal life which I received some forty-seven years ago when Jesus washed me in His blood and wrote the word of God in my heart and He became my God and I be-

came His son. Some say I have lost my mind; but, praise God, I have the mind of Jesus; so I seek those things which are above where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God and my affections are set on things above, not on things on the earth. By the grace of God and the aid of the saints' prayers I expect to make heaven my home.

Your blood-washed brother, James E. Morris

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Mich.—Dear Bro. Pruitt,—I promised God that I would write a little testimony if He would heal me, so, dear ones in Christ, He surely answered my prayer yesterday. My heart was weak and my whole body pained until I could not get out of bed. The devil tried to bring suggestions to me, but I have trusted God so long—from the age of 40 to 88 years—so I told Satan to get behind me. I am all alone with God. I do not know of a true saint in Jackson. If there are any, I do not know where they are to call for prayer, so I just looked up to my dear God and said, "Dear God, I am going to trust you anyway." He gave me rest all night and I have been fine all day. It pays to be true. I don't take any of the devil's dope. Please keep me on your minds, dear saints, and remember me in your prayers. My dear old husband is still alive, but is no better, but we must be willing to suffer and not complain. Continue to pray for him.

Your sister in Christ, Mrs. Emaline VanZandt

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W. Va.—Greetings to the dear children of God who are bound together in unity by the Holy Spirit, forming the one body of Christ. I am thankful to say I am one of the stones in the building, by the grace of God. I trust my testimony will glorify God and strengthen someone who is weak in the faith. We that are strong need to bear the infirmities of the weak and not to please ourselves.

I did not feel well all winter. I had much pain in the back of my head. I tried to keep going. One day I had company and as I was trying to get dinner I became blind. The next day I had to go to town to attend to some business. I had to be brought home in a car and remained in bed a week, very sick. I felt like I would have a stroke. Husband can hardly hear, but I tried to make him understand that if I became unconscious he should not send for a doctor nor take me to a hospital. I knew he would not send for anyone to pray for me, so there I was. No neighbors came; but finally the Lord sent someone and through them I could send for a brother and sister who came and anointed me, laid on hands, and prayed the prayer of faith. I was healed instantly. When they left I asked husband for my clothes. He could see a great change had taken place and brought me some soup, which I ate and went to the kitchen to eat more. I stayed up until 9 o'clock that night and the next morning I arose and cooked breakfast. The devil tried to get the victory but I knew God had healed me so I turned a deaf ear to him. Later I joined in singing some gospel hymns we heard over the radio. Husband was truly amazed at what the Lord had done for me.

God will always be true to His promises—He only needs people who will trust Him so His mighty power can be shown to all. Heaven and earth will pass away but His word will not fail. I truly praise God for His goodness to me. I am saved, sanctified, and healed by the mighty power of God. I am standing on His promises. Please pray for the salvation of my husband and family.

A Sister in Christ, Georgiana Savre

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Mich.—Dear saints of God.—We greet you in our loving Saviour's name, hoping and trusting you are all on the

road that leads from earth to glory. Some sweet day when our work on earth is finished, we shall meet one another in that world where no sin nor sadness can ever come. That is what I am living for and hope to die for. We feel led to write a few words of encouragement at this time to you dear ones who are in the faith.

Seems like the devil is trying to wear out the saints in these closing days of time but we each must keep our eyes on Jesus and rest assured He will stand back of all His promises to us. He says "I will never leave thee nor forsake thee;" "No good thing will I withhold from them that walk uprightly." In Psalms the promise is, "Delight thyself in the Lord and He shall give thee the desires of thine heart." Just yesterday while hoeing in the garden my Lord said to me, "I prepare a table before you in the presence of your enemies." I realize our God is doing that daily for you and me. The devil froths and foams and rages and roars about us, he just cannot help it. Although Satan does many mean things against us, he cannot bias nor turn the great loving heart of God against us. People who do not love and serve God do yield themselves to be instruments of Satan to persecute God's humble saints, but as we keep sweet and forgiving in our hearts and pray for our enemies we become more like Jesus and less like the world; thus we become better examples of Jesus and that makes us hated more by the world.

Saul thought he was doing a good work (for the Law) when he went down to Damascus to persecute and trouble the saints in that city, but before he reached that city he came to realize that instead of doing a good work for the Lord he was persecuting Jesus. Jesus had been resurrected from the tomb and had gone to glory, but still he was persecuting Jesus by doing wrong to the children of God. The same is true today. Whenever some one wrongs God's saints, he is doing it unto the Lord. The Word says some folks will come up before the Lord in the judgment, and say, "Lord, where have we mistreated, lied, or defrauded you?" And the Lord will answer, "Inasmuch as you have done it unto one of the least of these, my saints you have done it unto me. Depart ye into everlasting torment." So dear ones, I want to encourage you to forget the depressing and hard things all about you that try to hinder your soul and keep the REWARD in view.

I would rather be the one to suffer in this life for Jesus' sake than to be the ones to cause the suffering. I do not believe there ever has been a time before when the saints on earth felt so forsaken. Confusion is everywhere; Satan has combined his forces to crush the living church and true holiness, but if we continue to keep His great and wonderful promises before us, who is he that can hinder the progress of a truly humble saint? Men can do nothing against the truth, but for the truth. When we draw the sweetness from the bitter, it is then we are growing more like Jesus and Jesus lives again on this earth in us.

May the grace of God help all the redeemed of earth to continue on in the way of the cross. Shine for Jesus and bear your cross for with that cross there is a blessed hope that reaches to the Home of the faithful. So press on.

In Jesus,

Hazel Brown

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Then said Jesus unto them again, Verily, verily, I say unto you, I am the door of the sheep. All that ever came before me are thieves and robbers: but the sheep did not hear them. I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture. John 10:8-10.

Prayer makes the darkest cloud withdraw
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JOSEPH'S PLACE IN GOD'S PLAN

Sunday, September 2, 1945

Daily Readings and Meditations

August 27 to September 1.

- M. Joseph the dreamer Gen. 37:5-11.
- T. Joseph sold into Egypt Gen. 37:25-28.
- W. God's blessings upon Joseph Gen. 39:1-6.
- T. Joseph exalted Gen. 41:37-46.
- F. Loyalty to God Dan. 3:13-18.
- S. Standing for the right Acts 4:13-20.

Printed PortionGenesis 39:20-23; 41:14-16, 25, 41-43.

Gen. 39: 20. And Joseph's master took him, and put him into the prison, a place where the king's prisoners were bound: and he was there in the prison.

21. But the Lord was with Joseph, and shewed him mercy, and gave him favor in the sight of the keeper of the prison.

22. And the keeper of the prison committed to Joseph's hand all the prisoners that were in the prison; and whatsoever they did there, he was the doer of it.

23. The keeper of the prison looked not to any thing that was under his hand; because the Lord was with him: and that which he did, the Lord made it to prosper.

41:14. Then Pharaoh sent and called Joseph, and they brought him hastily out of the dungeon: and he shaved himself, and changed his raiment, and came in unto Pharaoh.

15. And Pharaoh said unto Joseph; I have dreamed a dream, and there is none that can interpret it: and I have heard say of thee, that thou canst understand a dream to interpret it.

16. And Joseph answered Pharaoh, saying, It is not in me: God shall give Pharaoh an answer of peace..

25. And Joseph said unto Pharaoh, The dream of Pharaoh is one: God hath shewed Pharaoh what he is about to do.

41. And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, See, I have set thee over all the land of Egypt..

42. And Pharaoh took off his ring from his hand, and put it upon Joseph's hand; and arrayed him in vestures of fine linen, and put a gold chain about his neck;

43. And he made him to ride in the second chariot

which he had: and they cried before him, Bow the knee: and he made him ruler over all the land of Egypt.

Golden Text: Seest thou a man diligent in his business? he shall stand before kings. Prov. 22:29..

Practical Truth: God can protect his children and overrule seeming misfortunes for good.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

Joseph's life is a remarkable example of faithfulness to God in the face of difficult circumstances. It seemed unfortunate for him when his brothers sold him into Egypt, but through this God was making a means of deliverance for Jacob's family when the years of famine came. Joseph could not have been more than twenty years old when he entered into Potiphar's service, but through God's help he proved to be a gifted administrator and proved his faithfulness by refusing to yield to the corrupt, immoral influence of Potiphar's wife. This young man would not stoop to evil, however great the temptation or convenient the situation.

Joseph's dreams had no doubt stirred jealousy in his brethren, and they tried to get rid of him, but God had a plan to work out in his life. His life is absolute proof that no mischance or fortune or circumstance can cut a man off from the mercy and favor of God.

Difficult circumstances should never break the spirit of God's saints.. The aged Apostle Paul, weighted with chains, gave the church inspired scriptures; St. John banished on the isle of Patmos, in the Spirit on the Lord's day, saw the church in her glory; John Bunyan was in a dungeon when God gave him a dream and the allegory, "Pilgrim's Progress."

Joseph had found a grace which was more than equal to any Egyptian dungeon. One never knows in the midst of imprisoning circumstances how soon deliverance may come. This very day may bring it. Then let us look up and take heart. Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the Lord delivereth him out of them all.

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EGYPT'S PART IN GOD'S PLAN

Sunday, September 9, 1945

Daily Readings and Meditations

September 3 to 8.

- M. Joseph, the wise overseer Gen. 41:46-49.
- T. Joseph the administrator Gen. 41:53-57.
- W. Joseph meets his brothers Gen. 42:1-8.
- T. Providing for his brothers Gen. 42:18-25.
- F. God's care for all Matt. 6:25-34.
- S. Spiritual food for all Isa. 55:1-5..

Printed Portion Genesis 41:46-57.

Gen. 41:46. And Joseph was thirty years old when he stood before Pharaoh king of Egypt: and Joseph went out from the presence of Pharaoh, and went throughout all the land of Egypt.

47. And in the seven plentiful years the earth brought forth by handfuls.

48. And he gathered up all the food of the seven years which were in the land of Egypt, and laid up the food in the cities; the food of the field which was round about every city, laid he up in the same.

49. And Joseph gathered corn as the sand of the sea, very much, until he left numbering; for it was without number.

50. And unto Joseph were born two sons before the years of famine came: which Asenath the daughter of Potipherah priest of On bare unto him.

51. And Joseph called the name of the first-born Manasseh; For God, said he, hath made me forget all my toil, and all my father's house.

52. And the name of the second called he Ephraim: For God hath caused me to be fruitful in the land of my affliction.

53. And the seven years of plenteousness that was in the land of Egypt, were ended.

54. And the seven years of dearth began to come, according as Joseph had said: and the dearth was in all lands; but in all the land of Egypt there was bread.

55. And when all the land of Egypt was famished, the people cried to Pharaoh for bread: and Pharaoh said unto all the Egyptians, Go unto Joseph; what he saith to you, do.

56. And the famine was over all the face of the earth: and Joseph opened all the store-houses, and sold unto the Egyptians; and the famine waxed sore in the land of Egypt.

57. And all countries came into Egypt to Joseph for to buy corn; because that the famine was so sore in all lands.

Golden Text: He hath given meat unto them that fear him: he will ever be mindful of his covenant. Psalm 111:5.

Practical Truth: The resources which God has given the nations should be conserved.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

Although this is a temperance lesson, let us consider Joseph as a type of Christ. He began a great work at the age of thirty. The enemy designed to kill him but God preserved him, and in today's lesson we find him in Egypt with marvelous resources for the sustenance of physical life. He was thrust from his home twenty-two years previous to this time, but now in a foreign land he is the preserver of life, under one condition that souls would do as Pharaoh said regarding Joseph: "What he saith to you, do it." There was a turning to Joseph of all who realized the position to which the king had assigned him and thus their physical life was preserved. How good of Joseph that he refused none, not even his brethren who had wronged him so greatly. They came humbly and received sustenance.

Jesus began His ministry at the age of thirty. The enemy had tried hard to kill Him, but He came forth with all power within Himself to heal the sick, cast out devils, and also had power to perform any miracle necessary to destroy the works of Satan. He preached the gospel with all power and had authority to grant a penitent thief on a cross an entrance into paradise. At one time souls heard these words from the lips of His mother, "Whatsoever He saith unto you, do it." That is the message to us today. No one need die, spiritually. Jesus the Life-giver, is here in this dark and sinful world in spirit. Those who seek Him for spiritual sustenance as folks sought Joseph of old for literal bread shall never die. The blessed Holy Spirit is here to teach us truth. He inspires our hearts to exercise faith in the blood that was shed. Dear souls, will you determine that no power in earth or hell shall keep you from Jesus who has the supply of all you need?

In regard to temperance, suppose Joseph would have yielded to a temptation to use the grain God gave for another purpose than for food. What destruction of life would have been in the land. Oh, the cost of intemperance! The Lord causes even children to know the awfulness of drinking liquor. Let us pray for the youth of

our land so that we may have more characters as Joseph.

Temperance in little things that seem insignificant often brings blessings. Many years ago I read an admonition to be temperate in regard to sleeping. Medical authorities agree that each hour spent in needless sleep does the body more harm than good. Surely the Lord wants us to have enough sleep to refresh our bodies for service for Him, but let us remember that we are useless while we sleep. Jesus sometimes remained awake all night in the interest of God's kingdom. Let us all seek to be temperate in all things.

JUDAH'S CONCERN FOR HIS FAMILY

Sunday, September 16, 1945

Daily Readings and Meditations

September 10 to 15.

M. Judah's plea for Benjamin Gen. 44:18-29.

T. Judah's self-sacrificing offer Gen. 44:30-34.

W. Dishonoring parents Mark 7:6-13.

T. Rules for the family 1 John 2:12-14.

F. Parental duty Deut. 31:9-13.

S. Practical helpfulness James 2:14-18.

Printed PortionGenesis 44:18-34.

Gen. 44:18. Then Judah came near unto him, and said. O my lord, let thy servant, I pray thee, speak a word in my lord's ears, and let not thine anger burn against thy servant: for thou art even as Pharaoh.

19 My lord asked his servant, saying, Have ye a father, or a brother?

20. And we said unto my lord, We have a father, a old man, and a child of his old age, a little one: and his brother is dead, and he alone is left of his mother, and his father loveth him.

21. And thou saidst unto thy servants, Bring him down unto me, that I may set mine eyes upon him.

22. And we said unto my lord, The lad cannot leave his father: for if he should leave his father, his father would die.

23! And thou saidst unto thy servants, Except your youngest brother come down with you, ye shall see my face no more.

24. And it came to pass, when we came up unto thy servant my father, we told him the words of my lord.

25. And our father said, Go again, and buy us a little food

26. And we said, We cannot go down: if our youngest brother be with us, then will we go down; for we may not see the man's face, except our youngest brother be with us.

27. And thy servant my father said unto us, Ye know that my wife bare me two sons:

28. And the one went out from me, and I said, Surely he is torn in pieces; and I saw him not since:

29. And if ye take this also from me, and mischief befall him, ye shall bring down my gray hairs with sorrow to the grave.

30. Now therefore when I come to thy servant my father, and the lad be not with us; (seeing that his life is bound up in the lad's life;)

31 It shall come to pass, when he seeth that the lad is not with us, that he will die: and thy servants shall bring down the gray hairs of thy servant our father with sorrow to the grave.

32. For thy servant became surety for the lad unto my father, saying, If I bring him not unto thee, then I shall bear the blame to my father for ever,

33. Now therefore, I pray thee, let thy servant abide instead of the lad a bond-man to my lord; and let the lad go up with his brethren.

34. For how shall I go up to my father, and the lad be not with me? lest peradventure I see the evil that shall come on my father.

Golden Text: How shall I go up to my father, and the lad be not with me? Gen. 44:34.

Practical Truth: True love shows itself in sacrifices for others.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

Judah realized the time had come when he had to make every effort to change the mind of the ruler before him who had the power of a king. He felt small and insignificant, but he had a petition weighing heavily upon his heart. He became willing for ANYTHING just so the petition might be granted. He had the interest of his family at heart.

It is our privilege to pour out our hearts to Jesus as Judah did to Joseph. Has the enemy ever tried to keep you from being real open-hearted in prayer? Has he ever tired to keep you from becoming real willing for the Lord to have His way? Has he ever tired to whisper to you to be careful for you know not what you will have to suffer? When our life is clear it is the greatest blessing to go before the Lord in prayer, all given up for the Lord to undertake and work things out. No doubt, Judah felt persuaded down deep in his heart that Joseph would do him good, regardless, and we are thus fully persuaded concerning Jesus, for His precious promises cannot fail.

Joseph could have revealed himself to his brethren immediately but they had concealed their evil deed so long and now it was time for them to make their own confession, so that they would never glory in the presence of Joseph any more. The enemy succeeds in having souls refrain from open confession today. Each time reverses come they remember it is no doubt the judgment of God meted out for the concealed wrong. How much better to make confession and know it is all under the blood and that we have escaped from the wrath of God.

No doubt our petitions would be granted immediately if the dear Lord did not have our good at heart. Nothing is more profitable than waiting before the Lord. We KNOW He will do us good. While we have a way mapped for deliverance we see the Lord work in a far more glorious way. How many mothers expected the Lord to undertake for their boys by restoring peace the fourteenth day of August? They were praying for the safety of their precious boys, expecting the Lord to work in some way they had mapped out, no doubt, but the mighty hand of God stretched out in mercy and love and pity and silenced all artillery—oh, our lips are almost dumb and our very hearts bow before Him in humble submission. Tears of gratitude flow. May we be united as never before to proclaim Him King of kings and Lord of lords and be determined to be true to Him even unto death.

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JOSEPH'S TESTIMONY TO GOD'S PROVIDENCE

Sunday, September 23 1945

Daily Readings and Meditations
September 17 to 22

- M. A testimony to God's providence Gen. 45:1-5.
- T. Joseph sends for his father Gen. 45:9-15.
- W. God's providence for Israel Deut. 2:1-7.
- T. God's providence for Elijah 1 Kings 17:1-6,

F. Providence concerning food Matt. 14:13-21.

S. God's protecting providence Isa. 41:8-14.

Printed PortionGenesis 45:1-5, 9-15.

Genesis 45:1. Then Joseph could not refrain himself before all them that stood by him; and he cried, Cause every man to go out from me: and there stood no man with him, while Joseph made himself known unto his brethren.

2. And he wept aloud; and the Egyptians and the house of Pharaoh heard.

3. And Joseph said unto his brethren, I am Joseph; doth my father yet live? And his brethren could not answer him; for they were troubled at his presence.

4. And Joseph said unto his brethren, Come near to me, I pray you: and they came near: and he said, I am Joseph your brother, whom ye sold into Egypt.

5. Now therefore be not grieved, nor angry with yourselves, that ye sold me hither: for God did send me before you to preserve life.

9. Haste ye, and go up to my father, and say unto him Thus saith thy son Joseph, God hath made me lord of all Egypt: come down unto me, tarry not:

10. And thou shalt dwell in the land of Goshen, and thou shalt be near unto me, thou, and thy children, and thy children's children, and thy flocks, and thy herds, and all that thou hast:

11. And there will I nourish thee, (for yet there are five years of famine;) lest thou, and thy household, and all that thou hast come to poverty.

12. And behold, your eyes see, and the eyes of my brother Benjamin that it is my mouth that speaketh unto you.

13. And ye shall tell my father of all my glory in Egypt, and of all that ye have seen: and ye shall haste, and bring down my father hither.

14. And he fell upon his brother Benjamin's neck, and went; and Benjamin went upon his neck.

15. Moreover, he kissed all his brethren, and wept upon them; and after that his brethren talked with him.

Golden Text: Oh, that men would praise the Lord for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men. Psal. 107:8.

Practical Truth: God can overrule even the wicked acts of men and make them links in a chain of providence by which his purposes are carried out.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

We should learn anew from the story of Joseph that no man can escape the obligation and responsibility of being his brother's keeper.

In Joseph's dealings with his brethren, it seemed he desired to find out if they were still the hard-hearted, jealous men that they were when they sold him into Egypt. Notice Joseph's attitude toward them from the time he first recognized them as his own father's sons: how he yearned to reveal his identity to them but acted wisely and addressed them through an interpreter as though their language was a foreign language to him. On one occasion he had to conceal himself and give vent to his emotions. When it finally was revealed to them who this Egyptian official actually was and they were suddenly confronted with him who once had been their victim, the guilt which follows sin and the utter impossibility of escape was utmost in their minds and hearts. Joseph, knowing this, drove straight to the question of guilt when he said, "I am Joseph your brother

whom ye sold into Egypt." He well knew their sin and guilt, yet he did not reproach them. He said that this which his brothers had meant for evil had worked out for good. God had sent him there to preserve life. It was through the warning dreams of Pharaoh and the God-given wisdom of Joseph that there was plenty of food saved from the seven fruitful years against the years of famine.

We find in Joseph's dealings with his brothers the process by which God deals with sinners through Christ Jesus. As the Holy Spirit deals with men, they become conscious of past sins. They are restless and uneasy until conviction leads them to surrender to Christ. The only relief for guilt is confession. This linked with godly sorrow leads to repentance not to be repented of. We need to learn that as with Joseph it is with Jesus. The confessing and making wrongs right seems hard to do, but when we do the thing that is just and right, our God will give grace and help us to do it. Let us never think we may do evil that good may come of it. God's purpose can be wrought out more effectively through the obedience of one like faithful Abraham than in spite of evil like Joseph's brothers had committed. Yet God's purpose will not be defeated even though men sin.

THE ISRAELITES IN A FOREIGN LAND

Sunday, September 30, 1945

Daily Readings and Meditations

September 24 to 29.

- M. God's promises to Jacob Gen. 46:1-7.
- T. Joseph and his father meet Gen. 46:28-34.
- W. Pharaoh welcomes Jacob Gen. 47:1-7.
- T. Jacob blesses Pharaoh Gen. 47:8-12.
- F. Joseph comforts his brethren Gen. 50:15-21.
- S. Triumphs of faith Heb. 11:17-22.

Printed PortionGenesis 47:1-12.

Gen. 47:1. Then Joseph came and told Pharaoh, and said. My father and my brethren, and their flocks, and their flocks, and their herds, and all that they have, are come out of the land of Canaan; and behold, they are in the land of Goshen.

2. And he took some of his brethren even five men, and presented them unto Pharaoh..

3. And Pharaoh said unto his brethren, What is your occupation? And they said unto Pharaoh, Thy servants are shepherds, both we, and also our fathers.

4. They said moreover unto Pharaoh, For to sojourn in the land are we come: for thy servants have no pasture for their flocks, for the famine is sore in the land of Canaan: now therefore, we pray thee, let thy servants dwell in the land of Goshen.

5. And Pharaoh spake unto Joseph, saying, Thy father and thy brethren are come unto thee:

6. The land of Egypt is before thee; in the best of the land make thy father and brethren to dwell; in the land of Goshen let them dwell; and if thou knowest any men of activity among them, then make them rulers over my cattle.

7. And Joseph brought in Jacob his father, and set him before Pharaoh: and Jacob blessed Pharaoh.

8. And Pharaoh said unto Jacob, How old art thou?

9. And Jacob said unto Pharaoh, The days of the years of my pilgrimage are an hundred and thirty years: few and evil have the days of the years of my life been, and have not attained unto the days of the years of the life of my fathers in the days of their pilgrimage.

10. And Jacob blessed Pharaoh, and went out from before Pharaoh..

11. And Joseph placed his father and his brethren and gave them a possession in the land of Egypt, in the best of the land, in the land of Rameses, as Pharaoh had commanded.

12. And Joseph nourished his father, and his brethren, and all his brethren's household, with bread according to their families.

Golden Text: Lord, thou hast been our dwelling place in all generations. Psalm 90:1.

Practical Truth: It was the providence of God that the Israelites should sojourn in a foreign land while they were increasing into a nation.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

This going down into Egypt was an important event in Hebrew history. It was God's plan for them. God's dealings with Israel should help us to more fully realize that however hard or unpleasant our circumstances may be, if we are serving God we do not come to our place by accident or chance, but it is part of God's plan for us.

Before Jacob arrived in Egypt, God appeared to him in a vision by night, saying, "Fear not to go down into Egypt; for I will there make of thee a great nation: I will go down with thee into Egypt, and I will also surely bring thee up again." God had told Abraham that his seed would sojourn in a strange land four hundred years where they would be slaves but it is doubtful if Jacob and his sons realized at this time the many afflictions which they would have to suffer before they would become a great nation. Their purpose in going to Egypt was to be nourished and cherished. God permits his people to be nourished and cherished for awhile, but He knows it takes opposition to make them strong.

They remembered the promise, "I will also surely bring thee up again" and chose to be known as sojourners in Egypt so they could leave again. Joseph could have desired and secured places of honor in the state for his brethren and had them to keep their identity as shepherds hid from the king lest they disgrace him in the eyes of his admirers, for a "shepherd is an abomination unto the Egyptians," but Joseph feared God and was more concerned for their purity and their remaining a nation separate unto God than he was about the honors which the king could bestow upon them. Goshen was a good land in Egypt where they could live and their temporal needs be met without them being exposed to the evil influences in Egypt. Neither were his brethren ambitious for places of honor.

Though it was God's plan for them to be in Egypt, it was not His plan for them to be OF Egypt. It is the same with His children today. They are in the world but not of the world. In our dealings with the affairs of this life, we should not seek places of honor where our souls will become ensnared and we will be robbed of our heavenly inheritances, but we should make ourselves of no reputation, not entangle ourselves with the affairs of this life, and esteem the reproaches of Christ greater riches than the treasures of Egypt.

Jacob had lived 130 years, yet his days seemed few and full of trouble to him as he looked back over them. It is ever thus with human life upon this earth. Without the assurance of eternal life, man's life here is surely vain; but the child of God can turn from the sad thoughts of this short troublesome life, to the hope of a never-ending life. Lord, teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.