

FAITH ^{AND} VICTORY

The EVENING LIGHT WATCHMAN



Volume 16, No. 5

Published at

Guthrie, Oklahoma

25c Per Year

October, 1945

Satan's Type and Anti-type

TYPE

The heathen king made an idol tall
And called the nations to 'round it fall.
Three score cubits it towered high,
And worship this, it was, or die.

The furnace hot, to this all must bow;
To brave this furnace, three knew how.
'Twas sev'n times hotter than common-made—
Who didn't obey, were in it laid.

In plain of Dura, a country old,
Was this bleak image made of gold.
Many heathen in that dark land
The king obeyed, in his foul command.

Hordes of heathen to his mandates bowed,
The king's fierce ire proclaimed it loud.
Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego
Dared that with them it would not be so.

ANTI-TYPE

Another furnace is on the way,
My brother, sister, it's true today.
Church federation is sneaking on
Designed to catch a numberless throng!

Like the king 'twill say, "To my god
Bow in worship or go 'neath the sod!"
Millions do not know such is at hand,
Planning to kill saints of every land.

It is coming—coming oh, so fast—
Saints, our blest freedom will soon be past;
Then 'twill be worship an idol from hell,
Or you'll not be left the tale to tell.

Height of this idol to heav'n will be—
Religious heavens as all shall see—
It's breadth all under heaven you'll find,
Its object is to destroy mankind.

Words can not tell its awful approach,
Riding in pomp in the devil's coach.
To escape its fangs you must seek God
And yield unto His chastening rod.

Such idol in a civilized land!
Sure product of an anti-Christ band,
Finish of things of this evil world;
And all into hell will then be hurled.

—J. H. Pierson

God's Call to His People

"Behold, I, and the children whom the Lord hath given me, are for signs and for wonders in Israel from the LORD of hosts, which dwelleth in Mount Zion." Isa. 8:18. In the 19th verse God tells the prophet to warn the people against pernicious spirits destroying souls everywhere if they are sought after or even associated with. I feel it my duty to be in agreement with all the true brethren to sound an alarm to all saints, especially isolated saints. When people say, "We teach like you folks and since there are only a few points that we disagree on, let us come together," they want you to come down and go their way. They will not consent to take God's way. "To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them." Isa. 8:20. When people, preachers, or teachers do not teach like the evening light saints, it is because there is neither morning nor evening light in them.

There are some who have the doctrine but the light is gone out in the soul. All men are speaking by the life they live, it is not the voice only. Our actions sound louder than our voice. Actions have power—God-given power to obey God and be a light in this dark, sin-inhabited world. Jesus said, "Ye are the light of the world," and David says, "The heavens declare the glory of God and the firmament sheweth his handiwork. Day unto day uttereth speech and night unto night sheweth knowledge. There is no speech nor language where their voice is not heard." The sun, moon, and stars work in harmony with each other, giving light to the world, speaking of God's power by day and by night. Speaking from a spiritual standpoint, God's men and women are shining to the hearts and lives of humanity.

Oh, be careful ye isolated saints, where you attend services and whom you fellowship. When you delight in their performances you fellowship them. You may say (as some do), "I let my children go

there because there are no saints where we are." If you send them when you know it is wrong, they may get into things to never get out. You are guilty. If you go yourself you are guilty. In sectarianism there is every evil work. Rom. 1:32, "Who, knowing the judgments of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them." Are you guilty? Think what it will mean in the judgment to have some of your family condemned in something that you knew was wrong when you sent them to take part in the thing. Your sons and daughters will marry in confusion. There is only one bottomless pit but there are many doors leading there. Oh, take warning ye that love righteousness, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage, but decide with the Psalmist, "I will hear what God the LORD will speak: for he will speak peace unto his people and to his saints: but let them not turn again to folly." Ps. 85:8.

God wants steadfast service, separate and distinct from the world. James says when we are friends of the world we are enemies of God. Young people everywhere, listen, beware of any leader who will tell you to lower the standard and go to sectism for spiritual help. This is good advice for old folks also. There is a way that seemeth right unto a man but the end thereof is the way of death.

The Lord give understanding and God help us to be Evening Light Watchmen.

—L. E. Davy

—oOo— INCONSISTENT JEWEL

Because true womanhood is precious, the term "jewel" has often been applied to woman. But the ungodly way in which she turns her glory into shame by following after style and fashion causes her to be a very inconsistent jewel.

Let us go back some years ago when fashion decreed that woman should resemble a barrel. The hoop-skirt appeared. Isaiah likened them, to "round tires like the moon." Then fashion jumped to the extreme and decreed that woman resemble a beanpole. The hobble-skirt appeared. And we saw women on the streets by the thousands as Isaiah said, "Walking and mincing as they go," whose skirts were so narrow they could not walk naturally so they minced along. What a horrible sight to see them mounting a street car or vehicle. Once the dress sleeve was so large that it resembled a pillow. Ezekial said, "Woe unto the women that sew pillows to all armholes." Then the extreme fashion appeared with a very small part of a sleeve and in many cases absolutely no sleeve at all.

Women used to wear yokes in dresses and collars so high that they were held in place by invisible staves, but now they wear neither collar or yoke, in fact only the smallest part of the waist is worn and generally it is so thin that a newspaper can be read through it. Now, when we behold such immodest apparel don't you think it's time that wom-

en (especially professed Christians) hear and obey the words of St. Paul in I Tim. 2:9, 10, "That women adorn themselves in modest apparel and sobriety; not with broided hair, or gold, or pearls, or costly array; But (which becometh women professing godliness) with good works."

There never was a time when the ridiculous, abominable fashion current was at such high tide as it is now; it is overflowing its banks, it's everywhere, inside and outside of the Church. St. Paul deemed it necessary to cry out against immodest apparel, but now instead of ministers crying out against the awful overwhelming evil they are whining around and saying, "It doesn't make any difference what people wear." But on the authority of God's Word, I emphatically state that it does make a difference what they wear and it makes a great difference what they don't wear. When mother and sisterhood lose their modesty, the home, state, church, and our nation must fall. And unless this soul-damning, health and moral wrecking, "nude" fashion parade is crushed, doubtless this nation will fall in much less than a half century. Men, beware! As true as snakes have charmed and destroyed the lives of innocent birds, so have women wrecked the lives of men, and doubtless, men are in hell today because of the powerful influence of the woman's "Nude fashion." Whatever fashion demands the woman to lay off, she will do, even to her God-given long hair. In the 11th of I Cor. we are taught it is a shame for a man to have long hair and it is a shame for a woman to have her hair shorn or "bobbed." Not only the worldly, giddy girls bob their hair, but professed Christian mothers, and even the foolish, gray-haired grandmothers have their gray locks shorn. Shame! Shame!

May the women of America bear in mind that these abominable fashions originate from the harlotry of Paris. I believe the worst woman spoken of in the Bible is "Jezebel," and the last thing she did before she died was to paint her face, then the dogs ate her. And then to think women will sacrifice time, money, health, decency, and Christianity to follow the example of the worst characters that are and were in the world. What will the end be?

Oh, Christian women, let us flee from this awful fashion monster that would fasten its poisonous fangs on us and cause us to be a curse to the world instead of a blessing, and let us adorn our bodies in modest apparel as becometh women professing godliness.

—Mary E. Mead

—oOo— The Book of Esther

The book of Esther has always been a wonderful story to me of God's deliverance of His people in a heathen land, coming in between the reigning kings of David's line, and the establishment of Christ's kingdom in the earth. I read it over and over as a story, little thinking of the deep truths

contained in the book, until recently I saw in the scripture these words, "WHAT IS THY PETITION, QUEEN ESTHER, and it shall be granted thee: AND WHAT IS THY REQUEST? AND IT SHALL BE PERFORMED, EVEN TO THE HALF OF THE KINGDOM." Esther 7:2.

The book of Esther reveals to us the Jews, God's chosen people in captivity in a heathen land, with a heathen king ruling over them. Ahasuerus, the same in history was Xerxes (485-465 B. C. was married to Esther 478 B. C.).

Mordecai, the uncle of Esther, was hated by Haman, because he would not bow himself down to the earth, when he (Haman) came before him. That was a sign of worship. Then Haman hated Mordecai and plotted to kill him and his kindred.

At the beginning of the banquet, Vashti, his queen, was ordered to come to the king with the crown royal, for she was beautiful to look upon. He was proud of her. Because of disobedience she was dethroned and Esther, the beautiful neice of Mordecai, was chosen to take the place of Vashti, the queen royal.

Haman, because of his hatred toward Mordecai, built a gallows on his place intending to hang Mordecai. He had the king sign a petition that all Jews were to be slain on that certain day without them knowing about it. But Mordecai found it out and told Queen Esther about it and warned her to go to the king and plead for her people. Haman had skillfully planned their extermination.

Queen Esther called for prayer and fasting, requesting that God would protect her when she appeared before the king. She knew that if the golden sceptre was not held out to her, her life should be taken right then. She and her maidens fasted and prayed to God that their lives should be spared and her people. Through Queen Esther's efforts, the Jews were given a chance to defend themselves against their enemies and come out victorious.

At her banquet she plead for her life and the life of her kindred. The king found out Haman's wicked plot to exterminate all Jews in his kingdom. He learned of the gallows that Haman had built for Mordecai and in his wrath said, "Hang him thereon." Haman and all his sons were hanged on his own gallows. The Jews were allowed to fight for their lives.

The fasting and prayer of Esther and her maidens brought deliverance to her people, the Jewish nation in captivity.

Esther can well represent the Church of God pleading for the people in sin and bondage to Satan, for the people are surely in captivity. All mankind is perfectly helpless without God's deliverance.

King Ahasuerus said unto the queen, "What wilt thou, Queen Esther? and what is thy request? it shall be given thee to the half of the kingdom." Esther 5:3. In the Bible, the redeemed are urged to "ASK, and it shall be given thee, SEEK, and ye shall find, KNOCK, and it shall be opened unto thee." The Church is commanded to pray, to come to God

with requests, and if God hears us, we have the request that we desire of Him. We are serving a Mighty King, greater than Ahasuerus ever was, and He is willing to grant our requests even to the whole of His kingdom. Do we ask? Do we make intercession for those who are in the power of Satan? Do we plead for a world in sin as Esther and her maidens fasted and prayed for her people? Do we seek the God of righteousness that others might be delivered as we have been? Are we working in behalf of our lost and dying as Queen Esther and her maidens did to save her people from destruction?

Those who want to be God's followers may come to God, for the Bride of Christ is pleading for the sinner's salvation and deliverance. Christ's blood has been shed, a way has been made for man's salvation. God is waiting for man to return to Father's house and receive his inheritance with the children of light. Now is the time to be born into the kingdom of heaven. Right down here, the cleansing takes place. Here is where sin was committed, and right down here we must be restored to God. We must worship the conquering Christ. Through Christ there is redemption for soul and for body. Through Christ's righteousness there is pardon.

And this body of Redeemed Ones, these pleading, praying people are the people who make up His kingdom in the earth. As the Jews were restored to their beloved Palestine, so also are the people who repent and call upon the name of the Lord for deliverance restored to their inheritance in God. God's Kingdom is a holy kingdom. Christ is the King and the redeemed are the subjects. They are kept by His power and grace and that wicked one toucheth them not.

What an allegory is the Book of Esther!

Vashti can well represent the disobedient Jewish nation that God had loved. She was put away that Christ might have a pure, obedient bride. Esther represents the Bride of Christ—by prayer and fasting she proves her place in this true, live story. Ahasuerus represents both Christ and God. Mordecai represents Christ who would not bow down and worship Satan, though he offered Him a kingdom, and neither will Christ's followers. The Jewish nation represents all the families of the earth who ought to love and worship God in holiness, but are sold unto Satan. Haman represents Satan in this real, live story.

The world has always hated Christ and His followers even as Haman hated Mordecai and the Jews. Satan has accomplished the slaying of many of them for the witness of Jesus.

Today the Church fasts, prays, and pleads for souls in death and blindness that they may be born again and restored to God in peace. When they are restored they love one another and fellowship each other and have peace with one another.

By the grace of God, —Iva Edith Kriebel

"When a man's ways please the Lord, he maketh even his enemies to be at peace with him" —Prov. 16:7.

"FAITH AND VICTORY"**16-PAGE HOLINESS MONTHLY**

This non-sectarian paper is edited and published each month (except August of each year, which is campmeeting month, and we omit this month to attend these meetings) by Fred Pruitt, assisted by Mary A. Pruitt, and other consecrated workers at FAITH PUBLISHING HOUSE, 920 W. Mansur Ave., Guthrie, Okla.

(Entered as second-class matter June 30, 1930 at the Post Office at Guthrie, Oklahoma, under the act of March, 3, 1879.)
—SUBSCRIPTION PRICES—

Single copy, one year	\$.25
Single copy, five years	1.00
Five copies to any address, one year	1.00
Twelve copies to any address, one year	2.00

Its motto: Have faith in God. Its object: The glory of God and the salvation of men; the promulgation and restoration of the whole truth to the people in this "evening time" as it was in the morning Church of the first century; the unification of all true believers in one body by the love of God. Its standard: Separation from the world and entire devotion to the service and the will of God. Its characteristics: No discipline but the Bible, no bond of union but the love of God; no test or fellowship but the indwelling spirit of Christ; and separation from all human organizations—such are not authorized in the Word of God.

This publication teaches salvation from all sin, sanctification for believers, unity and oneness for which Jesus prayed as recorded in John 17:21 and manifested by the apostles and believers after Pentecost. By God's grace we teach, preach, and practice the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ, the same gospel which Peter, John, and Paul preached, taught, and practiced; including the Divine healing of the body. James 5:14, 15.

Through the Free Literature Fund thousands of gospel tracts are published and sent out free of charge as the Lord supplies. Cooperation of our readers is solicited, and will be appreciated in any way the Bible and the Holy Spirit teaches you to do or stirs your heart. "Freely ye have received, freely give." Read Exodus 24:2; 1 Chron. 29:9; 2 Cor. 9:7; and Luke 6:38.

Free-will offerings sent in to the work will be thankfully received as from the Lord and used in the furtherance of the gospel work as God directs unless otherwise specified. All personal checks and Post Office Money Orders should be made payable to Fred Pruitt, or to

FAITH PUBLISHING HOUSE

920 W. Mansur Ave., Guthrie, Oklahoma

The chapel where the church of God meets in Guthrie, Okla. is located on the corner of 6th St. and W. Warner Ave. Regular Sunday services are: Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; preaching services, 11 a.m.; young people's meeting, 6:30 p.m.; and preaching services, 8 p.m. Mid-week services are: prayer meeting, Wednesday, 8 p.m.; and Bible study, Friday, 8 p.m. All are welcome.

—O—O—O—O—O—O—
MEETING NOTICE

The saints at Guthrie are praying God to send in ministers to have a revival meeting some time in Oct. if God wills it so. We have not set any date, but those desiring to come and be with us in this meeting can write and get the information needed. We welcome any isolated saints and others to come and be with us in this meeting.

Editorials

It is with pleasure and thankfulness to God we pen these editorials to the many readers of the "Faith and Victory" paper. The Lord has placed a deep concern upon us for your soul's welfare, for we know that the enemy is everywhere trying to hinder and to rob you, if possible, of the victory we have through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. With many, his object is to gradually win their affections back to the world, while they still profess to be a follower of the lowly Christ. The Devil does not care how much you profess, or how many good things you say, teach, preach, or write, if he can keep you from being a real doer of the Word, he will soon have you where you will only have lip service for the Lord. Those who hear the Word of God and practice it in their every-day-life are the ones who are really blessed of God, for they will keep themselves unspotted from the world, abstain from the appearance of evil, and bear the cross and suffer shame and reproach with Christ. Oh, how blessed is a life wholly and holy given up to the will and pleasure of God, having the heart filled with the words of Christ who said, "Not my will, but thy will be done." If you contrive in some way to be released of bearing the reproach of Christ, then by your profession you reproach Christ.

—O—O—O—O—O—O—

Nearly thirty years ago when God saved us by His grace and set us apart by the infilling of the Holy Ghost for His sacred use, we soon began to meet up with many surprises. The Lord was so precious and filled our souls with such rejoicing and happiness that it was priceless to us, and I thought that just as soon as I told my friends and religious associates about the Lord that they too, would gladly embrace Him and open up their hearts to the coming in of the Comforter which is the abiding Holy Ghost. To my surprise they retorted against being taught of receiving the Spirit of God, and some of the religious folks said that I was fanatic. Others thought I was losing my mind and soon they would have to take me off to an asylum. I wondered and pondered these things in my mind—why these things should be, and I could get no comfort only in the Lord. I kept it committed into His hands.

After a while, the Lord directed me to the saints of God and there I found some very precious souls who had faith in God. Fellowship flowed sweet and heavenly. When I learned that they had a large printing plant in Indiana and that those men had been saved and sanctified for years, I thought, "Oh, how I would like to meet some of those heavenly creatures that have been so long sanctified that they are as pure as heaven and as clean as the driven snow—unspotted from the world!" I soon was surprised again, for I found that many of them loved the world and were adorning themselves with outward adornments so as not to be offensive to earthly beings that they might win their praise and sup-

port. Others loved their own lives insomuch that they annexed titles to their names such as "Rev." and "D. D.," and in many other manners attached themselves to this world escaping the reproach of the religious world and bringing reproach upon Christ whom they professed to follow. Truly this was a great surprise to me and I saw that unless I separated from them, I, too, would be swallowed up, contaminated, and lost. I turned all of that down to travel on with the Lord. I then began to associate with another brother who had a fine show of sacrifice and humility, but in time I found a spirit that would bind and destroy liberty in Christ and make one a servant of man, and there was very little open firmness against some things tending toward worldliness. Today, after twenty-two years of being separated from him, we find that he associates himself with the afore named worldly group who operate the printing in Ind., and favors bodily adornments in one way and another (little things will grow). Being foggy in knowledge as to what the real Church of God is, he mixes it up with sectism.

Another surprise that loomed in sight and made me feel sad at heart was that some saint preachers who made a high profession claiming to have great faith in God, were in favor of "life insurance." Some had their lives insured. We who have presented our bodies to God as a living sacrifice have no right to insure with earthly companies that which belongs to God. To put our trust in earthly companies and try to secure for ourselves or families a future, preserving existence is absolutely contrary to living faith in God. The Word of God is strong against such actions by His beloved children, for we read in Jeremiah 17:5, "Thus saith the Lord: Cursed be the man that trusteth in man, and maketh flesh his arm, and whose heart departeth from the Lord." Just read on and take note of the next few verses and see what God says about it, and the difference between the one that trusteth the Lord and the one that puts his faith and confidence in man or earthly companies.

The latest surprise that we have had, took place when war broke out between this country and other countries. We never thought that any humble, God-fearing saint would in any way willingly encourage any one to be a partaker of such awful slaughter of human lives. We found that some who made a profession of following Jesus, who did no sin, neither was guile found in His mouth; who, when He was reviled, reviled not again; when He suffered, He threatened not; but committed Himself to Him that judgeth righteously, was even advising young men to go to war or encouraging them in other ways of serving in the war.

Now, no doubt, many felt that it was not right to take up arms or aid in killing God's created beings but knew not what to do as they had received no teaching and understanding about the matter and such are not to be so much blamed; but when

folks persist in holding that it is right to line up with such cruelty and shedding of human blood, it brings a burden upon us to be more diligent in getting clear and plain, simple truth to men by the printed page. Jesus would not revile back or return any threatening to those who wanted to slay Him. Oh, that professed men would walk even as He walked, that Christ would be lifted up and men would be drawn unto Him!

Jesus says in Luke 14:27, "And whosoever doth not bear his cross, and come after me, cannot be my disciple." Dear reader, there is a cross for me, a cross for you, and a cross for every one. The cross is a way that is out of harmony with this old, sinful world and does not run parallel with it nor in any way line up with it. There is a host of folks professing today who serve the Lord too much with their lips. They are preserving their own life and losing eternal life.

Paul found some in his day who were walking and professing, whose god was their belly and whose glory was in their shame, and who minded earthly things. He said of them, "For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, that they are the enemies of the cross of Christ." Phil. 3:18.

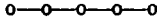
There are many preachers and editors in the world today who teach and preach many right things and will not practice them and bear the cross, and teach others in such a way that they do not bear the real cross. In this way they walk, but are the enemies of the cross of Christ.

Dear brethren, there is a cure for all the ills of the soul. That is to really forsake the world and its ways, to fear God and not earthly beings, to put our full confidence and faith in God, have an unfeigned faith in God Almighty, and practice it among men. You will find plenty of crosses to bear if you will really do this.

In these days when seven women are taking hold of one man and saying, "We will eat our own bread, and wear our own apparel; only let us be called by thy name, to take away our reproach" (Isaiah 4:1), the branch of the Lord, or the Church of God is glorious and beautiful to those of Israel who have escaped from Babylon confusion and now abide in the representative Body of Christ, the Church of the living God.

Those who are not out clear in the truth of the Bible greatly confuse the minds and hearts of many, even of the children of God, as to what the Church really is and what it is not, because their vision on the subject is foggy and many of them seem to think that because some of the Lord's sheep are scattered into different sects and man-made divisions, they constitute the Church; but according to the Bible it cannot be that way, as Paul plainly teaches us in I Cor. that Christ is not divided, and these scattered ones have been cunningly deceived

by man into a human organization and many of them are penned up with a flock of goats, making it impossible for the few saved ones to represent the body of Christ, which is the church, in such a condition. They will have to come out clear from such things and clear from the world, and abide in and with the flock of God, which is the true body of Christ, the Church of the Living God.



Christ is not a polygamist, he only has one wife. In the beginning God only made one wife for Adam who typifies Christ and the Church. God caused Adam to fall into a deep sleep. He took a rib from Adam's side and made a woman and presented her to Adam. Adam said, "This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh, she shall be called woman because she was taken out of man." Jesus died on the cross which typifies a "deep sleep." A spear was thrust into His side which brought forth blood and water, and through faith in that blood, we are saved and purchased as His children or wife (Read Acts 20:28.), and are called a flock. When sheep stray away and get into the pens of men, they are only scattered sheep and not the flock. The flock or wife of the Lord is only one, as we read in Solomon's Song 6:9, "My dove, my undefiled is but one: she is the only one of her mother." Paul, in speaking of the children of God, says, "For we are members of His Body, of His flesh, and of His bones." Eph. 5:30. Eph. 2:21, 22 speaks of God's children as a building, "In whom all the building, fitly framed together, [not apart] groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord. In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the spirit."

Brethren and sisters, I beseech you in Jesus' name, to come clear from all earthly organized religious bodies and clear from all the world, abstain from all fleshly lusts, and get into a condition so the Lord can fit you into His spiritually organized body, which is the true Church of God. Just taking the right name will not make you one of His family. Many religious bodies are doing that and are eating their own bread and wearing their own clothing. Such may, and does, cover up your reproach from most religious people, but not from God or His children in light. Look to God for strength and grace to come clean for Him, and the assurance and hope of glory in your soul will not only be glorious but a living reality.

— o o o —

Assembly Meeting Notice

The Church of God in Hammond, Louisiana, will have the winter assembly meeting, beginning November 28 and will continue over the two following Sundays if the Lord leads. All saints and lovers of the truth are welcome. There will be forenoon and night services. We are looking to the Lord for ministers whom he can use in this meeting. For further information write to Ray Key, P. O. Box 370, Hammond, or to Max Williamson, in care of the post office, Hammond.

A NOTICE TO ALL

Some of the gospel workers of the church of God at Oklahoma City are going from house to house in the city distributing tracts, getting subscriptions for the "Faith and Victory" paper, and talking to the people. They have sent in over a hundred subscriptions in the short time that they have been at work, and they write that they have merely touched the work that is to be done.

In Oklahoma City the church of God meets in the chapel on the corner of 3rd and Phillips Sts. The pastor and all the congregation extend a hearty welcome to all. If you are one who has received some of the tracts or papers from these workers and if you have a love in your soul for the truth, visit the folks at the meeting house and get acquainted with the saints of God.

Saints in other places should get busy and do some home missionary work for the Lord. Paul said, "I am indebted to all men." Truly, every saved soul is indebted to all other men to give them a chance to hear about Jesus and His saving power, so they, too, can be ready for the judgment day.

CALENDARS, CHRISTMAS FOLDERS, CARDS

Sunshine Christmas Folders, scripture text. 10 folders with envelopes. Price, 50 cents per box.

Post Cards with scripture text for Christmas, other holidays, birthday, sympathy, etc. 20 cents per dozen.

Beautiful 1946 Calendar, scripture text. 30 cents each, four for \$1.00, nine for \$2.00.

"Bedtime Prayer Reminder," a cross which glows in the dark. 15 cents each or eight for \$1.00.

"Stories of the West" by Pauline Sass, a book of true stories for children. 10 cents each or 12 for \$1.00.

Above articles are postpaid at prices quoted.

The following articles are now in stock at this office ready to be mailed when your order arrives. You should order now or as early as possible because last year our supply was soon exhausted and we could not obtain enough to fill the orders of all our customers. We believe that we have enough on hands now to supply as many or more than we received orders for last year. Please order early.

Obituaries

Mayme (Cherry) Jones was born Oct. 11, 1910 at Ardmore, Okla., Carter County and departed this life July 10, 1945 at the age of thirty-four years, eight months, and twenty-nine days. She received her education in the Guthrie public school. In 1940 she was united in marriage to Fred Jones to which union no children were born. Her husband is enlisted in the U. S. Navy. She leaves to mourn their loss a husband, mother and father, three sisters, two brothers, cousins, and a host of friends.

"Though there is a missing link in our family chain,

We cannot say and will not say
That she is dead—she's just away."

During her illness, which so speedily took her from this life, she earnestly sought the Lord to save her soul.

The funeral service was conducted at the saints' chapel by Fred Pruitt. Christ "hath abolished death and hath brought life and immortality to light through the gospel."

Bro. Bud Jackson Jones was born Sept. 25, 1869 at Rusk Texas. He departed from this life Aug. 17, 1945, at Boley, Okla. In 1896 he was married to Lizzie Battle, to which union six children were born. He finished grade school, high school, and college in Texas, then later completed a medical course in the Chicago University. He returned to his native state and taught

school. Later he practiced as a physician for several years. In 1906 he came to Oklahoma.

He professed a hope in Christ at an early age and became a member of the Methodist church. After he came to Oklahoma he heard the true gospel, which he accepted and enjoyed until death. His favorite song was "The Gospel Bells." During his sickness, he suffered very patiently, and was willing and prepared to meet his Saviour. He would constantly say, "I am ready to go; I don't dread death."

The bereaved are: his wife, four daughters, two sons, one brother, four grandchildren, two nieces, three nephews, two daughters-in-law, one son-in-law, and a host of other relatives, saints, and friends. Their loss is heaven's gain. The funeral service was conducted by Bro. W. W. Crawley. Text: "Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord."

Amos Yoder, son of Jonathan and Mary M. Yoder was born near Danvers, Ill. Aug. 16, 1871, and departed this life July 18, 1945 at the age of 73 years, 11 months, and 29 days. He was married to Mary I. Maxwell Oct. 24, 1923. He is survived by his wife; a son, Pvt. Ray A. Yoder of Kelly Field, San Antonio, Texas; a sister, Mrs. Amelia Inman, Veneta, Ore.; and three brothers, Ezra, John, and Noah Yoder, near Hubbard, Ore.

He requested that Bro. Geo. Alder preach his funeral sermon; also, he chose the songs: "Beulah Land," and "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms." He said, "That's what I'm doing; leaning on the Everlasting Arms." He was a real Christian and loved God and His word which he studied very much and received comfort from it. He was a firm believer in the truth, and was one of the members of the church of God. His wife, Mary Yoder.

The Wages of Sin

There is one business in this world that has never had a strike for higher wages; namely, the sin business. Old Beelzebub, the general manager, has always seen to it that those who labor for him get their just dues. He always sees that man has plenty to do. No vacations ever were given. Work, work, night and day—no respect for old age or tender youth. All receive the same reward at the end—no discrimination in Hell.

Who is wise and he shall not understand these things, prudent and he shall not know them; for the ways of the Lord are right, and the just shall walk in them: but the transgressors shall fall therein.

Hosea 14.

—Sel.

The First Gospel Sermon

God preached the first gospel sermon in the garden of Eden. The congregation was composed of Adam and Eve. His text was "Adam, where art thou?"

Since that day, God has been hunting and crying, "Adam, where art thou?" The word "Adam" was not confined to the father of the human race, but like the word "Homo" was applicable to the woman as well as the man. Gen. 5:2. Since that tragic day, God has been hunting His people, and crying, "Adam, where art thou?"

Like Adam and Eve, the lost and guilty world

is hiding among the trees with their fig leaf aprons, conscious of their nakedness, but unwilling for the Lord to clothe them with the robe of salvation, or in other words reinstate them in fellowship with the Father of love and mercy as in the beginning. Yea, God offers lost man more in Christ, "The second Adam" than he lost in "the first Adam."

The first Adam was forbidden to eat of the "Tree of life" but through the second Adam, we are permitted to eat, thereby receiving immortality. The first Adam was a living soul, the second Adam was a quickening Spirit.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Will every saint of God agree with me in earnest prayer, and fast one meal on any day, that God will put an everlasting stop to a certain trouble and also heal my child, Bruce, and make us busy in the Lord's service. We want to get our home built and have room for any saints who would come and lodge with us and carry on work for the Lord. The Lord is able to do for me what He did for the widow we read of in the seventh chapter of St. Luke.

Your humble servant in the Lord. —Mary J. Jones

S. C.—Dear saints of God,—I need help from God. I have had infantile paralysis and cannot talk plainly and my health is not good. Dear brethren and sisters, please pray for the Lord to give me power to talk plainly, and heal my body. I know He can. Oh, He filled my heart with happiness and love. He gives me all my pleasure and I hope He will always be with me. He is so dear to me.

Ada Leona Ellenburg

Ohio—Dear Bro. Pruitt—Thank the Lord that I am saved from sin, walking in all the light that I understand. Before I was saved I had gall stones for about thirty-five years. Now they don't bother me, thank the Lord. I do thank and praise the good Lord for what He has done for me. I ask the prayer of the saints everywhere as I am still a cripple. I had a stroke ten years ago.

Your sister in Christ,

Mollie Light

THE BIBLE IN THE HOME

"Mother, I've found an old dusty thing High on the shelf—just look!"

"Why that's a Bible, Tommy, dear; Be careful—that's God's Book."

God's Book? the child exclaimed,

"Then Mother, before we lose it, We'd better send it back to God, For you know we never use it."

Among Other Things

(EDITOR'S NOTE—The following article has been taken from a newspaper published at Anderson, Ind. We here reproduce the whole article with the picture just as it appeared in this newspaper. We believe it will interest our readers to read what a man who belongs to the religious world had to say as he compared the old-time gospel with modern religion. At the close of this article you will notice that the writer said he and Bro. Pearson "quickly agreed that both the modern church and the old-fashioned revival were aimed in the same direction." People may aim in the same direction, but only those who have their eye on the mark bring down the game; and thus it is with religious people. They all aim to get into heaven, but only those who are born again (according to

the word of God) and retain that experience by keeping their eye on Jesus and walk as He walked will make it into that glorious abode above. Many religious people say, "We are all headed for the same place," and "There are many roads leading into Chicago." Being headed for the same place and on some kind of a road will not get one into God's heaven. There is only one road to heaven and that is the "strait and narrow road." Jesus said, "Many are called, but few are chosen." You may be called and headed for heaven, but unless you follow in His steps and bear the cross, you shall never be chosen in that great Judgment Day, and you will not hear the Master say, "Thou good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joys of heaven.")

BY THE INQUIRING REPORTER

Sunday night on the way home from running a movie for a young people's meeting at one of the downtown churches, I came past a tent meeting at Twentieth and Fairview streets. A sign out in front read, "Old Time Gospel Meeting."

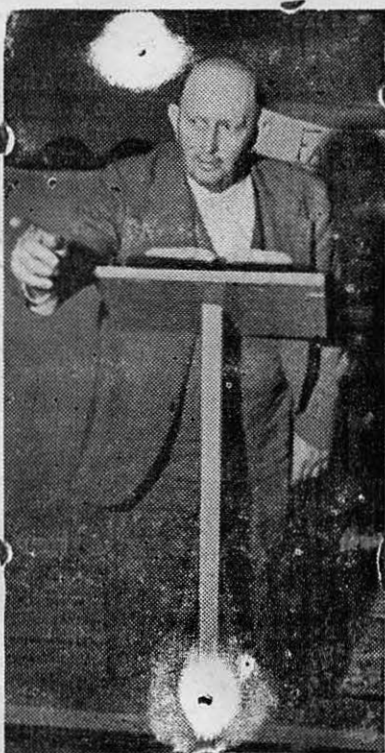
Here, I thought, are the two extreme views of the religious program—a movie, typifying the modern, visual, education methods of teaching, and an old-time evangelist exhorting the people to come to the altar.

Having operated the movie at the one meeting I thought it only fair to attend the other—so I went into the tent and listened to Brother Pearson talk sin and salvation.

Brother Pearson, who lives at 1319 Brown Street, has been an evangelist for the better part of the past 31 years. In June of this year he conducted meetings in Ohio, and in July he held services in Kansas and Missouri. His is a non-denominational set-up, but he says he represents the "Old-time Saints of the Church of God."

William Pearson, and he doesn't use the term reverend, started preaching from the time he was redeemed 31 years ago. From the pulpit he said,

"There are a lot of preachers who have more diplomas than I have, but that doesn't mean that they know any more about salvation than I do, or that they get down on their knees oftener, or that they will bring you to the altar any quicker."



William Pearson

DOESN'T DECRY EDUCATION

It is not that Brother Pearson decries education. "Faith with education is a mighty power," he said. But education alone, without the old-time salvation, doesn't appeal to him as having very high voltage. Which is why he says, "I was called by God and ordained by Him."

Perhaps it is because I am somewhat younger than Mr. Pearson that the current program of the organized church has a greater appeal to me than the "old-time religion." Or it may be all in the way you look at it. "You might say that my way extreme fanaticism," Brother Pearson said, "but I would say that yours is an extreme compromise." And there are probably a lot of good members of the Brother's church who would call out "Amen" and "Halleluiah" to that.

This shouting of amen and halleluiah, by the way, may be an old-time way of doing things, but it has a modern counterpart as up-to-date as the term "visual education." In a current radio or stage presentation it would be called "audience participation," and the psychological value of having the audience take an active part in the program is considered "sure fire."

When I was a boy I can remember that the protestant churches of our town went together one year and built a big, frame tabernacle building—the largest auditorium in town. And all that year an evangelist conducted special services. I must have been about seven at that time and attended the meetings only under duress. That would have been thirty years ago, and I think it was the last of the big revival meetings for our community. Our church continued to have "special services," but they never had quite the same sawdust flavor.

IN CANVAS CREW

Then when I was in college, a couple of other fellows and myself were the canvas crew for a lady evangelist once. We set up the tent and did other odd jobs, but I don't remember that we attended the meetings. My most vivid recollection is of trying to satisfactorily patch the tent after it was torn in a wind storm.

So you can see that although I've been exposed to the old-fashioned gospel I probably really haven't given it a chance. On the other hand, maybe Brother Pearson hasn't really tried the organized church that I favor. In any event we had a nice, friendly discussion after the meeting and quickly agreed that both the modern church and the old-fashioned revival were aimed in the same direction.

And as Brother Pearson might say, "Praise God! Halleluiah! I hope we get there."

(Bro. Pearson is doing what he can there in Anderson, Ind. and some are getting saved and others are taking their stand for the truth with the saints who are walking in the Light which God has given His people in this evening time. He needs ministers to help him in the work at that place. His address is 1319 Brown St., Anderson, Ind.) —Ed,

Young People's Section

He Never Faileth

O thou of little faith,
 God has not failed thee yet!
 When all looks dark and gloomy,
 Thou dost so soon forget—
 Forget that He has led thee,
 And gently cleared thy way;
 On clouds has poured His sunshine,
 And turned thy night to day.
 And if He's helped thee hitherto,
 He will not fail thee now;
 How it must wound His loving heart
 To see thy anxious brow!
 O doubt not any longer,
 To Him commit thy way
 Whom in the past thou trusted,
 And is "the same today."

—Sel.

Editorials

"Faith does not mean that we are trying to believe something that is not so; it just means that we are taking God at His Word."

o-o-o-o-o-o

David, speaking of the brevity of life, says that man is "like the grass which groweth up. In the morning it flourisheth, and groweth up; in the evening it is cut down, and withereth. We spend our years as a tale that is told." Considering the seriousness of life and the destiny of the immortal soul, he prays thus: "So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom." Psalms 90:12. "Lord, make me to know mine end, and the measure of my days, what it is; that I may know how frail I am." Psalms 39:4

In the morning of life young people flourish as the grass. They are full of strength, vigor, and lofty plans for the future, and there is the tendency to over-estimate themselves. It is well for them to take heed to David's prayer and realize the shortness of life and to know how frail they are. The Lord can use only those who feel their utter dependence upon Him. Pride and self-sufficiency characterize those whom God can not use.

"So teach us to . . . apply our hearts unto wisdom." The wisdom we need is that which comes from God. James says, "If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not, and it shall be given him." Heavenly wisdom is vastly different from worldly wisdom. God's ways are far from man's ways. Professors in the sectarian world must attend seminaries and training schools to obtain the worldly wisdom and culture with which to serve their peoples as ministers, workers, and missionaries. In the Church of God, on the

other hand, the Apostle Paul sought heavenly wisdom and took a three year's course alone with God in Arabia, and became an outstanding missionary. Paul himself declares: "My speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power; that your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God." He further writes: "For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God. For it is written, I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and will bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent. Because the foolishness of God's is wiser than men; and the weakness of God is stronger than men. But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty. That no flesh should glory in his presence."

o-o-o-o-o-o

When young people are saved and born again of the Spirit they are inducted into the Church as a member of Christ's body, and as such, they have a work to do and service to render for Him who died for them. God calls, qualifies, and sends out His workers. He gives the talents and gifts of the Spirit as it pleases Him. The Holy Spirit is the leader and director, and they speak and do as they are moved by the Spirit, and this is how God's Church has functioned ever since it was organized and set in operation on the day of Pentecost. In the Spirit-filled young person there is no thirsting for sports, ball games, and "bodily exercise which profiteth little" connected with the worship of God. They have no appetite for the entertainments, frivolity, stunts, fun-making, man-made, cut-and-dried programs, and human leadership which are provided in the modern youth camps. All these things are substitutes for spirituality when the Spirit is gone. Those seeking pleasure in these things are "lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God; having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: FROM SUCH TURN AWAY."

—L. D. P.

oOo

Why Are We Saved?

"I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service." Romans 12:1

Why are we saved? We are saved in order to be sacrificed. There is a striking lesson in God's saving certain of the clean beasts and clean fowl at the time of the flood. At God's direction, Noah brought these, as well as other beasts and fowl that were not clean, into the ark of salvation. These clean creatures were favored above those that were lost in the flood. It must have been a wonderful experience to step out

from the ark onto dry land again. But what happened then? "And Noah builded an altar unto the Lord; and took of every clean beast, and of every clean fowl, and offered burnt offerings on the altar." Gen. 8:20. Thus it appears that certain of these creatures were saved to be sacrificed. If this surprises us, have we realized that we who believe in Christ are saved for exactly that purpose?

CORRESPONDENCE

Oregon—Dear saints of God,—I want to send my testimony to let all know how good the dear Lord has been to me. I took sick in Nov., 1944 and did not remember any of my folks, nor did I know of being sent to the hospital until May, 1945. The doctor had very little hopes for my recovery. My daughter sent word to the dear children of God to pray for me, and, praise God, I have fully recovered, but I feel tired and need to rest. How I do praise God for the right use of my mind again. The children felt so bad because I talked as if I had done something wicked and was lost. I am so glad I recovered to tell them it was just a trick of the devil. I can testify for God again. I love Him and want to live closer to Him than ever before. Pray much for me.

Your sister in the Lord, Mrs. O. K. Myers

o-o-o-o-o-o

Tenn.—Bro. Pruitt, and all the dear saints scattered abroad:—I send you greetings in His precious name. I am well in body, and happy in Spirit, and enjoying the sweet fellowship of God's true, born-again, blood-washed, Spirit-filled saints. I am bold to say that I love the Lord Jesus better than everything else in the whole world and His saints right next to Him. I have been traveling some and giving out tracts, preaching and talking to both saints and sinners, encouraging the sinners to seek the Lord while He may be found and beseeching the Christians to ever be on their watch, to pray always, and to do good to all men, especially they who are of the household of faith. Yes, I can also tell the Christians that God desires that we all be one, and can tell the sick that there is healing in the atonement.

Brother Pruitt, I thank God for you and your co-workers. You have helped me much by your editorials, and others have helped me by their good encouraging testimonies and the inspiring articles. God bless every one of you dear saints, is my prayer.

By your help I have been able to make many people happy by giving them tracts and the "Faith and Victory" papers. I desire your prayers that I may preach and give out tracts and papers, and thus lead many precious lost souls to find God in the pardon of their sins. I also desire to help those who are saved to go on to sanctification and teach them the unity of all true children of God. My aim for the rest of my life is to put a pure gospel tract into the hand of everyone whom I am able to contact. Your humble brother in Christ's one body, which is the church of God, Colonel Pendleton

o-o-o-o-o-o

Kansas—Dear Brother and Sister Pruitt,—I am praising the dear Lamb of God. He is all and in all to me. I have been receiving the "Faith and Victory" for many years. The testimonies of praise to our Master fills my heart with a sweet overflowing joy as I read each one.

I have a burden on my heart. I have a sister-in-law who was saved about two months when Satan took advantage of her in some way. She told her husband that she

was not saved and now her mind is affected. We wish to request prayer for her. She has a weak heart and is in the hospital now.

Pray for me that I might be true to the end. May the Lord richly bless you. Mrs. Lena Koehn

o-o-o-o-o-o

Calif.—Dear ones in Christ,—Greetings to you in His dear name. I have been resting awhile after a busy morning's work, and reading God's Word, and also reading this wonderful little book of dear Bro. Orr's, "The More Abundant Life." It is small in size, but big in its value and its wonderful soul food. I want to thank God for such a man who lived and left such valuable writings for souls to feast upon on their earthly pilgrimage. I thank God for every dear saint, every one—for those who are gone on and their lives are living yet (or the effects of their lives) and for all who are truly living holy, staunch, clean lives and are dead to this alluring world. How I do thank God I ever met any of them over thirty-five years ago. And now, though I am away from them, yet I know they pray for me, and I think of them every one with love. Tears of gratitude fill my eyes as I write these few lines to express my heart-felt thanks for all of my dear brothers and sisters in Christ! Oh, what a privilege to be in such a family! As I meditate, I think of what I owe to them and, above all, my Lord, I desire to do more, to work harder, to pray and study and be ready for answers to give to souls that are lost in sin. We are surrounded by sin. We must keep our lamps trimmed and burning. It is a glorious privilege to take up our cross daily and follow our Lord. It is just grand to be a 100 per cent Christian, to bear the cross and not be ashamed to speak His blessed name to dear ones.

We have been going through some adversities, but I am learning to count them all joy, and all things will work for good to those that love Him.

In this great upheaval and terrific loss of lives during this awful conflict, may we as saints of God be ready to go out to battle for souls harder than ever. The cares of life pile up on us, Satan will hinder if possible. We need to be wise to his cunning craftiness and be harmless as doves.

May God help the dear young saints to be praying and asking Him daily what He would have them to do. He tells us the harvest is ripe but the laborers are few. They were few when He was here and they are still few. We must pray for God to send forth more into the fields. We are all His ambassadors and can all do something. May we ever keep busy, keep true and live holy and wholly consecrated to Him. We all desire to be useful and know we can when we commit and submit our lives into His Holy hands to be molded and shaped for His own clean vessel. I dare not look back, but, thank God, I can look up and forward and feel His Holy Spirit lifting my soul above doubts and fears and know if He be our Lord and Saviour and is for us, who can be against us? In other words, it won't do any one any good to offend one of God's little ones. Your sister, Jessie Holloman

o-o-o-o-o-o

Ind.—Greetings to all the readers of "Faith and Victory" paper,—May God's blessings ever be yours. I am still saved and sanctified, and am enjoying this wonderful salvation that our Lord finished when he hung on the cross. He said, "It is finished." I am so glad that I accepted the truth when I heard it. Bro. and Sister Ray Key who live at Hammond, La. brought it to us when we lived in Tennessee. They are dear saints.

I want to try to tell about the wonderful healing which

I received April 19th. It was announced in the "Faith and Victory" that that day would be a day of fasting and prayer for the sick, for men in service and other things. I awakened at 1:25 a. m. and the Lord gave me the spirit of prayer and I had faith to believe that I was going to be healed that day. I was healed of different diseases. I had stomach trouble so bad that I could scarcely eat anything that would not hurt and sour on my stomach and cause gas pains in my stomach and bowels. I am telling this to the glory of God. Some poor suffering one may be needing help. I had also suffered with constipation and a complication of other diseases for years. Now the Lord has wonderfully delivered me. When the devil would try to make me doubt by bringing the symptoms back, I would rebuke him in Jesus name and he would have to flee. Dear ones, just hold on to God's promises. He never fails. His Word instructs us to rebuke Satan or resist him and he will flee and I have found it just like He said. Praise His holy name!

The Lord permitted Husband and me to attend the Hammond, La. campmeeting. It was wonderful. We had been baptized by a sect preacher but when we really had a vision of God's church and had a good opportunity we were baptized by Bro. C. C. Carver at the campmeeting. It was a wonderful meeting for both of us. Husband was sick but he enjoyed the meeting. He was sanctified there. We thank the Lord for the privilege of meeting so many saints whom we had never met before.

Your sister in Christ,

Martha Jenkins

Ore.—Dear saints of God—It is with joy and a spirit of thankfulness for the truth and the Holy Spirit's leadings, that I greet you in Jesus' name. Truly our inheritance is great, as saints, to whom belong the greatness and glory of the kingdom of God. The little things we may suffer for Jesus' sake should look small indeed as we see the benefit of serving God in this world and in eternity.

I desire to tell the saints of the good meeting which the Lord gave us at Capulin, N. M. The Lord sent Bro. Murphy Allen from Missouri, Bro. and Sister O. C. Porter and part of their family, Bro. and Sister Smith and their two daughters, Bro. Charles Smith, Sister Babcock and Sister Geneva Ray from Oklahoma to be with us. I felt impressed to go from Oregon and be with the other brethren in the meeting. Bros. Hyrum Ray and Clark Porter, Jr., who are interned in a C. P. S. camp at Colo. Springs, Colo. were permitted to attend the meeting one week-end.

During the meeting Bro. Edwin Weir of Capulin, N. M., and Sister Ida Mae Smith were united in marriage. Let us pray for this young couple that God will bless them and encourage them to work together to upbuild God's kingdom.

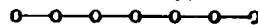
The number attending was small, but the Lord truly did work and we all felt well repaid for every effort put forth. Souls received definite help and encouragement. One young brother was saved and baptized. We truly rejoice to see the Lord working in new places. Saints, let us expect things from God and we shall receive things from Him. If we are willing and obedient, refuse to doubt, fear, or be doubleminded, but believe God and His word; we can expect God to honor our prayers. Today, there is a lack among many of a burden, consistent seeking, definitely knowing the will of God, praying, and consistently measuring and living to all of the light the Spirit has revealed to us from the Word. Let us make sure we are on believing ground and then expect results.

I am now enjoying a privilege that I have often looked forward to: that of visiting with a number of the brethren and some of the congregations in Oklahoma. I enjoyed a visit with the congregations at Shawnee and Guthrie. It has been an encouragement to meet the older ministers and also to see the young ministers loving and upholding the truth clear and clean.

Let us remember the new places and people who have taken their stand for the truth in our prayers; also all of the ministers and workers, as they need much wisdom and help from the Lord. May God richly bless you, as a reader, is my desire and prayer for you.

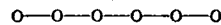
Your brother in the one body,

Veal Kliever



Ky.—Dear Faith and Victory readers,—I have been intending for some time to send my testimony, for God is so wonderfully good to me and I love Him with all my heart. His presence is a reality to me. Jesus satisfies every longing of my heart. I was saved many years ago, and all along the way the Lord has taken care of me. I can truthfully say that I have escaped the pitfalls of the enemy of souls because I have anchored in Jesus and taken the word of God as my guide always. Jesus is a constant companion and abiding friend, and as the years roll on He becomes more and more real and satisfying to me, more real to me than the things that I see with my natural eyes, nearer to me than the breath I breathe. He is with me when awake or asleep, a present help in every time of need. I even call on Him in my dreams, and never fail to awaken with His praises in my heart. Feeble words cannot tell His goodness to me. In the times of testing and trials He is so near, so precious, and as I cast my burdens upon Him, He bears them for me. When passing thru one of the greatest sorrows of my life, Jesus came in a special wonderful way. I could feel His presence at my side and could hear a still, small voice so sweet and unexplainable as He spoke a peace and rest so deep and so satisfying to my broken heart. Then in a wonderful way that words can never describe, he lifted me above the sorrow and heartache, and for days I was nearer heaven than earth. I cannot tell you the joy of it, I will not try, but it was so real. I could never doubt Him. Oh, there is no burden that our Lord will not bear for us. He wants His children to cast their cares on Him. He can save the vilest sinner. He can remove any net that Satan has woven about you. He can take away the desire for anything that is not God's will for you. He can do exceedingly, abundantly above all that we can ask or think. He can take away our sins so that we can be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord. I have trusted Him many years and He has never failed me once. His blessed Spirit abides. My desire is to go all the way with my blessed Lord. He has healed my body many times. I have trusted Him for all things these years and I can recommend Him to all who will repent of their sins and take Him as their Saviour. I praise Him today with all my heart. I want to keep very close to Him in these days when we do not know what a day may bring forth. Let us be ready to go or stay as He wills. May God bless all who read this testimony, is my prayer.

Lula Boss



Ohio—Dear ones in Christ Jesus,—Greetings to you in Jesus whom we love and serve and who is a present help in every time of need. Husband sent a telegram requesting prayer for my healing Saturday. I was in so much misery that if it had not been for your prayers I know I could not have been able to sit up this morning. I knew when prayer went up, for my healing. I am

still weak and nervous, but my trust is completely in our Saviour. Pray that I will gain strength. The pains are all gone. Praise His holy name! Iva Evans

—o—o—o—o—o—o—

Fla.—Dear Brother Pruitt,—I have been reading the little paper for about three years. I enjoy it so much and get much encouragement from it.

It is hard at this hour to press on, but I desire to make it regardless of the cost. This is no time to fall back. I do love the Lord and I want to go on with Him even if I have many trials. I have been trying to serve the Lord almost seven years to the best of my knowledge.

I have been sick a few times. I had a large abscess on my body, but Jesus came to my rescue when I called on Him. I desire to be obedient to His will. Remember me in your prayers at this hour. I have a rash on my feet. Pray that the Lord will heal it. He said He would and I believe Him. Pray much for me and the other saints here.

—Mrs. Dane Thompson

—o—o—

Be Not Conformed To The World

St. John 17:16, "They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world." Eph. 3:15 reads, "Of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named." Eph. 4:4, "There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling." Our blessed Saviour was speaking of the whole Christian family. St. John 10:16, "And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold, and one shepherd." He says one fold and one shepherd. If you have the light of God on this and you don't believe and practice it, you are out on the broad way and headed for the pit. This is a sad age. Families are separated that will never unite again, husbands and sons are dying.

Romans 13:1-8, "Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God. Whosoever therefore resisteth the power, resisteth the ordinance of God: and they that resist shall receive to themselves damnation. For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to the evil. Wilt thou then not be afraid of the power? Do that which is good, and thou shalt have praise of the same. For he is the minister of God to thee for good. But if thou do that which is evil, be afraid; for he beareth not the sword in vain for he is the minister of God, a revenger to execute wrath upon him that doeth evil. Wherefore ye must needs be subject, not only for wrath, but also for conscience sake. For, for this cause pay ye tribute also: for they are God's ministers, attending continually upon this very thing. Render therefore to all their dues: tribute to whom tribute is due; custom to whom custom; fear to whom fear; honour to whom honour. Owe no man anything but to love one another: for he that loveth another hath fulfilled the law."

Our dear Saviour says his children are not of the world as he was not of the world. This ungodly way of dressing is of the world. If a woman sits down or stoops over, she disgraces and disrespects the whole womanhood. If you are in that

class and saying you are a child of God; or if you have the desire and are coming just as close to the edge as you can, I don't care what you profess, you are on the broad way and not fit to cry for anything but for mercy. 1 Peter 3:3-5, "Whose adorning, let it not be that outward adorning of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of gold, or of putting on of apparel, But let it be the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price. For after this manner, in the old time, the holy women also, who trusted in God, adorned themselves, being in subjection unto their own husbands." There is not a reasonable minded person who will say they believe those holy women dressed like these of today. They trusted in God. 1 Tim. 2:9, "In like manner also, that women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with shamefacedness and sobriety; not with broidered hair, or gold, or pearls, or costly array." How much shamefacedness have they today? These are out on the broad way and headed for the pit and our blessed Lord wants them delivered. The Lord yet has a few women whose souls are mourning because of the way their sisters are dressing.

Here is a man called of God. Romans 1:15, 16, "So, as much as in me is, I am ready to preach the gospel to you that are at Rome also. For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation, to everyone that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek." Well, how about you, are you ashamed or afraid to speak of those things? If you are, you are out on the broad way. Luke 9:26, "For whosoever shall be ashamed of me and of my words, of him shall the Son of man be ashamed, when he shall come in his own glory, and in his Father's, and of the holy angels." Isa. 62:10, "Go through, go through the gates; prepare ye the way of the people; cast up, cast up the highway; gather out the stones; lift up a standard for the people." God's ministers will do this.

Dearly beloved brothers and sisters, let us go to heaven. There is only one way, the Bible way. Our blessed Lord is not standing with a gun to shoot us down if we fail to accept him. But he is pleading for us to come and live with him for He loves us so. He came here and died for us. Will you come and live with him? We must go his way. Luke 6:46, "And why call ye me Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?" John 12:48, "He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day." How sad to turn his word down. Ed Crowl

MEETING REPORT

The campmeeting at Langdon, Mo. was greatly blessed of God. The enemy worked hard the first few days to block the meeting, but the saints kept on their faces before God in prayer, and the Lord gave a real breaking through. The Holy Spirit was poured out upon the meeting and the altar for prayer was filled with seekers, some for salvation and some for the baptism of the

Spirit, the Comforter which He promised to all who obey Him. The rest of the meeting was precious and heavenly with victory over all opposing powers, and souls came to the altar for help in nearly every service. The Lord gave the ministers great freedom in preaching the Word and it went forth in the power and demonstration of the Spirit. Ten ministers from different states were present. God chose and used the ones He pleased as all functioned in their proper places in the body. It is always precious and heavenly where God is having His way.

—oOo—

Nobody Saved

"The way you fellows teach, there won't be any body saved." We have heard truth fighters and hard boiled sectarians express themselves similar to the above when we were trying to show them the way of Apostolic truth as Jesus and his early followers and apostles taught it. Such expressions seem most common from those who carry the mark of the beast. But do we not read Jesus' own words in Matt. 7:13, 14 which says, "Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: **Because strait is the gate and narrow is the way which leadeth to life, and few there be that find it.**"? Dear opposer, I didn't give you this word. No man did. It is the word of the Omnipotent God to you. And it is going to mean just this to the human family. There are millions in eternity right now as I write these lines who have proved the awful meaning of these words of Jesus. They would give millions of worlds if they could be back here long enough to take them seriously and be honest enough with their own souls to take them without compromise. And why was it that few there be that find it? Was it because it was so strait they couldn't walk in it? No, it was because it was so strait they **wouldn't** walk in it. (John 5:40.) It knocked the tobacco out of their mouths, because we read in 2 Cor. 7:1, "Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us **cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.**" It took shows and all kinds of worldly pleasure out of their catalogue, for we read in 1 Tim. 5:6, "But she that liveth in pleasure is dead while she liveth." It required them to fall out with crookedness and turn their backs on it, for we read in Heb. 12:13, "And make straight paths for your feet, lest that which is lame be turned out of the way; but let it rather be healed." It took the conformity to the world out of them, for in Rom. 12:2 we read, "And be not conformed to this world, but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect will of God." In short, it trimmed every little twig of sin off so close, that they wouldn't have it. As with many other scriptures, 1 Cor. 15:34 calls for it all. "Awake to righteousness and sin not; for some have not the knowledge of God: I speak to your shame." As we substantially said before, touching compromisers, we didn't make this gospel shoe; the Lord made it. And, dear reader, you are going to have to trim your foot till it will

fit, and wear it. If you hobble up to the gate with any other kind of shoe on, you can't walk through! Is it because it is impossible for you to wear this shoe? No, it is because you wouldn't let the Lord put it on you, and fasten it with the fourth verse of this scripture. It will never be because the saints teach it too close as taught by Jesus and the apostles, but only because you wouldn't give up your old sinful life and get willing to measure to the standard.

—J. H. Pierson.

Roll of 5 "Faith and Victory" papers, one year....	\$ 1.00
12 papers each month, one year	2.00
25 papers each month, one year	4.00
50 papers each month, one year	7.50
100 papers each month, one year	14.00

BIBLE STUDY

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

THE CHRISTIAN WAY OF LIFE

Sunday, October 7, 1945

Daily Readings and Meditations

October 1 to 6.

- M. Love for God and man Matt. 22:34-40
- T. Love better than sacrifice Mark 12:28-34.
- W. True neighborly love Luke 10:25-37.
- F. Love the proof of discipleship John 13:31-35.
- R. Love from the heart 1 Peter 1:22-25.
- S. Abounding in love 1 Thess. 3:11-13.

Printed Portion Luke 10:25-37.

Luke 10:25. And, behold, a certain lawyer stood up, and tempted him, saying, Master, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?

26. He said unto him, What is written in the law? how readeest thou?

27. And he answering said, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbor as thyself.

28. And he said unto him Thou hast answered right: this do, and thou shalt live.

29. But he willing to justify himself, said unto Jesus, And who is my neighbor?

30. And Jesus answering said, A certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, which stripped him of his raiment, and wounded him, and departed, leaving him half dead.

31. And by chance there came down a certain priest that way; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side.

32. And likewise a Levite, when he was at the place, came and looked on him, and passed by on the other side.

33. But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was; and when he saw him, he had compassion on him,

34. And went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring in oil and wine and set him on his own beast, and brought him to an inn, and took care of him.

35. And on the morrow when he departed, he took out two pence, and gave them to the host, and said unto

him Take care of him: and whatsoever thou spendest more, when I come again, I will repay thee.

36. Which now of these three, thinkest thou, was neighbor unto him that fell among the thieves,

37. And he said, He that showed mercy on him. Then said Jesus unto him, Go, and do thou likewise.

Golden Text: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength and with all thy mind; and thy neighbor as thyself. Luke 10:27.

Practical Truth: The Christian way of life is a way of love toward God and man.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

To the lawyer, Christ in a very simple way taught the lesson that one is not justified before God for his head-knowledge of the word of God but rather the practice of it. The lawyer knew what the law taught and was able to teach others and to repeat it without a blunder, but he had not lived up to it. His conscience was pricked when Christ said "This DO and thou shalt live." Jesus did not accuse him, but a guilty conscience needs no accuser. Well did he know he had not kept the law which he was able to repeat so correctly. He evidently thought he had kept the first part, for it was the second part which pricked his conscience. He wanted to justify himself with the question, "Who is my neighbor?" In other words, "Whom is it my duty to love, and whom do I not need to love as myself?" When one seeks to excuse himself from loving someone, he fails to have that free, all-embracing love of God in his heart.

It is a guilty conscience which reaches out for an excuse to hide behind. Do you remember that in the Garden of Eden Adam did not go into the bushes to try to hide from God until after he had sinned and his conscience was guilty. If you find yourself trying to make excuses for not obeying part of the word of God, it is time that you confess and forsake your sin and bring it out into the open light of God that it may be covered by Jesus' blood.

The parable Jesus gave needs no interpretation. In simple language he pictured a poor needy victim, some passers-by who were absorbed in their own selfish pursuits, and one who took time to do good and show compassion. In this parable Jesus included different classes and races of people; so we are to love our neighbor as ourself regardless of class distinction, race, or creed.

Make some tests for yourself to see if you love God with your whole heart and your neighbor as yourself.

Do you go where you want to go or where God wants you to go? Do you spend most of your time for God or for self? Do you spend your money for God or for self? Do you dress to please God or self? Do you talk to please God or self? Now be honest: are you real sure that you love God with your whole heart, mind, and strength. That would leave no part of you to love a single thing that is contrary to the nature of God or His will for you.

Your neighbor may be one in need of spiritual, financial, or physical help. Do you love him as yourself?

A minister at the Guthrie campmeeting gave an illustration which is a good test: "If your son had killed someone and he had been arrested for murder would you pray, 'O God, spare his life, cause those who execute the law to be merciful to him'? Then suppose another mother's son should kill your son how would you pray for the killer? Would you pray for the full penalty of the law to be meted out to him?'"

Do you have as much mercy upon others in the Christian life as you want them to have upon you?

—oOo—

THE HOME A SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN LIVING

Sunday, October 14, 1945

Daily Readings and Meditations

October 8 to 13.

M. Parental teaching Deut. 6:4-9.

T. The fourfold life Luke 2:51-52.

W. Obedience to parents Eph. 6:1-4.

T. Learning the word of God 2 Tim. 3:14-17.

F. God's worship established Josh. 23:6-11.

S. Piety in the home 1 Tim. 5:1-4.

Printed Portion Deut. 6:4-9; Luke 2:51, 52; Ephesians 5:22, 25; 6:1-4.

Deut. 6:4. Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is one Lord:

5. And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might.

6. And these words which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart:

7. And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up.

8. And thou shalt bind them for a sign upon thine hand, and they shall be as frontlets between thine eyes.

9. And thou shalt write them upon the post of thy house and on thy gates.

Luke 2:51. And he went down with them, and came to Nazareth, and was subject unto them: but his mother kept all these sayings in her heart.

52. And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man.

Eph. 5:22. Wives submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord.

25. Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church and gave himself for it.

6:1. Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right.

2. Honor thy father and mother; which is the first commandment with promise;

3. That it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth.

4. And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

Golden Text: Be ye kind one to another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you. Eph. 4:32.

Practical Truth: The primary responsibility for the training of children lies with parents.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

One has rightly said, "The greatest difficulty in conversion is to win the heart to God, and after conversion to keep it with Him." If God can gain and keep the heart (center of affections) He can govern the whole man; but when man's affections and desires depart from God and go after earthly things, God will be forgotten, forsaken, and disobeyed. God knows that the enemy is constantly at work to destroy souls, so His word is full of faithful warnings against being neglectful. There is no place for carelessness nor indifference in the Christian way.

At the present time it seems that the devil's most successful scheme for gathering souls for destruction is to get a firm hold upon the children. He often sets traps for and captures children in Christian homes in spite of the fact that God has warned his people over and over again concerning this danger.

Parents cannot force their children to get saved, neither can they get saved for them; but God does hold parents responsible to diligently train them. If parents do their duty in training their children and in keeping their own hearts with all diligence so they may set the right example before them, they can expect the Holy Spirit to draw them to God. Children do not have to be very old to understand whether their parents are merely "talking religion" or "living salvation." The former may do more harm than good, but the latter will have a weighty influence upon the lives of the children. Parents must be saved and living in obedience to Ephesians 5:22, 25 before they can effectually teach their children to obey Ephesians 6:1.

Parents who are too busy with the cares of life to take time to bring their children up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, will find to their sorrow and regret that the devil has not been too busy with other things to fail to train them in his ways. Children who are spoiled and left to their own ways will not submit to God and obey Him when they grow older. They cannot be teased and coaxed into doing right, but they must be diligently trained by firm, loving parents who realize that God has given them authority over their children. They should be taught concerning their duties to parents, to each other, and to God. They should be taught scriptural truths concerning Christian doctrine and morals.

—oOo—

MAKING THE HOME CHRISTIAN

Sunday, October 21, 1945

Daily Readings and Meditations

October 15 to 20

- M. Christ in the home Luke 10:38-42.
- T. The supremacy of love 1 Cor. 13:1-13.
- W. A family becomes Christian Acts 16:25-34.
- T. A child serves God 1 Sam. 3:1-9.
- F. A mother's prayer Matt. 15:21-28.
- S. Parental example 1 Kings 9:1-5.

Printed Portion Luke 10:38-42; 1 Cor. 13:4-13.

Luke 10:38. Now it came to pass, as they went, that he entered into a certain village: and a certain woman named Martha received him into her house.

39. And she had a sister called Mary, which also sat at Jesus' feet, and heard his word.

40. But Martha was cumbered about much serving, and came to him and said Lord, dost thou not care that my sister hath left me to serve alone? bid her therefore that she help me.

41. And Jesus answered and said unto her, Martha, Martha, thou art careful and troubled about many things:

42. But one thing is needful; and Mary hath chosen that good part, which shall not be taken away from her.

1 Cor. 13:4. Charity suffereth long, and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up,

5. Doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil;

6. Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth;

7. Beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things.

8. Charity never faileth: but whether there be pro-

phesies, they shall fail; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away.

9. For we know in part, and we prophesy in part.

10. But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away.

11. When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things.

12. For now we see through a glass darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known.

13. And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity.

Golden Text: Love suffereth long and is kind.
1 Cor. 13:4. R. V.

Practical Truth: Every member of a home should earnestly strive to make the home truly Christian.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

The only way that a family can make their home Christian is for the different members of the family to receive Christ into their hearts and let Him abide there. You will notice that Martha received Christ into her home, though His presence there meant that she could not have her own way about everything. Jesus tells us, "If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him." We believe it was a real pleasure to him to abide in the home of Mary and Martha where he was so welcome. At that time He could be in only one home at a time, but now He can enter every home and abide there if the family will receive Him. He will settle disputes and make home a truly peaceful and happy place.

After He is received into the home, the family must lay aside the cares of life each day long enough to sit at His feet and HEAR His word, as Mary did, if they want Him to continue to abide there. A family altar is a very essential part of a Christian home. It is not enough to go through a form of worship, but the members of the family must really let their souls absorb the lessons which Jesus teaches through His word. They must honor the Holy Spirit and depend upon Him to illuminate the truth to their minds and hearts. A family could not live physically if the members would sit around the table and go through a form of eating food without really taking any of the food into their bodies, neither can they live spiritually unless they really partake of spiritual food. Part of the work which Martha did was needful, for these bodies must have food, but she undertook more than was necessary and was so absorbed in matters which should have been secondary that she deprived herself of the blessings which she would have received from Christ's visit if she had realized there was something more important than the sustenance of these natural bodies. Service to Christ must not be substituted for love for Him. Some people, like Martha, overtax their strength and become disturbed in soul trying to give all their physical energy to the Lord. He does not want us to be so busy giving to Him that we cannot take time to receive the valuable things which He has and wants to give to us.

Jesus' rebuke to Martha does not commend laziness, nor did he mean to teach that His children should not do any manual labor for His Word teaches us to work; but His children should put eternal things first in their lives. If anything has to be left undone, let it be the temporal things. Sometimes part of a family will stay

at home from services in order to cook a big dinner for the preacher. If the preacher is a true child of God, he would be far more pleased if the whole family would attend services where their souls could be fed and strengthened and then serve him food that would be easy to prepare after the services were over.

In the 13th chapter of 1 Corinthians, the word charity means the divine love which God sheds abroad in a heart when He enters to take up His abode there. When His love is present in a heart, it will bear the fruits mentioned in this chapter. If most of the members of a home possess this love, problems which arise can be worked out without trouble.

—oOo—

THE INFLUENCE OF CHRISTIAN HOMES

Sunday, October 28, 1945

Daily Readings and Meditations

October 22 to 27.

- M. Lydia's home Acts 16:13-15.
- T. Timothy's home 2 Tim. 1:1-6.
- W. Philemon's home Phil. 1-7.
- T. Qualities of a Christian home Titus 2:1-10.
- F. Christian Supervision 1 Tim. 3:1-7.
- S. A temperate family Jer. 35:5-10.

Printed Portion Acts 16:13-15; 2 Tim. 1:1-6;
3:14, 15; Titus 2:1-4; 2:11, 12.

Acts 16:13. And on the sabbath we went out of the city by a river side, where prayer was wont to be made; and we sat down, and spake unto the women which resorted thither.

14. And a certain woman named Lydia, a seller of purple, of the city of Thyatira, which worshipped God, heard us: whose heart the Lord opened, that she attended unto the things which were spoken of Paul.

15. And when she was baptized and her household, she besought us, saying, If ye have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come into my house, and abide there. And she constrained us.

2 Tim. 1:1. Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, according to the promise of life which is in Christ Jesus,

2. To Timothy, my dearly beloved son: Grace, mercy, and peace, from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

3. I thank God, whom I serve from my forefathers with pure conscience, that without ceasing I have remembrance of thee in my prayers night and day;

4. Greatly desiring to see thee, being mindful of thy tears, that I may be filled with joy;

5. When I call to remembrance the unfeigned faith that is in thee, which dwelt first in thy grandmother Lois, and thy mother Eunice; and I am persuaded that in thee also.

6. Wherefore I put thee in remembrance, that thou stir up the gift of God, which is in thee by the putting on of my hands.

3:14. But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them;

15. And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

Titus 2:1. But speak thou the things which become sound doctrine:

2. That the aged men be sober, grave, temperate, sound in faith, in charity, in patience.

3. The aged women likewise, that they be in be-

havior as becometh holiness, not false accusers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things;

4. That they may teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children.

11. For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men,

12. Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world.

Golden Text: As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord. Joshua 24:15.

Practical Truth: Temperance instruction should begin in the home both by example and precept.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

This lesson is meant for a temperance lesson. Consider the number of advantages a Christian home has over a home where one or both parents are addicted to the drink habit. Which would you choose? Why?

Consider the necessity of temperance from the standpoint of influence. If one does not choose to care for his own body and soul, if he has any degree of love, kindness, or concern for others, he should be careful about the way he conducts himself because of the influence he has upon others. Have you ever considered how powerful influence is? People are what they are because of the way they have allowed the lives of others to influence them. Some have more influence than others; but everyone, regardless of how poor or weak he may be, has some influence upon others. That is the reason we shall all have to give an account for every idle word and for all of our works whether they be good or evil, at the Judgment. Little things we say and do will grow and live on to influence the lives of others, long after we are gone from this earth.

Consider the characters in today's lesson and the influence that is still going out from their lives even though they lived about 1900 years ago: Paul, Lydia, Lois, Eunice, Timothy, and Titus. What would have been the outcome if they had taken the modern defiant attitude, "It's nobody's business what I do"? The first part of the lesson tells about the time when Paul went into Europe to take the gospel to them. Can you imagine where we would be today if Paul had not turned to God, and in turn influenced those women and others to believe the gospel?

Think of others who have directly influenced you. If you are saved, it is because you have seen the life of Christ manifested by someone or because someone's prayers influenced you. Perhaps you can think of many different people who have influenced you to hold opinions and act as you do. Some may stand out in your memory more forcefully than others, such as your mother and father, grandparents, other near relatives and friends, school teachers, Sunday School teachers, or preachers. If you are not saved, it is because you are allowing others to influence you the wrong way and rob you of eternal happiness.

You cannot realize the extent of your own influence, for many are watching your life whom you do not know about and your influence is either pointing them to God or the devil.

A Christian home can have more influence for God than just one individual. The children of godly parents have many advantages over others: the advantage of peace and quietness and love in the home, good examples set before them, good teaching, correction, effectual prayers, and the promises of God.