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At evening time it shall be light.

GOD IS

YE SHINE AS LIGHTS IN THE WORLD. JESUS

Unto <u>Him</u> shall the gathering of the people be.

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We Thank The Lord For That

Once more the guns have ceased to roar;
The nations signed for peace;
And many sons from battle fronts
Now have a glad release;
And our hearts are filled with gratitude.
We thank the Lord for that.

In many breasts were aching hearts,
Deep grief, groans, and a sigh—
We knew that on the battlefield
Somebody's son must die.
But the battle clouds have cleared away;
We thank the Lord for that.

Yes, many prayers went up to God
For loved ones o'er the foam,
If it should be His righteous will
To bring them safely home.
Thousands have greeted their loved ones here:
We thank the Lord for that.

Though some went down on battlefields
While in the battle's fray,
A light shined in some darkened hearts
To merge in endless day—
Some sought for God and He heard their cry.
We thank the Lord for that.

While cannon balls have ceased to whine
And bombs explode no more,
A battle fierce is raging on
Just as it did before;
But our God and right shall triumph still.
We thank the Lord for that.

Millions fall on the battle front
Of sin and hate and strife;
Yet God so loved this sin-cursed world
That Jesus gave his life
To ransom all who will come to Him.
We thank the Lord for that.

Stand up, ye soldiers of the cross,
With gospel armor on;
Wield your sword for truth and right,
And fight against the wrong.
Then soon we shall wear the victor's crown:
We thank the Lord for that.

No "draftees" have there ever been In God's staunch armored band;
But all are willing-hearted men Fighting sin on every hand.
With palms of victory they shall stand:
We thank the Lord for that.

Humility, The Lost Art

It is claimed that in past ages man was skillful in welding a certain metal, but since then they have entirely lost the art, which is much needed now. Another much-needed art, which seems almost lost to the human race, is humility. The definition of humility is, having a low esteem of one's self.

Let us receive instruction from the Lord, "Then there arose a reasoning among them, which of them should be greatest. And Jesus, perceiving the thought of their heart, took a child, and set him by him, and said unto them, Whosoever shall receive this child in my name receiveth me; and whosoever shall receive me, receiveth him that sent me: for he that is least among you all, the same shall be great." Luke 9:46-48.

"He hath shewed thee, O man, what is good: and what doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk *humbly* with thy God?" Micah 6:8.

"Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time." 1 Peter. 5:7.

Even after one has met all the conditions of God's word for justification and sanctification, he must daily crucify self, and bring the fleshly, human desires into subjection to the will of God. The Apostle said. "I die daily." He also said, "We have this treasure in earthen vessels." The natural must continually be worked over, that it may hold the spiritual. When these earthen vessels are in a condition so they will not leak, God will keep them filled with the greatest treasure man can have.

The antonym of humility is *pride*. Humility and pride cannot abide in the same heart. As rust eats out a tin vessel until it will not hold water, so pride will cause this earthen vessel, to leak and become incapable of holding the treasures of salvation. God hates pride, and his people must guard against it that humility may rule their hearts.

Pride in the heart is manifested in different "Only by pride cometh contention." Prov. When the word of God is preached, often 13:10. people who are not measured to it will resent it and contend for their ways. This is because pride is in their hearts and they do not want to submit to the lowly ways of God. Along with contention comes vengeance. The Lord said. "Vengeance is mine." An humble child of God will obey God and permit Him to deal with an offender as He chooses, but one with pride in his heart feels that he must take his own part and not let anyone run over him, so he resorts to vengeance, thus robbing God of that which is His. Even some who claim to be gospel workers have resorted to vengeance. We can know God's true children by their fruits. The Lord cannot use us as channels to work through if we are permitting something to lodge in our hearts that is not pleasing to Him. If we think ourselves to be something when we are nothing, the Lord says that we deceive ourselves. Let us keep our hearts with all diligence. "for out of it are the issues of life." If the Lord is using us, we must keep humble and dead to self or we shall find that He will quit using us.

A saint of God wanted to buy a home in a neighborhood for the purpose of starting a work for God. He found a place that he thought would be suitable, but the neighbors told him that he could have no success there because of a bad neighbor. He felt like it was the Lord's will for him to buy the place. so he did, and moved to it. There was only one fence between his place and that of the bad neighbor, and the neighbor used a road which crossed the Christian's place to get to the back of his place. The saint of God put his nice cow in the pasture field through which the road ran. The bad neighbor started to his field and had to open the gate. The cow was standing close to the gate, so he shot her. The cow was in good condition for beef, so the saint dressed her and took some of the best of it to the bad neighbor and sold the rest in the neighborhood. Then he put the cow's head where it would face the bad neighbor everytime he went to his work. The bad neighbor became convicted

and in order to rid himself of the awful condemnation which rested upon his soul, he made his wrong right and got saved. The neighbors knew about the deal and when they saw that the saint of God did not take vengeance upon the bad neighbor they realized that he really possessed the Spirit of God. The Lord worked and soon they were having good meetings at the brother's place. It is not what we are that matters, but what God can be through us.

We wish to tell how the Lord worked in our home. Wife had become discouraged and had given away to a bad spirit. One prayer-meeting evening while eating supper after I had returned home from work, she said, "I wouldn't go to that old prayer meeting."

I did not want to stir up strife so I waited until time to go then said, "I guess I'll go," and I went. I don't remember any time when I enjoyed the deep, rich Spirit of God more. When I returned home the door was locked. I asked the Lord to help me. I had sweet peace in my soul. After I called her the third time she let me in and asked me what I wanted. I told her as kindly as I knew how, how it hurt me to think she would allow herself to get that way. I got ready for bed and she said, "You shan't sleep in this bed."

I said, "All right." There was a single cot in another room so I went to it. I knelt in prayer and committed the case into His hands again and just got to sleep when our little boy about five or six years of age, who was sleeping in a little bed by the foot of our bed—and he knew nothing about the trouble—arose and cried out with an unusual, unbecoming, loud voice, "Mama, Mama, where is Papa?" That was too much for her. She came and asked my forgiveness. The Lord spoke through that boy, and we give the Lord all the praise. The thought is to show the power in humility; O, the power in humility!

I once had a vision of a golden spout leading down from God's great storehouse. It reached lower than any except the blood-washed could go, and down at its mouth was an abundance of supplies for both soul and body, with victory. Praise the Lord of heaven!

Illustration: We had a few turkey hens and a few gobblers which we turned into a dry pasture where there was no food. We took a board off a fence so they could go out into a good pasture where they could get plenty of good food, if they would only put their heads down and go under the fence. We left them for a while and then returned to see how they were getting along. The high-headed gobblers had worn a trail along the fence where they had paced back and forth as they looked over at the good pasture desiring to be fed. They were suffering and perishing for food, but would not bend their stiff necks and go under the fence to get it. The others had gone under and were enjoying the good food. The Bible tells about stiff-necked people. They must get their necks down to enjoy God's blessings.

God can only develop His rich graces within us when we keep humble and true to Him in the trials and tests of life. We hope this will encourage someone to be humble. "By humility and the fear of the Lord are riches, and honour, and life." Prov. 22:4.

—E. J. Furman (revised)

DEATH

When we speak of death, it brings a solemn feeling of meaning we can not altogether fathom. It is shrouded in a kind of mysterious something no one has ever been able to fully explain, yet it exists all around us. We observe it every day; no man can stay it; it is sweeping the globe. There are. Scripturally speaking, two kinds of death: physical death, and spiritual death. Generally speaking, the one that should be dreaded most is feared the least, and that is spiritual death. When we speak of natural, or physical, death we have reference to the state or condition that exists when the soul, or the spirit is separated from the body. For illustration we refer the reader to Gen. 35:18a, speaking of the death of Rachel, Jacob's wife, it says, "And it came to pass, as her soul was in departing, (for she died) . . ." So death means separation.

When we speak of spiritual death, we have reference to the state or condition of the soul that is separated from God, and has come under condemnation on account of sin. "Behold, all souls are mine; as the soul of the father, so also the soul of the son is mine: the soul that sinneth, it shall die." Ezek. 18:4. Also, again we read: "The soul that sinneth, it shall die. The son shall not bear the iniquity of the father, neither shall the father bear the iniquity of the son: the righteousness of the righteous shall be upon him, and the wickedness of the wicked shall be upon him." Ezek. 18:20. Paul, in his letter to Timothy, speaking of those pleasureloving women, said, "But she that liveth in pleasure is dead while she liveth." 1 Tim. 5:6. We read in Matt. 23:27, Jesus' rebuke to some hypocritical Pharisees: "Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye are like unto whited sepulchres, which indeed appear beautiful outward, but are within full of dead men's bones, and of all uncleanness." We could give other texts along this line, but we believe the ones given are enough to clearly set before the reader the sad state and condition of one who is in sin. One of the saddest thoughts is that the majority of those who are away from God, do not half way realize their miserable condition. Sin is so deceitful and its effects so nullifying that it has caused a deep sleep to fall upon them. Therefore Paul said, "Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead and Christ shall give thee light."

The world is in a sad condition, going farther and farther away from God, and thousands who profess to be followers of the meek and lowly Lamb, are at this very moment, dead in trespasses and sin. They are dead while living; the body being the in-

strument of the soul is full of dead works, and these dead works are an abomination in the sight of God, and a stench in his nostrils; he has no pleasure in them at all: neither has he pleasure in the death of the wicked.

Sin is no part of God. God cannot fellowship sin and it was not his purpose in the beginning that men should live in sin. But since sin has come into the world, and death by sin, death has passed upon all, for all have sinned. God loved us with such a great love that he sent his only begotten Son into the world to suffer and die, that whosoever believeth on him should not perish but have everlasting life. He tasted death for all, and bids all to look unto him and live. "There is life for a look at the crucified one." O Souls dead in sin, and away from the fold of God, "Look and live."

Jesus taught in his doctrine that "The hour is coming, and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God: and they that hear shall live." And we are further exhorted: "In the day ye hear his voice, harden not your heart." Paul said that he was not disobedient to the heavenly vision (a calling), but gave heed immediately. Now is the accepted time. God is calling now through his gospel ministers, to "wake poor sinners from the dead."

Dear reader, if there is sin between you and God, you are dead; and if you die a natural, or physical, death and that sin is not pardoned or blotted out by the precious blood of Jesus, the second death will be your never-ending portion. Jesus is the life-giver; He came that those who sat in the land and shadow of death might have life. Repent, and call on God for pardon, that you might have life through his Son, Jesus. Give heed to His voice that you may live, that you may be numbered with those who have been quickened, and received life from the dead.

—Ulysses Phillips

Prayer

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PRAYER can obtain everything; can open the windows of heaven and shut the gates of hell; can detain an angel till he leaves a blessing; can open the treasures of rain, and soften the iron ribs of rocks till they melt into a flowing river; can arrest the sun in his course, and send the winds upon our errands.

Prayer draws down gifts from heaven. It fills the empty soul. It brings strength to the weak, true riches to the poor, and grace and peace to the feeble. It is a bank of wealth, a mine of love and mercies, and a store of blessings. It travels further, and moves faster than the light. Well might Mary, Queen of Scotland, say, "I fear the prayers of John Knox more than an army of ten thousand men."

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NOW IN TRACT FORM

The article entitled "A Challenge to the Church" on the question of war which was published as a supplement to *Faith and Victory* in April, 1945, is now in tract form consisting of 20 pages. Copies may be obtained by addressing your requests to this office.

Editorials

Time is passing swiftly, Christmas Day will soon be here and many will be giving gifts to one another in honor of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, who is said to have been born on the 25th day of December. A great many who celebrate on Christmas Day do it in such a worldly and sinful way that it is not acceptable with the Lord at all. Much of their giving and feasting is mockery (to give way to the fleshly lusts and overeat is sinful) and done in the spirit of the world, which is the enemy of God. It need not be with the saints of God, who are not of the world; but they with prayer for the guiding hand of God, should give as unto Him in the Spirit of Christ, similiar to the giving of the wise men who, when they visited little Jesus as He lay in the manger, humbled themselves down, reverenced Him, and gave gifts to the child.

The stories told to the children of Santa Claus coming at night and filling their stockings with gifts should not be among the saints. Children should not be told lies. Be honest with your children that they may grow up having full confidence in you, knowing you always speak the truth.

On page six you will find a list of articles for sale which we have in stock to send to you on request. These articles will make good gifts for your friends for Christmas. We have just got in a good supply of lovely Scripture-text Christmas folders with envelopes to match. There are twenty-one folders in each box and the price is \$1.00 post paid to you. Send early for your supply for they may be hard to find anywhere later. We have the 1946 Scripture-text Calendars ready too, to be mailed to you at your request. They are 30 cents each, 4 for \$1.00 or 9 calendars for \$2.00. All are postpaid.

At this writing, October 18th, a revival meeting is in progress at the saints' chapel here in Guthrie and God is working. The attendance is very good and folks are coming to the altar of prayer. The Word is going forth in the power and demonstration of the Spirit. This is the fourth day of the meeting, and we are looking for God to do great things in this protracted meeting. Brother Egbert Allen of north Missouri is preaching and we are expecting other ministers to join him in this battle against sin and Satan's professing throng who are of the world. I wish all of our readers could be in this meeting. Truly God makes His ministers a flaming fire. Heb. 1:7.

From observation and by the unction of the Spirit of God, it seems that there are more people who are backsliding than there are those who are getting genuinely saved. Leaders are compromising with the world and loving its filthy lucre, and the praise of its men. In many ways they are conforming to the world, and those under their influence are falling with them as the scripture has said, If

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the blind lead the blind, they both shall fall into the ditch. It looks like the world of professors are ripening fast for destruction, as they drift farther and farther from God and become more and more like the world, which is the enemy of God. What a sad, sad condition to behold.

In the 17th chapter of Revelation where John is describing "Mystery Babylon" and her harlot daughters in symbolic language, he says in the first verse that this whore "sitteth upon many waters." Waters symbolizes people. Truly this great whore, cpiritually speaking, is resting upon nearly all people in these last and perilous days. More and more followers of Christ are imbibing of her spirit and becoming blind to real truth and what it means to be separate from the world and Satan's religious hosts. In the second verse John says, "With whom the kings of the earth have committed fornication."

The kings here mentioned are these great preachers, including editors and radio preachers, who have much knowledge of spiritual things. They are termed kings because of their great influence and ruling, spiritual influence over the masses of people. They are kings of the earth because they are not of heav-They have not the Spirit of God in the soul. They commit fornication or spiritual adultery with "Mystery Babylon the great whore;" in other words, "Drink of her wine." partake of her earthly reasoning, and mix error with truth and cause precious souls to lodge with some of the many so-called churches, who are citizens of this world or this country. The latter part of the 2nd verse says, "The inhabitants of the earth has been made drunk with the wine of her fornication." Precious souls often allow these leaders who are drunk on Babylon wine to reason them astray and cause them to conform to the world and with the old whore. Read on in the 17th chapter of Revelation and you will see what a nasty thing she is, and how this vile woman or false church who deceives with a cloak of religion is drunken with the blood of the saints and with the blood of the martyrs and of Jesus. This same old religious spirit worked in and through the religious Jews and they clamored for the life of Jesus. They finally striped Him. pierced His brow with thorns, and slew him on the cross as a robber or murderer. Dear readers, flee from such things and do not be a partaker with these kings of the earth who are committing fornication with the great whore. Separate yourself unto God and keep clean from all defilement. Obey the scriptures found in the last half of the 6th chapter of 2 Cor. and also in the forepart of the 18th chapter of Rev. In the first verse of the 12th chapter of Romans we are told to present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God. which is your reasonable service, and be not conformed to this world. Dear one, give yourself to God, not to earthly kings who are committing fornication with the old nasty whore. "As many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God." Let Him be your all and in all.

In this issue of the Faith and Victory paper we are inserting a subscription blank with space for ten yearly subscriptions to this paper. This will be a good time for you to do some home-missionary work for God and at least clear your soul in behalf of friends, neighbors, and acquaintances who are not serving the Lord, and others who need encouragement every month in the year. Send the ten oneyear subscriptions and \$2.00. You will notice on the subscription blank that we are giving different presents to those who send in the subscriptions. This offer will be good until the first day of January, 1946. Send in your subscriptions as soon as possible that we may be able to get them started with the December issue. The later ones will begin with the January issue of 1946. This offer will take the place of the usual "Three Months" offer. We will be looking for your blank to be returned to this office with ten new subscriptions or renewals, with two dollars enclosed for the ten yearly subscriptions. Name the gift you want sent as a present. One gift we are offering is the Baby Bible. It contains a beautiful story written about Jesus for children. These little books are handsomely prepared as a little Bible, with overlapping edges. The retail price of these Bibles is 25 cents each. – oOo ––

Obituaries

Fountain F. Baily was born at Franklin, Tenn. Aug. 30, 1871. He came to Oklahoma in 1891 where he taught school forty-five years. He departed this life September 3, 1945 at the age of 74 years and 3 days. The bereaved are: one son, 25 nieces and nephews and many other relatives and friends.

His was the first funeral service held here in the little chapel at Dover, Okla. By his request, song No. 275 in Select Hymns, "Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me," was sung. Funeral sermon was preached by Bro. U. Phillips. Burial in Burn's Cemetery, near Dover.

Hattie Emaline (Hooker) Phillips, wife of John L. Phillips, was born in Gitson County, Tenn. about Feb. 12, 1860. At an early age she moved to Topeka, Kansas with her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hart.

She sought the Lord in the days of her youth and found him precious to her soul.

In the year of 1884 she was married to John L. Phillips at Topeka, Kansas. To this union nine children were born, five sons and four daughters. In the year of 1892 the family moved to Oklahoma, making their home on a small farm east of Dover.

In the summer of 1906 she heard and accepted the full Gospel of Justification, Sanctification, Divine Healing and a Holy life. She often testified of the goodness of God and of her desire to go and see him face to face.

She departed this life Sentember 20, 1945 at the home of her son, Luke B. Phillips, in Wichita, Kans, after reaching the ripe age of 85 years. 7 months, and 14 days. She leaves to mourn their loss: five sons, Ulysses, Frank, and Fletcher of Dover, Okla.; Luke Benjamin and D. C. of Wichita Kansas; one daughter, Mrs. Mary House of Dover, Okla.; 32 grandchildren, 13 great-

grandchildren, and a number of other relatives and friends. Her husband and three daughters preceded her in death. Sister Phillip's gentle manner and quiet spirit made

an impression upon all who knew her.

A few days before her death she sang a portion of the song:

"Just beyond the Jordan River, There beside the crystal sea; There's a city made of mansions, Will there be one there for me?"

after which she spoke to her son, Ulysses, and said, "My home is just beyond the Jordan."

Her noble spirit has flown; we shall miss her, but we sorrow not as those who have no hope. God had his way and our hearts bow in humble submission to his will.

Funeral sermon preached by Bro. Manly Spears. Text: 2 Tim. 4:5-8, and other scriptures. Interment in Burns' Cemetery near Dover, Okla.

A TRIBUTE TO MY MOTHER

When I was just a little child, You cared for me with joy; In sickness, health, sunshine, or rain You loved your little boy.

My cry was music in your ears, My laughter a delight; And when a thing went wrong with me, You tried to make it right.

I brought my troubles unto you, My little tales of woe; And when in years I older grew, You taught me well, you know.

You told me of the blessed Christ. The man of Galilee Who blessed the children long ago And surely cared for me.

And when I walked in crooked paths That led the downward way, You chastened me betimes, and said, "My boy, you ought to pray."

You led me forth to Sunday School, Taught me the Word of God; Also, I heard the preacher tell How Jesus shed his blood.

Conviction seized upon my heart; For mercy I did cry, Till Jesus saved me from my sins And wrote my name on high.

Peace and joy thrilled all my soul, What comfort I possessed! I thank God for your loving hand That pointed me to rest.

May heaven's blessings be your lot, God's Spirit be your guide, Until we dwell, O Mother dear, Safe on the other side.

Now you have left these mundane shores, You've rounded out your race; Mother, to God I will be true Till I shall see your face.

-Ulysses Phillips

Oregon,-My dear husband passed out of this life June 27. I took his work over leb. 1st, night shift at the hotel. June 11th when I returned home from work, he said, "Mother, I have come to an agreement with God."

I said, "You mean you have accepted Him?" For two hours I sat by his bed with tears streaming down my face and rejoiced. He was shouting happy and praising God. He preached to the children and lived it the seventeen days. He had some battles to fight. The devil stood by, bidding for his soul. It was miraculous how the Lord gave him understanding. He had smoked for sixty years and he never took another smoke. He was tempted once. He said, "Mother, I am just as obstinate as the devil and I will not give in to one thing he wishes." We had a fight with the devil. He hung on in prayer until he was completely whipped.

Oh, if some unsaved people could have stood by and seen how persistent the devil was they would not wait until late in life to accept their Saviour. It is dangerous. This was Husband's last chance. He prayed to go. An hour or two before he passed away, he said, "I don't have an ache or pain."

I could not shed a tear because he was so rejoiced to go. Bro. Kliewer officiated, and the sermon was very fitting for his case. I am lonely but I would not want him back to fight these battles over. Nettie Loraine

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Concerning Camp Ground Lots

Hammond, La.—Dear saints,—The brethren here asked me to write a notice regarding the five lots being purchased here to add to the campgrounds. We shall state the amount received and the amount still needed to pay for them:

The cost of the five lots was \$500.00, and the cost of drawing up the deed, \$5.30, making a total of \$505.30. We borrowed \$350.00 from some of the brethren, interest free, for six months. Total amount received in donations to date, \$294.06. Balance due, \$211.24. The lots have already been purchased and the additional money needed is to pay off the loan.

We wish to thank all those who have donated for this cause and pray the Lord will reward each one. Anyone else who may feel led to help out may send their offerings to Bro. Ray Key, Eox 370, Hammond, La. or to M. F. Williamson, in care of Port Office, Hammond, La.

Max Williamson

A Sister In Need

Sister Mary J. Jones, R. 4, Hartsville, S. C. writes that she has been able to make arrangements to start building her house, for which the saints have been sending donations. She still lacks about two hundred dollars having enough to complete the building.—Editor.

O-O-O-O-O-O PRAYER REQUESTS

Please fast and pray for the healing of my body. I have high blood pressure, heart trouble, and lung trouble. I am trusting God. Mrs. Annie Graves, Englewood, Tenn.

Ohio—Please pray for an affliction on my body. And pray for the release of my two boys from the army. One is married and has a family and is needed at home-Grover C. Wolfe

o-o-o-o-o MEETING NOTICE

There will be a meeting of the old-time saints at 1319 Brown St., Anderson, Ind. (In Bro, Pearson's home) from October 7th to 21st, and each two weeks thereafter until further notice. All are welcome. Bro. Pearson

CORRESPONDENCE

North Carolina—Dear Bro. Pruitt,—In the name of our risem Lord, I am glad to have the privilege of sending in my testimony and prayer request. I am saved today from sin. I do not desire anything that is evil. I believe in the one church of God which Jesus purchased with his blood. I am glad I saw the light in time and mean to walk therein.

I want the saints to pray for me, for I do know that prayer changes things. I have glandular trouble and my foot seems as if it has been asleep for twelve months. I suffer with other troubles but I am not in bed. I just keep praying and going on by faith. Pray for the Lord to give me good health once more. Sister S. E. Baldwin

La.—Greetings in Christ,—I am happy to tell you I am saved and trusting in my Saviour for all things. We had a glorious prayermeeting Wednesday night. I so enjoy being with God's people. Bro. and Sister Key are back. They are so deep in the Word. Thank God, He is so good to me to spare my unprofitable life to be able to go every night. I have only missed twice since

I came here, glory to His name! My feet are improving nicely. I don't suffer much with them any more.

Yours and Christ's Tillie Rogers

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Illinois—Dear Bro. Pruitt,—Some time back I wrote, asking you to remember my boy in prayer. He had infantigo and ring worm on the back of his neck and head. The Lord did a wonderful job in healing. It was a gradual healing, but when the Lord does it, He does a good job. The Lord has healed my boy of rheumatism and skin disease on his hand and toes. He has had bronchitis since a baby, which comes back every year. He had a bad case of it this year, but the Lord touched him. I just want to make known His deeds among the people.

I have had an affliction about four years which is quite annoying, but the Lord will heal me in His good time; and if He doesn't, I can say like the three Hebrews, if He doesn't deliver me, I will not bow to the arm of flesh. Pray for me.

Please remember Sister Wizenick's boy. He has a bad case of bronchitis. His right lung is affected with

it. We are confident the Lord is going to heal him completely. United prayer means much. We surely could not get along without God, could we?

June Badal

La.—Dear saints everywhere,—I feel the Spirit of God leading me this morning to write a testimony for Him. I feel near heaven this morning. Last night I had a dream which gave me much encouragement.

I had been having hard trials. The thought would come to me about giving up. I felt like I had almost more than I could bear, but thank God, He helped me through it all just as He has so many times. I dreamed last night about climbing a mountain which was very high and part of the way was so steep it seemed that I could hardly go on. I would think of turning back, but would think of the others that were all along the way working to reach the top, so I would continue to climb. Once in a while there would be almost a level place which would be much better. Once I came to a place where there was a corn field with water over it, and we had to press our way through the corn. The going was rough. We could not see the trail, but kept going. Many times I seemed so tired I would almost give up; but, oh, how I wanted to reach the top as the others were doing. Finally, I got in sight of the goal. Praise the Lord, I feel like I am near the goal this morning. I do not believe any of us have much farther to go. By God's grace and help I am going on. I do not want to get almost in sight of heaven and then give up. Let us keep pressing on though the going be rough. God will see us through. Let us not think for one minute that we have harder trials than someone else. We are all going the same road and God teaches in His Word that He is no respecter of persons. He will not permit the devil to tempt us above that we are able to stand. Read 1 Cor. 10:13.

Please pray for my family. My husband is unsaved. We have two children: one girl, three, and a boy almost six years old. Our boy has bad tonsils and has missed some school with them. Please pray that God will completely heal them. His daddy mentioned having them removed, but I want God to heal them. My little boy has confidence in God and in prayer. The Lord has heard prayer at different times, but has not healed him completely.

Mrs. Charlie Price

Mansfield, La. —Dear saints scattered abroad,—I desire to write my testimony to tell how the Lord has blessed my mother and me. We do not live near a congregation of saints, so we felt led to have Sunday School Sunday morning, Bible Study on Tuesday and Friday nights, and l'rayermeeting on Wednesday night. We believe the Lord is pleased.

Mother has a mule, which she had tied out in a pasture. The mule broke the chain and got loose, so I went to catch her. Just as I went up to her and started to reach for the bridle reigns, she turned quickly around and drew back with all of her strength to kick me. She kicked me on the leg and I cried to the Lord for help. Mother came out and I began to go blind, and by the time I had gone twenty yards I could hardly see. I took a drink of water, which seemed to help some, and continued to call on the Lord for help. I felt like the Lord wanted me to trust Him and not put any medicine on it. I lay down for a few minutes, then I felt very well. My leg hardly got sore. The Lord healed it.

A sister in Christ

Ala.—Dear ones in Christ,—I thank the Lord for salvation. I feel that the Lord will be pleased for me to

write about some of His goodness to me, especially how he healed my eye. I was making soap. I had the water, lye, and grease all in the pot, and it was boiling. As I bent over the pot working with it, some of it got into one of my eyes. It frightened me, for I thought I would lose my sight, but a sound came to me very real, saying, "Remember the three Hebrew boys, how the Lord took care of them." So I just trusted the Lord. Husband came and asked if I wanted a doctor, but I told him I did not. I told the Lord if He would heal it I would tell others. It was well in a few days. Praise His name. He has done much for us. I desire the prayers of all the saints that I be just what the Lord would have me to be in this world.

Ind.—Dear saints,—I would like to try to tell what Jesus is to me:

Jesus means all the world to me; When I pray all doubtings flee. He is my life, my joy, my all; When I'm in trouble, on Him I call.

Material things on which I set my affections for so many years, did not satisfy; but at last I have found Jesus, who far surpasses all my hopes and dreams. Now I am praying that others may find Him too. Pray that God will help me to be a help to others in whatever way He sees best; because I do want to help this sinful, dying world. I know something about sin, for I lived in it for a long time.

I enjoy the little paper. Praise God for people who are willing to carry on His work in the way He wants it to go forth. I hear religious programs over the radio and I become burdened to think what a good opportunity they have to get the gospel out to the world and yet they fail. I believe it is because they try in their own efforts and leave God out of it. A sister, Mrs Esther Strong

Miss.—Dear saints of God,—Greeting in Jesus' dear name. I wish to tell how good the dear Lord has been to me. He saves, sanctifies, satisfies, and keeps me day by day in His highway of holiness. I am praising the Lord for healing my body of different diseases. He has healed me until when I take cold it does not hurt my lungs as it formerly did and I do not have to cough so hard. To Him be all the glory. My son, for whom the saints prayed on the day they fasted, is much improved and is gaining in weight.

The good Lord permitted me to be in services with the Louin congregation and hear Bro. Lee Perry preach. How good it seemed to be with the old-time saints.

Dear saints, we should praise God for the peace in our country and for the peace of God in our souls. How sad for some mothers whose sons will never return! Some have already returned and some are now sailing toward their home land. I hope and pray that my son and grandson are among the homeward sailors.

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Mich.—Elder Pruitt,—Greetings in the name of Jesus. At this time I must say that I have won the victory in His name. Two years ago I had a problem, and I sent a request for the saints to pray. He will deliver us in due time if we only wait. I want to thank the saints of God who read this paper for their prayers, and many encouraging letters. Now I will tell the saints my problem.

I married a woman when I lived in sin. After I was born again, I began to have trouble. I prayed with no results. This continued about five years, so when she two years ago, I asked through this "Faith and Victory" paper that she would return. Then prayer began to

be answered. God started to work. Then I found out my trouble was, I had another man's wife. She had never got a divorce from her husband. So you see why I could never live with that woman and expect God to bless. I am shouting the victory now. I have read in this paper that God forbids divorces and remarrying, and now I know for a truth that it is wrong. Ezekiel said in 33:15, "If the wicked restore the pledge, give again that he harbbed, and walk in the statutes of life without committing iniquity he shall surely live, he shall not die." This means to give that man's wife, or the woman's husband, back.

Harry W. Ewing



Nebr.-Dear readers of "Faith and Victory."-I am saved, sanctified, and all on the altar for the Lord. Praise His dear name! I believe it will be to the glory of the Lord for me to write my dream. I dreamed I saw a building, or temple. At one time I was all through this wonderful temple. It was beautiful inside. But I saw it another time and I did not care to go inside. A large tree was standing by the side of it. Suddenly, that big temple fell, and the big, dead tree fell over toward me. The ashes lay in a pile where this once large temple was. It seemed I said to somebody, "Wait, I've got to get some chickens under there." It seemed they were under the ashes, but I didn't find them. The next day I was thinking about my dream and was wondering what it meant and the thought quickly came to me that it represented the Gospel Trumpet movement. At one time it was a wonderful temple in the hands of the Lord and the old dead tree used to be green; but now they are fallen and the tree is dead. They have lost the message of salvation and are very dry. They have no power with God and no Spirit. The chickens represented the few who are in the movement who need to come out. I believe the Lord wants me to tell them the truth and tell them that they should come out because the Lord is calling them the last time. I told one who used to be an old time saint that the Lord is calling His true saints out of there. She said, "Oh, yes, I know He called them out." I told her that He is calling them out the second time. A brother said he was coming out as soon as he knew that it was the Lord calling. He told of some of the things they are doing. I told him that the Lord is calling him out. Some of them, and even the preacher, tries to get me to go back, but I have left Babylon never to go back any more. Praise the dear Lord, I am in Zion and I am satisfied in Jesus' love. I told some of them about their bobbed hair and short skirts and low necks. They do not like it. One told me that she felt condemned curling her hair and I told her, "There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh but after the Spirit." Dear ones, I believe these are the chickens that the Lord wants me to bring along if they will come. Their preacher is a hireling, so dead and cold. God pity them.

I praise God for the good old-time truth. If it was truth when Bro. Warner preached it, it is still truth today. I told them so. I love all the dear saints of God, the colored as well as the white.

I am feasting on the good things I heard at the Guthrie campmeeting. I am isolated, will the saints please pray for me? Your blood-washed sister in the one body,

Mrs. D. M. Hardman

"God is no respecter of persons: but in every nation he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with him." Acts 10:34, 35.

Young People's Section

Rest In The Lord

"Rest in the Lord and wait patiently for Him."
Psalm 37:7.

'Tis so sweet to rest in Jesus, Leaning on His loving breast; And by trusting in His promise, How my happy soul is blessed!

Yes, 'tis sweet to rest in Jesus As we sit low at his feet, Drinking in His loving message, Which is always pure and sweet.

When in Jesus we are resting, Resting sweetly in His care, There's no worrying nor fretting, Jesus always answers prayer.

And when life on earth is finished, When our work on earth is done; Then we'll rest with Him forever, Where there is no setting sun.

-Geo. W. Stephenson.

TODAY

How many people put off the things they should do today until the hoped-for tomorrow. Today they feel burdened to visit a soul who needs encouragement. Perhaps he is longing for the presence of his brother or sister to speak words of comfort to his heart. His heart has been longing all the day for those words of comfort which the Lord has given the one whom he burdened to go. Yet he has waited in vain, for the person whom the Lord burdened had so much extra work to do today, and said, "Tomorrow I won't have so much to do, and can visit the sister or brother." As the day dawns on the morrow he arises with the intention of obeying the voice that spoke to him yesterday, but, alas, as the hours go by he finds the burden has gone. Perhaps he realizes his indolence of yesterday and attempts to ease his conscience by going today, but he doesn't have the words of cheer and comfort the Lord gave him yesterday and the one in need has passed through the suffering and heartache.

"A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in pictures of silver," and we know if we act just when the Lord burdens us to do or say something, it will be in order and our words will be spoken at just the right time; but if we wait until our own convenient time, our visit and our words may be completely out of order. When the Lord burdens us for something he wants instantaneous service and

is not pleased when we are slothful in doing that which he has committed unto us. He also knows all about the circumstances that surround us, and I am assured He wouldn't place a burden upon our hearts that we were unable to perform. Sometimes we have good intentions, but only through neglect the day passes and the thing is left undone. Dear ones, let us take heed when the Spirit of God speaks to us. If we are burdened to pray, let us do it now. There may be a severe trial just ahead of you, and that prayer will be badly needed. If you feel led to give to someone in need, do it today, for you know not the circumstance they may be undergoing at this time. Only the Lord saw their need and is now calling on you to help bear the burden of your brother or sister. If you feel burdened to go and pray for the dear sinner friend who is lving on the bed of affliction, be sure and not put it off one minute longer, for a few hours may mean the eternal banishment of that soul, and all your prayers will be in vain then. How many have lamented the fact that they failed to obey God at the moment He spoke! Truly, we do want to abide in Him day by day so He will be pleased to trust us with burdens.

As each day dawns let us pray to live a little more like Christ. "Forgetting those things that are passed," let us go forward. Yesterday has flown by but today is ours. We need not be troubled about the morrow for we are living today and there are battles to be fought now. The enemy is pleased if he can get us to look into the future and see dark scenes in our minds, while today is rapidly passing and the little things to do pass by unnoticed. The battles of today are sufficient, so let us put on the whole armor and go forward to conquer TODAY.

-Ruby (Doolittle) Williamson

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Texas—Dear Bro. Pruitt,—For some time we have been wanting to tell of how wonderful God has been to us. For over three years my husband has been in the army, and through prayers he has been kept in the States. Even though this war brought heartaches to many, it has caused us to give our hearts to God and have a deeper determination to serve Him. It has been a little hard for us in some ways, for we have had no place to worship—just in our home together. We are thankful for the little paper and tracts, for they have been encouraging to us.

These past three years I have been traveling around trying to keep a home for my husband, as he was transferred from place to place. I have worked with many different kinds of people, and at present am working in a bank. I will be perfectly frank and say that I never knew that people working side by side in one place of business could be so unkind to their fellow workers. Most of those in the bank were all excited during the recent baseball World Series games, as they gambled each day on which team would win the game for that day. I realize more and more each day how necessary it is for us. as Christians, to live a life patterned after our Lord Jesus' life while on this earth.

Please pray that we will both learn more and more of the Bible truths, practice them, and be the right kind of example to those around us.

We are trusting God for a speedy discharge from the army. Pray for us.

Steve and Audrey Henry

Louisiana—Dear saints,—I feel like writing and expressing my thanks and praises to our dear Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Last September my fingers were afflicted with a disease which caused my finger nails to push up and pull away from the flesh. Some of them even came off. I wrote and asked for prayer, and was also anointed at the Assembly meeting in Hammond last December.

My hands were still in this condition, sore and often hurting me when I touched things very hard or hit them, up until the spring. They then began to seem better. Tonight I am thankful to be able to say that they are much better; to me they seem well, for they had been so bad before. Truly, Jesus has blessed me and helped, and I have trusted Him. I am glad that we can call upon God at all times and know that He can be with us. He protects me and helps me as I go to and from work, supplies my needs, and comforts me.

I need your prayers that I might grow closer to Him and win some one else to Him.

With Christian love, Betty Myers

Texas—Dear saints,—Greetings in Jesus' precious name. I am thankful for the privilege of writing a few words concerning Jesus. I wish that all the young people could read this.

I am seventeen years of age. I grew up in a Christian home. As far as I can remember back I have never been ashamed to own Jesus. My grandparents reared me and they are saints indeed. I am glad that I am not just now getting acquainted with my Lord. I can say truthfully He is everything to me. I do not know what I would do without the Lord. When I am ill He heals me; when I am heavily burdened He cheers me.

Saints, I need your prayers. I am not as strong as I desire to be. I want to live a clean and sanctified life. Pray that I will turn away from every uncleanness and live the life that Jesus is calling for.

Yours in Christ, Jessie Marie Alexander

Oklahoma—To the dear children of God that are scattered abroad, lovers of the truth, and sinners,—Grace peace, and mercy be upon all of you, is my prayer. God is an everlasting and a great God. He wants everybody saved. Jesus died to save everybody.

He has done many wonderful things for me. Jonah (2:6) said he went down to the bottom and the earth with her bars were about him. Truly I went to the very bottom every way and there were bars about me. The people who should have loved me treated me as though I had no soul. I went until I thought to end my life was the only way out. But thanks be unto our God forever, He had a way out. One Sunday afternoon—only a few minutes between me and hell—God made the last call. I tell this weeping. Had I turned down that call, in hell I would have been today. But thank God, He redeemed me from being down there.

Okla.—Dear Saints of God,—I am still saved from sin. I have been sick and unable to work for two years. but I am still putting my trust in the good Lord. He is my Maker, and He gives me life and breath. What a mighty God we serve! Dear ones, I am going through

an awful test. I ask you to help me with your prayers. I believe he is able so I am praying on till the answer comes. Bro. Job said he would trust the Lord though He would slay him. That is my testimony too. I do thank all the saints for the good prayers that have been prayed for me. I am unable to get up or down, but I can walk about. Pray for me that the Lord heal me completely. Also pray for my daughter. I would be glad to hear from any saints who will write to me or come to see me at Hoffman, Okla.

Your brother in Christ, D. S. Richardson.

Calif.-Dear saints,-I went to the California State campmeeting at Pasadena to get all God had in store for me, and it was heaven on earth to me. Praise His name, my cup runneth over! Oh, how dear the saints are to each other. Since I came home and am alone, I still have the victory in my soul. I miss the saints, but I am glad I can say I am happy with Jesus alone. Oh, yes, we have the devil to fight, but God is greater than all the power of the devil. He will give us victory over the devil if we put our trust in Him. I cannot call the names of all the saints whom I met at campmeeting, but I do want to send my love to all and to tell our dear Mother Harmon how I love her sweet smile and kind words. I am decided to live for Jesus, so maybe in the future I can meet all of you again and many more. Pray for me and Alta Bonner all my family. Your sister, -000-

Righteous Men

Many people think it impossible for a man (or woman) to be holy or righteous until he has crossed over the line of mortality. A noted preacher, to prove this position, as he intended to impress the congregation, one time quoted John 3:6, which reads: "That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit." The idea intended to be conveyed was that a human being could never get above a fleshly life in this world. But we have plenty of authentic witnesses to the contrary.

First, it is true, there is no righteousness or holiness in a human being (1 Cor. 15:50) and never would be. But the great fundamental starting point on which we base our Scriptural proof is the very fact that we have no righteousness of our own and have to borrow it. And when we get it—get saved—it is *Christ's* righteousness, or holiness. So it is easy to see how we can be holy, or righteous, after all, for it is *God's* righteousness which he puts within us, and it will put us in a righteous state.

Let us bring the following witnesses to bear on the subject:

"Little children, let no man deceive you: he that doeth righteousness is righteous, even as he is righteous." (1 John 3:7).

"Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy." (1 Peter 1:16).

"For I am the Lord your God: ye shall therefore sanctify yourselves, and ye shall be holy; for I am holy . . ." (Lev. 11:44).

"Speak unto *all* the congregation of the children of Israel, and say unto them, ye shall be *holy*: for I the Lord your God am holy" (19:2).

"Sanctify yourselves therefore, and be ye holy: for I am the Lord your God" (20:7).

"And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure." (1 John 3:3). Yes, pure, holy, and righteous as Christ, and this is no blasphemous claim. It is easy to see this is true, because it is Christ's righteousness. And since His righteousness admits of no change, or gradations, it follows that his righteousness in us is as righteousas it is in Him.

The Desert Of Our Soul

When we are without God, our soul is compared to a desert. The Lord has promised to comfort us and to make our wilderness like Eden, and our desert like the garden of the Lord; joy and gladness shall be found therein, thanksgiving, and the voice of melody (Isaiah 51:3).

Christ died for the ungodly (Romans 5:6). As many as receive Him, to them he gives power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name (John 1:12). Therefore, if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new. (2 Cor. 5:7). Instead of the thorn shall come up the fig tree, and instead of the brier shall come up the Myrtle tree (Isiah 55:12-12). After we are born again of the Spirit, we bear the fruits of the Spirit. For he that soweth to the flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the spirit shall of the spirit reap life everlasting. The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance. They that are Christ's have crucified the flesh. For we walk by faith, not by sight (2 Cor. 5:7). For the things which are seen are temporal: but the things which are not seen are eternal (2 Cor. 4:18).

Therefore they shall come and sing in the height of Zion, and shall flow together to the goodness of the Lord; . . . and their soul shall be as a watered -Mrs. Charles Reese. garden. (Jeremiah 31:12).

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"Lift up a standard for the people." Isaiah 62:10.

In a previous article of this same title, I told how the Lord saved me from dark Catholicism and called me to preach His gospel. Now I believe it is to the glory of God to tell some of my experiences on Child Training. I do this with a desire to help

We had no children of our own to bless our home, but God gave us a sweet little boy, Thomas, when he was ten days old. His real mother took blood poisoning at his birth. I was to be with her and care for her, but she lived in another parish, so when I got there the baby was born. A doctor had cared for her. She was taken to a hospital where she developed T. B., and the doctors gave her up. Bro. Willis Brown, Sister Watson (now Sister Key) and others prayed for her and the Lord saved and healed her. Another baby came to her home, then her husband deserted his family, leaving the mother with three children and no support. I still had Thomas, and loved him and wanted him. She told him that she would never take him from me. Later we adopted him.

I wanted my boy to be everything good and sweet, honest, upright, obedient, and a gentleman. After I was saved, I wanted him to be an example of what the saints' children should be. He needed teaching and training as all children do. I needed wisdom, so I looked to God for help. I saw how most of the children I knew were disobedient; some even cursed their parents; some smoked while very young. I saw some mothers let the children do about anything they wanted to do. Some mothers of today are still permitting their children to do as they please. Shame on parents who say they cannot control their little children!

"Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it." Prov. 22:6. Who is going to train your child; the neighbors? bad boys and girls of the neighborhood? They will unless you show more interest than they.

You may ask the question, "When should I start?" The frame of mind of the mother before the child is born has much to do with the disposition of the child. Some women fuss and try to see how disagreeable they can be when they know a baby is coming. In these modern days they smoke, drink, and keep all hours. They then become nervous wrecks. To bring a healthy, normal child, a mother needs to be pleasant and happy; she needs to rest and eat well balanced meals. The husband should be kind and considerate and see that his wife has pleasant surroundings, and that he supplies her with all necessities and spends as much time with her as possible. An awful thought to me is a child being conceived while the father is drunk! These things happen. Mothers and fathers need God. Should one read this who is not saved, I entreat you to seek God, get salvation; not only for your sake, but for the sake of your children.

A baby needs food at certain hours, not just any time he wakes or makes noise. He needs a bath at a certain time, and needs to be left alone to sleep. You may say now, "I thought you were going to tell me about Child Training." I am; read carefully. Feeding, bathing, and sleeping trains a child to know that it cannot have its way. Have you ever noticed how the little babies will cry for a light if they have had one before? If you do not want a light, and the child is not sick, turn it out and let him cry. He will soon learn. When he is hig enough to begin to meddle, start teaching him then. Do not put things out of his reach. Make him understand that he is to leave certain things alone. A child does not need to be five or six years old to know that switches sting babies' legs. If you wait that long, you will have a hard job. The Word

says in Prov. 13:24, "He that spareth his rod hateth his son, but he that loveth him chasteneth him betimes." I have seen mothers let six-months or yearold children tire them out. Mothers, that is not necessary. Be good to your child and love him, but do not spoil him. It not only makes it hard on you, but also on the child. He must face the world some day. People will not give over to him just because he is your darling. Children need to be taught to get along with other people. Parents and teachers are the ones to do it. Children should be taught to trust God. All saints should know that, but some do not act as though they do. 'The parents are accountable for their children while under the age of accountability. If they are not trained right before the age of accountability, how can you possibly expect them to act right when they are older?

When my boy was about four years of age. he was playing at the neighbor's house. He took a little tov car home with him and hid it in his playhouse. I had been telling him that he should never take things that did not belong to him. that that was stealing. As I passed by his play place, I saw the little car and asked where he got it. He did not want to tell me; but finally he told me. The fact that he hid it proved that he knew it was wrong. Now what was I to do? Was I to say that he did not know any better and make other excuses for him? No, dear reader, my time had come to help my little boy. I told him how wrong it was and that the Lord would not love little boys who stole. He must take it back and tell them that he had stolen it. It seemed that his little heart would break. He said he would never do it again; but that was not enough. He had to take it back. The Word says that we must restore the pledge. You might say that he was only a child. But it was my duty to train him in the way he should go. I never had any more trouble on that line.

One day when Thomas was just beginning to talk I heard him use a curse word. I went out. took him on my lap and talked to him. I do not remember whether or not I used a switch. He told me, "Daddy curses." (Remember, Daddy, your children pattern after you.) Now I had to use wisdom. for his daddy did curse. I wanted him to love and respect his daddy, but I had to tell him that it was wrong to curse and that Daddy was not living for the Lord. He must love and obey his father. but he must not use ugly words. I asked him if he loved me. His baby arms reached out. loved Mamma. I asked him if he had ever heard me curse. He said, "No," I thank God that I could point him to my life. I then told him that we would make a bargain. He should never curse till he heard me do it. He looked up at me and said. "You never will cuss." He had confidence in me at that early age. He is now twenty-three years of age, and out in the Pacific. I have never heard him curse again.

Some will say that Thomas was just easy to

train; but I say that it was his early teaching, wisdom, prayer, and faith in God. I could write a book on experiences on various lines. God has blessed me; it is nothing I have done except trust God and have faith in Him.

Some mothers will tell their children that they cannot do certain things. The child begs, whines, and coaxes until finally mother says, "Go ahead, I don't care what you do." That is wrong. The Word says, "Let your yea be yea, and your nay be nay." Mothers, think over what the child wants. If you say, "No." let it be NO; and if it is yes, let it be YES. Should you promise something and see later that it will not work out, call your child and tell him you have changed your mind, and why. Let your child have confidence in you.

When your child comes to you and asks questions about life, tell him in a way that he will want to continue to come to you and not learn from ungodly men or boys, or women or girls. People need teaching. I see the need of older women teaching the younger women along many lines. And I also see the need of older brethren teaching the younger brethren. If we are not careful, saints, we shall not be lifting up a standard. There is more to the standard than modest dress. It is that and much more. Lord, help us.

Children need to be taught to respect worship in the home and in the meeting house. Sometimes big boys and girls make such a show till the people cannot understand what the preacher says. If they had been taught from babyhood, they would act differently. Do not tell me that you cannot control your small children. You can. A child learns just how far he can go.

Young ministers, take warning! Ministers are to be examples on every line. People are watching your children. If you cannot control and take care of them, how can you take care of the church of God? Saints, how long has it been since you prayed with your child? Sometimes the hardest whippings can be given on your knees with your child in prayer before God. My son has said to me, after he had been naughty. "Mother, get a whip and whip me; don't pray with me." Some parents will go to service and leave their children at home to do as they please. Take them to meeting and keep the small ones beside you to see that they behave.

Some professed saints allow their children to go to shows when they are only ten or twelve years old. and give as an excuse that they are not saved; also, some are allowed to keep late hours and such things, and some even drink and smoke. Dear parents so long as your children are in your home and under your care, you need to know where they go and what they are doing. Make home a place for them to enjoy: I do not mean that children cannot have any pleasure. There are many things they can do, and you with them. They can bring their friends home with them. This gives you an opportunity to know who their friends are. Have rules and regula-

tions in the home. See that they live up to them. With God's help you can bring up your children so they can be a pleasure and source of comfort to you. The Word says, "A child left to his own way will bring his mother to shame." So often that is the case. But if you have brought them up in the fear of God and in obedience to you, they will rise up and call you blessed.

Last year while Thomas was home on leave we went to services. On the way home he asked why I did not preach on Child Training. He often thanks me for the way in which I brought him up. A compliment from your child means much when its life corresponds to your teachings. I am not putting myself up for an example. I have made many mistakes. I thought, however, that my experiences may help someone else. Our young mothers and fathers and our boys and girls need help. The world is in an awful mess. Our young people's lives are all messed up. There are many heartaches, so there is much adjusting to be done. I want to help everyone I can. I cannot be out in active service now as I once was, but if by writing I can help someone, I want to do my duty.

I would like to write a book telling of the many things I have learned by being a nurse and a minister of the gospel. I have gone into a number of homes, and have heard and seen peoples' troubles. I have tried to help. If, after reading this, any one has any questions to ask, I shall be glad to answer by the help of the Lord. I love the Lord, and His people are my people. God bless every reader.

—Mrs. Catherine Simpson, Loranger. La.

Almost A Martyr Experience of J. H. Crowell

He was converted at the age of sixteen and within six months shipped on board a sailing vessel with a crew of twelve. He was the only Christian on board, and had previously promised his mother that he would meet her three times a day at the throne of grace. To accomplish this he would go below, and, feeling that he was not making a satisfactory prayer unless it was audible, he made it a point always to pray aloud. This brought terrible persecution upon him from the sailors. They tried to get him to give up praying, but he would not. They sang and danced around him while he was engaged in his devotion, but he would pray. They threw wood upon him and bruised him, and poured buckets of water upon him, but could not put out the fire in his Then they tied him to the mast and laid thirty-nine stripes upon his back, the marks of which he carries today. But still he prayed. Finally they tied a rope around his body, under his arms and threw him overboard. He struggled and swam as best he could, and when he would take hold of the side of the ship to climb up, they would push him off with a long pole. At last his strength gave way, and, supposing they really meant to kill him, he made a final effort, prayed that God would forgive them,

and called to the sailors: "Send my body to my mother and tell her I died for Jesus." He then sank into the deep and the water poured over him; but he was pulled out and up on the deck, and after being worked with for some time he came to. Conviction then began to seize hold upon those sailors. Before night two of them were gloriously converted, and while they were praying down below with the young martyr the others thought they were up to their persecutions again, and called for them to desist, saying they had persecuted the boy enough. Inside of a week everyone on board the vessel, including the captain, was blessedly saved.

In a little while the vessel put into Provincetown Harbor, near Cape Cod, on account of an approaching storm. Other vessels gathered in to the number of nearly three hundred. The boy had been conducting religious services every Sunday on board the ship. Unknown to him, when the vessels were lying at anchor, the captain sent word around that at 10 o'clock Sunday there would be services on his ship, and a boy would give his experience of how he was persecuted and nearly kined for Jesus' sake. While the boy was down below, praying for something to say in the meeting, as usual, the people began to gather in. They filled the ship's deck, climbed into the rigging, filled every available space, and also sat in boats an around the ship. When the young preacher came on deck, this was the sight that met him. The crew formed a ring around him, and they sang, and he prayed, and then took for his text, "Except ye repent ye shall all likewise perish." the Holy Ghost began to work, and after the message an invitation was given for all who wanted to be prayed for to manifest it. In every direction came the response to be prayed for. The work of grace broke out, and people began to get saved, until by a careful estimate, there were about one hundred conversions that afternoon. And it did not stop there for after that, while the vessels lay in the harbor and out on the ocean, vessels would come to us, and those on board tell us of someone being saved. They had us keep our colors at the masthead to distinguish us from the other vessels. People were getting saved, and word kept coming in that on such a vessel they had a meeting and someone was saved. So it continued for weeks.

In this boy's experience we have an illustration of how the Holy Spirit may work in convicting power through those who are wholly surrendered to God, "Who love not their lives unto death."

We cannot all be great preachers, but we can do some of the little things for our Master (Isa.60:22) viz.: we can pass out God's Word in the form of tracts, etc.

May our God mightily stir up His saints everywhere to do what they can. The time is short and the days are evil. Satan's hosts are exceedingly active in filling the land with that which leads souls down to perdition.

Gal. 6:9, "Be not weary in well doing for in due season we shall reap if we FAINT NOT."

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BIBLE STUDY

FELLOWSHIP IN THE CHURCH Sunday November 4, 1945

Daily Readings and Meditations October 29 to November 3.

M. One body in Christ Rom. 12:3-8.

T. Joy in God's house Psa. 122.
W. A. growing fellowship Acts 2:44-47.
T. A sharing fellowship Acts 4:32-35.

F. The family of God John 1:10-14.

S. Spiritual brotherhood Heb. 2:9-12.

"Rom. 12:3. For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith.

- 4. For as we have many members in one body, and all members have not the same office:
- 5. So we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another.
- 6. Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us whether prophecy, let us prophesy according to the proportion of faith;
- 7. Or ministry, let us wait on our ministering; or he that teacheth, on teaching;
- 8. Or he that exhorteth, on exhortation: he that giveth, let him do it with simplicity; he that ruleth, with diligence; he that showeth mercy, with cheerfulness.
- 9. Let love be without dissimulation. Abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good.
- 10. Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honor preferring one another;
- 11. Not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord;
- 12. Rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing instant in prayer;
- 13. Distributing to the necessity of saints; given to hospitality.
- 14. Bless them which persecute you: bless, and curse
- 15. Rejoice with them that do rejoice, and weep with them that weep.
- 16. Be of the same mind one toward another. Mind not high things, but condescend to men of low estate. Be not wise in your own conceits.
- 17. Recompense to no man evil for evil. Provide things honest in the sight of all men.
- 18. If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men.

Golden Text: Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honor preferring one another. Romans 12:10.

Practical Truth: The fellowship enjoyed by true children of God is created by the indwelling Spirit of God.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

Fellowship is communion or mutual relation between individuals. Lodges and other organizations have what they call fellowship—that is, companionship of persons on equal and friendly terms—but the basis or test of their fellowship is compliance to certain ideas or codes of man. But a union through human organization does not produce true heart fellowship, or heart unity. Fellowship among Christians is heart unity, and is of the Spirit. Christians are people who have sought and obtained

pardon and cleansing from sin through faith in the blood of Jesus, and are living to all the knowledge that they have of God's will for them "If we walk in the light as He is in the light we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Josus Christ His Son cleanseth us from all sin." This fellowship binds hearts together in love stronger than that of flesh and blood kin. Two Christians will have fellowship (or unity of the Spirit) so long as each lives to the knowledge of the truth that God gives him, even though one may understand much more than the other. When one disregards the Spirit of Christ in another and sets up his own light or opinions as a test of fellowship, he imbibes a divisional spirit and hinders the true fellowship of the Spirit. Hence we are exhorted not to think highly of ourselves. The Spirit of Christ in one will cause him to be humble, gentle, long suffering, and easily entreated.

The human body is made up of many members, each one having a work to do. It is life that unites the different members and causes them to work together in harmony. A dead finger or foot can not work with the rest of the body. Jesus is the life of His church, and so long as an individual is in contact with Him, He will direct him so he will work in harmony with other children of God.

The Weymouth translation of this lesson may be

helpful:

"Through the grace given me I warn every individual among you not to value himself unduly, but to make a sober estimate in accordance with the degree of faith God has allotted to each one. Just as we have in the one body many organs, and these organs have not all the same function; so collectively we form one body in Christ, while individually we serve as organs for one another. But since we have special gifts which differ according to the grace bestowed upon us, if it is prophecy, let it be in exact proportion to our faith; if administration, let our hearts be in our ministry; the teacher's in his teaching; and the pastor's in his exhortation. One who gives should be liberal; one who presides should be zealous; and one who gives help should do it cheerfully. Let your love be sincere. Regard evil with horror; cling to the right. Let your love of the brethren be true mutual affection; in point of precedence defer to one another. Let not your zeal slacken. Have your spirits aglow as the Lord's own servants, full of joyful hope, patient under affliction, persistent in prayer. Relieve the necessities of the saints; always practise hospitality. Invoke blessings on your persecutors-blessings, not curses. . . Have full sympathy with one another. Do not let your thoughts be highflown, but accomodate yourselves to humble ways. Do not be self-opinionated (Prov. 3:7)."

- 000 -WORSHIPING IN THE CHURCH Sunday, November 11, 1945

Daily Readings and Meditations November 5 to 10.

- The Bible in worship Nch. 8:1-3.
- Praise in worship Psa. 148. т
- Prayer in worship 1 Kings 3:6-9.
- Confessing of sin 2 Chron. 7:11-18.
- Godly reverence Isa. 6:1-8.
- The Lord's Supper 1 Cor. 11:23-26.

Isa. 6:1. In the year that king Uzziah died I saw also the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up, and his train filled the temple.

- 2. Above it stood the seraphims: each one had six wings; with twain he covered his face, and with twain he covered his feet, and with twain he did fly.
- 3. And one cried unto another, and said, Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory.
- 4. And the posts of the door moved at the voice of him that cried and the house was filled with smoke.
- 5. Then said I Woe is me! for I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips: for mine eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts.
- King, the Lord of hosts.
 6. Then flew one of the seraphims unto me, having a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with the tongs from off the altar:
- 7. And he laid it upon my mouth, and said, Lo, this hath touched thy lips; and thine iniquity is taken away, and thy sin purged.
- 8. Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I; send me.
- Eph. 5:15. See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise.
 - 16. Redeeming the time, because the days are evil.
- 17. Wherefore be not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is.
- 18. And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit:
- 19. Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord:
- 20. Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ:
- 21. Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God.

Golden Text: Praise ye the Lord. I will praise the Lord with my whole heart, in the assembly of the upright, and in the congregation. Psa. 111:1.

Practical Truth: Public worship is important in leading men to God and in building them up in the faith.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

Isaiah's experience gives us a picture of one who is translated from darkness (sin) into light (salvation). First he got a vision of God and his holiness. This revealed his own sinful state and he humbly acknowledged his lost condition. The Lord forgave his sins and cleansed him from unrighteousness, then he was ready and willing to hear and obey the call of the Lord and work for Him.

Isaiah's experience is given in this lesson to teach us the value of public worship in leading souls to the Lord. It is often in public worship that God reveals himself to sinners through the preaching of His word and by His Spirit which dwells in His people. A glimpse of Him and His holiness reveals to them their own sinful condition and the need of salvation. If you are a member of Christ's body, which is his church, do not forget that God wants to reveal himself to others through you both in public worship and every-day life.

It seems misleading to use Ephesians 5:15-21 in a study on public worship, for God is no respecter of days nor places and every instruction in this scripture is to be obeyed every day and every place where there is a true child of God as well as on Sunday and in public worship. Be very careful how you live and act every day. Foolish people think that they can live after the lusts of the flesh through the week and then go through a form of worship on Sunday and get to heaven, but the wise seek daily to know what the will of the Lord is. Fools live

for the perishing things of this life, but wise men live for eternal things.

It is necessary for God's people to meet together for public worship not only for the sake of winning sinners, but to comfort and edify one another and to observe the ordinances. When Jesus died to save his people from their sins and make of them a suitable dwelling place for the Lord, He moved out of the stone temple into human bodies. Those whom He inhabits compose His temple (church). Let us not speak of stone or frame buildings and call them churches, for He "dwelleth not in temples made with hands." The early church met together in homes, but as numbers increased it was necessary to erect buildings for public worship. And it is necessary now to have buildings as convenient places for God's people to meet together. The Lord instructs His children not to forsake the assemblying of themselves together.

THE OUTREACH OF THE CHURCH Sunday November 18, 1945.

Daily Readings and Meditations November 12 to 17.

- M. Preaching the gospel Acts 11:19-26.
- T. Diversity or gifts Eph. 4:11-16.
- W. Sending out missionaries Acts 12:24 to 13:4.
- T. Helping the weak Rom. 15:1-7.
- F. Liberality in giving 2 Cor. 8:1-7.
- S. Personal work John 1:35-42.

Acts 11:21. 'And the hand of the Lord was with them: and a great number believed, and turned unto the Lord.

- 22. Then tidings of these things came unto the ears of the church which was in Jerusalem: and they sent forth Barnabas, that he should go as far as Antioch.
- 23. Who, when he came, and had seen the grace of God, was glad, and exhorted them all, that with purpose of heart they would cleave unto the Lord.
- 24. For he was a good man, and full of the Holy Ghost and of faith: and much people was added unto the Lord.
- 25. Then departed Barnabas to Tarsus, for to seek Saul:
- 26. And when he had found him, he brought him unto Antioch. And it came to pass, that a whole year they assembled themselves with the church, and taught much people. And the disciples were called Christians first in Antioch.
- 27. And in these days came prophets from Jerusalem unto Antioch.
- 28. And there stood up one of them named Agabus, and signified by the Spirit that there should be great dearth throughout all the world: which came to pass in the days of Claudius Caesar.
- 29. Then the disciples, every man according to his ability, determined to send relief unto the brethren which dwelt in Judea:
- 30. Which also they did, and sent it to the elders by the hands of Barnabas and Saul.
 - 12:24. But the word of God grew and multiplied.
- 25. And Barnabas and Saul returned from Jerusalem, when they had fulfilled their ministry, and took with them John, whose surname was Mark.
- 13:1. Now there were in the church that was at Antioch certain prophets and teachers; as Barnabas, and Simcon that was called Niger, and Lucius of Cyrene, and Manen, which had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch, and Saul.

- 2. As they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, the Holy Ghost said, Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them.
- 3. And when they had fasted and prayed, and laid their hands on them, they sent them away.
- 4. So they, being sent forth by the Holy Ghost, departed unto Selucia; and from thence they sailed to Cyprus.

Golden Text: And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. Mark 16:15.

Practical Truth: The outreach of the church should be to all men and to every realm of human life.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

Each one of us should be and is concerned with the theme of this lesson. The desire for extending the gospel and spreading the good news is implanted in our hearts by the Spirit of God when we are saved. It will remain there so long as the Spirit is allowed to govern our lives. One of the first desires we have is that others might share our joy. This heaven-born principle must be closely guarded all through our life. Can you think of ways this burden for the lost might decrease or increase in our souls? Cares of life, neglect, worldly association, and living to please self will quickly replace that missionary spirit. Self denial, sowing to the Spirit, heavenly meditation and communion with God will nourish and cause it to increase continually.

The church can be no more missionary-minded than you and I. Where formality and man-rule are having sway, there is no burden for the lost. As the Spirit rules in our lives, surely our hearts reach out for those that are lost in sin. The challenge comes to us: what are we going to do about it? Shall we be rocked along living to our own selfish desires with but little satisfaction? or shall we be all for God enjoying the blessings that accompany only a consecrated life and at last hear that "Well done"? How can we say that we love them and not be moved by their sufferings and distresses? The soul that receives only, becomes a stagnant pool.

—— 000 ——— CHRISTIANS WORKING TOGETHER

Sunday, November 25, 1945

Daily Readings and Meditations November 19 to 24.

- M. Kindness to the poor Matt. 25:37-40.
- T. Unity of the church John 17:20-23.
- W. Breaking down barriers Acts 10:9-16.
- T. Lights in the world Phil. 2:12-18.
- F. Co-operation with God 1 Cor. 3:4-9.
- S. A service of love 1 Cor. 16:13-18.

Printed PortionJohn 17:20-23; Acts 15:22-29.

John 17:20. Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word;

- 21. That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me.
- 22. And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one:
- 23. I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me.

Acts 15:22. Then pleased it the apostles and elders, with the whole church, to send chosen men of their own company to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas; namely, Judas surnamed Barsabas, and Silas, chief men among the brethren:

- 23. And they wrote letters by them after this manner; The apostles and elders and brethren send greeting unto the brethren which are of the Gentiles in Antioch and Syria and Cilicia:
- 24. Forasmuch as we have heard, that certain which went out from us have troubled you with words, subverting your souls, saying, Ye must be circumcised, and keep the law; to whom we gave no such commandment:
- 25. It seemed good unto us, being assembled with one ccord, to send chosen men unto you with our beloved Barnabas and Paul,
- 26. Men that have hazarded their lives for the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- 27. We have sent therefore Judas and Silas, who shall also tell you the same things by mouth.
- 28. For it seemed good to the Holy Ghost, and to us, to lay upon you no greater burden than these necessary things;
- 29. That ye abstain from meats offered unto idols, and from blood, and from things strangled, and from fornication: from which if ye keep yourselves, ye shall do well. Fare ye well.

Golden Text: We are laborers together with God. 1 Cor. 3:9.

Practical Truth: True children of God will do all they can to promote the unity among brethren for which Chri t prayed.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

When Jesus prayed the wonderful prayer for His disciples as is recorded in John 17, He knew that in a very short time He would be taken from them. The Shepherd would be smitten and the sheep scattered. Then the only witnesses God would have left in this ungodly world would be the witness of those who were saved by His grace. No doubt, the disciples felt their own weakness and insufficiency to take such a great responsibility upon themselves, and Jesus, knowing also their weakness of carnal and selfish ambitions and inability to cope with the powers of hell and darkness, fervently prayed that they might be sanctified. Not only did He pray fervently and earnestly for them, but He also died for their sanctification. In verse 19 He said, "For their sakes I sanctify myself that they also might be sanctified." Jesus dedicated Himself. He died on the cross for the sinner, and He also "suffered without the gate" that He might sanctify us with His own blood. Paul said that Christ loved the church and gave Himself for it that He might sanctify and cleanse it."

We must be clean, pure, and holy to be examples here in this world. We hear it said that what we are speaks so loudly that people do not hear what we say. Jesus longed to see His children all united in love and in the fellowship of the Spirit and in no other way are they able to work together with God. "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another." This unity was achieved on the day of Pentecost as the disciples tarried in one place in one accord for the promise of the Father.

We see a wonderful demonstration of this unity for which Christ prayed in John 17 in the fifteenth chapter of Acts. Let us notice the spirit of brotherhood which prevailed in this council and its judgment. So real was the Spirit's presence and so complete the disciples' dependence upon Him that the conference was more really His word than theirs. A beautiful picture of brotherly love is demonstrated in Genesis 13:8. Abraham said to Lot, "Let us not strive, we are brethren."