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### New Year Greeting From Faith Publishing House

Once again we send a greeting  
To our readers far and near;  
May God's blessings rest upon you  
Throughout all the coming year.

May the love of God abiding  
In your hearts this year increase;  
May His precious holy presence  
E're abide, and give you peace.

To the sick and those afflicted,  
We would speak a word of cheer;  
Let us point you to the Saviour,  
One who hears and answers prayer.

Oh, just look by faith to Jesus,  
There is healing in His name;  
Yesterday, today, forever,  
Our dear Saviour is the same.

Bring Him every care and sorrow,  
Cast your burden on the Lord;  
God is faithful, He will never  
Break one promise in His word.

Sinner, Jesus died to save you,  
Hear Him call, "Come unto me,"  
Will you come while He is calling?  
Oh, the Saviour died for thee.

Then backslider, will you hasten  
And repent, come back to God?  
He will meet you and receive you  
If you trust His cleansing blood.

Precious Saviour, bless each reader,  
Heal the sick and comfort give,  
In this new year now before us  
Help us, teach us how to live.

May we tell the gospel story,  
Send it out o'er land and sea  
In the precious name of Jesus.  
Thine shall all the glory be.

—B. C. M.

### The Miracle of Christianity

More than nineteen centuries ago Christianity was introduced into the world by the Son of God. Its mighty transforming power, its moral and spiritual influence was realized where ever its divine precepts and doctrines were preached and obeyed. At once, the world became aware that a new power had appeared upon the religious horizon, as well as a new system of faith and practice.

By careful study of the New Testament, the unbiased student will be convinced that Christianity is much more than a mere system of religion. Results that have been produced by it place it entirely in a class by itself. No where in the world is there to be found a religion of like nature; nor one that can in any degree compare with it. The religions of earth center in and evolve from mere man; whether they be of the ancient type, or of the multiplied sects of our own day.

Christianity is of divine origin and centers wholly in Christ, the Son of the living God. Unlike other religions, Christianity deals with, lives, and moves in the miraculous. Its work is supernatural. Divinity is so indelibly stamped upon its fruit, that men are compelled to believe and "devils" are caused to "tremble." Christianity is much deeper and more sublime than merely an additional religion introduced and established by Jesus and His apostles.

Christianity means Christ-likeness. It embraces in its meaning His likeness in both a moral and a spiritual sense. It is only as His people are possessed by the characteristics of Christ, they are truly Christian. Then are they able to exhibit to a lost and unbelieving world, the glorious realities of the divine revelation. In short, Christianity means the perpetuation of the Christ-life within the lives of His followers. No other religion holds out to the world such a high moral and spiritual standard; nor do they lay claim to such power. That we may understand the high moral standard of the Christ-life, we read in I Peter 2:22, "Who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth." The Hebrew writer says, "Who is holy, harmless, undefiled." Heb. 7:26. Then with reference to His followers we read, "He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also

so to walk, even as he walked." I Jno. 2:6. "Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin." I Jno. 3:9. In I Jno. 5:18, the language is even stronger, "We know that whosoever is born of God sinneth not."

The one great purpose of Christianity is to take man out of sin and sin out of man. "Ye know that he was manifested to take away our sins." I Jno. 3:5. "And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure." I Jno. 3:3. "The blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin." I Jno. 1:7.

Christianity alone supplies the grace and power to produce and perpetuate such a life in man. We may well ask, "How can Christianity perform such a marvelous feat?" The answer is clear. Since the natural man is possessed of a fallen, sinful nature, a distinct and miraculous change must take place in his very nature, before he can possibly manifest this holy, Christ-life. Jesus said, "Neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit." Matt. 7:17, 18. We "were by nature the children of [God's] wrath." Eph. 2:3. We repeat, man's very nature must be changed before he can truly live this Christian life. Here is where all man-made religions utterly fail, but Christianity gloriously triumphs.

Christ understood this greatly needed change in man's nature and amply provided for the same in the transforming miracle of the new birth. See Jno. 3:1-8. In this new birth, man's sinful nature is completely changed. It is supplanted by the very nature of Him, of whom we were spiritually born. This miracle was beyond the comprehension of Nicodemus, who was "a ruler of the Jews." "The natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned." I Cor. 2:14.

This being "born again," "whereby" we are made "partakers of the divine nature" 2 Pet. 1:4, is the absolute requisite for admittance into the kingdom of God. It was for this reason that Jesus said to Nicodemus, "Ye must be born again." Jno. 3:7. He must have a spiritual birth that would set him free from the fallen nature, and make him a "partaker" of the "divine nature." When one is born, he must be possessed of the nature of the parents of whom he is born. "That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit." Jno. 3:7.

Christianity takes one out of the natural, sinful state, and "translates" him into the divine "kingdom." It requires nothing short of a miracle to instantly change the sinful heart of man, his mind, his conduct, every faculty of his being, yea, his very nature. It is changed to a holy nature, to a pure and noble purpose where now the natural issue of his life is the holy life of his Saviour. Paul says in 2 Cor. 5:17, "If any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away, behold, all things are become new"—A new birth, a new nature; hence, a new life.

Christianity is in no sense a dry or dead religion. It is a mighty, living, moving power. That it was such, in the morning of the gospel era, no well-informed person will deny. What it was then, it is today, for Christianity is not subject to change. Being divine, it can not undergo change. It may be experienced in various degrees, according to the light each Christian has received, but it remains forever the same. Many professors of Christianity have changed, are changing, and will continue to change, but Christianity, NEVER!

"The foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are his. And, Let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity." 2 Tim. 2:19. "As he is, so are we in this world." I Jno. 4:17.

Through His immutable Word, the Almighty God hath spoken. From His infallible court of divine justice, there is no appeal. His decrees are everlasting! His verdicts—final!

"He that hath ears to hear, let him hear." Matt. 11:15. —Alvin J. Ellison

### —oOo— Fear Ye Not The Reproach

"Hearken unto me ye that know righteousness the people in whose heart is my law: fear ye not the reproach of men, neither be ye afraid of their revilings." Isa. 51:7.

This scripture is a precious comfort to those who are given up to God, in whose hearts the law of God abides. The children of God need to clearly understand that there are going to be reproaches to bear. Some will reproach and revile those who stand true to the dear Lord and preach the truth. The devil hates the truth because he knows it sets men and women free if they yield themselves to it; therefore he does all he can to keep them from accepting it. After they do accept it, he will try them by the reproaches and revilings of his agents. He would like to keep the saints from crying aloud against his evil ways.

Let us not fail to declare the truth, for it is the only thing that will set men and women free from this sinful world, the flesh, and the devil. God makes new creatures out of people by washing them through and through with the precious blood of Jesus. Then the devil has no part in them, but he goes forth to crush and devour that innocent life of Christ that he so cruelly hated from the beginning, and did not stop until he murdered him. He thought he had forever done away with Jesus; but, thank God, that life cannot and shall never be killed. It lives on and on; and if we will it so, by the grace of God, that life can never be killed in you and me. The devil is not after us, but he is after that life of Jesus that dwells in us; and he will creep into the hearts of those who claim to be God's children, if they allow him to, and through them he will work to crush those that are fully given up to God to do his will and preach his truth without respect of person.

The devil puts a spirit of pride in the hearts of some to oppose God's word. "Only by pride cometh contention." Prov. 13:10. There are many different forms of pride besides in dress. When one contends for his own way and will not submit to the Lord, pride is in his heart. When the Word of God goes forth on every line that spirit of pride will oppose the one that the Lord is using, but it is kicking against the Lord, and not the preacher. Some will say, "Oh, that did not need to be preached on." But folks, it is the word of God and does need to be preached. "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God." What we say or think does not set people free from sin, but the word of God does, and we shall meet it at the Judgment.

Reproaches and revilings will surely come to the godly for "all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution." "Woe unto you when all men shall speak well of you!" "Woe unto them that are at ease in Zion." If the old devil can get saints to go to sleep and be so tender-footed that they will not trample on him nor stir about his nest, that is as good as he wants. Just tell people the truth; the Word of God will stir the devil. One does not need to pray the Lord to stir him.

We need to be stirred against the devil and all his imps. He never gets sleepy and is always on his job. He is an ugly thing, full of deadly poison; and, if he can, he will poison the hearts and minds of dear saints with that old spirit of fear. Saints, we need not fear men nor devils, for God is on our side. I do believe that persecution is coming on the saints with a stronger pressure and the devil is using professed men and women to persecute the saints, and many times they come from those with whom we have had sweet counsel and have walked with to the house of God. That is when it hurts, when we can feel the very pressure of evil from those whom we love. We are "always bearing about in our body the dying of the Lord Jesus." Oh, for service that will not shrink when the pressure is on! Be true to God, dear saints, when it seems there is not a ray of sunshine, and it may seem your very life is being pressed out. Soon your life will yield some golden grain and juice that will nourish the hearts of many hungry souls.

What does the word "reproach" mean? "To charge with a fault in severe language; a severe cutting expression of censure or blame; blame for something considered outrageous or vile."—Webster

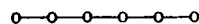
Think how Jesus suffered the scoffs, the scorns, the shame, the spitting, and was charged with a fault in severe language. No doubt His heart was cut and torn, as it were, until the grief was so great and heavy that it ruptured His heart. It has been said He died of a ruptured heart.

Oh, dear saints, be careful what you say, regardless of how you feel about things. It is easy to say things that we regret afterward. Someone's heart may be bleeding in sorrow now for what has

been said, and a word that has been spoken can never be recalled no matter how much you desire it to be. Much damage had been done because people let the little member, the tongue, loose; and heart-rendering words that can be spoken in a few moments of time will last a life-time and ruin and crush a life of happiness forever, and many times causes dear people to lose their souls. James tells us, "the tongue is full of deadly poison" and the tongue is what the devil uses to revile others. "If ye bite and devour one another, take heed that ye be not consumed one of another." Gal. 5:15. Let the Lord have His way or the tongue will be used in a harmful way. I am sure we can all improve and be more like Jesus. "When He was reviled He reviled not again."

Now let us return to the subject of "reproaches." Many times the devil will work to reproach us when we have been laboring for Jesus and have denied ourselves of ease and are suffering many things. Dear saints, we need to keep up our courage, for we read in I Tim. 4:10, "Therefore we both labor and suffer reproach, because we trust in the living God, who is the savior of all men, especially of those that believe." The devil often works behind the screen to reproach us through those we are trying to help. This brings strange trials that Peter tells about. We all meet with them, no doubt, although we are innocent. The devil glories in crushing and reproaching us. Thank God, we can let it work for us a far more eternal weight of glory. We can be like Moses who esteemed the reproaches of Christ greater riches than the treasures of Egypt, for he had respect unto the recompense of reward. Oh, glory, the reward! Just the thought that when this "robe of flesh we drop and rise to seize the everlasting prize," brings joy unspeakable and full of glory.

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California,—Dear saints,—I feel that it would please the Lord for me to write my testimony to the "Faith and Victory" paper. I am glad that I can still report victory in my soul. I am glad for salvation that keeps us day by day. I surely am glad for all the good truth that I had the privilege to hear last summer. I got to be in part of the Monark Springs campmeeting which was good. I went to the California State Campmeeting at Pasadena, which was good. I only missed two services. I sure do store up what I hear for we only get fed once in a year unless some of the saints come through our town. I want all the saints to pray that the Lord will send us a leader. We are still praying for the Lord to have His way. We want some one that stands for all the truth.

I am sure the Lord will be pleased for me to tell how He has healed me in the last month. I have been bothered with two different things for fourteen years and they just kept on getting worse all the time. I called for prayer in all my letters and sent some telegrams. The Lord surely did hear and answer. I can't thank my Lord enough, and I surely do thank the dear saints, too. We surely must live true to the Lord in these last days.

—Alpha Daniel

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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.

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**—Meeting Notice—**

The Lord willing, the winter assembly of the church of God will be held in the chapel, at Jefferson, Oregon, January 25 to February 3, 1946. We are looking to the Lord to send ministers of His choosing to help in the meeting. All saints who can attend will be taken care of. For any further information, write Sam Wilson or Noah White, Jefferson, or Emma Busch, Scio, Oregon.

**Editorials**

Business houses usually take an inventory of their stock just before the new year is ushered in to determine how their business has been through the year together with profits and loss. It is good for every "born-again" soul to consider with meditation upon the past year's labor for the Lord, and see how much he has pleased or displeased the Lord and profit by any failures found, looking to God for grace to always be an overcomer. We all know that to keep His commandments is proving our love for Him and to abide in the teachings of Christ and the apostles or the New Testament is only reasonable service "If a man love me he will keep my words." The only way that we can be sure that we love the Lord is to be diligent about keeping the teachings of the New Testament, or "His words." Some one may say, "I feel love in my soul for Him." That is good, then prove it to others by keeping His words. Feelings alone will deceive us; for Satan's false prophets have plenty of feelings, and they become very zealous for their false doctrines. To be sure, we must have the divine love of God in the heart, as our works without His Spirit and love in the heart would be as sounding brass and a tinkling cymbal. Works without faith and love in the heart are dead works; also faith and love feelings without works are dead. They both go together. We say we have faith and love for God; then let us prove it by practicing the teachings of His Word.

In looking back over the past year, we can see that the staff of workers together with the editors at the "Lord's Print Shop" have been very busy printing and sending forth the Gospel by the printed page. Tracts, papers, and booklets have been going forth all the year in a steady stream. As we think and meditate upon this, there is a deep satisfaction in our souls that we have done what we could. While others about us every where are planning and laboring to satisfy their selfish desires to gain and have more of this world's perishable goods, the saints whose hearts are full of love for God are spending their time in doing things to get truth to souls or in some way to advance the kingdom of God among men. To desire, obtain, and have things to use wholly to the glory of God is not covetousness; but any thing short of this is covetousness and is contrary to the teachings of Christ. "Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God." To eat the necessary foods for the upkeep of the body is righteousness; but to eat more than the body needs just because it tastes good is sinful. To furnish your house with good substantial furniture is sensible and right if God permits but to have unnecessary, elaborate furnishings would denote pride and conformity to the world, which is contrary to the teachings of His sacred word and could not be done to the glory of God.

When we see folks, who say they have a burden for lost souls, using their means or a part of it to

gratify selfish desires in eating, lavishly furnishing their homes, buying fine clothes, conforming to worldly styles and customs, we can hardly believe what they say, for their actions speak so loudly we cannot receive their words.

Just before Paul departed this life, he charged the young minister Timothy to "preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort, with all long suffering and doctrine. For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears." A true minister of God, if he has real love in his heart for the welfare of souls, will find it necessary to often reprove, rebuke, and exhort souls to turn away from all evil tendencies and to separate themselves from the world and its lusts. A minister with good intentions may preach "love, love," and may deceive himself in thinking it is divine love in his heart not to reprove or rebuke appearances of evil but to pet it along for fear of offending personal pride in others. Such ministers will soon be supplied with a pair of itching ears and will turn the people away from the truth unto fables or will wrest the Scriptures from their proper meanings causing the people to err and be drowned in their lusts. True love in a minister's heart will cause him to reprove and rebuke sin and evil tendencies as well as approve and encourage righteousness.

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It may be interesting to some of our readers to know how the Lord's work is carried on in His print shop. At present there are five girls working here in the "Lord's Print Shop" besides wife and me. We are all busy, as the Lord has so increased the work by the numerous calls for the Gospel that it means much work to keep tracts, papers, and books printed and sent out.

Geneva Ray, who has been here in the print shop about eight years, writes comments for the Sunday School lessons, prepares other manuscript for printing, operates one of the Intertypes for type setting, helps with the stencil cutting and answers some letters.

Genevieve Capps does some proof reading, cares for orders for the Sunday School literature, folds and trims tracts, and operates one of the Intertype machines. She also operates the folder that folds, pastes, and trims the "Faith and Victory" paper.

Evodna Thurman usually keeps busy in the mailing room where she fills tract and book orders, lists subscriptions and cares for the mail in other ways. She also helps with the stitching of booklets and books and tract folding when not otherwise employed, and does a portion of the correspondence and keeps the office rooms in order.

Rosella Slifer has been spending most of her time in cutting stencils since we have been receiving hundreds of new subscriptions, and helping to keep the subscription lists in order. She also helps with the correspondence and is always ready to help in

other work that is needful to be done; such as, book and booklet stitching, operating the tract folder and paper cutter which trims tracts and books.

Myrtle Grice, who has been helping with the work for a few weeks, has been operating the tract folder, running the Job Press some, and doing book and tract trimming, besides other work in the office or mailing room.

Wife does her house work, washing and ironing, and gets dinner for all the workers. She keeps up a large correspondence and helps in the office work at spare times when needed.

My work is to oversee things in general. Besides my large amount of correspondence, I keep the machinery in repair, operate the automatic Job Press where most all the tracts are printed, and operate the Cylinder Press in printing the "Faith and Victory" paper and books, operate the book folder, and look over manuscript to select material for the "Faith and Victory" paper and tracts.

Some of the saints of the congregation here come in and help us when the paper is to be wrapped. Sister Roethler has been doing this for many years.

All of these workers have come here to help in the office by direct leadings of the Lord and He surely has made no mistake in sending them to this work. They are sanctified helpers and all the work moves along so heavenly, with no contentions, jealousy, or envy existing. They are willing workers and glad to be in the service of the Lord. Quite often when special requests come in for prayer we call the office force together and have a season of prayer for the afflicted ones. Some times when others are busy in other parts of the office, some of us gather together in prayer, and at other times I go into the house where wife and I kneel in agreement together and ask God to heal the sick. When we have morning and evening worship, which consists of singing hymns, reading of the Word and prayer, we remember the requests that have come in for prayer and other things concerning the work, and burdens of different kinds that lay upon any of our hearts. The Lord makes the family worship very precious and we are much refreshed after prayer. It causes us to feel a heavenly atmosphere as we pursue the daily duties.

We are all facing the new year with courage and great hope that much more will be accomplished in the coming new year than in the last year. We are expecting several new machines to be added to the "Lord's Print Shop" before the coming year is ended; as we have ordered a new power stencil addressing machine, which is scheduled to be shipped from the factory the 20th of February; a 14 x 20 vertical Miehle tract and booklet printing press, which is an automatic machine, is expected to be shipped in the spring or summer; and a new automatic Seybold paper cutter is expected in June. These are all new and very costly machines, but will mean much to the printing work; not only doing the work faster, but much better. They are much needed if

the tracts, papers, and books are to be kept in stock and going out to the people. We are also considering the purchase of an up-to-date proof press and a booklet folder. All of these machines will cost in the neighborhood of eight thousand dollars. We have all confidence in God and are moving as He leads the way and we are not expecting Him to fail us. He has made it plain to us what is needed to keep up with the increase of the work. We ask the prayers of all our readers that God will make the seemingly great burdens light so we can always be free to function graciously in the place wherein He has called us to labor, and that the devil will not be allowed to hinder the work of God in any way.

This work is principally kept up by free-will offerings and the workers are sacrificing and giving their labor. They receive a small weekly allowance, as the Lord supplies, but in amount it does not compare with wages folks get in commercial work and we have made them no promise of any certain wage. You who have been sending free-will offerings to the work do not know how much it is appreciated here at the office and how thankful we are to God and to those whom He is using in this way. The judgment will only tell of your treasures in heaven and the souls that have been brought into the fold by your faithfulness to God in supplying the need of His "print shop." May God bless you richly and cause His face to shine upon you and all your interests is the prayer of your unworthy servant, for we know that it is God working in you, both to will and to do of His good pleasure.

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## Obituaries

Dorthy Mae, the youngest daughter of George F. and Clarissa Johnston, was born near Leoti, Kansas, December 24, 1927, and departed this life October 29, 1945, at the age of 17 years, 10 months, and 5 days. At two years of age she moved with the family to Willow Springs, Missouri, coming to Chehalis and Centralia, Washington, in May, 1945. Early in life she gave her heart to God accepting the Bible as her guide. She has lived a faithful life to God. Patient through all her suffering, she died peacefully and happy. She leaves to mourn her departure: her father, mother, four brothers, Alvia C. Johnston, Haddam, Kansas; Walter V. Johnston, Lenoir City, Tennessee; Arthur E. Johnston, Centralia, Washington; and Riley W. Johnston of the United States Merchant Marines, and five sisters, Mrs. Virgie Berg, Chicago, Illinois; Mrs. Ruby Coatney and Mrs. Josephine Acker of Willow Springs, Missouri; Mrs. Ruth Faith and Miss Thelma Johnston of Centralia, Washington; and a host of other relatives and friends. Her kind deeds and loving smile will be missed by all who knew her. She has answered the summons with, "God has called and I must go."

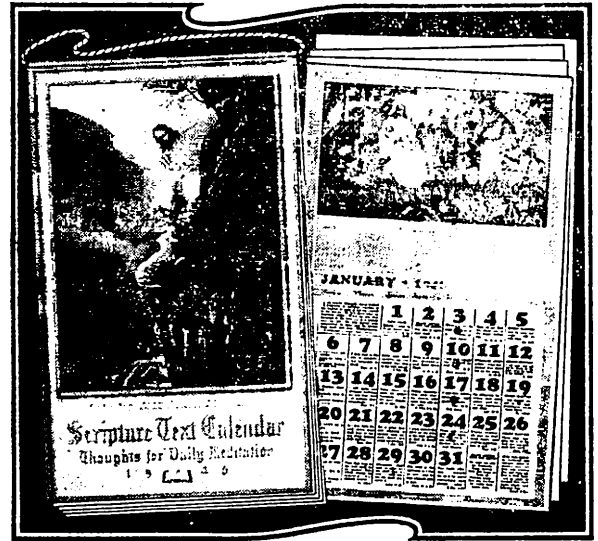
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Lucy Jane, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Phillips Wilburn, was born in 1874, in the state of Mississippi, and departed this life December 22, 1944. In 1899, she was married to Henderson Phillips to which union twelve children were born; eight boys and four girls. They moved to Oklahoma in 1907.

She was converted at the early age of twelve years and joined the M. E. church where she lived a Christian to the best of her knowledge. In 1914, she heard the truth preached and accepted it. She joined herself to the Lord the Bible way and lived in Him the remainder of her life. She was a loving mother, a devoted wife, and a strong saint of God.

Her husband and four children preceded her in death. The bereaved are: eight children, twenty-two grandchildren, one sister, one brother, and many relatives and friends.

—G. W. McMillian



The above picture shows the beautiful, colored 1946 calendar. These calendars will be sent to any address with postage paid at the rate of 30 cents each, four for \$1.00, or nine for \$2.00. Order now before the supply is exhausted.

Egermeier's Bible Story Book will be post paid to you for \$2.50. This book is the best gift you could buy for your self and the children. It has 200 pictures, 17 full page multi-colored pictures, four one-color animal maps. The cover is strong maroon cloth with a colored picture of Christ blessing children on front. It contains 608 pages. (Style "A")

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### NEW PLACE OF WORSHIP

The church of God at Kalamazoo have a new location for their meetings. They have rented a building at 308 West Ransom Street. They have Sunday School at 10:00 a.m., Morning worship at 11:00 a.m., and evening service at 7:00 p.m. on Sunday; Prayer meeting at 7:30 p.m. Thursday. Visitors are welcome. They are praying for a revival.

### FEAR YE NOT THE REPROACH

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Sometimes the Lord may permit reproaches to come to stir the saints for duty. Our bed may get too downy, then the Lord lets some thorns get in to stir us out into the needed places that we may be helpful to those lost in sin. And too, while in the thorns, the Lord prepares us for the duty He wants us to perform. If we let Him have His way with us and exercise ourselves in a godly manner, He will purge out the dross, refine the gold, and make us fit subjects for His vineyard. He will dress us up ready for service.

The question is asked, "Lord, who shall abide in thy tabernacle? who shall dwell in thy holy hill [or church]?" The answer: "He that backbiteth not with his tongue, nor doeth evil to his neighbor, nor taketh up a reproach against his neighbor." It is easy to take up a reproach against someone. It is the devil's business to destroy unity; and if he can get someone to listen to his falsehoods he has going around, he will surely stir up strife and cause the power of unity to go down. There is power in unity. It comes from heaven; for in Col. 3:1 the Word tells us to seek those things that are above. Where there is unity, there is a strong cord of love that reaches from earth to heaven that brings power down into our lives, and causes us to overcome the devil. Too many people are trying to find something wrong in another's life, when they need to look down into their own hearts. I often say that I have a big job on my hands if I keep myself clean and ready for heaven. Jesus said, "Why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye, but considerest not the beam that is in thine own eye." A mote is just a speck; a beam is a long piece of timber. When one has a long beam in his eye, his vision will naturally be blocked by it, and it would seem there is something wrong in the other fellow when it is just the big beam in his own eye causing the trouble. May the Lord help each of us to keep our own selves clean, pure, and spotless in this sinful world so the Word of God can dwell in our hearts richly. In this condition, no pride will be in our hearts that will cause us to contend for our own way; but we will eat the whole book and it will be sweet to our souls. Prov. says, "The full soul loatheth an honeycomb; but to the hungry soul every bitter thing is sweet." When people are full of their own ways they want something that sounds easy, and sweet with no suffering attached to it; but when they are hungering after God, even the hard things will be sweet because of

what they get out of them from God. The trials, persecutions, reproaches, and revilings become sweet because we are getting honey out of the Rock Christ Jesus.

Dear ones, if we get to heaven, we must bear the cross, suffer shame, and bear the reproach. Jesus said, "For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it." Many try to shun the persecution, revilings, and reproaches to save their lives. They will lose eternal life in the world to come. But if we lose our life, as it were, (bear the cross, suffer the reproaches of Christ in this life) there will be a reward for us in glory, even the crown of life. We should remember it is written, "Even Christ pleased not himself;" and "the reproaches of them that reproached thee fell on me." All of our sins Jesus had to bear; and shall we shrink from our cross, when He has done so much for us? Let us press forward to do His will and to suffer with Him, that we may also reign with Him. Soon time will be over, and we need to be up and doing what we can. If we do, we shall hear the words, "Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world." Amen.

—Mrs. Lottie Joiner

### Life

Life is one of the great mysteries of God. We sometimes speak of the mystery of death: but there is a greater mystery in life. There is nothing so mysterious about a dead tree, but when there stands before us a tree that has within itself the sap of life, and is capable of producing leaves, blossoms, and finally fruit, and we behold the blossoms, or the ripening delicious fruit, then there is a mystery before us that none can solve but God, who is the Creator and Giver of all life. Every living creature received the life that is in itself from God. The flowers of the field, the trees of the wood, the fowls of the air, the fish of the sea, birds, beast, and cattle, creeping things, and all else, and, last but not least, man. God placed a value upon all life; but He values the life of a human being above the life of all other creatures, as man is the crowning piece of God's creation, and was made especially to glorify, or to bring glory to God. All other creatures God spoke into existence by the word of His power; but man He formed, or moulded, and then gave him life. "And the Lord formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul." Gen. 2:7, "Know ye that the Lord he is God: it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture." Psa. 100:3. Every thing that God created, He created it for a purpose: and His object in creating man was that he should glorify his Maker. Therefore God has placed a premium upon his life. The question that Jesus asked when He healed the man's withered hand shows that He valued the life of man above the life



of beasts. "And he said unto them, what man shall there be among you, that shall have one sheep, and if it fall into a pit on the sabbath day, will he not lay hold on it, and lift it out? how much then is a man better than a sheep?" Matt. 12:11-12a. "Is it lawful to do good on the sabbath days, or to do evil? to save life, or to kill?" Mark 3:4. The law said, "thou shalt not kill," and the penalty was, "he that sheddeth man's blood, by man shall his blood be shed."

There are some people who call themselves vegetarians; and they seem to believe that that section of the law that reads, "thou shalt not kill" includes all animals and fowls, the same as man. The Scripture says, "And God said, Behold, I have given you every herb-bearing seed, which is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree, in the which is the fruit of a tree yielding seed, to you it shall be for meat. And to every beast of the earth, and to every fowl of the air, and to every thing that creepeth upon the earth, wherein there is life, I have given every green herb for meat: and it was so." Gen. 1:29:30. "And the fear of you, and the dread of you shall be upon every beast of the earth, and upon every fowl of the air, and upon all that moveth upon the earth, and upon all the fishes of the sea; into your hands are they delivered. Every moving thing that liveth shall be meat for you; even as the green herb have I given you all things." Gen. 9:2-3. Now it is plain to see that when God said, "Thou shalt not kill," He meant that one should not take or destroy the life of his fellowman.

One day as Abraham sat in his tent door, he lifted up his eyes and saw three men. He ran to meet them, and after words of greeting, "Abraham ran unto the herd, and fetched a calf tender and good, and gave it unto a young man; and he hasted to dress it. And he took butter, and milk, and the calf which he had dressed, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree, and they did eat." Gen. 18:7-8.

Now God hath given life unto man, and it was His plan and purpose that man should give glory to God, that he should glorify God; it was also God's will that man should be happy in life; and he hath placed every thing at man's disposal to the intent that he might enjoy that happiness; however, there is one thing that God requires of the man, and that is, he must reverence and obey his Creator. As long as this requirement is complied with life will be sweet and happy; and God will be pleased to bestow upon him many varied and countless blessings. "No good thing will he withhold from him that walketh uprightly." And he will have the testimony that he pleases God. He enjoys life, and the presence of his Maker. But when he steps on the line and disobeys God, he immediately falls into condemnation, guilt, and shame. In many instances he feels that he is not worthy of life, neither fit to die. At the same time he has brought the displeasure of God upon himself; and the face of God is against him,

Things begin to go wrong, he is no longer satisfied, he has lost the joy of life. The besetments, snares, ills, and misfortunes that he finds in his path are far less than his iniquities deserve. If God were to mete out justice to him, his life would be taken away, and he would perish and die. The Scriptures plainly teach that the lives of many have been destroyed on account of sin and disobedience, God having made them examples to others to warn them not to go in the ways of transgression. "What man is he that desireth life, and loveth many days, that he may see good? Keep thy tongue from evil, and thy lips from speaking guile. Depart from evil and do good; seek peace, and pursue it." Psa. 34:12-14. Good and evil is set before men, life and death. They are advised and warned to do good, and choose life. The road of sin is filled with the instruments of death of every description. God has no pleasure in the death of a wicked man. He extends mercy and pleads with the wicked to turn; but if they refuse to turn that is not God's fault.

Just think how many thousands are lying in the grave even now directly on account of disobedience and sin; they failed to glorify God with their lives. Dear ones, life is precious; it is precious in the eyes of every rational man. We sometimes see the sign warning motorists to "Drive Carefully, Don't Kill a Child." It would not be out of order to have one in some places to read, "Drive Carefully, Don't Kill Yourself." How are you driving over life's road? Are you driving carefully or carelessly? There is a quotation in Job which says, "All that a man hath will he give for his life." I am told that a certain queen, when she realized that her life was just about gone, said, "All my possessions would I give for a moment of time."

Dear reader, God has given you life; God values your life above the material things around you; He is the only one that can give life; you owe your life to God. If you will live to please and glorify God in this mortal life then you will be in possession of the life everlasting. All of this necessitates the experience of the new birth. "Ye must be born again" to become in possession of the godly life; and the word of the Lord teaches that "godliness is profitable unto all things, having promise of the life that now is, and of that which is to come." The little measure of time that has been allotted each one between birth and death, called life, is also a time of great opportunity to embrace the truth, to find the Lord, to prepare for the future life; or for the world to come. When this mortal life shall come to an end, the door of opportunity will be closed. Therefore one should work while it is day; for Jesus has said the night (death) cometh when no man can work."

When our work on earth is done,  
And this mortal life shall cease;  
May our spirit still live on,  
In the land of joy and peace.

—Ulysses Phillips



## What Is Your Record?

How many golden deeds did you do  
In nineteen-forty-five,  
To help some weary traveler through  
The battles of this life?

Or

Did you spend your time all for yourself,  
Unheeding those around,  
Too busy to lend a helping hand  
To those who were cast down?

How many cheering words were spoken  
To someone in distress,  
Who needed help to bear the burden  
By which they were depressed?

Or

How many times did you fail to speak  
When God did prompt you to;  
Another opportunity missed  
Yes, all because of you?

How many were the pray'rs that you prayed  
For those in pain and grief;  
The fervent pray'r that availeth much,  
The kind that brings relief?

Or

Did you utter only empty words  
And leave them all alone,  
Because you knew your prayers had failed  
To reach God on His throne?

How many souls have you turned from sin,  
To live for Christ above,  
Because of the life you lived for Him  
Which proved that God you loved?

Or

How many souls do you think were hurt  
By careless actions made,  
When grace for trials you failed to seek  
And from the path you strayed?

A record of your daily life is kept  
By God's own hand so true;  
If you've lived and moved as He designed,  
You fear not what He'll do.

But

If you have failed to do His whole will,  
His Holy Spirit spurned;  
Be not deceived, to you He will give  
The wages that you've earned.

—Olive A. Phillips

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### A SKEPTIC CONVERTED

An infidel sat in front of his blazing fire-place in his favorite, comfortable chair reading. Of all things, he was reading the Bible. Why was this man perusing the Bible? Was he reading to find out more of the love of God, and His dear Son, our Saviour? Or, was he following the paragraphs that he might assure himself

of its sanctity and inspiration leading men to a happy life here, and a home above? It was not for any of these reasons. He was reading the Bible to endeavor to find some contradictions in its statements and narratives. He wanted to find something to ridicule. He was not reading and praying for inspiration from the Holy Spirit that he might acquire the true conception of the Word.

Presently his attitude changed and a grave expression covered his face changing to fierce anger.

For the first time in his life he found himself condemned as lost, without hope, and an outcast from the love and mercy of God. In his anger he tore the Bible to pieces and flung them to the blaze. But one small piece came floating to his chair. Picking it up from the floor his attention was drawn to the words on the paper. It said, "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away." His manner changed. He was truly astonished that of all of the thousands of sentences in the Bible, this special message came floating to his feet. To him it was almost like Paul's conversion on the Damascus road. Like Paul he recognized the message as a personal warning to him, and renounced his unbelief; and thereafter identified himself with God's people, and helped many other poor sinners to find the true way.

—John S. Alldredge

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### Prayer Request

Pray for Lizzie Murdock that the Lord will show her His will and give her grace for trials.

## CORRESPONDENCE

Missouri,—Dear Brother and Sister Pruitt,—Greetings of holy love in Jesus' name. Tonight I'm glad to be able to report the victory in my soul. I appreciate the Lord, for all He is to us. He is our Redeemer and Keeper, a present help in every time of need. Truly I am glad to have such a wonderful privilege to serve such a mighty God. So many are serving the God of worldly fashions, that never is a help to them in any way, only pleasing that little self pride. My whole desire in life is to please the dear Lord who has done so many marvelous things for us. Pen could not write nor tongue cannot tell of all His wonderful works. We give the Lord all praise and glory, for it is nothing we have done, it is only through His great love and mercy.

We can testify again to the healing power of our God. A little over a week ago, one afternoon I took an awful sick headache. It kept getting worse until about dark, then I felt like I wanted to vomit, but could not. My brother-in-law, Lawrence Allen and wife and children were here, so we had prayer together. The Lord gave some relief by helping me to vomit. Then I vomited about five times. I could not even keep water on my stomach. My stomach felt feverish and I was chilling. I vomited until it seemed every thing would turn black. I never did faint but I must have come near it. Murphy was at Shawnee, Oklahoma, we called him there, to have prayer for me. Then he called you folks. The Lord wonderfully undertook for me about midnight. I was so much better that I went to sleep, only waking up once in a while for a drink. Thank the Lord for touching and healing me. I felt good the next day excepting for a little soreness in my stomach and weakness. The second day after I was sick, I was able to do my own work. I do not know just what was wrong unless I had ptomaine poison. I do know the Lord healed me and I truly praise Him for

it. He has healed me so many times also the rest of the family.

He did a wonderful miracle for our baby in the summer. Murphy had written me at the campmeeting at Monark Springs, Missouri, saying he was going to Anthony, Kansas, on Monday. The baby was sick that Monday morning and I was wondering how I could get in touch with him as he probably was on the road. But the Lord spoke plainly to me telling me to go and call him at Brother Underwood's and he would answer; so I did. Praise the Lord, He can reveal things unto us. After I called him the baby became worse, and from all appearance he was gone. His little eyes were set and his little tongue out a little. He became real cold. He had been having a burning fever. We called the saints here to pray and we held on to the Lord committing and surrendering it all to Him for His precious will to be done. Then we saw the dear Lord's mighty healing power. He came to our rescue once again. The baby mended from that very hour. Murphy called you from Anthony, Kansas, requesting prayer, then came on home. He got home on the 3:00 o'clock, a.m. train and found the baby much improved. He roused up when his Daddy came in and crawled up on his hands and knees and looked at his Daddy. Praise the good Lord for His wonderful healing power.

I truly want to serve Him and live to please Him. I do not want to fail the Lord and the duty He would have me to do. It makes my heart sad when I see some who have served the Lord so long, slack up on doing what the Lord has called them to do, letting the cares of life and such things crowd out the time they should be spending in His service. There is a sleepy, drowsy condition creeping in among the saints. May each saint be stirred as never before, is my prayer. May God bless the work there and each one of the workers there. I love them all and ask God's blessings on all. We appreciate your prayers.

I have a very special unspoken request I'd like for the saints to agree with us for. We ever want to be directed in the will of God and in His truth. Also pray that I as a mother will have wisdom and knowledge from heaven to know how to teach and instruct the dear little ones that God has intrusted in my care, that they might be directed and taught the truth. There is so much wickedness and corruption in this world even for the little ones to be led off into. Some may think there is no danger while they are little, but I say that the devil is no respecter of persons. He loves to put snares for these precious little ones and when they come to the age of accountability they will say, "Oh, well, there's no use now."

I wonder oft times just how many of our sainted mothers inquire of their children what kind of children they have to play with while at school and if they are of clean reputation and talk. If they have to be with such as are not fit, then teach them plainly that the things are wrong. They will soon learn that you are a mother to confide in and that you are trying to help them instead of trying to run them. I feel many have made the mistake by not seeing into these things and teaching more, praying for them. I know some who just turn their children loose, so to speak, never knowing how their own children are to each other. Pray for me that the Lord will give me wisdom to know how to teach and instruct.

Yours in His service,

—Mrs. Murphy Allen

Texas,—Greetings to our new readers of "Faith and Victory paper,—I feel definitely led of the Lord to write to our new subscribers, as I understand hundreds of names have been sent in; no doubt, most of whom will read the paper for their first time. For a better understanding I shall write as the Lord directs. This is not just another religious paper to be tossed into the waste basket. It has been sent to you because some one was interested in your soul.

I agree, there are many sects calling themselves, "The Church of God," but there is only one church (for the benefit of those who do not understand when we say, "the church.") Christ said, "I will build my church," not meaning a wood or brick building, but meaning the saved or God's chosen people.

"By their fruits ye shall know them"—for you new readers who say, "I've seen these church of God people and they are no different from any other." Then you have not seen the people who are in "the" church. As I said there is only one church and by their fruits ye shall know them.

The true saints "do not live by bread alone but by every word of God." Luke 4:4. That is taking in every page of the New Testament. There are no leaves, chapters, or verses torn out of the church of God way.

God said his people are a peculiar people. Yes, the world does think we are a peculiar people; and they can not understand why we do not go to picture shows, dances, banquets, and all sorts of reveling as in I Peter 4:3, 4. You will not find God's people puffing away on a cigar or cigarette for they obey 2 Cor. 7:1. You will not see the saints adorned as Jezebel for their pattern, with gold and silver, paint and bobbed hair, or dresses above the knee. Read I Peter 3:3, 4.

I feel one of the greatest needs of professors today is this meek and quiet spirit, the bridling of the tongue. Read James 1:26. When the true saints see a fault in another they don't run to tell their neighbor. They get under the burden for that one and pray until God shows him his mistake. All make mistakes, but when one is living close to God he will not use slang and worldly expressions very long until God will show him to put away all filthy conversation as in I Peter 1:15. The older saints who have been in the way and have walked in the light as He gave them light, have patience with those who are babes in Christ. They do not discourage them by talking behind their backs, because they do not dress or do things as the older saints think they should. It only draws them closer to God and makes them set an example such as will shine forth that the world can see a difference. As saints pray and live the life of Christ, the babes in Christ are convicted of their mistakes. God is more pleased with saints who bridle their tongues and live the life so their light shines on others than He is with those who are so busy pointing out others' faults they do not have time to pray for a meek and quiet spirit for themselves. The babe in Christ is like a baby born into this world. He learns little by little and step by step and by hard knocks do his lessons come.

This old world is almost to its destination. Soon time will be no more and there will be thousands who will say to those who are saved, "Why didn't you make us see the right way while there was time?" That is why I am writing these few lines. I do not want to miss an opportunity to do every little thing I can to warn souls of eternity. There is little I can do, but God knows my willingness. Won't you read this little paper from time

to time and come out to the meetings as announced and see for yourselves? It will be worth every minute of your time. This is a happy way the world knows nothing of. We are in the world, but not of the world. "Perfect love casteth out fear." I John 4:18.

May God convict all who read these papers and bring them to Christ. This may be your last opportunity.

One who is burdened for lost souls, —Edith Wall

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Missouri,—Dear ones, Greetings,—I feel it would be pleasing to the Lord for me to thank you dear saints for your prayers in behalf of our little son. It was a severe test, but God has brought us through with victory. He had an affliction between his hips and had to keep his little legs apart as far as they would go. He couldn't sit up, and we had to carry him on a pillow most of the time. The place was blue at first, then after we wrote to some of the saints for prayer it turned a deep red and looked like it was trying to come to a head. There were two kernels about two inches long and one inch wide. No one seemed to have seen anything like it, and thought it was terrible because I would not take him to a doctor for treatments. My husband is not saved, but he knows God can heal so he would not interfere with my trusting the Lord. One time when I was in town I did take him to a doctor just to see what was wrong with him. The doctor shook his head when he saw it and said that he had never seen anything like it on a baby before in all of his experience in doctoring. He said it was an abscess and that he would give me some medicine that would soften it and bring it to a head and then to bring the baby back and he would lance it. But thank the Lord, I did not take the medicine and didn't take the baby back to have it lanced. The Lord touched him and he began to laugh again—he had not laughed for over two weeks. The abscess broke in two places, and now it is completely healed. I give all praise to our dear Saviour.

He surely has blessed us many times and given us comfort in sickness, praise His dear name. Oh, if more people would only learn to trust Him in all things, how much more joy and peace would be in the home. I am ever glad that I have learned to trust Him as He means so much to me, even though my own folks scoff at me and are against me. I don't want to ever give up as I want to reach that heavenly home. Please pray for me that I ever remain faithful.

Yours in Christian love, —Mrs. Nels Allen

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Missouri,—Dear saints and readers of the "Faith and Victory" paper, greetings once again in Jesus' dear name. As it has been some time since you have heard from me through the printed page, I feel led to write my testimony. I am still saved and encouraged to press on and do God's will as best I understand. He is so good to us all and is still caring for us.

A few months ago my right eye pained me so much. The ball seemed sore when I would press a little against the lid with my finger, but praise the dear Lord, He came to my rescue again and stopped the pain and took the soreness all out. I surely do praise Him for it. I told Him if He would heal it I would tell it to others. Truly we have a wonderful God. We could not do without Him. He means everything to me and I mean to serve Him as long as He lets me live. I just long to help others to see the goodness of God and to realize He is the same today, and is ready and willing to help us in time of trouble if we will only put our trust in

Him. "When ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them." Mark 11:24. I have found it so.

Again in the first week in November, I took a pain in my right hip. I think it was rheumatism. It didn't hurt much through the day, but would at night, and I could not lie on that side at all. Then it got in my knee and was quite bad for a few days, but my faith was in God. I prayed and called for prayer and God again answered and healed me completely. Praise His dear name forever. Today I am well and praising God for His goodness to me.

Your humble servant, —Elizabeth Harper

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Canada,—Dear Brother Pruitt,—We have intended for a long time to write expressing our appreciation for "Faith and Victory". It surely is a spiritual periodical and when I sit down to read it, I can hardly lay it aside until all is finished.

Some time ago a few details on "war" called my attention in particular and I could fully endorse them. I have written to a few saints whom we never met whose testimonies were in the paper. I would mention one testimony entitled, "Putting God in a Tight Place," that encouraged my heart when passing through a difficulty. Thanks to that brother. We never know when others are going to be profited by something we may say or do.

Last year's book of "Faith and Victory" I gave to a lady in the hospital. I hope it will pass through many hands and prove an inspiration as it has to us. This old world is in such a state of unrest it pays God's children to live so near that it can be remarked, "They are living on the door step of heaven," and be an encouragement to fellow travellers along life's journey. Oh, that we would swim out in the ocean of God's divine love.

May the blessing of the Triune God rest upon you and your co-workers is our prayer.

We remain yours in Christ, Bro. and Sis. R. Bowman

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Michigan,—All is well for which we thank the dear Lord, and I would like to tell if I could how much the dear Lord means to me. I just want to say that we can not get along without Him. He makes our life so sweet and keeps us every day to love Him and to walk in the light. I am glad that He showed me the way and the Door. By His grace and the leadings of His Holy Spirit I mean to be faithful and true to my God and His ways.

In Christ, —C. Brandt

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California,—Dear saints,—Holy greetings in Jesus. I am writing my testimony for the glory of God. We are living in accord with God's Word. "Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. But his delight is in the law of the Lord; and in his law doth he meditate day and night."

The Lord blesses us here. We went out to the county hospital where we found a young girl, 19 years old who was paralyzed in one leg and also was affected with T. B. She was in the T. B. ward. We promised to pray for her. When we returned home, we began to write to her and send her tracts to read. We remembered her in prayer in our services and in a short time when we went to visit her she could walk on her leg; so we continued to pray to the Lord for her complete healing. The Lord has healed her of the T. B. Her chart shows that she is normal. She expects to be released soon. She believes it was in answer to prayer, and we know it was.

We were also called out to pray for a man that

had a stroke. After we talked with him telling our experiences in the Lord and giving him the Word of God and His faithful promises, prayer was offered and the Spirit of God came down upon us. We felt like we were in a glorious service. The man said he felt like jumping out of bed and shouting. The Lord healed him. He went to the doctor for a check-up. The doctor told him he was all right, just be careful.

The Lord is furnishing the money for us to buy a meeting house through two strange parties, one whom I have never seen.

May God bless His work every where.

Yours for the upbuilding of God's kingdom here in the earth. —E. C. Brown

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Missouri,—Dear saints,—I am very glad to say that I have given my heart to God. I can not thank and praise Him enough for what He has done for me. I promised Him that if He would save me that I would make things right if I had wronged anyone. We must make things right here on earth or we cannot enter heaven. I know I have said things that I should have not said, but I do hope all of God's dear children will forgive, as I know God has forgiven. I used to talk too much. May God help me to bridle my tongue. I am glad for this wonderful salvation. I have a decision to stay with my God from now on. Please pray that I may take a stand against the old devil. Many of God's dear children fail to take a definite stand and that is the reason they give way.

In Jesus' love,

—C. C. Sell

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Oregon,—Dear saints, greetings,—I am still on the dear Lord's side and mean to press the battle on for Him. I have really missed meeting with the dear saints since I have been here in Oregon. We live out in the country. I often think of God's children. I desire your earnest prayers that God will open up a way whereby we may be with the saints where we can enjoy a good feast at Father's table in our souls. I truly believe if we stay true and faithful to Jesus and keep low down at the foot of the cross, that He will lead us out where we can feed on green pastures. I truly thank the dear Lord for what He has done for me and my family and for what He means to me. I desire your prayers that I'll be a brave and strong soldier for our Saviour.

Holy love to all of God's precious children in the one body,

—Iva Pearl Holman

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Tennessee,—Dear Brother Fred Pruitt and all the precious saints in the whole world,—I thank the good Lord that I can say I am well and happy in Him. I feel led to write once more to our dear little paper, to let all of you know that I am still in the army of the "King of kings," fighting the good fight of faith, doing all I can to help carry the message of salvation from all sin, sanctification of all the truly converted; healing of the body, by the laying on of the hands of God's holy people, and the prayer of faith. I realize that the coming of Jesus is very near, and what we do for the lost souls of humanity must be done quickly—for the night soon cometh when no man can work. I received my paper Friday and the articles were so good, and made the subjects so clear and easy to understand, that I am bound to say that I know that the writers were filled with the Spirit of God, or they could not have written such good articles. I was also impressed with the good letters, for they give me more courage to press

the battle harder when I read the experiences of others. I thank Almighty God from the very depths of my heart for leading me to His true church which teaches holiness, healing, and unity of all God's people. I have great love in my heart for the church of God, and I am praying that God will bless and protect it. I am so glad to know that you dear saints remember me in your prayers, for Jesus said to love one another, and pray for one another. Dear ones in Christ, let us never think of turning back but put our trust in God and we are sure to win all the battles against the devil. I consider it a great privilege to have a part in preaching the pure gospel to the people of the world, I am willing to suffer cold, hunger, persecution, or whatsoever may come my way to be able to see the up-turned faces of poor sinners seeking the Lord, and to see those faces lighted up with the glory of God—when they find that peace that passeth all understanding. Well, glory. I feel His sweet Spirit moving in my innermost being now. I am praying that more laborers will be sent into the great harvest field that many more precious souls may come to know the joys of a full salvation. And God being my helper I aim by His grace to do all I can to take it. Please pray for me and the work that I am doing for our blessed Master who did so much for us. I shall continue to pray for all of you dear saints.

Your humble, blood-bought brother in Christ,

—Colonel Pendleton

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California,—To all the saints greetings in Jesus' name,—Today finds me rejoicing in the blessed Saviour, but I have been very poor in body. I feel sure that the worst kind of stomach trouble is my case for I have not been able to eat any solid food. I want you to know I have been praying earnestly for deliverance. I was anointed here at Pomona, and really have a hold on God's precious promise, so I want you to earnestly agree with us in prayer that I will have that faith that will not waver. I take God at His word. I know if Jesus were here in person and would tell me in His own words that He would heal me, how quickly I would believe Him. I know He has already spoken in His Word that He is willing to heal all manner of diseases. He died to heal us as well as to save us. How can we doubt His Word when it is an impossibility for Him to lie? It is an established fact that God cannot fail, and I have that absolute confidence in His word that it is done. You saints know how I was sick or afflicted with stomach trouble at the Monark Springs campmeeting and the Lord healed me about one and a half years ago. I am testifying to it now that many may read this and be blessed. I now testify to it by faith again, that God has healed me, because I really received the witness in my soul that the Lord has touched my body. I am much better today. Every time I have a pain or weak feeling I say to the devil, "I know God heals me, and the work is done." If it takes these awful afflictions to increase our faith, I say amen to them. I feel like I am more qualified to pray the prayer of faith for others. Praise our God for ever! I am glad that He said He would heal all manner of diseases. He did not say "all but the cancer," but "all manner" or every kind. That has been spoken and can never be taken back. Thanks be unto God, we believe His precious word which is forever settled in heaven.

Yours in Christ and in His service, —W. C. McMakin

## The Truth

"Pilate therefore said unto him, Art thou a king then? Jesus answered, 'Thou sayest that I am a king. To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth. Every one that is of the truth heareth my voice. Pilate saith unto him, WHAT IS TRUTH?' John 18: 37, 38 a.

Many people come into this world and go out of it with little concern about their future existence. They love, they hate, they marry, they divorce, they laugh, they dance, they sing, they work, they play, they deceive one another, they murder, they sin, they cheat, they all live below the standard of righteousness. No wonder that Jesus said, "None is good, save One, that is, God," when talking to the rich young ruler. Luke 18:19.

Unless we have found Christ and been "born again" we are still in our sins and need the blood applied to our souls. Christ is the TRUTH, Christ is the way, Christ is the light of the world, Christ is our redemption, Christ is our life, He is our Saviour from our sins. He alone can restore us to God and righteousness. Man was righteous before the fall of Adam, but after that, all born into the world were born in the image of Adam and not the image of God. Gen. 5:1-3. In Matt. 1:21 we read, "And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call His name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins."

Christ says, "I am the way" and that we should enter this strait and narrow way, for wide is the way that leadeth unto destruction, and many there be that go in thereat. Matt. 7:13, 14. 'The broad way leadeth unto death and to torment. He again says, "Whosoever drinketh of the water I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life." John 4:14. And again, "I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life." John 8:12.

So when people excuse themselves, when they are not overcomers, they are opening the flood gates to their own destruction. The TRUTH is that nobody can live the Christian life without first having godly sorrow for their sins, and turning from their sins with all their heart, and giving themselves to Christ to ever love, adore and obey Him. Read II Cor. 7:9, 10. It is a contract with God, and if kept as faithfully as one made to their earthly companion in marriage, it will be for life and for eternity. Come to Jesus and your soul shall live.

When we get saved God places us into His church, or we can say, with His saints in light; and if we let Him instruct us we will not go back again into the ways of the world. We know that the world does not love Christ or His way, but for the redeemed, it is His delight to do the will of the Lord though all his folks turn against him.

Surely godly sorrow and repentance toward God brings forth the birth of the soul. God puts His heavenly life and His love into our hearts and we become new creatures in Him, old things pass away; all things become new. II Cor. 5:17. In other words, God puts His life-giving Spirit into our hearts making it easy for us to be kept by the grace of God, as long as it is our determination to glorify Him. And with this salvation God gives us a spirit of prayer. Then it is easy to cry, "Our Father," and know that He will answer, "My son."

The TRUTH is, ye must be born again, not of the flesh, but of the Spirit. The Spirit quickens us and brings us out of the dead state, which makes us alive toward God and heavenly things.

No one may expect to enter heaven unless he first has entered the "Door." Down here in this time world Jesus is this Door, and if any man shall enter he shall find rest unto his soul. Those who have entered this Door are the ones whom God will take home to glory when He comes to claim His own, then they will pass out of this world into His presence to be with Him forever.

—Edith Kriebel

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### A PEOPLE OPPRESSED

Sunday, January 6, 1946

Printed Portion .....Exodus 1:8-14; 2:23-25.

Exodus 1:8. Now there arose up a new king over Egypt, which knew not Joseph.

9. And he said unto his people, Behold, the people of the children of Israel are more and mightier than we.

10. Come on, let us deal wisely with them, lest they multiply, and it come to pass, that, when there falleth out any war, they join also unto our enemies, and fight against us, and so get them up out of the land.

11. Therefore they did set over them taskmasters, to afflict them with their burdens. And they built for Pharaoh treasure-cities, Pithom, and Raamses.

12. But the more they afflicted them, the more they multiplied and grew. And they were grieved because of the children of Israel.

13. And the Egyptians made the children of Israel to serve with rigour.

14. And they made their lives bitter with hard bondage, in mortar, and in brick, and in all manner of service in the field: all their service wherein they made them serve was with rigour.

2:23 And it came to pass, in process of time, that the king of Egypt died: and the children of Israel sighed by reason of the bondage, and they cried; and their cry came up unto God, by reason of the bondage.

24. And God heard their groaning, and God remembered his covenant with Abraham, with Isaac, and with Jacob.

25. And God looked upon the children of Israel, and God had respect unto them.

Golden Text: And he said, Certainly I will be with thee.—Ex. 3:12.

Practical Truth: Opposition and persecution only increases the strength of God's people.

### COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

During the third quarter in 1945, we had "Studies in Genesis," which ended with the death of Jacob after he and his sons had come to Egypt to live to be nourished during the time of famine at the request of his son Joseph, who was then a ruler in Egypt.

Joseph and all his brethren and the Egyptians who had been benefitted by Joseph died, and the important services rendered by Joseph were forgotten and the land of their shelter became a house of slavery under the new dynasty of kings who "knew not Joseph." The king had no grounds for fearing or distrusting them even though they had increased greatly in numbers, because they were a quiet peaceable people. You will remember that they asked for no positions of rank or authority when they came to Egypt, but chose rather to continue their old occupations as herders of cattle and sheep. Satan in the heart of Pharaoh could not bear to see God's children prosper. Taskmasters afflicted them with their burdens, and the heartless command went forth that every male child which was born among the Hebrews should be killed. Truly this was a time of great distress, and there seemed no human possibility of conditions being bettered. When people are in great distress, they begin to look to a higher Power than human for relief. Even people who do not serve God look to Him in time of trouble. Cries to God for help are not in vain. Perhaps each member of the Sunday School class can recall a time when he called on God in the time of trouble and He delivered. When the Israelites cried to God, He HEARD, REMEMBERED, LOOKED upon them, and had RESPECT unto them.

Pharaoh, who is a type of Satan, did not start his oppression by reducing them to bitter, hard bondage in one day, but gradually reduced them to that state. His first step was to make them his subjects. Likewise Satan is cunning and has many agencies, and slowly binds his victims until he finally imposes upon the sinner an intolerable servitude. He causes his slave to do that which he would not choose to do, making his life bitter with his lashes. He destroys friendly companionship, breaks up homes, and destroys nations, fills life with grief, and the only wages he offers them is DEATH. But when a sinner cries to God to be delivered from the oppression, God will hear, He will remember his covenant of mercy, and His Son will set the captive free from the bondage of sin. "Whomsoever the Son sets free is free indeed."

### A PEOPLE DELIVERED

Sunday, January 13, 1946

Printed Portion .....Exodus 6:6-9; 13:17-22.

Exodus 6:6. Wherefore say unto the children of Israel, I am the Lord, and I will bring you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians, and I will rid you out of their bondage, and I will redeem you with a stretched-out arm, and with great judgments:

7. And I will take you to me for a people, and I will be to you a God: and ye shall know that I am the Lord your God, which bringeth you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians.

8. And I will bring you in unto the land, concerning the which I did swear to give it to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob; and I will give it you for an heritage: I am the Lord.

13:17. And it came to pass, when Pharaoh had let the people go, that God led them not through the way of the land of the Philistines, although that was near; for God said, Lest peradventure the people repent when they see war, and they return to Egypt:

18. But God led the people about, through the way of the wilderness of the Red Sea: and the children of Israel went up harnessed out of the land of Egypt.

19. And Moses took the bones of Joseph with him: for he had straitly sworn the children of Israel, saying God will surely visit you; and ye shall carry up my bones away hence with you.

20. And they took their journey from Succoth, and encamped in Etham, in the edge of the wilderness.

21. And the Lord went before them by day in a pillar of a cloud, to lead them the way; and by night in a pillar of fire, to give them light: to go by day and night.

22. He took not away the pillar of the cloud by day, nor the pillar of fire by night, from before the people.

Golden Text: I will trust, and not be afraid: for the Lord, even the Lord is my strength. Isa. 12:2.

Practical Truth: God will avenge His own elect who cry unto Him day and night, though He bear long with them.

### COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

In last Sunday's lesson we read that God heard the cries of his people. But even before that He had started to work on a plan for their deliverance. It is written, "Before they call I will answer." Between the two parts of last Sunday's lesson is the account of the birth of Moses and his rescue from death, adoption by Pharaoh's daughter, his flight into Midian, etc. Between last Sunday's lesson and today's God called Moses from the burning bush and sent him to deliver His people from Egyptian bondage. Moses had made his first appearance before Pharaoh with the request to let the children of Israel go into the wilderness to hold a feast unto the Lord. Pharaoh not only refused the request, but also increased the burdens of the people inasmuch that they blamed Moses for their troubles, and Moses in turn laid this complaint before the Lord:

"Lord, wherefore hast thou so evil entreated this people? why is it that thou hast sent me? For since I came to Pharaoh to speak in thy name, he hath done evil to this people; neither hast thou delivered thy peo-

ple at all." To Moses and the Israelites it looked like God had failed them; but had He? No, He was only permitting the test of faith so they would long remember their deliverance and give Him the glory and He would be recognized as a God of power even among the Egyptians. In answer to Moses' cry, God reaffirmed His promise to deliver them with a strong hand.

Have you ever taken a burden to the Lord in earnest prayer and received the assurance from Him that He would answer and help you out, and then when you expected the answer to come, the outlook only became darker? Moses' severe test and the outcome should encourage us to "never give up." It is not ours to question that God will fulfill His promises; but it is ours to see to it that we fulfill all the obligations He has laid upon us so we shall not hinder His workings.

Notice the similarity between the Israelites' deliverance from Egypt and the sinners' deliverance from sin. God gave them the pillar of cloud and the pillar of fire to show them the way to go after they got out of Egypt; and His people have two guides out of sin, the Word of God and the Spirit.

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### THE LAWS OF A PEOPLE

Sunday, January 20, 1946

Printed Portion ..... Exodus 20:1-17.

Exodus 20:1. And God spake all these words, saying,

2. I am the Lord thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.

3. Thou shalt have no other gods before me.

4. Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth:

5. Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the Lord thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me;

6. And shewing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments.

7. Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain: for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.

8. Remember the sabbath-day to keep it holy.

9. Six days shalt thou labor, and do all thy work:

10. But the seventh day is the sabbath of the Lord thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy man-servant, nor thy maid-servant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates:

11. For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the Lord blessed the sabbath-day, and hallowed it.

12. Honour thy father and thy mother; that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee.

13. Thou shalt not kill.

14. Thou shalt not commit adultery.

15. Thou shalt not steal.

16. Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour.

Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's wife, nor his man-servant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor his neighbor's.

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Golden Text I will delight myself in thy commandments, which I have loved. Psalms 119:47.

Practical Truth: God's presence in human hearts enable them to keep His law.

### COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

One of the most important things experienced by the Israelites on their journey from Egypt to Canaan was the receiving of the law at Mt. Sinai. We wonder if infidels could be so bold with their statements that the Bible is a figment of man's imagination and not the production of the infinite mind of God, if they would seriously and honestly consider the high moral standard set forth in these laws. Moses was educated in idolatrous Egypt and surrounded by barbarism, yet the law makers of civilized countries influenced by Christian teachings can not make a better moral code. Where did Moses get them? The only possible answer is, "God gave them."

Such a high standard was set forth in the law that man in his sinful condition could not fully keep it. But it served as a guide and a warning to show them how far they went beyond the boundaries of righteousness. In the New Testament we are told that the purpose of the law was to check transgression (The giving of the law helped to make Israel far better than the heathen around them and in a large measure free from their immoral practices.), to reveal sin, and to lead men to Christ. The law showed man his transgressions and made him conscious of a spiritual need, which only Christ could fill. After Christ came and made a perfect atonement for sin and proclaimed the way of salvation from sin through faith in Him, the law was no longer needed by those who accepted Jesus, and people could no longer be justified by the works of the law. He did not nullify the law, but He made a way for men's hearts to be changed so His law would be written on their hearts and it would be a joy for them to do the things which the law said they must do. The Law contained both moral and ceremonial laws. The ceremonial laws were types and shadows of good things to come. These were fulfilled in Christ so ceremonies and ordinances of the law were nailed to the cross.

Is an idol necessarily an image? Read Col. 3:5.

In what ways do people take the Lord's name in vain besides in profanity? Read Luke 6:46.

The Christians' sabbath is the soul rest which they have when they cease from their own labors (the works of the law) and enter into His rest—Sanctification. Read Heb. 4:9, 10. How do people break this sabbath?

What does the word "honor" include in the fifth commandment? Do you know of anyone who has claimed the promise attached to this commandment?

Does one have to literally kill someone to be a murderer in God's sight? Read 1 John 3:15.

It seems that the seventh commandment is broken more than any other. Adultery is a popular sin, yet God's Word is full of teachings against it. How terrible this must be in the sight of God. Guilty ones may think lightly of it, yet they shall not escape His wrath. A short time after I had put out poison for mice, I entered a room that I seldom used. There was a mouse on the floor which looked like it was moving. When I examined it closer, I found that it had no life of its own, but it was so infested with maggots that were feeding on the corruption that it appeared to be moving. The sight was



so nauseating that I could scarcely bear to get close enough to it to sweep it up to be burned. Sinful people must be that nauseating to God. They have partaken of the devil's poison and are dead in trespasses and sins; the only life they have is the lust which is constantly devouring them.

To withhold part of the price of our obligation to God is the worst kind of stealing. In what other ways can people steal?

The ninth commandment requires us to keep our tongues from evil-speaking, lying, and slandering. These things proceed from an evil heart, and Satan is the father of them all. When people excuse a little sin by saying "there is no harm in it," though God's Word plainly forbids it, they are false witnesses. Do you remember how the devil bore false witness to Eve and the trouble it caused?

What is one thing that the Lord gives us permission to covet?

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### A PEOPLE AT WORSHIP

Sunday, January 27, 1946

Printed Portion ..... Exodus 27:1; 35:4-9, 20-29.

Exodus 28:1. And take thou unto thee Aaron thy brother, and his sons with him, from among the children of Israel, that he may minister unto me in the priest's office, even Aaron, Nadab and Abihu, Eleazar and Ithamar, Aaron's sons.

Ex. 35:4. And Moses spake unto all the congregation of the children of Israel, saying, This is the thing which the Lord commanded, saying,

5. Take ye from among you an offering unto the Lord: whosoever is of a willing heart, let him bring it, an offering of the Lord; gold, and silver, and brass,

6. And blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine linen, and goats' hair,

7. And rams' skins dyed red, and badgers' skins, and shittim-wood,

8. And oil for the light, and spices for anointing oil, and for the sweet incense,

9. And onyx-stones, and stones to be set for the ephod, and for the breast-plate.

20. And all the congregation of the children of Israel departed from the presence of Moses.

21. And they came, every one whose heart stirred him up, and every one whom his spirit made willing, and they brought the Lord's offering to the work of the tabernacle of the congregation, and for all his service, and for the holy garments.

22. And they came, both men and women, as many as were willing-hearted, and brought bracelets, and earrings, and rings, and tablets, all jewels of gold: and every man that offered, offered an offering of gold unto the Lord.

23. And every man with whom was found blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine linen, and goats' hair, and red skins of rams, and badgers' skins, brought them.

24. Every one that did offer an offering of silver and brass brought the Lord's offering: and every man with whom was found shittim-wood for any work of the service, brought it.

25. And all the women that were wise-hearted did spin with their hands, and brought that which they had spun, both of blue, and of purple, and of scarlet, and of fine linen.

26. And all the women whose heart stired them up in wisdom spun goats' hair.

27. And the rulers brought onyx-stones, and stones to be set, for the ephod, and for the breast-plate;

27. And spice, and oil for the light, and for the anointing oil, and for the sweet incense.

29. The children of Israel brought a willing offering unto the Lord, every man and woman, whose heart made them willing to bring, for all manner of work which the Lord had commanded to be made by the hand of Moses.

Golden Text: Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve. Matt. 4:10.

Practical Truth: God is pleased only with the worship which consists of expressions of devotion prompted by sincere love in the hearts of His people.

### COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

Before one place of worship was established, the eldest son in every family officiated as priest, but now the priesthood was to be restrained to Aaron's family. The priests were to have no secular power, but were to be devoted to God's cause. Does this teach us anything concerning God's will for us whom He has made "an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices," a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous light"?

Instructions for the building and furniture of the Tabernacle were given in the 25th chapter of Exodus. God carefully instructed Moses and warned him to be sure to make it according to the pattern. He was particular about the way His literal building was made because it foreshadowed the spiritual house which Christ was to build when He came. He wanted only the best of material put into it, and that is all He accepts now.

The Lord loveth a cheerful giver. The Israelites gave willingly because their hearts were stirred in devotion to God and they wanted to see His cause prosper. Shame on so-called Christians who give for the purpose of obtaining praise from men. God abhors such offerings. He is no pauper, but He desires that men give of their substance that they might show their devotion to Him. When God has possession of one's heart, He has full control of his earthly possessions. His true people do not have to be taxed or coerced into giving of their substance, and God sends no one out with a commission to tax others and beg for the upbuilding of His cause. Let us take this lesson as an example. Moses made known what God desired of them, but he did not tax nor beg. An envious spirit will magnify his hardships in the gospel work in order to get people to give to him.

The Lord's literal house was built of material which was given of a free-will and consecrated to the Lord, and thus it is in His spiritual house. What would people think if one of the Israelites had freely given some precious stones which were needed in the Lord's house and afterward decided that he wanted them for his own selfish use and had stolen them from the Tabernacle? That would have been a terrible sin. Yet people give in this manner today and do not consider it a great sin. They give themselves to the Lord and ask Him to make them lively stones in His building; then later they decide they want the use of themselves, so they take themselves out of the building of God.

It was God's plan for His children to work publicly. Does the New Testament ~~give any instruction~~ concerning public worship?

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