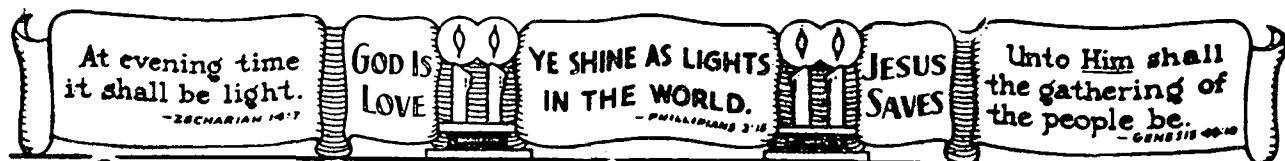


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"IS IT I?"

When Christ and his disciples twelve
Met in the upper room
To eat the last passover feast,
Their hearts were filled with gloom
Because the Master told them there
That He would be betrayed
By one of them that very night,
And rest would be dismayed.
They knew 'twas truth He had spoken,
So one by one did cry,
As closer to His side they pressed,
"Dear Master, 'Is it I?'"

Now in His Word He warns us much
That perilous times will be;
That men will hate true, holy lives,
And spurn humility;
A form of godliness they'll have,
But will deny the pow'r
Of God to save a soul from sin;
His standard they will low'r.
Because iniquity shall abound—
And it abounds today—
The love of many shall wax cold,
And saints shall fall away.

We who are Christ's disciples now
In these, the last of days,
Are quite aware that hearts of men
Have turned to evil ways.
Then let us all take warning now
As did those men of old
When Satan crept up to the flock
To snatch one from the fold.
Let's follow their example good:
In earnest let us cry,
As closer to His side we press,
"Dear Master, 'Is it I?'"

—Mrs. H. G. Ray.

A Perfect Salvation

"The grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in this present world." Titus 2:11, 12. The grace of God has power to give us the victory over the devil. The work of the devil is sin in any form. God's Word declares that sin shall not have dominion over us. Rom. 6:10-23. Sin and grace cannot reign (have dominion) over us at the same time. God's finished work through Christ meets every need of man. He knew what was required and He furnished a redemption that provides for every need for spirit, soul, and body, and made it possible for our souls to be saved from sin, sanctified, and satisfied with the abiding presence of the Holy Ghost. Then there is no room left for carnality. "According as His divine power hath given unto us ALL things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue: Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust." 2 Peter 1:3, 4. Read all of this chapter.

Since God has done all that is necessary for the salvation of the world, he stands ready now to make good in the lives of any individual, whosoever will, all that he wrought for us in Christ. He desires to give us His very nature, or divine love to control our bodies and souls and swallow them up in life. If you do not believe it, here is God's Word, "For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure." Phil. 2:13. Here is the secret: "Greater is He that is in you, than he that is in the world." 1 John 4:4.

Satan is in the world in all worldly-minded people. He controls their hearts, minds, and actions, causing them to sin more or less in thought, word, and deed. But when the sinner repents of and confesses his sins believing with his whole heart (not just his head knowledge) that Jesus Christ died for him, he is justified by faith. In other words, he is born again and has peace with God. Romans 5:1.

While Jesus was here on earth, they had peace

with God. Then after Jesus ascended to the Father, He sent the Holy Spirit to take up His abode in their hearts and be their abiding comforter and give them power over all the power and works of Satan.

Yes, God stands ready to meet our faith, but He stands helpless and the atonement through Christ's shed blood is of no avail unless we take what belongs to us. We must believe, then act on our belief by taking or accepting God's plan of salvation. When we have that living faith and have Him enthroned in our hearts, it is Christ in us the hope of glory, and we are ready to meet him. Amen. —C. S. Wyatt.

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LIFE

"Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink his blood, ye have no life in you. Whoso eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, hath life; and I will raise him up at the last day, for my flesh is meat indeed, and my blood is drink indeed. He that eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, dwelleth in me, and I in him, As the living Father hath sent me, and I live by the Father: so he that eateth me, even he shall live by me. This is that bread which came down from heaven: not as your fathers did eat manna, and are dead; he that eateth of this bread shall live forever." Jno. 6:53-58. In the tenth verse of the tenth chapter of John's gospel we find this statement, made by the Lord Jesus: "I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly," he said again, "I give unto them eternal life: and they shall never perish." We read again "And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life. These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God: that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God." 1 Jno. 5:11-13.

The foregoing Scriptures, and many others, make it very plain that it is the will of the Father, that his people be in possession of eternal or everlasting life; and they also set forth the fact that one can not have this life apart from the Son. They are co-existent the one with the other. One can not be in possession of eternal life without being in possession of the Son of God. Jesus Christ must actually be permeating and dwelling in the heart and being of the possessor of everlasting life. He is the life and without him the soul abides in darkness, and death. There is life in no other name, only in the name of the only begotten Son of God. There have been many names offered to men, which promised eternal life; but all who looked to them have been deceived, and have fallen far short of their hopes and expectations, falling into eternal death instead. Mohammed, Confucius, Diana, Dagon, and other names to which many thousands have looked for protection and life; have utterly failed to grant to their adherents that for

which they vainly hoped—happiness and life. Many have gone on long pilgrimages in search for that for which their souls longed, and have returned without satisfaction. But all who will come to Jesus and eat his flesh and drink his blood, shall have life eternal. As He has said, "He that eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, dwelleth in me, and I in him. As the living Father hath sent me, and I live by the Father: so he that eateth me, even he shall live by me. This is that bread which came down from heaven: not as your fathers did eat manna and are dead: he that eateth of this bread shall live forever." Jno. 6:56-58. What did Jesus mean by these words, "eat my flesh, and drink my blood." He meant that whosoever would hear and believe or receive his words in their heart would have life, spiritual life; the life that endures. As he said in the 63rd verse of the same chapter. "It is the spirit that quickeneth: the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life." So we see plainly that whosoever receives the words of Christ receives life; and whosoever rejects His words, rejects life. As Jesus was presenting these truths to the people, there were many who for some reason failed to grasp the meaning of his words. It was a hard saving to them. They could not understand them. "From that time many of his disciples went back and walked no more with him. "Then said Jesus unto the twelve, Will ye also go away? Then Simon Peter answered him, Lord, to whom shall we go? thou hast the words of eternal life." Verses 66-68. Peter understood very clearly that the words that Jesus spoke were the words of eternal life; and he received them with joy. In Jesus' conversation with Martha (when He came to comfort the two sisters concerning the death of their brother), He spoke those immortal words, "I am the resurrection and the life." Paul said on one occasion. "When Christ who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory." And John said, "He that hath the Son hath life: and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life." "And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son."

"The Father loveth the Son, and hath given all things into his hand. He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life: but the wrath of God abideth on him." Jno. 3:35-36. It is necessary to believe the record that God hath given of his Son; to believe on the name of the Son of God; to believe and accept His Word as truth and to receive it in the heart, to come in possession of eternal life.

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." Jno. 3:16. "Everlasting life," "the crown of life," that is the eternal prize. All those who have received the witness in their breast, have reason to rejoice because their names are written in the "Book of Life" and they shall no more come under condemnation, because they keep his commandments, and do those things

that are pleasing in his sight. Therefore upon them the second death shall have no power; for they have been partakers of the first resurrection, and have passed from death unto life. When Jesus shall return, and the trump of God shall sound, those who have fallen asleep in him, shall hear his voice; and come forth unto the resurrection of life; and shall ever after live with the Lord.

Dear reader, have you eaten of the living bread which came down from heaven? Does Christ at this moment abide in thy soul? Have you received life from the dead? "He that believeth on the Father and the Son: hath an everlasting life."

—Ulysses Phillips

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FABLES

"I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom; Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering 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; and they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables." 2 Tim. 4:1-4. The time spoken of by the apostle is here now, and the so-called Christian world will not endure sound doctrine. They have heaped to themselves teachers, having itching ears and have turned from the precious truth of God's holy Word and are turned unto fables.

Dear reader, let us look into the precious Word of God and see some of the doctrine it teaches and then see a few of the many fables which have been brought in among the so-called Christians of today by the "sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive." Eph. 4:14. Jesus himself said, "Upon this rock I will build my church and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." He was speaking of himself, as careful study of the preceding verses will show, but here is the word of Paul to prove it beyond the shadow of a doubt, "For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ." 1 Cor. 3:11. Christ is the door—"I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved." John 10:9. How can a man enter in by Christ? Jesus says, "Whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house on a rock." Matt. 7:24, and, in Matt. 11:28, we read, "Come unto me." Luke 13:3, "I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish." "Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted. Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled. Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy." Matt. 5:3-7. In these Scriptures we learn from the great

Teacher that men must repent because they have sinned against God and that sin brings condemnation. In repentance we put our sins away from us. Jesus says again, "Ye believe in God, believe also in me." When we believe in Him as our personal Savior, love, joy, and peace comes into our souls and we are happy. As we go on and obey the instruction given in Rom. 12:1, and present our bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto the Lord, He removes the nature of sin and gives his Holy Spirit instead, also sheds the love of God abroad in our hearts, Rom. 5:5, and gives one or more gifts to us to use in his service, Eph. 4:8, and sets each one in the body as it pleases him, 1 Cor. 12:18. This makes each one of us members of the body of Christ, 1 Cor. 12:27, and Christ is the head of the body, the church, Col. 1:18. Christ governs his church by his word through his Spirit. See John 14:26, and Rom. 8:14.

Dear reader, this is the sound doctrine of the Lord Jesus Christ and his apostles. Now, let us notice some of the fables which those teachers who have itching ears have substituted for it. Instead of the glorious Bible doctrine of repentance, which through godly sorrow causes men to confess and forsake their sins and believe in the power of Christ to save them so their lives are pure and clean, some have substituted penance which is a punishment for sins and does not deliver the worshiper. Others have used joining the church for conversion, and what a church! They say we can do nothing unless we are organized and have some one to tell us what to do. Like the children of Israel in Samuel's day, they rejected the Lord from being their king and put a man in place of him and the offices today are filled either by election or appointment from headquarters and the Bible name is discarded for one which sounds better to some one, but that is a God-send to some who want to live by the Bible. But some have dared to take that Name and attach it to their man-made organization, making it appear to be what it is not, as if God would own a church where neither His Word nor His Spirit can have their way. These teachers have realized that these fables do not satisfy some who might read in the Bible how Christ was to reign over His kingdom, so they have invented another, of course using some Scripture to make it appear as if the Bible taught it. That is the story of how Christ is to return and set up a kingdom here and reign a thousand years. There are many different groups who believe this one, but almost all of them have it a little different, so it takes many different schools to train their preachers in their own peculiar way—fable.

But we are glad that Christ is reigning over his house, or church now, and He will until all enemies are put under his feet. Then at the final resurrection He shall come with sound of a trumpet to call all men to their reward which is given them at the judgment. There will be no time then for that fable to be fulfilled. Read 1 Cor. 15th chapter and John 5:28, 29, also Matt. 25:31 to the close of the chapter.

—Ray Key

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CHANGE OF ADDRESS

As I feel my work at Minneapolis is finished and I have left there, my address now is 920 W. Mansur Ave., Guthrie, Oklahoma, c. o. Fred Pruitt. I feel led to be in evangelistic work for awhile. I shall be glad to help those needing help.

—Bro. George Stephenson

EDITORIALS

We are now moving along in the New Year of 1946, and great possibilities are ahead of all who are consecrated to God and have it in their hearts to say as one of old, "Here am I, send me." Some are called to go with the gospel and others are called to work in the "Lord's Print Shop" and send the gospel to men by the printed page. Others are called as helpers and many are called to give of their substance to take the gospel to men orally or send it to them by the printed page. All the members of Christ's body, the church, working together, every member functioning in his proper place makes the perfect MAN, a measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ (Eph. 4:13) sending forth the true gospel of salvation to lost men and gathering into the one fold all the meek and lowly of earth, purifying and preparing the bride, the Lamb's wife, for His coming. This is a glorious work and brings joy, comfort, and assurance to all who willingly and gladly take the way of the cross and humbly function in their places in the body of Christ to the glory of God the Father.

The state assembly meeting of the church of God at Guthrie during the holiday season was a glorious success. Souls were saved, believers were sanctified wholly, and many bodies were healed. The saints from all places were greatly built up in the faith as they listened to the gospel of Christ go forth with great power and rich anointing. More than thirty ministers were present, many of them from the state of Oklahoma. Out-of-state ministers were: Bros. T. T. Holden, Isaac Chandler, and Ostis Wilson, Jr. of Calif.; Sister Ruth Murphey of La.; Sister E. Hudson of Ohio; Bro. H. P. Huskey of Neb.; Bro. Darius Gibson and Sister Elizabeth Glass of Mo.; and Bro. Geo. Stephenson of Minn. The chapel was often filled beyond seating capacity, and the good, rich truth was enjoyed by all.

The business meeting, which was held the last Friday afternoon, was conducted in a saintly fashion. The subject of a pavilion for the campmeeting, which was first brought before the saints last summer, was rediscussed and another offering was taken up for this purpose. \$176.02 was added to the fund for the building of a pavilion. The saints also bought three lots on which to build the pavilion. To date there is \$422.04 in the treasury for this building. It will likely cost \$1200.00. If any of our readers believe the Lord would have you help finance the building of this pavilion, you can send offerings to Faith Pub. House, Guthrie, Okla. When sending offerings for this purpose, please state that you desire your offering to be added to the pavilion fund. This pavilion is needed for the tent is practically worn out and the saints need a place to hold the annual campmeeting.

As we behold Christendom and take note of the cold, formal services that are so common, it makes us feel that the "Time of the Gentiles" is practically fulfilled. The reason why there is so much cold, formal worship is because the great majority of preachers and lay members will not walk in the brighter shining

light which is illuminating the souls of the few humble men and women who will dare to separate from the world and preach and practice the same.

The pure gospel of Christ is a savor of death to those who hear and will not walk in the light, but it is a savor of life to those who will walk in the light. It seems that most men love darkness rather than light. They want their own self-life to live, therefore Christ is crucified and Barabbas lives.

Barabbas was a robber and a murderer. When one cries for his (or her) self-life to live, he lines up with those who chose to turn Barabbas loose and to crucify Christ. He may not actually do the murdering of Christ, but lends support to those who do. Just think of the many preachers who lined up, more or less, with the late war that slaughtered thousands of God's human creation! Why did they do it? Because any other course would have brought the reproaches of the people upon them. "Self" was seeking honor and praise of men. In many other ways many who claim to be Christians show themselves to be of this world, and that they are pleased for Barabbas to live.

Those who have salvation and will not walk in the light of His Word as He shines it on their souls, will, in course of time, become lifeless so far as Christ being in their souls is concerned; and although they may have great knowledge of spiritual things, yet without Christ in the soul their works will be of the flesh and will bring them no eternal profit.

It seems that the spirit of Satan is so strong in these last of the last days that he fills the air with a lethargy and drowsiness, and saints are so effected that when they hear the truth they are not much concerned about it. They may say, "Yes, that is the truth," and they may at the time see their need of measuring up, but go on their way and do nothing about it.

The Holy Spirit brought to my mind the present condition in this way. A godly minister pastored a congregation for a long time. He gave them the truth. He would wait before God in prayer, supplications, and tears for messages that would stir their hearts to live in the fear of God and be doers of the Word. Many times some would compliment him on the good message. Some would say, "Amen," or "We have heard the truth today"; but would go out of the meeting house and fail to practice what they heard. This went on for years, and the good minister who had been so faithful to warn the flock, exhort, and teach them the right way, heard the word from above, "It is enough. Come up higher." So he was with Jesus in heaven. From heaven the Lord showed him his flock back in the world. The flock which he had wept over so much and to whom he had been faithful in admonishing, instructing, exhorting, and reproving, was seen on a platform all dressed in white. But as he looked a little closer he noticed that some of them had spots on their clothes as though mud had splattered on them. They would go around and around on the platform in merry glee. At intervals

they would stop and be quiet and still as if listening.

He asked the Lord, "What makes them stop and listen that way?"

Jesus answered, "That represents their actions when you were preaching to them."

During the time when they were listening to the sermons it seemed as if they were accepting the admonitions, but as soon as the preaching was over, on they would go and get their garments spotted with the world more and more.

When Paul spoke of the church, God's people, in Ephesians 5:26, 27, he said, "That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the Word, that he might present it to himself a glorious church [family] not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish."

From this Scripture, you can plainly see that we cannot allow our white garments to get spotted up with the world and be among those that are presented to the Lord at His coming.

Sister Ruth Murphey of Louisiana, who attended the assembly meeting here at Guthrie, and Sister Myrtle Grice, who has been helping in the print shop work for some time, felt called of the Lord to labor for Him at Minneapolis, Minn. In the short time that they have been there the Lord has blessed their labors. Sister Myrtle expects to remain there and take over the pastoral work as God may burden her heart in these labors. Pray for these sisters that God will prosper their work there, among that little congregation of saints.

Sister Dora Lela Sorrell of Myrtle, Mo. has for some time felt burdened of the Lord to help do the work in the "Lord's Print Shop" here. After attending the assembly meeting, she remained and is fitting into the work nicely. She is learning to operate one of the Intertype machines besides other general work.

The Lord has a splendid force of office workers in his print shop now. The machinery is humming and the work is moving on at a lively pace, and the spirits of all are touching His throne, which quickens our mortal bodies to do our very best for Him and His great cause among men. The future outlook for the spread of the gospel by the printed page is good. We are encouraged of the Lord that the needed new machines will be installed in His shop before the end of this year, and perhaps before the middle of the year. These new machines will mean much to the printing work. Not only can more literature be printed in a shorter time, but also better printing jobs can be done; then thousands of more souls can be reached with the gospel than is possible with the present facilities.

If all members of Christ's body, the church, will continue to work freely in their proper places in the body, the work of God universally will prove to be a mighty force propelled by Heaven's power and wisdom for the salvation of precious souls and the gathering together of His bride, the Lamb's wife, for His coming, when they will meet him in the air and ever be

with the Lord. Those who are not ready, according to St. John 5:28, 29, will be resurrected to damnation. Let all of us be at our best for God and in behalf of precious souls while we have time and opportunity.

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Obituaries

Matilda Sophie Powell was born in Ireland, April, 1865, came to this country at about the age of 16, and made this country her home. Later she was married to Mr. Fleitas, who lived 13 months after their marriage, to which union one son, John Fleitas, was born. May 27, 1903 she was married to Alex Rogers. One son was born to them, but he passed from this life in his twenties, and Mr. Rogers passed away a time before. She was left a widow for a number of years before her death, Dec. 15, 1945, at the age of 80 years and 8 months.

She gave her heart to God at an early age. When she heard the truth of this evening light reformation preached, she accepted it and oftentimes expressed her love for God and His saints. She enjoyed living alone in her home so she could be alone to read and pray with no interference, but became too frail to care for herself, so she broke up housekeeping and lived here at Hammond from the last of June, 1945 until the day of her death. She trusted the Lord very patiently through her illness and prayed the Lord to take her.

The bereaved are: one son, John Fleitas, and his wife; one grandson, Arthur; three granddaughters, Ezilda, Ruth, and Doris; and other relatives and friends. The funeral service was conducted by the writers. Scripture readings, Numbers 23:15, Job 6:26, Psa. 90:10, and Heb. 9:27, 28. Her body was laid to rest in Welcome Cemetery near Folsom, La. to await the resurrection day.

—Ray and Katherine Key.

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Lula Mae Strong, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bud Bingley, was born March 31, 1870 in Alabama. After a lingering illness, she departed this life Dec. 5, 1945. Her father, mother and five brothers preceded her in death.

On Sept. 30, 1903 she was united in marriage to John H. Strong, who survives her. Other survivors are: one son of a former marriage, Charles J. Curry; five grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; three sisters, Mrs. Amanda Willman of Leesburg, Fla., Mrs. Della Bingham of Plymouth, Mich., Mrs. Fannie Miller of Tawas City, Mich.; one brother, Alexander Bingley of Fla.; a great number of nieces and nephews, and a host of friends and saints, whose loss will be heaven's gain. She was a mother in Israel to all who knew her.

Through all pain, at times she would smile
A smile of heavenly birth;
And when the angels called her home,
She smiled farewell to earth.
Heaven retaineth now our treasure,
Earth the lonely casket keeps,
And the sunbeams love to linger
Where our sainted loved one sleeps.

Sister Jones read a Scripture reading from Hebrews 9:19-28. Archie Denning, Sister Strong's nephew, conducted funeral services. Text: Rev. 14:13.

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Brother John William Foster, the eldest son of John and Nancy Foster, was born Sept. 15, 1866, and died Dec. 21, 1945, at the age of 79 years, 3 months, and 6 days. He was bedfast seven months, but as he lived a holy life,

he died a triumphant death. He had been a faithful minister in the church of God for over forty years.

The bereaved are: his faithful wife, two sons, five daughters, two sisters, and three brothers. Bro. Foster and wife were the parents of twelve children. Five of them were called away before the father.

Many dear friends will miss the loving words of encouragement along with the cheering smile. He met many hard trials in life, but endured them with the fortitude of a true soldier of the cross, without complaint. He felt that to follow the Christ he loved meant suffering without complaining. Patiently he bore his suffering, then broke the fetters of this earthly body to receive the glory of the spiritual body and be with Him who was all and in all. When the end came it was so peaceful he fell sweetly to sleep in Jesus. "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints." Bro. William Pearson conducted the funeral service.

In Memory of Our Beloved Brother Will Foster

And thus He giveth His beloved sleep
while we are left alone to weep;
But our loss is His everlasting gain,
He has gone to Jesus, with him to reign.

Softly waving us all farewell,
He was waited away with saints to dwell
In the beautiful home of peace and rest,
In the city of God with the pure and blessed.

His labor ended, his work well done,
The tasks all finished one by one,
He closed his eyes with gentle smile
And left us here for a little while.

Just a little while, and we, too, must go
To that great Beyond—God willed it so—
And then on that bright eternal shore,
We shall meet our loved one to part no more.

—Rebecca Basicker, his sister.

"The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away;
Blessed be the name of the Lord."

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Ellen Chandler was born December 1, 1877 at Mansfield, Louisiana, and died at Oklahoma City, Okla. Nov. 30, 1945, at the age of 68 years, 11 months, and 30 days.

She was married to James Chandler in 1892 in Guthrie, Okla. To this union twelve children were born, nine boys and three girls. Six boys and two girls preceded her in death, also her husband, December 27, 1918.

Sister Chandler heard and accepted the truth of the church of God in 1912. She felt the hand of God upon her for the work and was faithful as a teacher in the church of God. Some of her last words were to her son Isaac. She asked him not to worry because she was right with the Lord and was ready to go. She had fought a good fight and had finished her work and was going home to glory where there will be no more sorrow and trouble. She wanted her relatives and friends to meet her in glory. She closed her eyes and fell asleep in Jesus.

She leaves to mourn their loss her children: Isaac Chandler of Bakersfield, Calif.; Dennis F. Chandler of Washington, D. C.; Aaron Chandler of Oklahoma City, Okla.; Phebe M. Hawkins of Okla. City, Okla.; three brothers and one sister; nine grandchildren and three great-grandchildren; and a host of relatives, saints, and friends.

The funeral service was conducted by Bro. Manly Spears. Text: Rev. 14:13.

Confession and Restoration

"My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour. For he hath regarded the low estate of his handmaiden. . . . For he that is mighty hath done great things [to me] and holy is His name. And his mercy is on them that fear him from generation to generation. He hath shewed strength with his arm; he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts. He hath put down the mighty from their seats, and exalted them of low degree. He hath filled the hungry with good things; and the rich he hath sent empty away. . . . Blessed be the Lord God of Israel; for he hath visited and redeemed His people, and hath raised up an horn of salvation for us in the house of His servant David; as He spake by the mouth of his holy prophets which have been since the world began: That we should be saved from our enemies, and from the hand of all that hate us; to perform the mercy promised to our fathers and to remember his holy covenant; The oath which he sware to our father Abraham. That He would grant unto us, that we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies might serve Him without fear, in holiness and righteousness before Him all the days of our life. . . . To give knowledge of salvation unto his people by the remission of their sins, through the tender mercies of our God; whereby the day-spring from on high hath visited us, to give light to them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace."

In the month of April, 1944, the Lord gave me a vision. That night I carried a great burden. Before retiring I wept and prayed a long while, but it seemed the weight of the burden remained. Soon I got up to pray again as I could not rest nor sleep. It seemed I did not fully understand what the burden was. I tried again to sleep but arose to pray yet the third time. After this it seemed I was partly asleep or else was carried away in the Spirit to some place similar to that where John was carried on the Lord's day when one of the seven angels came to him, saying, "Come hither, I will shew thee the bride the Lamb's wife."

It seemed it was Sunday night and I was in service. At that time I was living in the rear of the meeting house at 511 W. Noble St., in Guthrie, Oklahoma. This was only two blocks from the saints' chapel on 6th and Warner. In the vision I was preaching at our place of worship on the subject of "The Unity and Oneness of God's People," text: St. John 17; and at the same time Sister O. B. Wilson of Shawnee, Oklahoma was preaching at the chapel on 6th and Warner, and her text was the same. It seemed I heard Sister Wilson's message but did not know whether she heard mine or not. But after the service when I had retired to my rooms, I was troubled and burdened and began to wonder: Now, how can this be? We all preach and teach the same doctrine, we sing the same songs, claim to have the same light, the same truth; but worship God apart, are not together, not one; therefore do not practice what we preach. Jesus prayed that we might be sanctified and made one that the world might believe. How can we convince the world? And did not Paul tell us that the husbandman that laboreth must first be partaker of the fruits? Oh, how burdened I was! So I decided that as soon as morning came I would go to Sister Wilson and tell her how I felt. I went. It seemed I just walked over there as if she lived only a few blocks from us, yet when I arrived at her home, it was in Shawnee. (I wish to explain to the reader that in reality I

had never been in Shawnee but once before that I remember. That was to a funeral. During the short time that I was there I learned very little about Shawnee; and I had never been in Sister Wilson's house, yet in the vision I saw it just like it is.)

I began at once to unburden my heart to her. It seemed we were in her south bed room and were sitting on the side of the bed. We read the 17th chapter of St. John and both agreed we could not both be right and not be together. One could be right and one wrong or both could be wrong; but both could not be right since both have known the truth so long. Then since we both felt we were sincere and desired to be right, and since we knew God was willing to give us light or knowledge of the truth, we decided we would go down there in fervent prayer and pray until God did let us know who was wrong or who was right. We promised each other and promised God that regardless of who it was or what either or both had to do about it, we would obey God. Oh, how we prayed! How earnestly and sincerely did we pour our very hearts before Him in tears in agony of soul until there were no more words to say. We waited for the answer to come. We knew it would come if we would tarry.

All was so still, so quiet, until after a long while it seemed we both heard a noise. It was far away, and the best I can describe it sounded like the rumble of distant thunder, a continual rumble. But as we listened it came nearer, nearer and seemed clearer, yet we could not tell what it was until suddenly it seemed lighter in the room and there was a heavenly atmosphere or a sweet stillness, something that earthly language cannot describe. And we heard so clearly a voice. It did not say she was wrong nor that I was wrong. The churches were not named, but the words—oh, I shall never forget those words nor the sweet voice that uttered them—"CHURCH OF GOD NUMBER TWO IS WRONG." That made it clear to us both and it made us to remember the words of Solomon, "My dove, my undefiled is but ONE. She is the only one of her mother." Then there can be no "First Church of God," no number two, etc. She is but one. Jesus said, "Upon this rock I will build my church and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it."

It was settled. We arose and began to rejoice. Light and knowledge had come. As we thus rejoiced and praised God for answering prayer, Sister Wilson said, "Let us go over and visit Mother Tetrick." We wanted to go somewhere and share our blessings with someone else. We got our wraps and started out to get into the car. Then I asked her where Mother Tetrick lived. She said, "At 602 South Park Street." We went there and Mother seemed so glad to see us. We talked about the Lord and read and prayed with her.

There the vision ended and I came to myself with those words "602 South Park Street" yet clear in my mind. I wrote it on paper and thought if I should ever have an opportunity, I would ask Sister Wilson if there was such a street in Shawnee. This vision impressed me deeply and I couldn't get it off my mind for several days. I prayed much about it and asked the Lord to give me some of the Word to agree if it was from Him.

Then the scripture in Luke 9:28-35 came to me. As I read and considered it, I believed it must be from Him. I noticed that they were praying when Jesus was transfigured before them. Jesus and Moses and Elias were talking about Jesus' decease which he should accomplish at Jerusalem. Peter, James, and John fell asleep just like they did later when Jesus agonized in prayer in the

garden. They were not yet sanctified, but were surely zealous. When they awoke they saw his glory and those who talked with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Master it is good for us to be here; and let us make three tabernacles [build three churches], one for thee, one for Moses, and one for Elias not knowing what he said." (Sister Wilson and I were both preaching unity and oneness, but one of us did not know what we were saying since we were not practicing what we preached. We cannot know a Scriptural truth as God wants us to know it unless we put it into practice. Let us practice what we preach.) But listen, dear reader, "While he thus spake there came a cloud and overshadowed them and they feared as they entered into the cloud, and there came a voice out of the cloud saying, This is my beloved Son, HEAR HIM."—only seven words, but they were sufficient. The words that were spoken to us in the vision were seven. That number in Bible terms is counted a complete number. Then at the beginning of the vision when we both were preaching the same thing and at the same time, it seemed we heard her preach but did not know whether she heard us or not: "This is my beloved Son, hear him."

For several days I thought of little else but the vision, but as time went on it went from me and did not trouble me so much. Then when the campmeeting was in progress the same summer at the saints' chapel, I went. When I saw the Wilsons sitting across from me, I remembered the vision and decided to ask them about Park Street. After services they went out and sat in their car and I went to them and asked them if there was a Park Street in Shawnee. Both answered, "Yes."

Then I asked if the street ran north and south, and again, both said it did. I noticed they looked somewhat puzzled, so I told them I just wanted to ask one more question. Was there an aged lady living at 602 South Park St.? Then they could not answer, but as they were trying to figure it out I told them that in a vision or dream it seemed Sister Wilson and I had visited an aged lady at that number. Sister Wilson said there was a Mother Tetrick who lived in the vicinity of Park Street, but she was not sure whether it was on Park St. or one or two other streets she named. But she said she would find out for sure when she went home.

Later Sister Wilson wrote from Shawnee to tell me that Mother Tetrick did live at 602 South Park St. She asked me to come down and we would go to see her.

In a month or so I went to Sister Wilson's home. Then I told her more about the vision, but as yet, could not tell her all. In her home we read St. John 17 and talked and prayed together and God did surely bless us. Then early the next morning we went to see Mother Tetrick. But before we started to her home I told Sister the number of her house, 602 would be beside the door, not where it usually is over the door, on the porch, or porch post; for in the vision I saw it at the right of the door as we entered. In reality, I had never seen the house nor even heard of Mother Tetrick, nor did I know the name of one street in Shawnee before God gave the vision. But since everything else had come out exactly as I saw it, I felt sure the house number would be there. When we walked upon the porch, Sister Wilson called our attention to the number at the right side of the door.

Surely the Lord was calling me to follow Him. I prayed much and promised Him I would, by His grace, obey His voice and follow Him. As I obeyed and humbled my heart to the Lord and to His saints, He led me on step by step, making the way for me and making it possible for me to find another place to live,

Today, thank God, I believe I can say from the depths of my heart that I am one with the people of God. I give Him alone all the praise and all the glory because man did not do this for me, neither had any part in it. God knew just how to bring it about.

The vision was not all that the Lord helped me to see, but after that I would give attention when He spoke to me and was fearful not to be obedient to His voice. It took this to awaken me to consider and take heed.

Dear reader, if there is a doubt in your mind concerning the way of the Lord or the church of God which Jesus has purchased with His own precious blood, let us beg you, yea, entreat you in His name to seek God earnestly and prayerfully in sincerity and tears until He speaks to your heart and points you to the way of life eternal. God will come to your rescue. He will lead you aright. He will not fail nor forsake you and leave you to grope in darkness. He is the light of the world.

Before I close, I would like to add one more statement. I am not writing this because I have or hold any personal grievances against any individual or any people. I am not writing to expose or to slander or to reproach anybody. God forbid. But I am doing this only for God's glory and to help others to see and know the truth and to know that I am standing for the truth and with the saints of God and in the one body of Christ. To Him be all the praise, the honor, and the glory both now and forevermore. Amen. —Bessie Metcalf, 623 W. Mansur Ave., Guthrie, Oklahoma.

(The writer of the above article was in division and was separated from the true saints of God, the body of Christ, for many years. When God through His Spirit made this plain to her, she humbled down before God, acknowledged her wrong, asked God to forgive her, and humbly asked the saints to forgive her. She made every wrong right and is now restored, having sweet fellowship with all the saints in light. Those who have in any way likewise become estranged from the saints will find a hearty welcome and heavenly fellowship if they will come home filled with humility and humbleness of mind and heart asking forgiveness and making all wrongs right as she has. "The meek will he guide in judgment, and the meek will he teach his way." Psa. 25:9.—Editor.)

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Ky.—Dear saints,—I promised the dear Lord if He would heal me and my companion that I would send my testimony so others could see what the Lord has done for us He can do for them. He is no respecter of persons.

Eleven years ago we were saved and started in the King's highway of holiness. Since that time we have learned to trust Jesus for soul and body. He has healed my husband of many things. He had sinus trouble bad many years; but, thank God, he is healed. God heard and answered the prayers of the good saints who prayed. My husband is the picture of health. He feels fine and weighs 180 lbs. Also, I had trouble like other ladies do at my age and if it had not been for Jesus and the prayers of the saints I might have been in the insane asylum, but, thank God, he kept his hand on me. The dear Lord has been so good to our son on Okinawa.

Please pray for us. We want to be more like Jesus and have Him first in our lives. Also pray for my daughter. She is saved, but needs prayer.

Pride and fashion is trying to creep in among God's people, but the saints need to stand together against it. Pray that God will give the pastors more boldness to cry out against it. It is causing people to have a form of godliness, but deny the power thereof, Mrs. L. E. Stewart,

Young People's Section

He Went Away

We are not told his name—this "rich young ruler"
Who sought the Lord that day;
We only know that he had great possessions
And that—he went away.

He went away; he kept his earthly treasure;
But oh, at what a cost!
Afraid to take the cross and lose his riches—
And God and Heaven were lost.

So for the tinsel bonds that held and drew him,
What honor he let slip—
Comrade of John and Paul and friend of Jesus—
What glorious fellowship!

For they who left their all to follow Jesus
Have found a deathless fame,
On his immortal scroll of saints and martyrs
God wrote each shining name.

We should have read his there—the rich young ruler—
If he had stayed that day;
Nameless—though Jesus loved him—ever nameless
Because—he went away.

—Selected.

Editorials

The Oklahoma Assembly meeting held at Guthrie during the holidays proved to be a great spiritual blessing. It was well attended by young people from over the state, and several from other states. A number were saved, sanctified, and baptized during the meeting. Each afternoon at 4 o'clock the young people held their services, which the Lord blessed with His presence in prayer, testimony, exhortation, and Christian fellowship.

Hyrum Ray and Clark Porter, Jr. attended the meeting. They were home on furlough from the C. P. S. camp at Colorado Springs, Colo. These brethren expect to be released this spring or summer, at which time they (including Clifford Wilson, assignee on detached service project in Iowa) will have spent from two to three years or more working for the government without pay. Even their food, etc. are not furnished by the government; but the camps are supported by the "peace" churches, and by the voluntary contributions of other interested persons and organizations.

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We have entered upon the new year of 1946—and, we trust, upon a new era of world peace, with greater opportunities for the spread of the gospel which "is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth." With these new opportunities

come new and greater obligations upon the church to carry the gospel by the pulpit and press to "every nation" and "every creature." Home and foreign missionaries are to be supported, gospel work in new fields and congregations established, houses of worship erected, and the buildings and facilities on the various camp grounds completed. These are a very few of the responsibilities upon the church for the new year, but the primary need is for many more consecrated gospel workers and many saints whose possessions are fully consecrated to the Lord's service.

It is encouraging to note that a number of young saints are hearing the call and consecrating their services—some to the publishing of the gospel from the press, some to active ministerial work, reaching out into new fields and isolated places, and some feeling the call to foreign mission work.

It is very true, as was expressed in the recent Guthrie Assembly meeting, that the saints who possess means or earn an income should have it as much consecrated to the Lord as the gospel worker does his time. Whenever the one's time and the other's means are combined as "workers together" with God, then a long step will have been taken toward a co-operative effort in the spread of the gospel.

Much has been said and written pro and con about the tithing system—whether or not it is in force in this dispensation. Considering the greater and more perfect blessings of the new covenant, I am convinced that just giving the tenth is too low a standard for us today. (But how many fall short of that!) The Mosaic law, into which was incorporated tithing, was termed "weak," faulty, and inadequate. Therefore, it was replaced with the new covenant which was established upon "better promises." If better promises were made to us in this age, (and they surely were) then our services and sacrifices to the Lord should be more perfect and complete.

Let us walk in the light lest darkness come upon us, and be "weighed in the balance and found wanting."

—L. D. P.

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Calif.—To all the saints, greetings in the precious name of Jesus,—I am saved and still have the victory. Although there have been some severe trials and tests along the way, the Lord has brought me through them all, and I am still praising the good Lord for everything he is to me. There are tests and trials which the devil puts in the way to make us stumble over, but if we keep prayed up all the time and watch for these things along the way we shall always come out victorious. So many start, but they do not keep prayed up and the devil hits them so hard that they do not see any pleasure in living for the Lord. I am fourteen years old and have been saved for over a year, and this Christian life is the best life in the world. When you live for the Lord, when you get in trouble you can go to the Lord; but when you are unsaved, there is no one to go to with your troubles. I

am thanking the Lord for doing so much for me.

I am enclosing two choruses that came to me as I was about my work and thinking of the Lord:

OVER THERE

No more tests over there,
No more trials to bear,
No disappointments there,
Everything is happy over there.

—Chorus—

Everything is happy over there ,
(over there)
Everything is happy over there;
(over there)

For there's no more worries of any kind,
And everything is happy over there.

I WILL PRAISE HIM

When I reach my heavenly mansion
Up in the heavens high,
There I'll be with my blessed Redeemer
And ever will abide.

—Chorus—

Yes, I'll praise Him, hallelujah,
I will praise Him more and more:
All my life I owe to Jesus,
And I'll praise Him ever more.

By His grace and help I mean to see Him face to face
in peace. Pray for me that I might be everything that
He would have me to be.

Your brother in Christ, Gus Poulos, Jr.

CORRESPONDENCE

(The following letter was written to Sister Margaret Eck of Kansas, and sent in by her for publication.)

Dear Sister in Christ:—Peace be unto you, through the name of our Lord and Saviour. I am so glad for salvation and all it means to me. I am glad God hears and answers my prayers and increases my faith. Pray for me that I will learn to trust Him for everything.

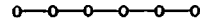
The children are feeling lots better, but still have colds. I greatly desire your prayers for all of our family. We are trusting God for healing. You know that is new to us and it is hard to keep from taking medicine when that is all we have ever known to do, and it seems like we almost do so without thinking sometimes. I pray that God will give me faith enough so I will not need medicine at all.

I am anxiously awaiting next Sunday. My soul is hungry for more light. I have so very much yet to learn before I can be as saintly as I desire to be. God has been so wonderful to send you good saints to help me understand and shed more light on my way. I can never do enough to repay Him for his tender mercies to me. I desire to live closer to my loving Savior and serve Him more. I do feel I am progressing though, for since last May I have given up picture shows and worldly amusements, short hair and permanents, make up, painted finger nails, and coffee. I do not write this to brag, but I am thankful that God has taken the desire of such things away. I am praying He will cleanse my whole heart and take away everything that is not according to His will. I know that I do things that are strange to you people and that I myself am not aware of; but, thank God, I shall learn in the course of time everything I need to do or not to do to be a saint.

I enjoyed reading your letter in the "Faith and Victory," also, Sister Barton's, and the others. I hope I can go somewhere to campmeeting next summer. How I would enjoy going! Where is the nearest place I could go? I must close now in tender love.

Your sister in Christ,

Sybil Goldsberry



Dear Bro. Pruitt,—I feel pressed in spirit to testify of some of my experiences in my service to the Lord. Convinced that it is the will of the Lord for me to stay at home and read and work. I am finding joy in this kind of work. The Holy Spirit is definitely working with me in doing personal work, which is my calling of the Lord. I have been faithful to this call for over twenty years, and have been blessed wonderfully just preaching to one man in a field or to people on the road with whom I was riding.

My first call to service was to go to the berry field. I arrived there on Saturday and was directed to a brother's house. The next morning we went to Sunday School. Afterward the preacher went to the pulpit and for awhile stammered as though he had no text; then God gave him a message just for me. He was facing the south. He raised his right arm, pointing west, and said, "Out there dwells a people that needs you."

Oh, how I now praise the Lord, but then I just cried like a child, feeling so unworthy and incapable; but there was my promise. Though I should die I would not break my promise. The Lord made it easy for me to do the work He had appointed, and to gain the first one that He sent me to. Praise His holy name! Ever since, I have tried to follow where He led. I was as a little child doing the will of its father in faith that all would be provided for me though much of the time there was not a dime in my purse. God never failed to provide in His own blessed way. Many times He made a way where there seemed to be no way.

I cannot tell you all of my long experience in service, but a few happenings are presented to mind, of which I shall speak.

Near Wheaton, Mo. I stopped at a farm house. They were eating dinner, and as it was warm they brought a plate lunch out under a tree for me. A little eight-year-old girl came out of the door with her arms up over her head. "Well," I said, "an angel." She came to talk to me while I ate. I asked her if she was a Christian. She answered, no. Then I asked if her papa and mama were Christians. "No, none of us are Christians," she replied.

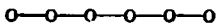
When I had finished the meal, I took her hand and said, "I want to see you up in heaven some time." As I walked on about fifty yards, the Lord spoke to me and told me that I had gained that child and that she would gain her family through her death. I think of her as my little angel.

I am old now, and returned to my home in Sept., 1945. It is just a one-room apartment, but oh, how I appreciate it. Here I have time to read the Bible and other good books. I have especially enjoyed reading Bro. Pruitt's book, "The New Testament Church and Its Symbols." It makes the Scriptures on this subject very plain. I am giving one to every preacher in town and surrounding towns. They are working wonders with all who love the truth. It would be 25 cents well spent if you who read this will order one from Bro Pruitt.

May the dear Lord bless all saints, and let us realize our time is short here below. May we do our best

to help some poor souls to escape the pit and to edify each other until the Master comes. I am past 78 now, and rejoicing in waiting and watching to be ready when the Master shall come, then to praise Him eternally.

Your blood-bought brother, J. B. Thorn.



Indiana—Dear ones in Christ, Greetings to all the readers of "Faith and Victory."—May God's blessings be with all of you. I am still saved and sanctified and am enjoying this wonderful salvation that our Lord finished when He hanged on the cross. I am glad that I accepted the truth when I heard it. I was saved March 12, 1916 under Bro. George Stephenson's preaching. I was sanctified in October, 1916. Bro. Geo. Stephenson baptized me. I am a child of God. I have washed my robes in the cleansing fountain. I am glad I have found the one church. I am going through all the way. I love the little "Faith and Victory" paper and I read it through. I am glad I can send in a testimony for my dear Lord. Praise His holy name!

Nettie Bereman



Dear Saints,—I am thankful for the truth that you are sending forth in tracts, books, and the "Faith and Victory" paper. They are good food for our souls, and I am passing them on to others. I send tracts in letters and packages too. Some write and thank me for them.

I was in awful darkness when I was young and I saw that all was vanity and vexation of spirit. I had gone from mountain to hill seeking rest and finding none. They said, "Join us," but I was afraid to do that. When the dear Lord called, I prayed for Him to show me the right church and I would join it. I did not want to be deceived. I prayed this way for about a year. I quit going to all worldly amusements, including play parties. He was preparing me for the truth that I knew nothing about.

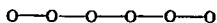
His humble saints came in the summer of 1896, and as I listened to the first sermon, His still, small voice said, "That is the truth that you have prayed for."

I went forward that night and prayed through to victory and I was soon delivered from the power of darkness and translated into the Kingdom of God's dear Son. I was filled and thrilled by the power of God when I was sanctified and said I would go through this way if I had to go alone. I am glad I made this decision because it has been like an anchor to help me to hold fast to Jesus.

He has carried me in his arms of mercy since I am old. I rest on His wonderful promises. He is a present help in every time of need, and I am looking down through the valley to my home-going time. It may come when I cannot call anyone. There is no one here to pray the prayer of faith except two sisters, Susie Mires and Nora Barker. We are far apart and unable to see each other often. Please pray for us and our unsaved folks.

God bless you and help you to do your utmost for souls while it is called today. Surely our blessed Lord will be coming soon with all the holy angels and his saints who have gone on before. Won't that be wonderful?

Yours, saved now by His blood, Mrs. P. F. Ropp



Mo.—Dear Bro. and Sister Pruitt,—On this lovely sunshiny morning I wish to thank God for His wonderful love and mercy to me and mine. Oh, that I might live more humble before Him and the world to show my loving Lord and Saviour just how much I thank and love Him. As I think of salvation belonging unto the Lord and not man I have more to be thankful for. I know I am weak

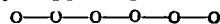
and have failed many times in the past; but, praise God, weaknesses are being overcome in Jesus' name.

I love to read the "Faith and Victory," just to know how God is blessing His people in healing and so many other ways. He loves us all just the same.

I want to tell you and others how God has heard and answered prayer just since yesterday. It seemed all week the devil was coming against me with all his power in a crushing way. I had a real battle. He tried me in many ways, but worst of all, he sent sickness upon my children. I have three little girls, two are in school, and the baby almost seven months old. The baby is cutting teeth and has had a hot fever and cold. The other girls were sick with the flu. I kept praying, but felt I needed the prayers of God's people. Yesterday as Mary Margaret was sick with high fever and coughing so hard, she said to me, "Mother, go call Bro. Pruitt for me." Her fever was high and she was nervous and I was worried. The other girls were sick—one had the earache—so there was no one to go and call but me and no one to stay with the children, so I asked God to care for them while I was gone. My little girl knew I had called Bro. Pruitt's before for prayer and both times God did a wonderful work for her in instantly healing her of fever. Praise the Lord, He did not fail this time to hear prayer. I called Sister Pruitt and my mother, Sister Pearl Taylor, in Memphis, Tenn. I wish you could have seen the change in her when I came home. She knew God had heard prayer. I told the girls, "With about seven of God's saints at Bro. Pruitt's and with Grandma and Aunt Mae praying, things just had to happen, because there is power with God's people." She was healed. She is up playing now, and the baby lost her fever in the night. The other girl is much better. They wanted me to write and tell how God had healed them so others might hear it. I read to them about Sister Murphey Allen and Sister Nels Allen, how God did such a miracle for both of them. It made them happy, because my children know nothing but to pray for healing.

My baby was prayed for at Monark Springs camp meeting for ruptured navel. The doctor said it was a bad one. Truly God answered prayer. It is fine. One can hardly tell it was ever ruptured.

I get hungry to see some of you and to hear God's Word read and preached. The short meetings which we had here when God sent Bro. Allen and later Bros. Allen, Orr, and Stroud, were blessings to us, soul and body. Oh, if it could only happen again soon!—Glenna Lawson



Okla.—Dear Bro. Pruitt,—Greetings to you in the name of Jesus. I am still saved and trusting the Lord for both soul and body, and am encouraged to go all the way with the Lord. I feel that the Lord wants me to testify and let the world know about the good work He has done for me.

About a year ago something crawled into my ear which troubled me both day and night so badly I could hardly rest. I prayed earnestly to the Lord to remove whatever it was. One day not long ago the good Lord moved it. I had waited and waited and trusted in Jesus and had faith, and praise his name. He really moved whatever it was. This is to let you know, dear saints, that you cannot wait too long. Just pray and trust in the Lord and have faith and you will come out all right. I desire the saints to pray for both husband and me, that we stay encouraged to go all the way for the Lord.

Your sister in Christ,

Sallie Davis.

Ohio—Dear Brother and Sister Priutt—All through this past year I have wanted to write you a letter to tell you how much I appreciate "Faith and Victory" also the calendar. I have it handy to my ironing board and read a verse each day. God's Word is truly a light to my pathway and a lamp to my feet. My Lord has done much for me. I trust Him moment by moment. He is my all and in all. He has delivered, does deliver, and will deliver. Trust and obey, for there is no other way. He who has hung the world upon nothing can take care of little me, who time and again casts all her care upon Him who careth for her. Hallelujah! I am so glad He is our great High Priest who sits at the right hand of God, making intercession for all who come in His precious name. I praise Him too for the power of the blood that cleanseth from ALL sin. Mable Artz.

Okla.—Dear saints,—Greetings in the name of our Lord. He is so kind. We are rejoicing after a very special blessing. We called, as you remember, for prayer for our little boy. He was very sick with flu, pneumonia, cold, or something; but, praise God, he isn't now. He is playing, and feels all right except for a cold. We all have colds. I surely do thank you for the tracts. I read them the night I sat up with our little boy. Goldy Whitley

Dear saints and all who work for the blessed Savior, Greetings in His blessed name,—I am thankful to see and hear of the soldier boys coming home. Thanks to His blessed name. I have continued, by the help of the Lord, to pray for the soldier boys to be spared to come home. Several have come and they are still coming. I have five grandsons and four nephews in the service. They have all been spared to come back over seas to this side. Thank the Lord, He answered prayer. He will answer earnest prayer.

Will the saints please pray for the Lord to strengthen my body? I am a cripple, but God has been good to me. He has helped me to help others. I thank Him for sparing me that I may work for Him. —Alice Jones

Mo.—Dear saints of God,—I send you greetings in Jesus' precious name. I am not well in body, but am happy in my soul. I am still saved and enjoying this great salvation and the sweet fellowship of God's true born-again, blood-washed, Spirit-filled saints. I love the dear Lord with all my heart and I love the saints of God next to Him. I never can praise Him enough for what He does for me and all of God's dear people. I want to live true to Him and always be my best. I can never repay Him for what He does for me. He picked me up out of the miry clay and set my feet on the solid rock, which is Christ Jesus, and gives me grace to be an overcomer through every trial. I know that I am serving a mighty God and He has lost none of his power. He is the same yesterday, and today, and forever. I am asking all of God's people to pray for me. Mrs. Roy Pruett.

Indiana—Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:—Greetings in Jesus' precious name. You perhaps will remember that I wrote to you over a year ago requesting prayer for the healing for the bodies of my husband and me, also for the salvation of his soul.

Almost as soon as you had time to get my letter I knew I had had a healing touch from the Lord because my cough ceased almost at once.

Now I have even a greater, oh, such a glorious thing to report! Two weeks ago my dear husband was glor-

iously saved. Only those who know our God and who have experienced the joy of knowing a loved one has been redeemed can know the joy I feel. Our home is an humble place, but it is a heaven on earth to us now. Hallelujah! I cannot express myself in words.

I have been going to a little mission close to our home, but am not satisfied there. I have had some wonderful blessings and received light, but I am just one of the old-time saints I guess, so is my precious husband. We have no place nor time for anything which savors of the world.

We have a little 80 acre farm, but we both work in North Vernon. Ever since we bought this place five years ago we have talked of building a little tabernacle where the saints might come together to worship in spirit and in truth. We are not very near any who see as we do, but are asking you to pray that God will make clear to us just what is His will in this matter.

We are acquainted with Bro. Wm. Pearson of Anderson, Ind. We have not seen him for some time but he has been in our home. I have heard the other Brother Pierson from Valcene, Ind. preach and have read his writings in "Faith and Victory."

My dear husband is very sick. He works most of the time, but he is sure he has cancer of the stomach. I am almost sure of it too. The B & O Railroad for whom he works had him to have an X-ray taken. We got no satisfaction, but we do know God can and will heal our bodies. Herewith I am sending our request, that you and the saints everywhere be earnestly agreed in prayer for the healing of his body.

Yours in Christ. Mr. and Mrs. Lacie H. Hendricks

Ore.—Dear saints,—Tonight as I sat thinking of God's goodness to us and of the many times He has come to our aid in things we most needed help, I felt that it might be glorifying to God to pass some of these things along to other people.

Of course, the biggest and greatest thing He ever did for me was to save my soul from sin. How I praise God for having mercy on a wretch like me, one who so willingly let the devil take me captive into bigger and worse sins from time to time; and yet from all those sins God picked me up, talked to my heart, called me from all those degrading things, and placed me on a level with His children. How glad I am to know beyond a doubt that I am a child of the King!

Another great thing He did for us was to heal our small son (4 months old) of a vistula. Neither of us were saved at the time, but some of the saints became interested and earnestly sought God in prayer for the child's healing. How can I ever thank God and the saints for their thoughtfulness to us? Never shall I forget the morning I looked at the place where the vistula was and it was gone. Saints you can never know my feelings as I stood there amazed, looking at what had been a painful, draining, boil-like sore; and before me went the thoughts of how we had carried him on pillows from bed to bed. We couldn't hold him and couldn't completely dress him, as it would only irritate and cause more pain for him. I stood with tears in my eyes. Yes, I was sobbing and praising the good Lord for His wonderful mercies; yet I was a sinner, but somehow I knew God had healed and I knew also that some saints had prayed.

Another great blessing is the way the Lord has provided us a larger home and made a way for us to get it fixed comfortably. Now we have spare room for any of the saints when they come this way. How we love to

have God's people visit us! How thankful I am for a husband (although he is unsaved) that likes the saints, bids them welcome, and invites them again. Pray for him that God will soon win him to a better life with Jesus in this world.

There are so many things He has done for us that time and space would not permit it all to be told. My determination is to serve God better. I believe that by even little deeds of kindness, showing love to all men, gentleness in all things and in doing all we know to do to help fallen mankind, we glorify our heavenly Father.

Remember us in your prayers. Press on, children of God, let us not be weary in well-doing.

We had the pleasure of having the Stonecyphers in our home for all too short a time, and we were so glad for the opportunity, May God bless them richly for their kindness and encouragement to us.

Also, I was thinking of how much the saints need to really get under the burden for our C. P. S. boys. I believe that God can open up a way for these boys to be released and allowed to live as other people. Let us pray—earnestly pray, fast, and really desire this to come about, and believe that if we "Delight thyself also in the Lord, and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart." Psa. 37:4.

Also, pray for my father, Bro. Sam Wilson. He is not well of late. Pray God to undertake for him.

Yours in Christ, Orpha Mapes

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Louisiana,—Dear saints,—Greetings in Jesus' precious name. The Lord has spared me to see another new year. I am thankful for what He is to me. I am still saved and have my trust in God for both soul and body. I do not use medicine, but go to Jesus when I am sick. No other can do what He can, and I mean to trust Him all the way. He is all and in all to me.

We had a very sad Christmas. While my daughter and granddaughter were on their way to spend Christmas day with us, they had an awful car wreck and very near lost their lives. I took it to the Lord in prayer and sent out cards to the nearest saints to help me pray for them. They are yet alive, but not out of danger. I am asking all the saints who read this to agree in prayer with me for them. Pray that the Lord will raise them up and give them another chance to live for Jesus. They are not saved. Dear saints, I am truly looking to Jesus to answer prayer. He has answered my prayers many times. "If ye abide in me and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will and it shall be done unto you." John 15:7. Jesus spoke these words. I know truly that I am abiding in Him and have His Word abiding in me, so there is no need for me to doubt, thank God. Also pray for husband and me.

Dollie Brown

Prayer makes the darkest cloud withdraw
Prayer climbs the ladder Jacob saw,
Gives exercise to faith and love,
Brings every blessing from above,
Restraining prayer, we cease to fight,
Prayer makes the Christian's armor bright.
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FEAST DAYS OF A PEOPLE

Sunday, February 3, 1946

Daily Readings and Meditations

- M. A prayer of trust Psa. 4.
- T. A feast unto the Lord Lev. 23:39-43.
- W. The promise of joy Psa. 126.
- T. The preparation for a feast Lev. 16:29-34.
- F. A call to remembrance Deut. 32:1-7.
- S. The Lord at the feast. John 7:14-24.

Printed Portion.....Leviticus 20:7, 8; 23:4-6, 15, 16, 24, 27, 28, 34, 39-43.

Lev. 20:7. Sanctify yourselves therefore, and be ye holy; for I am the Lord your God.

8. And ye shall keep my statutes, and do them: I am the Lord which sanctify you.

Lev. 23:4. These are the feasts of the Lord, even holy convocations, which ye shall proclaim in their seasons.

1. In the fourteenth day of the first month at even is the Lord's passover.

6. And on the fifteenth day of the same month is the feast of unleavened bread unto the Lord: seven days ye must eat unleavened bread.

15. And ye shall count unto you from the morrow after the sabbath, from the day that ye brought the sheaf of the wave offering; seven sabbaths shall be complete:

16. Even unto the morrow after the seventh sabbath shall ye number fifty days; and ye shall offer a new meat offering unto the Lord.

24. Speak unto the children of Israel, saying, In the seventh month, in the first day of the month, shall ye have a sabbath, a memorial of blowing of trumpets, an holy convocation.

27. Also on the tenth day of this seventh month there shall be a day of atonement: it shall be an holy convocation unto you; and ye shall afflict your souls, and offer an offering made by fire unto the Lord.

29. And ye shall do no work in that same day: for it is a day of atonement, to make an atonement for you before the Lord your God.

34. Speak unto the children of Israel, saying, The fifteenth day of this seventh month shall be the feast of tabernacles for seven days unto the Lord.

39. Also in the fifteenth day of the seventh month, when ye have gathered in the fruit of the land, ye shall keep a feast unto the Lord seven days: on the first day shall be a sabbath, and on the eighth day shall be a sabbath.

40. And ye shall take you on the first day the boughs of goodly trees, branches of palm trees, and the boughs of thick trees, and willows of the brook; and ye shall re-

joy before the Lord your God seven days.

41. And ye shall keep it a feast unto the Lord seven days in the year. It shall be a statute for ever in your generations: ye shall celebrate it in the seventh month.

42. Ye shall dwell in booths seven days; all that are Israelites born shall dwell in booths:

43. That your generations may know that I made the children of Israel to dwell in booths, when I brought them out of the land of Egypt: I am the Lord your God.

Golden Text: The Lord hath done great things for us; whereof we are glad. Psalm 126:3.

Practical Truth: The religious feasts which the Israelites observed were types of the spiritual feasts in this Christian dispensation.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

These lessons which are taken from the Old Testament can profit us only as we are able to apply them in our lives today or to see in them types or shadows of some good thing which the Lord has for us in this dispensation.

To sanctify means to set apart for sacred use; to cleanse from moral corruption; to make holy. The Israelites could not have the experience of a sanctified heart, cleansed by the blood of Jesus and filled with the Holy Spirit, as we can have it today. But God required them to sanctify themselves by denying the sinful ways and works of the flesh, and to keep His statutes and do them; also there were ceremonial purifications.

God instituted feast days to keep before the minds of the people His loving kindness to them and to foreshadow the spiritual feasts of which His people should be partakers in their lives of faith and fellowship when Christ should fulfill the ordinances and ceremonies of the law. These feasts were to be holy convocations, or sacred gatherings; not gatherings for hilarity or fleshly enjoyment such as 4th of July celebrations.

The feast of the Passover commemorated the time when the death angel passed over the Israelites, who had sprinkled the blood of a lamb on their door posts, but slew the first-born of each Egyptian family; also their deliverance from Egyptian bondage. The feast of the unleavened bread was combined with this. At what time were the minds and hearts of God's people turned from this Passover to a greater Passover?

The feast of the weeks, known as the feast of Pentecost in the New Testament, was regarded as a supplement to the Passover. It was a harvest home celebration, and was observed as a sabbath. It was a day of good cheer and joy. Free-will offerings were given to the Lord, and a spirit of liberality was manifested to the needy. This feast was to be observed fifty days after the Passover. It is of interest to note that the law was given on Sinai fifty days after the deliverance from Egypt. The Holy Spirit was given on this day, the feast of Pentecost, fifty days after Christ our Passover was slain. After we partake of the feast of the Passover, deliverance from sin and death, we should look forward to the second soul-feast, sanctification, or the feast of Pentecost. Our part is to set ourselves apart as a free-will offering to God to be used only by Him, and His part is to set His seal of approval on the sacrifice by sending the Holy Spirit to cleanse our hearts and give us power to live victorious lives. This is truly a feast of joy to the soul and the entrance to a never-ending sabbath of soul rest.

The blowing of the trumpets proclaimed the opening of a new era. Their new year began on the first day of

the seventh month. To the Christian, it typifies the time when he hears with the ears of his soul the gospel trumpet, at which time old things pass away and all things become new and a new song is put in his mouth "even praises to our God."

On the Great Day of Atonement, which is described in full in Leviticus 16, rites were observed which symbolized the complete removal of sin from the midst of God's people.

The feast of the tabernacles—branches of trees which give shade and shelter are suggestive of God's overshadowing care and covenant. The palm branches represent victory, and the dwelling in booths, that God's children are pilgrims and strangers on the earth.

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A PEOPLE DISCIPLINED

Sunday, February 10, 1946.

Daily Readings and Meditations

M. Sharing burdens Num. 11:19-17.

T. God's chastening Deut. 8:1-6.

W. Chastening and Understanding Prov. 3:11-18.

T. Thanksgiving for God's mercies Isa. 12:1-6.

F. The meaning of suffering Heb. 12:3-13.

S. Discipline in the church 1 Thess. 5:12-22.

Printed PortionNumbers 14:11-24.

Num. 14:11. And the Lord said unto Moses, How long will this people provoke me? and how long will it be ere they believe me, for all the signs which I have shewed among them?

12. I will smite them with the pestilence, and disinherit them, and will make of thee a greater nation and mightier than they.

13. And Moses said unto the Lord, Then the Egyptians shall hear it, (for thou broughtest up this people in thy might from among them;)

14. And they will tell it to the inhabitants of this land: for they have heard that thou Lord art among this people, that thou Lord art seen face to face, and that thy cloud standeth over them, and that thou goest before them, by day time in a pillar of cloud, and in a pillar of fire by night.

15. Now if thou shalt kill all this people as one man, then the nations which have heard the fame of thee will speak, saying,

16. Because the Lord was not able to bring this people into the land which he swore unto them, therefore he hath slain them in the wilderness.

17. And now, I beseech thee, let the power of my Lord be great, according as thou hast spoken, saying,

18. The Lord is longsuffering, and of great mercy, forgiving iniquity and transgression, and by no means clearing the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation.

19. Pardon, I beseech thee, the iniquity of this people according unto the greatness of thy mercy, and as thou hast forgiven this people, from Egypt even until now.

20. And the Lord said, I have pardoned according to thy word:

21. But as truly as I live, all the earth shall be filled with the glory of the Lord.

22. Because all those men which have seen my glory, and my miracles, which I did in Egypt and in the wilderness, and have tempted me now these ten times, and have not hearkened to my voice;

23. Surely they shall not see the land which I swore

unto their fathers, neither shall any of them that provoked me see it:

24. But my servant Caleb, because he had another spirit with him, and hath followed me fully, him will I bring into the land whereinto he went; and his seed shall possess it.

Golden Text: Whom the Lord loveth he correcteth; even as a father the son in whom he delighteth. Proverbs 3:12.

Practical Truth: Unbelief is a great sin. It not only separates us from God and His blessings, but it influences the lives of others in the wrong way.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

The Israelites in unbelief refused to try to enter Canaan after the report of the spies was made that great giants inhabited the land, even though God had definitely promised that He would lead them into it. They had seen the many wonderful miracles which God had performed in order to deliver them from Egypt and those performed in the wilderness as He cared for them, but now those miracles were all forgotten. This shows the influence and effects of unbelief. Though two spies brought back reports that Israel was well able to take the land, the ten who delivered their reports without faith in the promises of God overthrew the faith of the whole nation inasmuch that they spent the night in bitter laments and impatient weeping. Unbelief is the most dangerous, contagious plague in existence. Beware of it! I wonder if God is not saying of many of His people today, "How long will it be ere they believe me?" We should examine our own hearts and actions before criticising Israel. God takes our conduct as evidences of belief or unbelief, and not our words. Unbelief is an insult to God. "He that believeth not God hath made Him a liar." "Let us therefore fear, lest, a promise being left us of entering into His rest any of you should seem to come short of it."

God said he would disinherit them. Think what it means for God to disinherit one. It means that one is cut off from possession of the graces and promises of the Lord to which His children fall heir, also that eternal inheritance. Unbelief and fear heads the list of other sins which will cause one to have his part in the lake of fire and brimstone. Rev. 21:8.

Even though people fail, God can always find a way to keep his covenant with and reward the faithful. He had promised to make of Abraham a great nation, and this He could have done through Moses and his posterity even though he should destroy the rest of the Hebrew nation. God can do without us, but we cannot do without Him. From the intercession of Moses' let us notice his meekness. An offer of greatness such as God gave him would appeal to a selfish, ambitious person, but Moses was concerned about the power of God being manifested to the heathen nations. These nations would attribute their calamity to a lack of power on God's part to care for them. How did Moses tell God that He could manifest his greatness in a greater way than by destroying Israel?

Notice how Moses brought to God's remembrance the fact that He had forgiven the people from Egypt until now. God had done too much for them to let them perish. When man does something for us, we hesitate to ask him for a similar favor, but each special blessing which God bestows upon us only gives us more boldness to ask for more, and God is pleased to have it that way. His past favors and blessings to us serve as guides or examples in requesting again,

TRUE TO A GREAT HERITAGE

Sunday, February 17, 1946

Daily Readings and Meditations

M. The challenge of a heritage Deut. 4:1-8.

T. The warning of a heritage Deut. 4:15-24.

W. The promise that endures Deut. 4:30-40.

T. The days of thy youth Eccl. 12:1-7.

F. The witness of a people Josh. 24:19-26.

S. Consummation of a heritage Luke 1:69-75.

Printed PortionDeuteronomy 4:1, 32-40.

Deut. 4:1. Now therefore hearken, O Israel, unto the statutes and unto the judgments, which I teach you, for to do them, that ye may live, and go in and possess the land which the Lord God of your fathers giveth you.

Deut. 4:32. For ask now of the days that are past, which were before thee, since the day that God created man upon the earth, and ask from the one side of heaven unto the other, whether there hath been any such thing as this great thing is, or hath been heard like it?

33. Did ever people hear the voice of God speaking out of the midst of the fire, as thou hast heard, and live?

34. Or hath God assayed to go and take him a nation from the midst of another nation, by temptations, by signs, and by wonders, and by war, and by a mighty hand, and by a stretched out arm, and by great terrors, according to all that the Lord your God did for you in Egypt before your eyes?

45. Unto thee it was shewed, that thou mightest know that the Lord he is God; there is none else beside him.

46. Out of heaven he made thee to hear his voice, that he might instruct thee: and upon earth he shewed thee his great fire; and thou heardest his words out of the midst of the fire.

27. And because he loved thy fathers, therefore he chose their seed after them, and brought thee out in his sight with his mighty power out of Egypt;

38. To drive out nations from before thee greater and mightier than thou art, to bring thee in, to give thee their land for an inheritance, as it is this day.

39. Know therefore this day, and consider it in thine heart, that the Lord he is God in heaven above, and upon the earth beneath: there is none else.

40. Thou shalt keep therefore his statutes, and his commandments, which I command thee this day, that it may go well with thee, and with thy children after thee, and that thou mayest prolong thy days upon the earth, which the Lord thy God giveth thee, for ever.

Golden Text: He hath made his wonderful works to be remembered. Psalm 114:4.

Practical Truth: We should all be true to the great religious heritage that is ours.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

A heritage is something that is inherited from the past. Moses reminded the Israelites of their great heritage to remind them of their duty and the future blessings they would receive if they were faithful. He enumerated the great things God had done for Israel in verses 33-39. Does the class know what miracles Moses refers to each time? It might encourage faith if the class will review God's dealings with Israel and make a complete list of the great miracles performed in their behalf when God was making a nation of them.

Because God had done great things for them, there was a great responsibility resting upon them to remember how God had chosen, redeemed, and settled them in Ca-

naam and to always acknowledge that there is no other God beside Him, and to teach their children the fear of the Lord.

If God's goodness and power manifested in behalf of the Israelites put them under obligations of obedience, gratitude, and love, how much more does his grace and power, which has been multiplied in this dispensation, put the saints under obligation. Paul felt this obligation when he said, "I am debtor both to the Greeks, and to the Barbarians," etc. In other words, he felt it his duty, not only to love and serve God himself, but also to reach others with the salvation which had so wonderfully transformed his life.

The devil is always at hand to snatch away portions of the great heritage which belongs to God's people, so it is ever necessary for leaders and ministers to perform their duties as watchmen. Peter was concerned lest the saints lose part of their heritage, so he said, "Wherefore I will not be negligent to put you always in remembrance of these things, though ye know them, and be established in the present truth. Yea, I think it meet, as long as I am in this tabernacle, to stir you up by putting you in remembrance."

Let the class consider of what the heritage of the saints consists and compare it with Israel's heritage. While considering the heritage of the saints, it may be profitable to read 2 Pet. 1:1-4; Psal. 103; Col. 1:13; Eph. 1:13, 14, and numerous other Scriptures. Present day saints have even a richer heritage than saints of the first century. We have the advantage of the New Testament and other writings and Hymns inspired by the Holy Spirit and examples of faith which they did not have.

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WHAT MAKES A PEOPLE GREAT—RELIGION IN THE HOME

Sunday, February 24, 1946

Daily Readings and Meditations

- M. Walk in his ways Deut. 30:11-16.
- T. Our chief duty Deut. 6:1-9.
- W. Remembering the Lord of life Deut. 6:10-17.
- T. Basis of a happy family life Psal. 128.
- F. Christian relations in the home Col. 3:17-24.
- S. True to home training 2 Tim. 3:14-17.

Printed Portion Deuteronomy 6:4-12.

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

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

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

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

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

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

10. And it shall be, when the Lord thy God shall have brought thee into the land which he swore unto thy fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give thee great and goodly cities, which thou buildest not,

11. And houses full of all good things, which thou filledst not, and wells digged, which thou diggedst not, vineyards and olive-trees, which thou plantedst not; when thou shalt have eaten and be full;

12. Then beware lest thou forget the Lord, which

brought thee forth out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage.

Golden Text: Every day will I bless thee, and I will praise thy name for ever and ever. Psal. 145:2.

Practical Truth: The true greatness of any nation depends upon its home foundations.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

The home is the most powerful of all agencies in character building. God knows this so He gives very plain instructions to home-builders in His Word. The devil also knows this and has invented numberless weapons which he uses to break them up. In fact, he is so skillful at the business that there isn't much hopes of a home standing against his attacks in these days unless the home-builders have a higher power than his to help them out. No doubt each Sunday School pupil plans to be a home builder some day, if he (or she) is not one already—that is, he plans to have a home of his own.

It isn't a very pleasant thought to home lovers to think of their homes being torn up, and maybe some in the class are thinking, "The devil will never be able to tear my home up." Yet many have thought this whose homes are torn up now.

There is only one way that we can be sure that the devil cannot wreck our homes. Let us discuss that way:

In Matt. 7:24-27 Jesus told about a wise man who built his house on a rock and it did not fall even though great storms came against it; and a foolish man built his house upon the sand (carelessness and indifference) and it soon fell. This was one of Jesus' parables. He meant to teach about how a soul could be firmly established in him, and not about how literal homes could be built securely; yet it can be well applied to home-making. Do not confuse home making with house building.

No doubt the members of the class all want to be like the wise man whose house did not fall. Who was he? Jesus said he was one who heard His sayings and did them, or put them into practice. Even so, when a couple will hear God's Word and put it into practice in home life, their home will not fall though Satan attack it hard.

What are some instructions which God gives to home makers? He gives so many that we cannot mention them all here, but our written lesson gives some. Perhaps the class would like to look up more Scriptures on the subject. First, those who start to build a home must love God with their whole hearts, then they will put Him first in everything. They must often talk to each other about God and his will for them. They should have a family altar where the family meets and worships God and learns more about Him. Before children are old enough to understand much about God, they must be taught and trained to obey their parents, for this is one of God's commands. Do you remember what man God rejected and punished because he did not make his sons obey? Religious education should begin as soon as a child is able to understand—and this is much sooner than many people think, if the child has seen its parents live for God every day since it came into their home. When a child starts to school he is daily surrounded by evil influences. If he is not well trained about God and Satan, right and wrong before that time, parents will have a hard task trying to guide him aright.

If the class has time to discuss some of the ways that Satan wrecks homes, it might help them to guard against his tricks.