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### THE RESURRECTION

O, good and precious thought—  
 In mighty, godly power  
 God's holy hands have wrought  
 In earth's dark, friendless hour  
 A most blessed, noble thing  
 For all, yea, for me and you,  
 That no great, powerful king  
 And no other one can do.  
 He burst with ease asunder  
 With great, Almighty hand—  
 A precious, mundane wonder  
 In every known land—  
 Death's heartless, chilling grasp  
 On God's own precious Son,  
 Cut in twain the demon's clasp  
 And an eternal victory won.  
 It never could be meet  
 Christ stay beneath the sod,  
 Crushed 'neath death's dismal feet,  
 Curtail the power of God.  
 But, oh, propitious thought—  
 The imps of death he slew  
 And glorious victory brought  
 When he came bursting through!  
 O, glory be to God!  
 For His triumph we give praise;  
 And when we're 'neath the sod,  
 He can us also raise.  
 O, praise the holy name  
 Of God's most precious Son!  
 On earth was ne'er such fame  
 As His worthy name hath won.  
 His resurrection glory  
 Transcends all things of earth.  
 Of man's, it tells the story—  
 Of all of heavenly birth.  
 —J. H. Pierson.

### The Family of God

There are many different beliefs in religions bearing different names, calling themselves churches in the earth, yet their correct and proper names are synagogues, for Jesus called only his body the

"church" (Eph. 1:22, 23), and he is the head of it (Col. 1:18). There is only one church of God, or church "which he purchased with his own blood" (Acts 20:28), and only the family of God is to go in His name.

Paul says, "For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ of whom the WHOLE FAMILY in heaven and earth is named." (Eph. 3:14, 15). There is only one door by which one can enter into this family, and that is "salvation." One must get saved to be a member of this family (John 10:9).

Amos (3:2) says, "You only have I known of all the families of the earth." There may be many that are called families, but there is no other family like this one family of God in the earth. "She is the only one of her mother" (S. of Sol. 6:9).

No family is so loving as the family of God to each other, for when one of the members suffers all the members suffer with it and the Father's will is that they should have the same care one for another (1 Cor. 12:25, 26). When one member is suffering adversity, the others are suffering as "being yourselves also in the body" (Heb. 13:3).

Now we notice 1 John 3:1, saying, "Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us that we should be called the Sons of God." This great love that has been bestowed upon this family goes deeper than just in tongue and word (1 John 3:18). This real first love will move on hearts to carry out Luke 3:10, 11, "He that hath two coats, let him impart to him that hath none, and he that hath meat, let him do likewise." This great brotherly love must continue (Heb. 12:1) in the family of God.

In these last days professors are becoming more selfish, being lovers of their own selves, covetous, etc. (2 Tim. 3:1-5). Many are greedy to gain the perishable things of earth, and are hoarding up and laying up treasures on earth, which is against the Word of Jesus in Matt. 6:19, 20.

1 John 2:17 will prove whether that love is in tongue or in deed and truth. It reads: "Whoso hath this world's good and seeth his brother have need and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, *How dwelleth the love of God in him?*"

God never intended for part of the family to

hoard up and lay up for themselves as the pelican gathers into his own pouch, to live leisurely, but he desires equality (2 Cor. 8:13, 14). When this is carried out or put into action then will be brought to pass the condition existing in the early church. When they had all things common it is said that they had great power and "great grace was upon them all." (Acts 4:32, 33).

"By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to [not "for"] another." (John 13:35). —D. A. Gibson.



## The Portion Of The Wicked

Sometimes when we look around us and see how wicked men who have no fear of God upon them prosper in this world and seem to have everything going their way, so to speak; and again we see some who seem to be doing their best to fear and reverence God buffeted about with misfortunes and adversities of various kinds, the question arises in our minds: Why? And then like a flash our thoughts fly to the Bible, that blessed Book of divine inspiration and wisdom. And as one text after another comes before our vision, we realize that the wicked have their portion in this world and that the joy and rejoicing of their heart is of short duration.

David mused upon these conditions at one time, and he said, "I was envious at the foolish, when I saw the prosperity of the wicked, for there are no bands in their death: but their strength is firm. They are not in trouble as other men, neither are they plagued like other men. Therefore pride compasseth them about as a chain; violence covereth them as a garment, their eyes stand out with fatness; they have more than heart could wish, they are corrupt, and speak wickedly concerning oppression: they speak loftily, they set their mouth against the heavens, and their tongue walketh through the earth." (Psa. 73:3-9). They give God credit for nothing, but attribute their success and prosperity to their own skill and ability, and in the pride of their hearts speak against heavenly things. They curse the weather when it is dry, and curse and swear when it rains too much for their own conceited plans; and yet they seem to prosper right along.

But David said again, "I have seen the wicked in great power, and spreading himself like a green bay tree, yet he passed away, and lo, he was not: yea, I sought him, but he could not be found."

Job gives us a little sketch of his observations of the wicked: "This is the portion of a wicked man with God, and the heritage of oppressors, which they shall receive of the Almighty. If his children be multiplied, it is for the sword: and his offspring shall not be satisfied with bread. Those that remain of him shall be buried in death: and his widows shall not weep. Though he heap up silver as the dust, and prepare raiment as the clay; he may prepare it, but the just shall put it on, and the innocent shall divide the silver." (Job. 27:13-17).

We learn by the foregoing Scriptures that many times the plans and purposes of the wicked fail. Yes, "the expectation of the wicked shall perish, but the righteous hath hope in his death." "Knoweth thou not this of old, since man was placed upon the earth, that the triumphing of the wicked is short, and the joy of the hypocrite but for a moment? though his excellency mount up to the heavens, and his head reach unto the clouds; yet he shall perish forever like his own dung: they which have seen him shall say, Where is he? He shall fly away as a dream, and shall not be found: yea, he shall be chased away as a vision of the night. . . . his bones are full of the sin of his youth, which shall lie down with him in the dust. Though wickedness be sweet in his mouth, though he hide it under his tongue: though he spare it, and forsake it not; but keep it still within his mouth, yet his meat in his bowels is turned. It is the gall of asps within him." (Job 20:4-14). Read the remainder of the chapter. The twenty-ninth verse says, "This is the portion of a wicked man from God, and the heritage appointed unto him by God." He shall be driven from light into darkness, and chased out of the world. What is there about the portion of the wicked to be desired? Though at times it seems to be inviting and enticing like a beautiful basket of fruit, it is full of worms and the poison of asps. "The Lord trieth the righteous: but the wicked and him that loveth violence his soul hateth. Upon the wicked he shall rain snares, fire and brimstone, and an horrible tempest: this shall be the portion of their cup." (Psa. 11:5, 6).

It grieves the great heart of God to see the wicked going on in their wicked and sinful ways, and he in his mercy is pleading with them to turn from their wicked ways and live. The Word of God is filled with exhortations to this effect. "Let the wicked forsake his way and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon." (Isa. 55:7). But why do men continue on in sin and wickedness in the face of all the facts that there will be a disastrous ending for the wicked? Listen: "Because sentence against an evil work is not executed speedily, therefore the heart of the sons of men is fully set in them to do evil. Though a sinner do evil an hundred times, and his days be prolonged, yet surely I know that it shall be well with them that fear God, which fear before him: but it shall not be well with the wicked, which are as a shadow; because he feareth not before God." (Eccl. 8:11-13).

Do not trample the rich mercies of God under foot, but be as one of old who said, "Deliver me from the wicked, from the men of the world, who have their portion in this life." Just think on the words of Solomon when he said, "I saw the wicked buried, who had come and gone from the place of the holy." Just think if it was even so that one could have uninterrupted joy in his wicked ways, and then come down at the last to fill a Christless grave, how sad it would be. But David said, "The wicked shall be

turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God." (Psalm 9:17).

This is the portion of the wicked. Stop and think, think a little while, think it over, and let the thoughts turn over in your mind and imagine with what an awful thud those solemn words will fall upon the ears of the wicked in that day when Jesus says, "Depart from me ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels." This is the portion of the wicked. —Ulysses Phillips

## WISDOM

"A man's wisdom maketh his face to shine: and the boldness of his face shall be changed." (Eccl. 8:1). Oh God, give us more wisdom. for thou hast said, "He that winneth souls is wise," or in other words, we must have wisdom if we expect to win souls. "Wisdom is the principal thing, therefore get wisdom and with all thy getting, get understanding." (Prov. 4:7). Wisdom will help us to say and do the right thing at the right time, and it will help us to keep still at the right time. The Lord instructs through James 1:5, "If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God that giveth to all men liberally and upbraideth not, and it shall be given him." In the third Proverb, we find these precious words, "Happy is the man that findeth wisdom, and the man that getteth understanding. Her ways are ways of pleasantness and all her paths are peace. She is more precious than rubies and all the things thou couldst desire are not to be compared to her. She is a tree of life to them that lay hold upon her, and happy is everyone that retaineth her."

Let us notice a few verses in the second chapter of Proverbs and see what protection wisdom gives us when we possess it. "When wisdom entereth into thine heart and knowledge is pleasant unto thy soul. Discretion shall preserve thee, understanding shall keep thee, to deliver thee from the way of the evil man from the man that speaketh froward things, who leave the paths of uprightness to walk in ways of darkness."

Jesus said (John 8:12). "I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life." Amen. If we will listen to the voice of wisdom, she will guide us into the right way. That is the good way where we find rest for our souls.

Again I say, "Wisdom is the principal thing." Proverb 25:11. "A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in pictures of silver." Lord, give us more wisdom. Wisdom will help us to be patient. If we have enough wisdom it will help us to stay in our place and keep out of trouble. No wonder Solomon said, "For the merchandise of it is better than the merchandise of silver and the gain thereof than fine gold. Surely she is a tree of life to them that lay hold upon her. Length of days is in her right hand: and in her left hand riches and honour. Wisdom is better than weapons of war: but one sinner destroyeth much good." The Lord told us to be wise as serpents and harmless as doves.

Both wisdom and patience are needed to win souls. The precious old Book tells us that the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom. I am so glad that I have learned to fear the Lord and to tremble at His Word.

God said, "But to this man will I look, even to him that is poor and of a contrite spirit and trembleth at my word."

I used to think that because I had the truth I should make people swallow it whether they liked it or not, but God through his Word and his wisdom showed me that I lacked wisdom. I have learned that it does not please God for us to try to force people to accept what we tell them even if it is the truth.

Paul's instructions to Timothy taught me the right way concerning such things. 2 Tim. 2:24, 25, "And the servant of the Lord must not strive: but be gentle unto all men, apt to teach, patient, in meekness instructing those that oppose themselves if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth."

We find people sometimes who know many things, and yet they lack wisdom, for they do not seem to know how to use the knowledge they have. How much better it is to wait on the Lord and let him guide us right.

Oh, how good our loving Lord has been all along the way to provide for us all we need to safely guide us from earth to glory. Just listen to the voice of God as he speaks through good old saint Peter, speaking to those who have obtained this precious faith, "Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord, according as his divine power hath given unto us ALL things that pertain to 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 we might be partakers of his divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust." (2 Pet. 1st chapt.) Of these wonderful gifts our loving Lord has bestowed upon his children, *wisdom* and *charity* are the greatest.

By carefully and prayerfully studying the precious old Book, I have learned of these precious treasures which God has hid away in his word for those who will earnestly seek for them with all their hearts. Oh, yes, dear readers, I want you to know that after living on this old earth for more than sixty-eight years, I am having the very best time of all my life because of a close walk with the Lord. My glad, happy heart and soul are praising God this morning for all his goodness to me. I am having a good time fishing for poor lost souls away out here in the mountains in the north-east corner of New Mexico. Amen and amen. Your happy, blood-washed brother in the one body, —Geo. Stephenson.

"Many a minister used to preach the whole counsel of God until his wife or daughter gave the lie to it by her worldly ways and apparel."

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W. Va.—Dear friends in the Lord,—This is a prayer request. I have T. B. and have been in the Sanatorium, but have come home. Will all the saints please earnestly pray that when I have the X-ray, June 7th that it will show up good and my lung will be completely healed? I also have kidney trouble, and desire you to pray for it too.

Luvena Cline.

**REVIVAL MEETING**

If the Lord wills and continues to lead, Brother and Sister Ulysses Phillips and Sister Ada Davis will be in Kansas City, Kansas to hold a revival meeting, convening June 16th to continue through June 23rd. Let all the saints agree with them in prayer that the Lord will bless them there in that place and pour out grace and help from heaven. All are welcome. For information, you may get in touch with Sister Jettie Davidson, 942 Washington Blvd., Kansas City, Kans.

**Editorials**

The new addressing machine has been shipped from Cambridge, Mass. to the "Lord's Print Shop" at Guthrie, and is now installed. It is a wonderful machine for the work of addressing the wrappers and papers through the use of stencils. Its power is furnished by an electric motor. We are very thankful to God for this machine, and the office girls are delighted in having it to use in the addressing work.

Word has been received from the "Miehle" Co. that they are now delivering the Vertical Presses. Of course, the volume of their sales are so great that it may be some time before our turn will come. The "Vertical Miehle" Press is so much in demand by the printers throughout the country that they have orders piled up waiting for delivery. It may be several months before we receive the one we ordered, and yet it may come sooner.

We have not heard lately from the company about the automatic paper cutter, nor the proof press, but are expecting them to be shipped to us before the summer is over.

Pray for us and the work in general, as much responsibility is upon us. We mean, by His grace, to keep our burdens laid upon the Lord. We do not limit the Holy One of Israel, but have all confidence and faith in His ability to carry on the work that he has begun.

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Two books are just off the press that will be soul food for the saints of God. "Odors from Golden Vials" by the late C. E. Orr contains deep, searching truths on the subject of prayer. It has 78 pages with a paper cover, and will be mailed to any address for 20 cents each. The other one is a new book of 64 pages and paper cover written by J. H. Pierson of Valeene, Ind., entitled, "The Resurrection." It will be sent to any address for 15 cents each. Both books will be sent post paid.

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We want to say a few words to those who write articles for the paper. Please make them reasonably short for this little paper, as long articles take up so much space that they leave little space for others. Then, too, we wish to say that many more articles are sent here than the paper will hold, so if your article does not appear in the paper, do not think it considered unworthy of a place in the paper, for it is more likely that there was no available space. It may be that your article was too long and written in such a manner that it was hard to shorten and retain the sense of the article properly. Also, it is wise for those who send testimonies to omit detail and make the testimony short and to the point, so others may have space for their testimonies.

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There are many law teachers in these days similar to the ones with whom Paul and the other apostles met in their day. In the morning time of the gospel day the gospel light was shining brightly and the enemy was very zealous with his law doctrines, trying

to obscure the brightly shining gospel that gave great freedom to men. Also in this evening time, when the brightness of the gospel is shining again after the dark ages are past, we find the enemy at work and becoming very zealous to pin, if possible, his law doctrines on the saints in light. Therefore, we have many ministers putting forth much effort, writing long articles trying to prove that Jesus was crucified on Wednesday, laid in the tomb late Wednesday evening and arose Saturday, the literal Jewish Sabbath. They do this with the thought of bringing the saints in light under bondage of keeping Saturday as the literal Jews did. They put so much stress on it that one would think our getting into heaven depends on this one thing. Others put forth much effort and write articles trying to prove that the crucifixion was on Friday and that he arose early Sunday morning. Still others think that he was crucified on Thursday and arose Sunday morning, the first day of the week.

Paul told the Galatian brethren who were being carried away by law teachers, "Ye observe days, and months, and times, and years. I am afraid of you, lest I have bestowed labor upon you in vain." Gal. 4:10, 11. What great difference does it make to the children in light as to the day or hour of His coming forth from the tomb? for all four of the gospels make it very plain that the disciples, both women and men, were early at the tomb on the first day of the week. They found the tomb empty and it was declared unto them by angels that he had risen. When he appeared unto them, great joy filled their souls, for their Lord was alive, was risen. They began to meet together that evening and the Lord appeared with them and approved their meeting. Eight days later they met again on the first day of the week and the Lord again met with them. Thirty years later Paul, the apostle to the Gentiles, and his disciples met on the first day of the week.

A man who discovers a gold mine on his farm does not rejoice because he realizes that the gold has been there all the time, but he rejoices that he has discovered it. Even so, the disciples of Christ rejoiced and began to meet together on the first day of the week because they discovered that Christ had risen and that he was alive. We, today, could not rejoice in the Spirit because we were keeping a certain day as the literal Jews did, but we rejoice because Christ has been resurrected and is living in our souls and reproducing his life in and through our souls in this world among men. Instead of doting about words and striving about days, the saints in light who esteem every day alike are humble enough to be satisfied with the example of the apostles and meet together on the first day of the week and rejoice in a risen Christ.

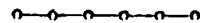
The two disciples who went that day to a village called Emmaus were communing together about the things that had taken place and were very sad. When Jesus joined their company and talked with them, they told him, "Today is the third day since these things were done." (Luke 24:21). If Sunday was the third day since he was crucified, then it would

count back to Friday or Thursday and would throw much confusion on the argument that he was crucified on Wednesday. These two disciples were astonished and surprised when their eyes were opened and they beheld that the man who had joined them and talked with them was the risen Lord. They were happy, and said, "Did not our heart burn within us while he talked with us by the way, and while he opened to us the scriptures?" That same hour they arose and returned to Jerusalem and found the eleven gathered together and them that were with them. So we see that the Spirit of God led them all to meet together on the first day of the week as the Spirit leads his people today.

"The law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ." John 1:17. In the fourth chapter of Hebrews, it is made very plain that we who enter into his rest cease from our works as God from his (Heb. 4:10). In other words, we who are born again, having Christ in our souls, cease from our works and let go and let him work. Therefore, God ceasing from his works on the seventh day typifies our continued soul rest when in Christ.

I feel sorry for any man or woman who claims to follow Christ and who does not have a clear realization of that sabbath of rest that He gives to the soul in place of the literal keeping of a certain day. I also feel sorry for that man or woman who claims Christ and does not have a deep realization in his soul that he is married to Christ and is worshipping Him in Spirit and in truth. (Romans 7:4).

In John 4:24, we read, "God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth." The true children of God worship God in spirit and in truth, but the deceived children worship him in a spirit and in error. The evening-light saints who esteem every day alike do not pretend to keep Saturday as the Jews did, neither do they pretend to keep Sunday as the Jews kept their sabbath, for these old things passed away and every day is alike holy to the saints of God. It is just as wrong for a saint to do his own pleasure on Wednesday as it is for him to do his own pleasure on Sunday. It is wrong for one to do anything on any day that would cause him to neglect the worship of God. But so long as one puts the worship of God first it is not wrong to gather some food and prepare it on Sunday and eat it, if he is hungry, any more than it was wrong for the disciples to do so when they rubbed out the corn and ate it on the Jewish sabbath (Luke 6:1). However, the saint of God has respect for the conscience of weaker brethren and is careful not to be offensive until they have ample time to be taught so they, too, can understand the truth. Those law teachers who just persist in binding law weights upon the children of God who are purchased by His blood and made free in Christ, should be removed and sometimes rebuked as Paul did in Col. 2:16-19.



Almost all Christians will agree that the gift of divine love in the heart is the most essential thing for the preservation of the souls of men. Paul teaches

us in 1 Cor. 13 of the fruits of this gift of God in the soul. In the latter part of the 12th chapter he enumerates the different gifts of the Spirit and tells the brethren to covet earnestly the best gifts; but yet, above all these gifts, he says, "shew I unto you a more excellent way," then he gives us the wonderful and much prized 13th chapter of 1 Corinthians. The first of it shows what great things men may do, yet these deeds would bring no eternal profit to them. Then is given the manifestations of divine love in the heart. Read them often and compare them with the manifestations of the life issuing from your soul and see for yourself whether yours is divine love or some other kind of love.

Divine love is not a compromising love with the world. Although it may bear with them and show kindness, yet it will not be a partaker with them. The divine love will be so true that it will reprove, exhort, and teach. Divine love will not manifest a cold, hard, legalistic manner, but will have a warm desire to help every soul no matter how contrary they may seem to God's holy ways. The divine love manifestations in the soul are often misunderstood by those who have selfish or impure motives, or have imbibed more or less love for the world.

I do not believe that Paul and Peter were hard, cold, and legalistic when they wrote and commanded the saints not to put on outward adornments nor to wear gold, pearls, and costly array. I do not believe that James and John were hard and legalistic when they wrote and exhorted the brethren not to love the world neither the things that are in the world. "If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him." 1 John 2:15. "Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God" James 4:4. I believe when these brethren wrote these words of warning and reproof that their souls were filled with the warm divine love of God, even though it is a mighty rebuke to almost all professed Christians of this present day.

At times the divine love of God working through his true ministers will say seemingly hard and legalistic things to those who are not free from being tainted with the world, selfishness, and other bodily lusts; but if they would receive the reproof or rebuke it would cause them to love God and the instrument he may have used.

For an illustration: last month I was in the east in evangelistic work. We were in company with Bro. and Sister Baker of Garrett, Ind. at Ft. Wayne, Ind. We went to a large garage to get his car repaired. When we drove up to the large door and sounded the horn, the door rolled up and we drove in, then it lowered again, seemingly of its own accord. While the car was being repaired I was standing near this large door. Once while it was up a man started to go through it just as it began to roll down. I called to him to prevent his walking under the descending door, but he, being hard of hearing went right on. I jumped quickly and grabbed him by the arm and

jerked him back just as the door came down scraping his clothes. At first he was angry because I jerked him roughly backward, but when he realized that I had saved his life, he became humble and thanked me for that rough act.

When Jesus began to teach the suffering and self denying to some that followed him, they said, "This is a hard saying, who can hear it?" and they walked no more with him. If they had heard it and received it, the same would have meant eternal life and happiness to them. Even so it is with teachings that seem hard now.

Divine love in the heart will not cause you to put on adornments like other professed Christians, but will be a reproof to such. If you think that divine love in your heart is causing you to adorn your body with unnecessary articles of clothing and other things, then it would be wise for you to think again and determine what manner of love it is that works in you and causes you to act contrary to the teachings of the Bible. I fear that some are like the tree frog I hear about that changes his color according to the kind of tree on which he sits. Brethren and sisters, we should obey the teachings of the Bible no matter how hard or contrary they may seem to our natural, or self, life. True divine love in the soul will cause you to do this in spite of the scoffs and scorns of worldly-minded professors. We should discern between true divine love in the soul and human sympathy and self love. True divine love will cause you to act in harmony with the teachings of the Bible and will not cause you to hunt up Scriptures with which to reason yourself astray.

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## Campmeeting Notices

The saints feel that the Lord is pleased for the campmeetings to be run on the free-will offering plan. Each one who has his earthly possessions consecrated to the Lord's service can then give as He leads and the reward and blessing will come from Him, for "The Lord loveth a cheerful giver." An address will be given in each notice, to which you can send provisions or money for the meetings as the Lord leads you, or for information.

Please take sugar or ration stamp to each campmeeting that you attend.

### 1946 NATIONAL CAMPMEETING

The National Campmeeting of the church of God will be held this year July 19th to 28th, inclusive, on the saints' campground at Monark Springs, Mo., which is five miles east of Neosho, Mo.

A cordial invitation to attend this national gathering of God's people is extended to all lovers of the truth. It is held for the saving of the sinner, sanctifying of the believer, divine healing of the sick, and the edifying of the church in general.

Those coming by bus or train, come to Neosho and take a taxi-cab to the campgrounds at Monark Springs.

Very few rooms or cabins will be available to rent. Tents may be rented on the ground for \$3.00 each, and canvas cots for 75 cents each, steel cots for \$1.00 each. Bring bedding and straw ticks and come prepared for very cool nights. Straw will be furnished. If you want

a tent and cot, please send your order, with money, direct to Bro. Sam Barton, R. 11, Box 119, Tulsa 15, Oklahoma by July 10th. He is business manager for the meeting.

Meals will be served at the dining hall, financed by free-will offerings and contributions of groceries, fruits, and vegetables.

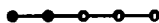
Help will be needed to get the grounds and buildings ready just before the meeting begins, and if any able-bodied person desires to come a few days early to work, please write Bro. Barton so he may know whom to expect.

The new dining hall and dormitory on the campground will be under construction. However, at this writing it appears that unless the Lord especially undertakes and awakens his people to the great need for funds, material, and labor, the building will not be ready for the campmeeting. The few who are really interested are going to do their best. We are in need of an able and efficient cement block mason to take the oversight of this part of the work. Surely the Lord knows just where is the right man.

Each individual and congregation should have a special fund for the national campmeeting. Please send the offering to Bro. Sam Barton or to the undersigned by July 10.

Come praying and expecting a profitable meeting.

—L. D. Pruitt, Secy.-Treas.  
1005 W. Mansur, Guthrie, Okla.



The Oklahoma State Campmeeting of the church of God will be held in Guthrie, Oklahoma, beginning Friday, August 2, 1946, and will continue ten days. The large tent will be put up on the saints' camp ground in the 600 block on West Warner Ave., near the saints' chapel.

Since an unusually large attendance is expected this year, it is advisable for all who can—especially those who come from a short distance—to bring cots, straw ticks and other needed bedding. The saints here welcome all and will do their best to care for those who come.

For some reason we are feeling deep in our souls that this campmeeting will be favored of God by the outpouring of His Spirit and an ingathering of souls. Able New-Testament ministers will be present to proclaim the truths of the Bible under the anointing of the Spirit.

It is our expectation that by the help of the Lord the new dining hall will be completed and ready to use for this campmeeting. The brethren who are working on the building have the walls built up to the first story at present and are expecting to move right along with the work. As materials are exceedingly high, the building is costing much more than we first estimated, but we know that God is able to finish that which he has begun. Keep praying with us for the completion of the building, also for a glorious campmeeting this year. A hearty welcome is extended to all lovers of truth.

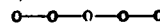
Address Faith Pub. House, 920 W. Mansur, Guthrie, Oklahoma for information.

The Oregon campmeeting will be held this year on the saints' camp ground in Jefferson, Ore. from July 19 to 28, Lord willing. The camp ground is one block south and one-half block east from the Bus Depot, and on highway 99 E., sixteen miles south of Salem, Ore. The saints near by have a number of bed rooms for aged saints in their homes, tents can be rented for \$3.00 each. We have a number of bed springs free for those renting tents. All who can bring covers and pillows. Meals will be free in the Lord's dining hall. Bring straw ticks. Straw will be furnished free.

We are looking to the Lord and expecting him to

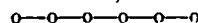
direct those of his holy ministers whom he can use to deliver the truths of the gospel to come, feeling He will direct none here except those He can use to His glory. All come who can, and pray if you cannot come. We feel God's hand on his work and are looking forward to and for an outpouring of his power and great grace.

Address: Emma Busch, Scio, Ore., Noah White or Sam Wilson, Jefferson, Ore.



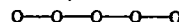
The general Southern campmeeting at Hammond, La. will convene from June 28 to July 8. Hammond is easily reached, located on the I. C. railroad and highways No. 51 and No. 190. The campground is located one mile southwest of the I. C. Depot. God has blessed in these campmeetings for thirty-eight years and we are looking to Him again this year for an especially good meeting.

Address: Max Williamson in care of Post Office or Ray Key, Box 370, Hammond, La.



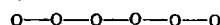
The Midway campmeeting, located half-way between Trout, and Jena, Louisiana on Highway 84, will convene from July 12 to 21. There will be sleeping and eating quarters on the grounds. If you have cots, tents or other camping equipment, please bring them, also pillows and straw ticks. This is almost a new field for campmeetings, but by the help of the Lord and cooperation of the saints we are expecting it to prove a great blessing to souls as it did last year. Pray if you cannot come.

Address: Eva Mitchell, or Cassie Price R. 1, Trout, La.



At Tulsa, Oklahoma a campmeeting of the church of God will convene from July 5 to 14, Lord willing. Location: 1517 North Norfolk St., or corner of Pine Place and Norfolk St. Bring bedding and cot straw ticks. Steel army cots may be rented for \$1.00 each. Order cots from Sam Barton, Route 11, Box 119, Tulsa 15, Okla., Phone 29495. (When ordering cots be sure to state which campmeeting you want them for. Bro. Barton also rents tents for the Monark Springs meeting which begins just one week later). Space for cots furnished free. Pray for a good meeting.

Address: S. L. Burks, 1514 North Norfolk St., Tulsa, Okla. Phone 2-7371.



The Michigan campmeeting will be held at Kalamazoo, Michigan from July 12 to 21. This is a new field and the saints should earnestly get under the burden of this meeting with Bro. Hilbun and the few saints there who have been faithfully laboring to get a clean work started there. It is necessary to notify Bro. Hilbun two or three weeks in advance, if you plan to attend.

Address: E. W. Hilbun, 516 Howard St., Kalamazoo, Mich. Phone 4-2872.



The Dover, Oklahoma campmeeting will be held from August 30 to September 8. Bring straw ticks and bedding. The camp ground is one mile north and two and one-half miles east of Dover. Please notify us in time if you want us to meet you at Dover. Pray for the meeting.

Address: Henry Caldwell or Ulysses Phillips, Dover, Oklahoma.

#### A DELAYED MISSIONARY TRIP

Bros. Allen and Stroud were unable to get transportation to Cayman Islands in April as they planned. Having been advised that the summer time brings unfavorable conditions there for missionary work, they have postponed the trip until November.



## SOMETHING SPECIAL

We have a Bible for sale which we feel every minister, gospel worker, Bible student, and Sunday School teacher will need and want. It is called "System Bible Study," and is true to its name. It has subject indexes which make it easy for one to find any scripture on any subject. This Bible will have to be owned and used to be fully appreciated. It contains over 1300 pages of classified Scripture and helps, bound in the finest quality of genuine Morocco, leather lined, and durable. Its weight is 2½ lbs, and size 8 by 6¼, which makes it easy to handle. There are no misleading comments. It just enables you to easily find the scriptures that you need. There are many other good qualities about it that we do not have space to mention. The price is \$16.75, cash with order; or \$17.75, terms, \$3.00 with order and \$3.00 per month until paid for.

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## Press For The Prize

The apostle Paul said, "I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus" (Phil. 3:14). Sometimes people who desire to see Jesus must press through the press.

Zacchaeus "sought to see Jesus, who he was; and could not for the press, because he was little of stature. And he ran before, and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see him: for he was to pass that way. And when Jesus came to the place, he looked up, and saw him, and said unto him, Zacchaeus, make haste and come down, for today I must abide at thy house. He made haste, and came down; and received him joyfully." He said, "Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor, and if I have taken anything from any man by false accusation, I restore him four fold."

Jesus said, "This day is salvation come to this house."

"Enter ye in at the strait gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat; because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way which leadeth unto life; and few there be which find it." Matt. 7:13, 14. A strait or narrow door takes some effort to get through.

"When Adam transgressed; then were the entrances of this world made narrow. For the entrances of the elder world [Garden of Eden] were wide and sure. If then they that live, labor not to enter this strait . . . they can never receive those that are laid up for them" Apo. 2 Esdras 7:11-14.

When Adam and Eve were in the garden, they had a paradise on earth. They went through the wide or easy before they came to the strait, or hard. Now, we Christians today are tested and tried and proved before we can enter those realms of the blessed. "He staveth his rough wind in the day of the east wind." By this therefore shall Jacob (Christian) be purged to take away his sin. (Isa 27:8-9).

"The Lord is not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance." 2 Pet. 3:9.

The Lord told Joshua and Israel, "Now there-

fore arise, go over this Jordan, thou, and all this people, unto the land which I do give them." Josh. 1:2. The chosen people of today, which are a type of Israel, are crossing over to the promised land. We need to pray much that the Most High stay the springs of the stream that we may go through (Apo. Esdras 14:47) For if we fail to go forward, then we shall drift down stream.

"Blessed is the man that endureth temptation, for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord has promised to all them that love him." James 1:12. —Mrs. Charles Reese.

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N. C.—Dear saints,—I have been reading the letters from Christian people in the "Faith and Victory" paper. I enjoy reading them very much. I am a child of God, having been washed in Jesus' blood, and on my way to heaven, praise the Lord. I am going all the way with Jesus. There is nothing that will ever turn me around. I know that Jesus will go with me all the way.

I am praying for all the Christian people and poor lost sinners. Oh, I wish they would get right with God. He is so good to all of us, praise his holy name! Sinners, look to Jesus and be saved before it is forever too late. If you do not get saved, you will be sorry some day. Oh, how sad to face the Judgment unprepared to meet God! A Christian friend, Mrs. Esther Cagle.

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Mo.—Dear Bro. and Sister Pruitt,—I greet you in the precious name of Jesus. I feel I should send my testimony. I am saved and sanctified by God's Holy Spirit. Praise His name! I have been reading your paper, "Faith and Victory" for over three years and enjoy it. It is food for the soul and I love to read the testimonies of all the dear saints of God. My prayers go out for all the dear readers and you who are doing the great work of the Lord. Remember me in your prayers.

O, wonderful message,  
God's grace is for me;  
He purchased my pardon  
When he died on the tree.  
This gift he has given  
Freely to mankind—  
How great is his mercy,  
How wondrously kind!

—Mrs. Hattie Munden.

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Texas—Dear Brothers and Sisters,—Greetings of holy love to you all. Today finds me saved and happy in the Lord. I am so thankful for His mercies and goodness to me. We (my family) have all been afflicted with the itch and have had it bad, but God's mercies were along. My hand was terribly sore, but it was my left hand so I could go ahead with my work. My little boy had to get in the wood and the arm on which he carried the wood wasn't very sore. God healed the little boy, but it came back on him. Husband doctored all the children then except the oldest daughter. She refused it and the Lord healed her, but it came back on her as the other children had it. God's Word tells us that even though some don't believe, "shall their unbelief make the faith of God without effect? God forbid. yea, let God be true and every man a liar." God's mercies endureth for ever, and He is a mighty God. We are all almost well except one baby. Praise the good Lord. We desire your prayers.

A sister in Christ,

Essie Moore



# Young People's Section

He who can float a silver boat  
So safely in the sky,  
Can manage my affairs, I'm sure,  
More beautifully than I.  
Or He who hangs a star like that  
And a million others by it  
And not have one, not even one,  
Clash with the ones beside it,  
Can take my life with all my heart.  
Gladly I'll let Him guide it. —Sel.

Oklahoma—Dear saints,—I am so glad I can testify for Jesus. He is everything to me. Last summer I got my heel cut very, very bad. Some begged Mother to let them take me to the hospital, but we never use medicine nor doctors. I was anointed in the name of the Lord and he healed me so quick that the neighbors could hardly believe it when they saw me walking on that foot. I am ten years old and mean to spend all my life in God's service. Pray for me.

Your little sister in Jesus, Wilma Ruth Metcalf.

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Ind.—Dear saints,—Greetings in Christ's dear name. I am writing this letter hoping to come into contact with some Christian young people. I am just passed 18. Our family are the only ones in this city or even within many miles around. We hold services in our own home. It is surely trying sometimes out here by ourselves. If it weren't for the Lord, I don't know where we would be today. I can say the Lord has done many wonderful things for us in the many years we have served him. It seems as if the more we tell about Jesus the more people talk about us and try to tear us down. They say, "Well, if I could just see something, maybe I could believe," but the more they see the more they ridicule. One very outstanding thing the Lord did for us happened last November 30 when the Lord kept me out of the army. When they found it out they surely did talk, but they still couldn't believe that the Lord did it.

About our family, there are five of us. My father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Gellenbeck, two sisters younger than myself, Mary, 16, and Gladys, 14. Anyone wishing to write to any one of us may do so by addressing their mail to us at 101 Owen St., Lafayette, Ind. We are very anxious to correspond with saints anywhere. So long as they stay within the Bible, we will say, Amen. Pray for us that we will stay true and trust completely in the Lord.

Your young brother in Christ,

Harry Gellenbeck, jr.

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Oklahoma—Dear Young People,—Greetings to you in the name of Jesus, our Lord and Saviour, who gave his life a ransom for many. I am sending my small testimony and prayer request.

I have been reading this paper for sixteen months, and surely enjoy it. I receive much spiritual soul food out of it. I sometimes wish I could have had it sooner. I cannot go to church meetings and it surely does me a lot of good, since it is divine truth.

Three years ago at the age of 17, I was converted by God's grace. That was March, 1943. Since Jan. 4th I have been bedfast with leakage and enlargement of the heart. In the fall of 1941, I took sick with severe kidney

trouble which affected my heart and I was taken to Enid General Hospital and was given up by several doctors. I recovered in answer to prayer and after 27 days left the hospital, and kept improving until I could walk on crutches. I again took sick from strong poison-like medicine. During this time I saw my lost condition and sought the Lord. As Satan saw that I was getting tired of him and his lies—he hates God and all precious souls—he applied the pressure of his evil that much more upon me. To my shame and sorrow, I must say I listened and compromised with him.

With love, I would like to warn precious souls, young and old, not to do that and wait until you are brought into some kind of affliction. Should some affliction come upon you, remember Rev. 3:19, "As many as I love I will rebuke and chasten, be zealous therefore and repent." Take up His cross, and love, follow, and serve him with soul and body. I see that the Gentile age and time of grace is passing out and all the true saints of God should be more zealous and prayerful and let their lights shine, so if possible a few more souls be saved, so that we may love his appearing and be found worthy of the crown,

I ask all the saints who read this to pray for me. I am in need of help for soul and body. I would like to be healed for two reasons: mainly, for God's glory so I could be a witness for his saving and healing power; and too, so I would not have to trouble my mother and the rest of the family so. I would like to attend meetings and enjoy health, and God's handiwork once more if it is His will. I believe in divine healing and was anointed at the time of my conversion and again last Easter. I did not receive full healing for some reason, but must say I was helped and want to with this testimony give the offer and tribute of praise to Jesus.

It may be that I have faults to overcome yet, and I ask your prayers for that. I do want to live a holy, clean life, and I know I can by God's help and grace.

May God bless all of you, especially those that are sick or afflicted in different ways.

Henry Nusz

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California—To the young people everywhere,—I am truly thankful that I can testify this day to being saved and really encouraged to live for God. It was only the Lord that has kept me saved for four years and willing to go all the way. I have had many tests and trials since I have been saved, but I would pray and many times fast and the Lord would carry me through.

I desire to tell some things the Lord has done for me. For about six months I have suffered with indigestion. I went to be anointed Sunday night, April 14th and the Lord has wonderfully healed me. I haven't been bothered with it since. About ten years ago I began to suffer much with tonsil trouble. My tonsils would swell until I could hardly talk, and when I would talk they would hurt so badly I could not rest. They pained so much that I could only rest a little at night. Last winter I had to walk about eight blocks to school. Some days were rainy and some cold. I was taking gym the first period, which would throw it in the coldest part of the day, and I took very sick. My tonsils were swollen very large. My father and I would pray. He was the only minister in Fresno at the time. They just seemed to become worse. Finally, one day it burst and an enormous amount of pus came out of them. The Lord

healed me then. I haven't had the least trouble with them since. I give God all the praise and glory. I mean to ever be true to the Lord. He even so worked it that I didn't have to take gym. I won't have to take it as long as I go to this school. I had prayed hard for the Lord to fix this. I mean, by His help, to ever be a light in this world. I realize the Lord does all of this for my good that I might be strong in him.

This text often encourages me to ever trust the Lord for all I expect in this life to his glory. It is found in Phil. 4:6, "Be careful for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, let your requests be known unto God." Pray for me that I may keep watchful and prayerful.

Your sister in Christ,

Vivian J. Trotter.

Oregon—Dear young saints everywhere,—Greetings of Christian love in Jesus' dear name. I am happy and rejoicing in salvation this morning, thankful to the dear Lord for the love and mercy He shows to me. He is dearer to me each day. In many precious ways He reveals himself to my soul. How blessed it is to talk with the Lord when he gives us such wonderful blessings to our souls. And the sweetest way to get light on anything is to have Him reveal it to us and have Him talk to our souls.

The young saints here are moving forward and deepening down in the Lord. Praise His dear name! How it does make my heart rejoice to see each one moving forward for the dear Lord. The Lord has been good to each one of us here. He recently healed several of us of different afflictions, and has given us wonderful victories in our souls. Thank the dear Lord.

There are six of us that are here regularly. Sometimes others come in for Sunday services. We do not have a regular young people's meeting except during campmeeting. We have some wonderful, soul-inspiring Sunday school classes, however.

We thank the Lord for the letters from other young saints that we receive, and pray God to bless and encourage each one. "Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation." (Matt. 26:41).

Your sister in the one body,

Betty White

Minn.—Dear Sisters and Brothers everywhere,—I feel glad for the opportunity to say a few words to the honor and glory of our gracious heavenly Father, who is always so mindful and merciful toward us. Surely, our God has blessed us abundantly above what we have asked or thought.

When we look back, we realize how God has blessed and guided and helped this little flock here in Minneapolis. We have learned of Him to put our complete trust and confidence in him, and we have never been disappointed, even unto this day. He has dealt with us faithfully and surely, praise His name! As one of His fold here, I wish to relate how good He has been to me. I am often reminded of the song: "Jesus Has Been So Good to Me."

Back in 1937 I was disabled for almost two years because of an affliction. The Lord had healed me that time after I trusted Him for it, after much suffering and constant doctor's care that was of no avail. This last summer this affliction returned, and though I remembered how God had mercifully undertaken before, I did not fully trust Him, and turned to doctor's care. I was not happy about that, but felt I had no alternative, as it seemed God did not answer my many cries and pleadings for healing. During this past winter I felt some

better and stronger in body, but was troubled in my soul at trusting in the arm of flesh. I really wanted my Father to do this healing work for me, but it just seemed it was not so. I felt some like a child who asks a parent for something it expects will be granted, and is keenly disappointed not to secure the object of its request.

About two months ago as I was on my way to the doctor's office to get a liver shot in my arm, I dropped into our meeting place to see Sister Grice, who is our pastor here now. I mentioned to her that I was on my way to the doctor and would drop in on my way back. She just said, "Beatrice, you don't have to go." I knew what she had said was true, but I went anyway, my heart troubling me all the way. I think that was one of the most uncomfortable street car trips I ever had so far as I recollect. It was the last trip to the doctor, for God began to speak to me so forcibly, and yet lovingly, many times daily what I should do about trusting in the arm of flesh—and that was to quit. So I was anointed and prayed for and trusted God for my healing. And—reliable God that he is—I know that He has touched me and strengthened me. It could not have been possible even by medicine or any other means but the goodness of God for me to have felt so good and so strong when I consider how much energy I have utilized at times since I was anointed. A few months back I would not have considered doing some things I have been able to do since God answered so marvelously in my behalf. As yet, sometimes I experience some of the affliction "hanging around" but it doesn't worry me, because I know that He can remove every trace of it, and by faith in Him, I am expecting to feel less and less of any of these old symptoms. I have decided, by God's help, to fully and unwaveringly trust Him in whom we are able to place our complete confidence. One day when I was at prayer about this matter, it came to me that when I had gotten saved I trusted the keeping of my eternal soul to God and never questioned His ability or willingness to save me, so why not trust Him likewise for the keeping of my body?

I am so thankful—and we as human beings are very fortunate indeed—that our Father is not unstable as we are sometimes likely to be. We know from experience that in Him is no variableness nor shadow of turning—praise His precious name! We also know that when there is a failing somewhere along the line, it is not God that failed, but we. The Lord has been so good to me all along the way, even sometimes when I haven't seen His goodness till for some reason or another I turned back to look, and then I found how blind I had been not to have seen His ever watchful goodness. I need to be very humble before my heavenly Parent, to be able to be led and guided by Him through this pilgrim journey, because I realize it is a very cautious and careful travel way for us who name the name of Christ. When you feel led, remember me in prayer.

Much Christian love, just a humble sister in our Lord,

Beatrice Kronebusch

Oregon—Dear saints,—I can no longer keep silent, for God has done too much for me. Recently I felt led to visit Sister Hazel Cresson at Hillsboro, Ore. I had been writing her over a year but it had never been our privilege to meet. She had informed me that Sister Busch and some of her family, also Bro. Orr was coming on a certain date from Scio, Ore. to hold an all-day service. I decided to leave La Grande in time to arrive for the meeting. When I arrived in Portland I found a certain line of buses were on a strike and the one going

to Hillsboro was not running. It had happened the day before, so Sister Cresson had no time to let me know. Instantly I began to pray. The Spirit reminded me of some of my husband's relation in Portland. I called a nephew and found he was not working because of a vaccination and would be glad to drive me the twenty mile distance. When I arrived at the stage depot where I had arranged to meet Sister Cresson, she was not there, but I continued to pray for my nephew had to return soon. Suddenly I saw a woman whom I felt was Sister Cresson coming toward me. It was. We embraced and she told me how she had been praying God to make a way for me and felt he would. I spent two wonderful days in her home. Sunday Sister Emma Busch and Bro. Orr came and held the service and it was so wonderful I felt heaven could never be better. How my soul did rejoice in the old time songs and the good Word. It was my first meeting for eight years.

I am convinced that wars and strikes need not hinder God's people in doing what he tells them to do. There are no shortages with him. Recently because of husband's work we had to move to Klamath Falls, Ore. He went ahead three weeks to work and find us a home. Everyone warned me of the terrible housing shortage, but I told them my trust was in Him. Quite by accident, my husband came across a house while he was hunting a niece. The man had just put up the "For Sale" sign.

It pays to trust Jesus, it pays every day, it pays every step of the way. If we would trust our problems to Him he would surely work them out better than we. To His name be all glory and honor forever! Grace Jones

## CORRESPONDENCE

Ala.—To the readers of "Faith and Victory:"—I believe that it will be to the glory of God for me to tell of some of the wonderful things that He has done for me. I was converted several years ago in the Gospel Trumpet movement. As I had no teachings on how to live a Christian life, after a few years I went back into sin. All the time God kept talking to my heart. I was isolated from all the saints then and the only sermons I ever heard were by radio. I kept reading my Bible and praying and finally came back to God.

Some time later we moved to Mobile, Ala. where there is a small group of Gospel Trumpet people. My heart was overjoyed to know that I would be with the people of God once more, that I would be able to attend services and enjoy the fellowship of the saints. But how sad and disappointed I was to find people who professed to be out in the evening light going to movies, using make-up, and doing all of the things that the world does. I began to talk to them about the way they were doing but they seemed to think they were all right. I told them that if the church of God was like that I had the wrong idea of it. I told them my idea of the church was that there was love and harmony and everything the Bible taught was believed and observed. One lady told me that I had an ideal dream that could not be realized on earth. All of the time my heart was crying for something better, but not knowing anything else I stayed with them.

One day at my place of work I was reading my Bible during rest period. A man walked by and commented on my reading and asked me what church I belonged to. I told him what I believed about the church. Then he said, "There is a man who works with me that believes like that."

I asked him if he would send the man around to talk with me. The next day he called to see me. After

a few words I found out that he wasn't with the Trumpet people. He said that he would bring me some tracts to read. I promised to read them, but was doubtful about learning anything new from them. I suspected that he belonged to some holiness denomination. He brought me the "Image to the Beast and An Open Letter to the Saints in the Gospel Trumpet Movement," and some "Faith and Victory" papers. God was just leading all of the time, and how I do praise His holy name for his goodness and mercy in helping me to find a people whose God is the Lord.

I wrote to Bro. Pruitt and asked him some questions about the church, which he answered and sent some more tracts and booklets that were very helpful. I also requested prayer for healing of an affliction that was causing me to lose my voice until sometimes I could scarcely speak above a whisper. Well, praise His name, He healed me of that.

The more I read the literature that Bro. Pruitt sent and compared it with the Word of God, the more I realized how far the Trumpet people were from the truth. (There are many in there who are doing all they know to do). Then when the time came for me to take a stand for the truth I became frightened as I had no one to stand with me except the brother that had brought me the paper and he was a stranger except for a few talks we had where we worked. I knew nothing of him. Then the devil began to talk. He said, "You were getting along all right like you were, and now you have no one to stand with you. You'd better go back and stay with these people. This is just a bunch of fanatical people. You don't want to live like they do." But then I heard another voice, and God spoke too. I heard His sweet voice telling me that He would be with me. Then Bro. Pruitt suggested that we have Bro. and Sister Key from Hammond, La. to come over and hold a few nights meeting for us.

They were really precious. I learned much from them. I know they must have seen many faults in me, but they were the spirit of love itself. We are now having services at Bro. Nichol's home each fourth Sunday. He is the man who first brought me the tracts and papers. Besides Bro. and Sister Key, we have had Bro. Max Williamson and some others to preach for us. Bro. Williamson comes over from La. once a month. I enjoy the spirit of fellowship that exists among God's true children. We have no one here besides Bro. Nichols, his wife, and me. There are many here who need salvation. I am so glad that God spared me to learn more perfectly the ways of salvation. I am not trying to bring a reproach on any people or any group of people, but I have never been completely satisfied concerning the church before. Maybe these few lines will encourage someone to be faithful.

Sometimes it looks like what we do doesn't amount to much but if we will yield ourselves completely to God he will bring that to pass that pleases him. Since I started this letter the devil has tried to discourage me. I have found that we have a continual warfare to fight. No wonder the apostle Paul said, "fight the good fight of faith." I feel very humble and small when I realize how God was watching over me and all the time was making a way for me to find joy and fellowship with the true people of God. I would like to say that long before I read the tracts and papers that were handed me I was so burdened to be closer to the Lord. I was the Bible Class teacher and young people's leader when I was with the other people. Some time when I would stand before the class my heart would cry out to be closer to

God, and it seemed that what I was doing was so formal I could scarcely bear it. But God knows the honest heart and will guide into all truth. Had someone tired to tell me how far we were from the true church, I would no doubt have resented it. I had never thought of having a year book, salaried ministers, state control and such like as being another denomination, but the little tract of Bro. Carver's just pictured things as they really are. "The Open Letter to the Saints in the Gospel Trumpet Movement." The first time I read it I thought I would not pay any attention to it, but I could not ignore it, so I read it through several times and knew it was true.

Please remember me in your prayers, for I have much to learn yet. Any of God's ministers passing through will find a welcome here. In Christ, Mrs. J. D. Everhart.

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To the saints and all—I greet you in Jesus' name. I believe God is pleased with me giving my testimony, showing his love and mercy to me in healing my body.

I am glad I am saved and willing to walk in the light.

On May 6, 1946 I awoke sick and thought I would stay in bed and fast and pray, but I was rooming in the upstairs of the print shop here in Guthrie, Okla., and some other brethren who roomed there too knew I was sick and told Bro. Pruitt. They came and prayed for me and God healed me. I arose, dressed, and went to breakfast as usual.

Manly L. Jones

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Miss.—Dear Bro Pruitt and all,—We send greetings to you in the dear name of Jesus. Surely we are made to thank the Lord for his goodness to us. We thank the Lord for the way he healed our little son, Robert Nelson. He was very sick and evidently he had pneumonia. The Lord heard and answered prayer and healed him completely in seven days. He then took rheumatism in his feet and had it for three or four days. The Lord healed him of that. Then he took measles and the Lord healed that. Then he took the whooping cough. That was really a trial, but the Lord undertook and healed him again. He was out of school six weeks. He seems to be perfectly well and normal.

We can see how the Lord worked through it all to draw us closer to Him. We want to thank each one for their prayers in our behalf. Our desire is to please the Lord in all things. Pray for us that we may be faithful to him.

My wife is not very well in body. Please pray that the Lord will undertake in her behalf and that she may be made well.

Yours in the Saviour,

Orris Lea and family.

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Ill.—Dear Bro. and Sister Pruitt,—I thank you for your prayers for me, which were not in vain, for the Lord has inspired my heart unto faith that He has heard my prayer and partly answered it already and gives me the confidence that He who started the good work will finish it too, for he is the beginning and the end, the first and the last. He protected me from falling into the devil's trap and coils of the snake. He set my heart perfectly free and brought me to my good sense, wherefore I can thank God for such trueness to me. If God had not been merciful and given grace I could have fallen into the ditch of the devil. I did not want to lose my soul nor my Saviour. The Lord chastened me and taught me many good lessons and let me see how loving and true He is to me. He awakened my attention to the song, "Unanswered Yet." I had that song for a long time, but I was not awakened unto the beauty and bless-

ing in it and did not learn it, but now just in the right time the Lord awakened me and showed me how that song suits my case:

"Unanswered yet, The prayer your lips have pleaded In agony of heart these many years.

Does faith begin to fail, is hope departing,

And think you all in vain those falling tears?

Say not the Father hath not heard your prayer;

You shall have your desire sometime, somewhere."

He proves us and we should cling to Him in all hardships. Elisha did not cling to his master and his master's God in vain, but received the blessing and reward. Jacob did not cling in vain to the angel of the Lord God, but received the blessing of victory concerning his brother Esau and became fruitful for the Lord. Also, Ruth, who clung to her mother-in-law and the God of her mother-in-law became fruitful for God. Abraham clung to his God for the promise of becoming fruitful in spite of the great test he had concerning his son Isaac, and he received the blessing and reward.

The Lord showed me that he gave me grace to cling unto Him and he did not forsake me, neither forget me, but protected me and set my heart perfectly free. I believe God will give me my desire sometime, somewhere, for I am clinging to the promise in Luke 18:7, 8. I know Jesus never fails. He is my refuge, my comfort and my blessing. May he give me patience to endure and grace to overcome. May God bless and reward you for your prayers for me.

Alma Blaudschun.

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California—To the dear saints everywhere,—We send greetings, and earnestly ask God to bless each one, and exhort you to stand fast in the Lord. Truly it is a blessed privilege to serve the dear Lord.

We are still busy working for Jesus. We left Pomona, Calif. about the middle of April for Orland, Calif. where the good Lord has raised up a blessed new work, having a few of his precious children here. He also raised up a minister in the congregation. Sister Tammie Severs has been preaching for them and different ones of his ministers have been coming as often as they could. The good Lord led us to come and help them out, and we shall stay so long as He leads. Yesterday was our first Sunday here. The good Lord gave us three good services.

We stopped at different places on the way here and held meetings. We had five nights and over Sunday meetings at Bakersfield, Calif. 19 souls were saved and seven sanctified, and the saints were much encouraged. All of our souls were blessed because of the presence of the Lord.

From there we went to Visalia and visited relatives and had meeting at Sister Nora Barker's, with a few of his dear isolated children.

Then we went to Fresno where the Lord gave us a blessed meeting with his dear children. One soul was saved and two sanctified. We surely did enjoy the presence of the Lord and the fellowship of the saints.

We desire to be a blessing and encouragement here and faithfully warn poor lost souls, so pray for us and the work here. We desire to get the truth to other places in this part of California as this is a new field.

Dear saints, ever be encouraged and keep your eyes on Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith. Your blood-washed brother and sister, John and Essie Wilson

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New Mexico—Dear Saints,—Greetings to all in Jesus' dear name. I feel God would be pleased for me to write a testimony in this little paper, "Faith and Victory." It is truly a most encouraging paper and food to our souls,

Jesus is ever a help in every time of need. I find Him so more every day. I am so glad I have found such a holy and righteous way to live every day and that Jesus has promised to go all the way with us even unto the end of the world and give life everlasting.

I praise His holy name for the many times he has healed in our family. Just lately he healed my back instantly. It was a wonderful touch as I felt His healing virtue go up my back.

I make your prayer that I will ever do the Lord's will. Your sister in Christ, Mrs. T. T. Doolittle

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Alabama—Dear Bro. Pruitt,—Yes, I am still on the battlefield for my Lord. I want to thank Him more each day for the good things he has done for us, and for the "Faith and Victory" each month. I would like for it to be a weekly paper instead of monthly. I think all the saints would be glad and willing to pay more to get it more often.

Wife is in poor health and I desire you to pray that the Lord will heal her body and help us to be in the battle for Jesus. Many are going down to destruction.

Your brother and sister in the service of the Lord,  
Elder Teddy I. Moody.

New Mexico—Dear saints one and all—Greetings in Jesus' precious name. I am thankful for victory over the enemy. I feel like I should send in my testimony with the prayer that it will help someone who is afflicted. Also, I want to thank all the dear saints for the prayers they sent up for me. Dear ones, I was afflicted three months with an awful hurting two or three inches below my left breast. It would hurt all the way through my body and also just below my left shoulder blade. Oh, I would suffer so badly! I also almost lost my appetite and got so I could hardly eat. The enemy would tell me that this was one time I would have to go to the doctor. There were no saints close to pray for me, but, oh, I am so thankful that I held out faithful. One day Bro. Gibson from Seymour, Mo. came by our place and prayed for me, laying on hands. It is wonderful how Jesus sent his healing power and healed my body. Praise his dear name forever. If anyone who reads this is suffering with affliction, cling to God. He will never leave nor forsake you. Be faithful and do not waver. Do not let the enemy get you to doubt. Just pray and have faith and hold out faithful. Jesus will come to your rescue. How I do thank Him for all He has done for me. I cannot tell you with pen and paper how thankful I am. Let us pray more and live closer to Jesus.—Stella Wilson

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Texas—Dear readers of "Faith and Victory"—I greet all of you in the name of the dear Lord. I feel burdened this morning to write my testimony to let you know how the Lord is blessing us. I thank Him much. When we first came here to Temple, Texas it seemed that everything went wrong, but, praise His dear name, we waited on Him who said, "I am the way." Truly, He has made a way for us. We have been in very good health. I believe you prayed for us. Husband got a job. We have bought a lot and are trying to get a house to put on it. I know God is able to do all things so I am asking you to pray that God will help us. I am determined to wait on Him more. Pray for my husband. He works on the railroad and is at home only on week-ends and sometimes not then. They say they are going farther on. Pray that if it is the Lord's will he will get work at home, but if not that God will help us to live holy and true to each other, for I really want to please the Lord.

Yours for the Master, Mrs. A. L. McIntyre.

Okl.—Dear Bro. Pruitt,—We have received word that Bro. Dan Richardson of Hoffman, Okla. is much worse. He has been sorely afflicted for several years. Will all the saints please earnestly pray for him?

I plan, Lord willing, to visit my relatives in Ohio and Tennessee and take with me some saint preacher, whomsoever the Lord may direct. We will make it a trip entirely for the Lord and for His cause. Bro. McMillan has promised to go with us (if the Lord takes care of his traveling expenses). We purpose to leave Oklahoma City about June 3rd and go by way of Akron, Ohio and have a meeting at Sandusky from Wednesday until Sunday, and from thence to Cleveland and wherever the good Lord may direct.

—Ed Crowl.

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Calif.—Dear Bro. Pruitt,—At this time I am praising God for victory. I have been going through some heavy storms of late, but God has been faithful and helped me. Also, I have been having some severe afflictions, but the Lord is helping me. A few nights ago Wife was very sick. It looked like she would go. I was alone with her. I called Bro. Wilson and Sister Opal and the Lord instantly healed her. Our boy is at home now, and we are thankful for that.

We have been having some good ministers' meetings here. We have had two series of three days each, and will have one more before summer, Lord willing. They have been profitable, I believe, especially when it comes to dealing with things like I have just read about in the last "Faith and Victory" concerning the problem at Dayton, Ohio. I felt you did just right in what you said.

It surely is a time to watch and pray. We have a big job caring for ourselves, lest the enemy trap us as he has others. I think of you often and pray the Lord's blessings on you and your home.

We have just purchased six acres for a new camp ground, but it will be some time before we can improve it enough to have campmeeting on it. The campmeeting this summer will be at the same place.

May the Lord bless you all.

A. E. Harmon.

"Let us watch and be sober." 1 Thessa. 5:6.

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## FRIENDS AT BETHANY

Sunday, June 2, 1946

Printed Portion ..... Mark 14:3-9; Luke 10:38-42;  
John 11:1-3.

Mark 14:3. And being in Bethany, in the house of Simon the leper, as he sat at meat, there came a woman having an alabaster box of ointment of spikenard very precious; and she brake the box, and poured it on his head.

4. And there were some that had indignation within

themselves, and said, Why was this waste of the ointment made?

5. For it might have been sold for more than three hundred pence, and have been given to the poor. And they murmured against her.

6. And Jesus said, Let her alone; why trouble ye her? she hath wrought a good work on me.

7. For ye have the poor with you always, and whensoever ye will ye may do them good: but me ye have not always.

8. She hath done what she could: she is come aforehand to anoint my body to the burying.

9. Verily I say unto you, Wheresoever this gospel shall be preached throughout the whole world, this also that she hath done shall be spoken of for a memorial of her.

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

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

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

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

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

John 11:1. Now a certain man was sick, named Lazarus, of Bethany, the town of Mary and her sister Martha.

2. (It was that Mary which anointed the Lord with ointment, and wiped his feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was sick.)

3. Therefore his sisters sent unto him, saying, Lord, behold, he whom thou lovest is sick.

Golden Text: Let us love one another: for love is of God. 1 John 4:7.

Practical Truth: Our love for Christ should be suitably expressed.

#### COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

Six days before the last passover. Jesus went to Bethany where lived Lazarus, whom He had recently raised from the dead, and his two sisters, Mary and Martha. There in the home of Simon the leper—likely Jesus had healed him of his leprosy or he probably could not have entertained guests—where they made for him a supper, the events recorded in the first part of our lesson took place. Parallel accounts of this can be found in Matt. 26:6-13 and John 12:1-8. John tells us that Martha served, Lazarus sat at the table with Him, and—as in the second portion of our lesson—Mary chose the “good part” and found a way to express her love to Him.

Love will find some way of expressing itself and does not hold back for fear of what others might say or think. Jesus had done much for Mary (Luke 7) and she in turn loved much.

Do we love Christ enough to disregard criticism and do for Him what love leads us to do? or do we hold back and look around to see what others are doing and imitate them from a sense of duty rather than love?

The Lord requires us to be good stewards over the material things He has entrusted to us and would not be pleased for us to be wasteful, but He does not always regard waste as man does. Sometimes He sends a servant across a continent to help one soul, or maybe for some reason not visible to man, and love for him will impel

that servant to go regardless of cost though it may look to the Judases that it is a terrible waste of money. It has been said that “Had Mary been hindered from discharging herself of the emotion that swelled within her and panted for escape, then there would have been waste. She would have been defrauded of increase in love.” Actions based on love and faith in Christ will be accepted and rewarded by Him even though others misunderstand and murmur.

In verse nine is a remarkable prophecy which is being fulfilled in part even while we study this lesson. “Oh, how sweet it will be when our service is ended, If we hear His voice say, ‘Ye have done what ye could.’”

#### TRAINING FOR SERVICE

Sunday, June 9, 1946

Printed Portion . . . Mark 6:7-13; Luke 10:1, 2; 14:25-27.

Mark 6:7. And he called unto him the twelve, and began to send them forth by two and two; and gave them power over unclean spirits;

8. And commanded them that they should take nothing for their journey, save a staff only; no script, no bread, no money in their purse:

9. But be shod with sandals; and not put on two coats.

10. And he said unto them, In what place soever ye enter into a house, there abide till ye depart from that place.

11. And whosoever shall not receive you, nor hear you, when ye depart thence, shake off the dust under your feet for a testimony against them. Verily I say unto you, It shall be more tolerable for Sodom and Gomorrah in the day of judgment, than for that city.

12. And they went out, and preached that men should repent.

13. And they cast out many devils, and anointed with oil many that were sick, and healed them.

Luke 10:1. After these things the Lord appointed other seventy also, and sent them two and two before his face into every city and place, whither he himself would come.

2. Therefore said he unto them, The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few; pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth laborers into his harvest.

Luke 14:25. And there went great multitudes with him: and he turned, and said unto them,

26. If any man come to me, and hate not his father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brethren, and sisters, yea, and his own life also, he cannot be my disciple.

27. And whosoever doth not bear his cross, and come after me, cannot be my disciple.

Golden Text: He that taketh not his cross, and followeth after me, is not worthy of me. Matt. 10:38.

Practical Truth: Friends of Jesus should seek to win others to him, even though this involves effort and the expenditure of time and personal sacrifice.

#### COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

Mark's statement that Jesus “began” to send forth the disciples, reminds us of the prophecy in Nebuchadnezzar's dream, recorded in Daniel, concerning the “stone” that was “cut out without hands” and it “became a great mountain and filled the whole earth.” Jesus was that stone, small at first in size, but magnetic. He “began”

to preach and the disciples were drawn to him, then he began to send them forth and others were drawn to him through them, then he sent the seventy, etc., until His kingdom has truly become a mountain that has filled the whole earth. When Jesus sends forth messengers and witnesses, he endues them with power to draw others to him. They go forth backed by divine authority and with the message of deliverance for the captive soul through repentance and faith in Christ.

Many times people who have never really come into contact with Jesus go forth among the people imitating (as they think) the message which His true disciples carry; but their purpose is to draw disciples after themselves, and instead of gathering people together in God's "mountain" they scatter them into sectarian hills. Those who truly go forth from the presence of Jesus, being sent by Him, will go exercising self denial and trust in God; they will stay hid behind the cross and will point souls to "the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world."

Honest souls should beware of "personality preachers" for their ability to "win souls"—as they call it—is nothing more than polished carnality. The old carnal life is what Jesus referred to when he said except ye hate it wherever it appears—whether in father mother, brethren, or self—and take up your cross (the life that is crucified, or hid with Christ in God) and follow Him, you cannot be His disciple.

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## LEARNING ABOUT THE KINGDOM

Sunday, June 16, 1946

Printed Portion . . . . . Luke 9:23, 24, 46-48, 57-62; 11:1-4; 17:20, 21.

Luke 9:23. And he said to them all, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me.

24. For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: but whosoever will lose his life for my sake, the same shall save it.

46. Then there arose a reasoning among them, which of them should be greatest.

47. And Jesus, perceiving the thought of their heart, took a child, and set him by him,

48. And said unto them, Whosoever shall receive this child in my name receiveth me; and whosoever shall receive me, receiveth him that sent me: for he that is least among you all, the same shall be great.

57. And it came to pass, that, as they went in the way, a certain man said unto him, Lord I will follow thee whithersoever thou goest.

58. And Jesus said unto him, Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of man hath not where to lay his head.

59. And he said unto another, Follow me. But he said, Lord, suffer me first to go and bury my father.

60. Jesus said unto him, Let the dead bury their dead: but go thou and preach the kingdom of God.

61. And another also said, Lord, I will follow thee; but let me first go bid them farewell, which are at home at my house.

62. And Jesus said unto him, No man, having put his hand to the plow, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God.

Luke 11:1. And it came to pass, that, as he was praying in a certain place, when he ceased, one of his disciples said unto him, Lord, teach us to pray, as John also taught his disciples.

2. And he said unto them, When ye pray, say, Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, as in heaven, so in earth.

3. Give us day by day our daily bread.

4. And forgive us our sins; for we also forgive every one that is indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.

Luke 17:20. And when he was demanded of the Pharisees, when the kingdom of God should come, he answered them and said, The kingdom of God cometh not with observation:

21. Neither shall they say, Lo here! or, lo there! for behold, the kingdom of God is within you.

Golden Text: Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, in earth as it is in heaven. Matt. 6:10.

Practical Truth: God's kingdom is real, though spiritual, and its demands are exacting.

## COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

Luke 9:23, 24. There were many things that the disciples had to learn about Christ's kingdom. They had recoiled from the thought that Jesus must suffer because they expected him to be a literal king to whom all peoples would bow down, and of course this would mean a life of glory for them. They had to learn that his kingdom was of such a nature that not only the King must suffer death on the cross, but also His subjects must suffer by a life of self denial and crucifixion, and also that many of them would actually lay down their literal lives for him. People who are not willing to do this will lose eternal life which Jesus came to give.

Verses 46-48. Again, the wrong conception of the nature of Christ's kingdom brought about this dispute about who would be greatest. Jesus used the child to illustrate the humility that his subjects must have. The one who is greatest in Christ's kingdom is the one who is nearest to Him. Only the humble can be near him. He hates even a proud look.

Verses 57-62. Many good lessons can be obtained from these few verses, but space will not permit comments on each verse. Here are several tests for our consecration. Christ, whom we claim as King of our lives, must have first place in our hearts and endeavors. The question is, Does He get it? It means life or death to us. Are we spending our time burying the dead, as it were, when we should be administering life? Often earthly duties press hard for our time and attention, but we must put Christ first. Verse 58 is a blow to worldly ambitions of fame and fortune. To remain in Christ's kingdom, one must constantly press onward and upward with his eyes upon the goal. Backward glances at things left behind will make us unfit for the kingdom. A man plowing will make crooked furrows if he turns to look at things behind.

11:1-4. A sincere prayer ascending to the Father often awakens a desire within the hearts of others to pray. The name of the Father is to be honored and revered. How lightly it is esteemed by some who often go through the form of repeating this prayer. Part of this prayer was answered when His kingdom did come on the day of pentecost. His will is done in these earthen vessels of all who will pay the price and enter the kingdom.

17:20, 21. . . . We cannot see the kingdom of God with our natural eyes but we can see the effects of it in the lives of its subjects. It is "righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost."



## STRENGTHENING BONDS OF FELLOWSHIP

Sunday, June 23, 1946

Printed Portion . . . . . Luke 22:14-20; John 17:6-8; 20, 21.

Luke 22:14. And when the hour was come, he sat down, and the twelve apostles with him.

15. And he said unto them, With desire I have desired to eat this passover with you before I suffer:

16. For I say unto you, I will not any more eat thereof, until it be fulfilled in the kingdom of God.

17. And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and said, Take this, and divide it among yourselves:

18. For I say unto you, I will not drink of the fruit of the vine, until the kingdom of God shall come.

19. And he took bread, and gave thanks, and brake it, and gave unto them, saying, This is my body which is given for you: this do in remembrance of me.

20. Likewise also the cup after supper, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood, which is shed for you.

John 17:6. I have manifested thy name unto the men which thou gavest me out of the world: thine they were, and thou gavest them me; and they have kept thy word.

7. Now they have known that all things whatsoever thou hast given me are of thee.

8. For I have given unto them the words which thou gavest me; and they have received them, and have known surely that I came out from thee, and they have believed that thou didst send me.

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

21. That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me.

**Golden Text:** A new commandment I give unto you, that ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. John 13:34.

**Practical Truth:** Worship and work together strengthen bonds of Christian fellowship.

## COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

The critical hour for the Lord was approaching. The comfort that comes through fellowship was longed for. There were also certain truths that he desired to impart unto his disciples. Can we realize what a solemn, serious occasion—the Savior of the world ready to be sacrificed for the sin of man? Even his disciples could not understand that he must die, consequently they were unable to enter into his suffering with him. He trod the wine press alone. The import of this occasion should be stamped indelibly upon our hearts. He desired that we should not forget it.

**The Memorial:** People are soon forgotten when they die. Great deeds cause memorials to be erected, but generally their greatness diminishes as time goes by. But not so with the memorial of our Lord. His death only made his benefits more universal.

Can you name some memorials? Contrast their effect with that of the Lord—this of these words: "This is my body which is given for you, this do in remembrance of me." Note his dying request—not in regard to earthly possessions, not concerning himself, but that they might "be perfected in one."

Name as many benefits as you can that we receive by keeping the ordinances.

—O. C. Porter.

## JESUS' FRIENDS CARRY ON HIS WORK

Sunday, June 30, 1946

Printed Portion . . . . . Mark 16:15, 16, 19, 20; Luke 24:45-49; Acts 2:46, 47; 5:42.

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

16. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.

19. So then, after the Lord had spoken unto them, he was received up into heaven, and sat on the right hand of God.

20. And they went forth, and preached every where, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following. Amen.

Luke 24:45. Then opened he their understanding, that they might understand the Scriptures,

46. And said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus it behooved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day:

47. And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.

48. And ye are witnesses of these things.

49. And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high.

Acts 2:46. And they, continuing daily, with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart,

47. Praising God, and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.

Acts 5:42. And daily in the temple, and in every house, they ceased not to teach and preach Jesus Christ.

**Golden Text:** Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. Mark 16:15.

**Practical Truth:** Friends of Jesus should strive to make him known to all people.

## COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

In our previous lesson we noticed that much, if not most, of a leader's work and influence was soon forgotten after his death, but not so with the Lord. The difference is that he is not dead, but is alive for evermore. How different from the natural course of events. After his death, the establishing of the church and the great commission. The title of our lesson states that the friends of Jesus carry on his work. What is the proof that we are his friends? When we find him to be such a friend, surely we desire to make others acquainted with him. The commission was not only to the disciples or those of the first century, but even to us today. Never has there been so much involved as in these few words. What shall we do with these marching orders? "Go ye." If this "Go ye," does not captivate and start us going for the Lord, remember there will be another that we shall not lay aside; namely, "Behold the bridegroom cometh, GO YE out to meet him."

To be successful witnesses for the Lord, we must have his Spirit to guide us into the truth and also give us power to live it.

If we, his friends, do not hear the call and accept our responsibility, many will stand before him condemned in that day. How shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard and how shall they hear without a preacher? Note the words: "Lift up your eyes, look on the fields, they are white already to harvest."

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