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Living for the Lord

'Tis so good to live
When we live for the Lord,
As we walk in the light
Of His holy Word.

His Word is a lamp
For our weary feet,
And it lightens our path—
His Words are so sweet.

His Word will guide us
As we walk in His way,
And keep us from falling
By night and by day.

Our souls are refreshed
With His life-giving flow,
As we study His Word,
We see—yes, we know.

Some day in that city
That's made of pure gold,
We shall rest with our Lord
Where we'll never grow old.
—George Stephenson

Heavenly Calling

Line upon line of holy writ extends to all an invitation to come to God. Then again, there are solemn warnings to all who neglect or refuse to obey the call. In Gen. 6:3 it is written, "And the Lord said, My Spirit shall not always strive with man." While the mercy of the Lord endureth forever, yet it is often the case that people neglect too long or wilfully turn from the light until God's Spirit withdraws and they hear his voice no more.

We have no account that king Agrippa, who was "almost persuaded" when Paul talked to him about his soul, ever found a convenient time, or ever turned to God.

Jesus looked down over Jerusalem and wept and said, "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee,

how often would I have gathered thy children together as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not! Behold, your house is left unto you desolate." (Matt. 23:37). Jerusalem was utterly destroyed. Why? Because they had continually refused to heed the call: "Come unto me, . . . and I will give you rest." "All day long have I stretched out my hands unto a disobedient and gainsaying people." To some who rejected him, he said plainly that it would be more tolerable for Sodom and Gomorrah in the day of judgment than for them. Why? Because they failed and refused to heed the calling.

Down through the ages, since he opened up the fountain for lost men, he has called them to repentance. He died on that cruel cross and finished the plan of salvation, thereby offering life to all. He is now at the right hand of God, there to make intercession for us that we may truly come, that we may partake of eternal life. Those bleeding hands are extended to all, "Come." He is calling, pleading, "Come; oh, why will ye die?" Still it is all unheeded by the masses.

It seems I can almost hear him saying today, "Oh, ye people of earth, ye people of earth, how often would I have gathered you together under my wing and ye would not! Behold, your countries are left unto you desolate, and you shall bring on yourselves swift destruction." Why? Down through the years you have turned from God and righteousness, and have run after greed and gain and earthly power. His call has been unheeded, and his pleadings refused. Down through the ages, since our Saviour uttered on that cruel cross, "It is finished," the call has been a call of love and mercy: "Come, why will ye die?" Yet the masses of mankind continue to turn from the offered mercy and go after the things of earth, that they may fulfill the lust of the flesh. Unheeding the heavenly call, they choose eternal death.

But hear, oh, ye peoples of earth, without doubt we are fast approaching and have almost arrived at the time when another and final call from the voice of God will sound. That call all mankind will answer, all who have ever lived; yea, one and all will obey that call; none will fail to come. In Acts 17: 30, 31, we read, "And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where

to repent; because he hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom he hath ordained." Remember, God hath appointed that day, and surely old Time has almost filled up her ages, and that day is near at hand, and none will be able to escape that call. John 5:28, 29, "Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice. And shall come forth [None will neglect or reject it then. At that call all will come.] they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation." Again in Rev. 20:11-13, we read, "And I saw a great white throne [Remember this call comes from the throne.] and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them [This does not sound like a Millennium.]. And I saw the dead, small and great stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of the things which were written in the books, according to their works. And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works."

Dear people, we shall all be there. The ones who drove the nails in Jesus' hands and feet, the one who pierced his side, all who have derided and neglected him, yea, all who have failed to love and obey him--all will be there. Many will be there who have once known him and have been stars of light in his kingdom to whom he has intrusted the word of truth, but who have departed from the faith, leaving the simplicity of the gospel, having loved this present world, and are now making a great outward show, even supposing that gain is godliness--and, sad to say, many are following their ungodly ways. Oh, how sad when such hear this final call! It will then be too late to pray, too late to flee from the fallen worldly thing, and all her show and pomp will flee away from Him that sitteth on the throne.

Once more I plead and pray, oh souls, hear the call of mercy while there is still time. May God awaken precious souls, is my prayer. —Sam Wilson

A Message for the Ministry

As the church, we are servants of the public to represent Jesus Christ unto the world. "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new. And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ--and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation; To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation. Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God." 2 Cor. 5:17-20. Christ said,

"I am meek and lowly in heart." Matt. 11:28-30.

The ministers of this faith must in spirit be willing to be governed by the instructions given us in the following Scriptures: "This is a true saying. If a man desire the office of a bishop, he desireth a good work." 1 Tim. 3:1. "For this cause left I thee in Crete, that thou shouldest set in order the things that are wanting, and ordain elders in every city, as I had appointed thee: If any be blameless, the husband of one wife, having faithful children not accused of riot or unruly. For a bishop must be blameless, as the steward of God; not selfwilled, not soon angry, not given to wine, no striker, not given to filthy lucre; But a lover of hospitality, a lover of good men, sober, just, holy, temperate; holding fast the faithful word as he hath been taught, that he may be able by sound doctrine both to exhort and to convince the gainsayers." Titus 1:5-9. "Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood. For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock. Also of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them. Therefore watch, and remember, that by the space of three years I ceased not to warn every one night and day with tears." Acts 20:28-31. "The elders which are among you I exhort, who am also an elder, and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and also a partaker of the glory that shall be revealed: Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind; neither as being lords over God's heritage, but being ensamples to the flock. And when the chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away." 1 Peter 5:1-4. "Flee also youthful lusts: but follow righteousness, faith, charity, peace, with them that call on the Lord out of a pure heart. But foolish and unlearned questions avoid, knowing that they do gender strifes. 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." 2 Tim. 2:22-26. The sum of the teaching is that the ministers must have the meek gentle spirit of Christ and follow righteousness, faith, charity, and peace with patience and meekness preaching the Word and instructing those who oppose themselves. But those who will not obey this law, or these instructions, we are instructed to avoid and reject because they serve not Christ, neither are they true ambassadors for him. "Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned, and avoid them, for they that are such serve not our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly; and by good words and fair speeches deceive the hearts of the simple." Rom. 16:17, 18. "A man that is an heretick after the first and second admonition reject; knowing that he that is such is subverted, and sinneth, being condemned of himself," Titus 3:10, 11. —Ray Key.

The Time of the Gentiles is Fulfilled

I have been so aroused by the many statements which I have read and the much talk I have heard regarding the "time of the Gentiles" being fulfilled, that I feel constrained to write regarding this matter according to the light and understanding which I have. The statement is made in the twenty-first chapter of Luke, closely following the description of the destruction of Jerusalem, which occurred A. D. 70. (Verse 24), "And Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled."

Note that at this time ancient Jerusalem, the shadow, had met the substance, and the shadow had faded from the picture.

"O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, how often would I have gathered thy children together, as a hen doth gather her brood under her wings, and ye would not! Behold, your house is left unto you desolate." (Luke 13: 34, 35). Now read Rev 11:2, "There was given me a reed like unto a rod; and the angel stood, saying, Rise, and measure the temple of God, and the altar, and them that worship therein. But the court which is without the temple leave out, and measure it not; for it is given unto the Gentiles and the holy city shall they tread under foot forty and two months."

"Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles" (Luke 21:24). "And the holy city shall they tread under foot" (Rev. 11:2). These statements are one and the same. Each have reference to the heavenly Jerusalem, the general assembly and church of the First Born (Heb. 12:22, 23), which the Gentiles had covered up with human traditions and doctrines of men as early as A. D. 270, just 200 years after the shadow had been destroyed. Note how long it was to be trodden under foot: "forty and two months." This, reduced to days, is 1260 days, the same time the two witnesses were to testify in sackcloth (a thousand two hundred and three score days); the time the first beast was to continue as in Rev 13 (forty and two months); the time the church was to be fed in the wilderness. Measuring these days according to the prophetic way of measuring it—a day for a year—brings us to 1530, the year Luther threw off the yoke of Catholicism, the Gentile church ending the time of the Gentiles. The time of the Gentiles was fulfilled so far as their universal sway over the souls of men was concerned, and souls began to be born into the family of God again.

Historically speaking, Gentiles were all types and races of people who were not of Jewish descent or who had not become a proselyte to the Jewish religion; but spiritually speaking, a Gentile is one who has not been born into the kingdom of God by a spiritual birth. The thought that the "time of the Gentiles" being fulfilled means that there will come a time when God will no longer offer salvation to Gentiles in the flesh might not be so obnoxious to me if it had not been for the many crooked theories that go hand in hand with the idea. Usually the advocates

of this theory refer to Paul's statement in Rom. 11:28, "And so all Israel shall be saved." Then they mention the condition of Palestine and declare that the Jews are now gathering back to Jerusalem, and that the Lord is going to establish his headquarters there when he comes back again that he may reign over the literal earth for a thousand years. To that I would have no objections, if it were God's plan but that doctrine was hatched in the regions of darkness to induce people to delay their return to God, and still have a hope that all will be made right in the thousand years' reign.

The facts are: there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek, "For the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him" (Rom. 10:12). "For he is not a Jew, which is one outwardly; neither is that circumcision, which is outward in the flesh: but he is a Jew, which is one inwardly" (Rom. 2: 28, 29). "There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus" (Gal. 3:28). "Know ye therefore that they which are of faith, the same are the children of Abraham" (verse 7). Jesus said "Think not to say within yourselves, we have Abraham to our father: for I say unto you, that God is able of these stones to raise up children unto Abraham" (Matt. 3:9). "They answered and said unto him, Abraham is our father. . . . Jesus said, unto them, If ye were Abraham's children, ye would do the works of Abraham." So the quotation: "All Israel shall be saved," has reference to all the spiritual Israel, or Abraham's children by faith.

There is another heresy abroad in the land connected with this idea. Matt. 25:31-46 mentions the fact that all nations are to be gathered before the Lord when he sits upon the throne of his glory and he will separate them one from another. They say he will set the good nations on the right side and the bad on the left, dividing them as nations; but God is not dealing with nations as a whole, but as individuals. "In those days [these days] they shall say no more. The fathers have eaten a sour grape, and the children's teeth are set on edge. But every one shall die for his own iniquity: every man that eateth the sour grape, his teeth shall be set on edge." (Jer. 31:29, 30). "What mean ye that ye use this proverb concerning the land of Israel, saying, The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge? As I live, saith the Lord God, Ye shall not have occasion any more to use this proverb in Israel. Behold, all souls are mine, as the soul of the father, so also the soul of the son is mine: the soul that sinneth, it shall die." (Ezek. 18:2-4.)

God deals with us as individuals, and there will never be a time that Gentiles and Jews alike cannot be saved until Jesus leaves his mediatorial throne. Then there will be no salvation for any one.

I pray God to open the understanding of all lovers of the truth and fortify them against all false doctrines and strengthen the confidence of all that the door of mercy is still open to all who will be saved.

—Geo. Peek.

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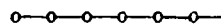
Washington—I can say of a truth that I am saved and sanctified and happy in the Lord, for which I praise God. For over six years I have been badly afflicted, getting help from the Lord many times, especially in relief of pain, but lately I have been unable to walk without leaning on something, and not much that way because of a weak heart and arthritis. I have failed to get healing because of going by feeling instead of resting on God's Word, but now I have had my husband, who is an elder, pray for me according to James 5:14-16, and by the help of the Lord, I shall testify to the world that I am healed whether I feel like it or not. I know Satan will try to defeat me, but I also know that God is almighty and will defeat the devil if I resist him in Jesus' name. He says he will in James 4:7.

God's Word says: "Surely he hath borne our griefs, [Heb., sicknesses] and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed." Isa. 53:4, 5. Peter repeats it in 1 Peter 2:24. Pray for me that my faith fail not.

Mrs. W. J. Baldwin.

Editorials

Insomuch as John says, "We know that we have passed from death unto life," and "the whole world lieth in wickedness;" we want to exhort the saints everywhere to not conform to the perishable world in speech (slang, blasphemous words, etc.), fashions and fads, selfish greed and gain; but rather obey the Scripture which reads, "Be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect will of God." Rom. 12:2.



The campmeetings will soon begin to be held in different places over the country, as advertised in this paper. Tell your friends about these meetings and encourage them to attend. Your soul and the souls of your neighbors should be your greatest concern in this time-world, which is to perish with the using. Campmeeting is a good place to get saved, healed of bodily afflictions, and a good place to enjoy the heavenly fellowship of precious souls ransomed back to God by the precious, out-poured blood of the Lamb of God.

As in previous years, there will be no "Faith and Victory" paper issued for August. We do not plan to do any printing during the month of July and the first half of the month of August. During that time the workers will be in campmeetings and working for the Lord in other ways.

The Sunday School lessons for August will be printed and mailed to those who get Sunday School rolls. It will be necessary for you who get only a single copy of the paper each month to write to us and request one of these leaflets if you desire one. Be sure to give us your name and address with the request.

Wife and one helper will be here at the office to answer letters and to mail out tract orders and to attend to necessary work while we are away.

Pray for us and the workers, as we expect to be busy for the Lord in campmeetings and in handing out tracts and papers through the country. A car load of us are expecting to attend the Hammond, La. campmeeting, then to go on to the Kalamazoo, Mich. campmeeting, from there to the national campmeeting at Monark Springs, Neosho, Mo., and then be home here in Guthrie, for the Oklahoma State Campmeeting. These plans are all subject to God's continual approval as we are "His purchased possession" and are not our own. We gladly give him a perfect right to change or re-arrange at His pleasure. Pray that we keep in His will continually.

You can write to me at the different campmeetings while they are in progress. Address me in care of the parties whose names and addresses appear in campmeeting notices in the "Faith and Victory."



The brethren who are building the new dining hall here in Guthrie are now putting the roof on the building and are expecting to get it ready for use in the coming campmeeting this summer. We are look-

ing forward to a glorious campmeeting and a much larger attendance than usual, and are expecting God to work in a mighty way to the saving of precious souls. Come one and all.

Obituaries

David Lawrence Poarch was born Feb. 17, 1855 at Lewisburg, Marshall County, Tenn. and departed this life May 29, 1946 at the age of 91 years, 3 months, and 11 days. He was married to Mary Elizabeth Dodd, June 7, 1882. Six children were born to this union. One son, William Thomas preceded him in death in 1901 at the age of 14 years. Mrs. Poarch, his wife, departed this life Feb. 5, 1945. The family moved to Oklahoma about 1923.

Mr. Poarch is survived by two sons: David M. and Tell of Crescent, Okla.; three daughters, Mrs. Rosa Keele and Mrs. Nora Tucker of Crescent, and Mrs. Lillie Claunch of Marshall, Okla.; 29 grandchildren; 38 great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; one brother of Pulaski, Tenn.; and a number of other relatives and a host of friends.

Funeral service was conducted by Fred Pruitt at the Yenster Funeral Home at Crescent, Okla. Interment: Cemetery two miles east of Crescent. Text: Psalm 90:12.

Jessie Ann Broom was born March 17, 1891 and departed this life May 21, 1946 at the age of 55 years, two months and four days. She was united in marriage to Sanford Duncan, August 12, 1909 and to this union four children were born.

She leaves to mourn her passing, her children: Mrs. Erma Reed, Canton, Oklahoma, George Duncan, Wichita, Kansas, Mrs. Ruby Creel, Guthrie, Oklahoma, and Lela Duncan of the home; two grandchildren: Ralph Duncan and Stanley Creel; two brothers and a sister; and a host of relatives and friends. She was preceded in death by her parents and her husband who passed away June 16, 1942.

Early in life she accepted the Lord and lived a faithful life unto the end. Her Christian influence was felt by her friends and loved ones.

Funeral services were conducted May 23, by Fred Pruitt at Darnell Funeral Home, Enid, Okla, and at the cemetery west of Meno, Okla. Text: Rev. 12:13.

The following poem was written by the son to his mother while serving in New Guinea in World War II. The last part was added after her death, in memory of Mother.

MOTHER

Way across the ocean blue,
I have a dear Mother true.
I know she prays for me each day,
And she will, while I'm away.
I can see her each morning combing her hair,
Sitting alone in her old rocking chair.
As she sits rocking to and fro,
She is wondering and praying for me I know.
She is a dear old mother,
She's the Queen of my heart;
I'd love to see her tho
We're many miles apart.

While I was over there in that far distant land,
God gave me power to write this poem of "Mother,"
And guided my hand.
Now I'm back and she has gone to a far distant shore—
I know she has gone to the promised land
And entered heaven's door.

Bro. William Maurer has moved from Merrill, Mich. to Elwood, Pa., R. 2, and he desires saints living near him or in the surrounding country to write to him, as he is lonesome for fellowship with God's true children.

We, the saints of God in Gordo, Alabama, will begin an arbor meeting August 9, to continue through two Sundays, Lord willing. Every one is heartily welcomed. We are few in number and must ask that each come prepared to care for self as much as possible.

For further information write to: Brother Geo. Hood, R. 2, Reform, Alabama, or Alex Mullins, R. 4, Box 73, Gordo, Ala.

GUTHRIE BUILDING REPORT

The workers on the dining hall at Guthrie are still faithfully laboring and donating their time to get the building ready for the campmeeting to be held in August. The workers on the building are: Lawrence Sneed of New Mexico, Manly Jones of Colorado, J. B. Trinkle of Indiana, Clyde Stroud of Missouri, and helpers from the local congregation. We pray the Lord to bless each one for his consecrated service to the Lord.

The roof of the two-story cement block building is being put on at present, and if the Lord continues to supply the material needs, the major part of the work will be completed in July. Plumbing and electrical supplies cannot now be obtained in sufficient quantities for the plumbers and electricians to go forward with that part of the work, neither have we been able to secure flooring lumber for the upstairs floor. The Lord has wonderfully answered prayer in supplying the material when it was needed, and we are trusting Him for the future needs.

We have found by actual experience that building is a very expensive proposition these days. However, we are still convinced that the Lord's cause should come first and that the real saints who have God's work at heart will co-operate to the utmost to advance God's kingdom in whatever way possible. This dining hall has been under construction for more than three months, and about \$3,000 has been expended already, and it is estimated that it will require nearly \$2,000 more to finish it inside and out. Soon after starting the building a good brother kindly loaned the saints \$2,000 to use on this building and the trustees promised to return this amount to him by campmeeting time. This loan and the amount needed to finish the building should be made a subject of earnest prayer, and each reader should ask the Lord what He would have them to do about it. Please mail your contributions to Fred Pruitt, Guthrie, Okla., or to George Lounds, 312 N. Phillip, Oklahoma City, Okla.

NATIONAL CAMPGROUND DINING HALL

The latter part of May the workers on the Guthrie building drove to Monark Springs, Mo. and helped Bro. Barton and others pour the concrete foundation for the new dining hall and dormitory to be built on the National campground. If the Lord supplies the help, Bro. Barton intends to start laying the concrete block walls of the building. However, on account of lack of labor, funds, and material, we regret to say that the new dining hall will not be ready for the July campmeeting. The old dining hall will have to be used again this year, and we trust that all the saints will become burdened for the need of the new building and see that it is completed for future meetings.

—L. D. Pruitt, Secy.-Treas.

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.

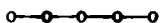
Meals will be served at the dining hall, financed by free-will offerings and contributions of groceries, fruits, and vegetables.

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.

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.

Pray with us for a glorious campmeeting. 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.

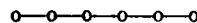
We are looking to the Lord and expecting him to direct those of his holy ministers whom he can use to deliver the truths of the gospel to come, feeling He will direct none here except those He can use to His glory. All come who can, and pray if you cannot come. We feel God's hand on his work and are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



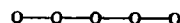
The general Southern campmeeting at Hammond, La. will convene from June 23 to July 8. Hammond is easily reached, located on the I. C. railroad and highways No. 51 and No. 190. The campground is located one mile southwest of the I. C. Depot. God has blessed in these campmeetings for thirty-eight years 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.



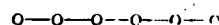
At Tulsa, Oklahoma a campmeeting of the church of God will convene from July 5 to 14, Lord willing. Location: 1517 North Norfolk St., or corner of Pine Place and Norfolk St. Bring bedding and cot straw ticks. Steel army cots may be rented for \$1.00 each. Order cots from Sam Barton, Route 11, Box 119, 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.

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The Boley, Oklahoma campmeeting of the church of God will convene from August 16 to 25th. We are expecting a real Holy Ghost meeting and invite the true ministers of God to come and help us. We also invite the saints and sinners to come and receive the rich blessings of our dear Father. Please bring your bedding, such as, covers, sheets, pillows, etc. Straw will be furnished free.

We earnestly desire your prayers and hearty co-operation. The meeting will be run on the free will plan. Come praying for and expecting a glorious meeting in the name of the Lord. Any food supplies which the Lord may lead you to bring will be thankfully received.

Address: M. J. Phillips, Box 294, Boley, Okla.

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California Campmeeting will convene Aug. 23 to Sept. 1, probably on Pasadena grounds as previously or in Los Angeles chapel, as new camp grounds can not be ready in time for this year.

For further information address: Willa Turner, 105 W. Bellevue, Pasadena, 2, Calif., Ph. Sycamore 22796, or O. B. Wilson, 4204 1/2 Perlita Ave., Los Angeles, 26, Calif., Ph. Ch. 5-1544.

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Hammond, La.—To the dear saints and readers of this paper, Greeting in the name of our blessed Lord and Saviour Christ Jesus, who died on the cross of Calvary that we may live with Him forever,—

We feel it pleasing to God to report some of our activities in his service. Bro. Key, my husband, left home in January to help Bro. Earl Brown in a meeting at Kalamazoo, Mich., where Bro. and Sister E. W. Hilbun (formerly of this state) have resided since last summer, caring for the flock there. From there he went to Bangor, Mich. After spending a few days there he and Bro. Brant, of that place, went to Chicago to hold a meeting with some of the Lord's saints there. They are not many in number, but very precious because their whole desire is to do the Lord's will and lift up the standard, and their labors are being blessed—our labors in the Lord are not in vain. Praise His name! From there, Bro. Brant returned to his home and Bro. Key went to Union City, Ind., feeling very definitely led to go there and hold a meeting. When he arrived he learned the saints there had been praying the Lord to send some one for that purpose, but had not thought of Him sending Bro. Key. The meeting continued over two weeks, during which time his father, Elihu Key of Yorkshire, Ohio, an old pioneer of this reformation, passed to his reward. He also felt burdened to go to Dayton, Ohio, so went, and while there, got sick and came home for a few days. But his burden for that place was so great that he could not rest. He felt he must return, which he did, and started meeting March 31. He wired me to come help him. He wrote to Bro. Pruitt, also, who had also had definite leadings to go there, and Bro. Wm. Pearson of Anderson, Ind. This meeting continued two weeks and several souls claimed to get back to the Lord, and some really got definite help.

While at Dayton, we heard there was great need of ministerial help at Charleston, W. Va. I had thought of returning home, but felt I could not until I first went there. Both of us felt led that way so went April 30th. Bro. Thos. Spour met us at the bus and took us to his home where we met his wife, also Sister Keene and her

daughter, in whose home Bro. and Sister Spour were living temporarily until they could get quarters of their own since their return a few months ago from the state of Washington. They took us around over the city and out of the city to meet saints, dear ones who loved the Lord and hungered for the truth. We met the pastor of a congregation there by the name of Bro. Thomas, who invited us to hold a few services in their meeting house from May 1 to 5 (five services) after which they expected a young evangelist to begin a meeting there, as he had been invited to do so. We really enjoyed those few days with those dear ones, for we saw how readily they responded to the preaching of the Word, and took note that the Lord had a people in that city. We are praying for them, that they walk in the light of the gospel and never turn back, for he that putteth his hand to the plow and looketh back is not fit for the kingdom of heaven. After this, we had another service in Sister Flower's home, and one in the country, then felt we had done all we could for the time being. They spoke of making preparations for a tent meeting to be held in July or August, when the nights are warmer, and invite all their friends and saints out, regardless of race or color. Our hearts go out to these saints, for they have been like sheep without a shepherd for some time. So pray for them, dear ones, and the coming meeting, if God permits it so, for we want to do all in his will and order as we understand. Then we returned to Dayton again where we were in meeting over Sunday, May 12. The next morning I took a train for home and Brother Key stayed behind to continue his labors there and at Union City, Ind. (at the latter place, also, there are a few precious saints) until the Lord leads differently.

We felt the presence of the Lord very near from the time we left for Dayton, Ohio until our return, so are confident we were in his will and order. The Lord prepared my heart for this trip, before I knew I was going, with a real burden of prayer for that place, and a few minutes after I prayed through the telegram came requesting me to go. We are happy in the will and order of God.

There are also some precious saints in this section of the country, scattered over different parts of the state. Our heart has been drawn to them for a number of years. I have been residing in the southern part of this state for over twenty years and at Hammond during a number of these years, living in the parsonage on the campground where several of the old ministers of the past labored, and we just entered into their labors. There are yet a few here who are holding up the shield of faith and putting their hearts into the work, which means their strength and means, too.

We are now looking forward to our coming camp meeting to be held June 28 to July 7, and are trusting the Lord to supply all of our needs and the needs of those coming. God's ministers do not receive a salary for preaching the gospel, neither advertise ahead what they plan to preach, nor when, for the Holy Spirit gives mouth and wisdom for Holy Ghost preaching when he leads. It is our desire to continue in the work of the Lord until He says it is enough, with childlike faith, preaching the common salvation to the common people.

God bless each dear saint everywhere and keep you encouraged to go all the way with Him, for the prize lies at the end of a faithful life. Pray for us. Christian love to all.

Mrs. Ray Key.

"Some people seem to think 'spare the rod and spoil the child' is a command."

Young People's Section

Near the End of Harvest

Dear Lord, hear this prayer of thy servant
Whom you've sent to your harvest so white
To help gather some grain for your garner
Ere it perish by sin's dreadful blight.

I have shrunk from the heat and the labor,
For it often seemed useless to go,
But I view all the grain left to perish
And regret that my steps were so slow.

Now I know that the night is fast falling
And our working hours soon will be o'er—
Grant a little more time, Lord of harvest,
Do not close yet thy granary door.

For in fields that are near to destruction
Is some grain that is dear unto me—
Lord of light, guide my feet through the shadows,
That more grain I may gather for thee.

—Mrs. H. G. Ray

Editorials

As this issue of the paper goes forth, the campmeeting season will have begun, and numbers of young people will be attending various campmeetings. Those who are saved should go for the purpose of receiving spiritual benefits and with a burden to help the unsaved to seek after the Lord. We would especially encourage the isolated young saints to attend some campmeeting this summer, for it is at such meetings that the truth is presented on many subjects which will tend to settle and establish one and keep one out of the numerous deceptions that are abroad in the land.

Timothy was a young man, and the Apostle Paul exhorted him in these words: "Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity." Young saints can be an example, not only for the unbelievers to look upon, but also for the believers, young and old alike.

Sincere, earnest prayer and with a mind to work are the keys to a successful campmeeting. May each one go with a determination by God's grace to "be an example of the believers."

In our reading we found this good advice which we pass on to you: "When any one speaks ill of you, live so that no one will believe it." —L. D. P.

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To all the other young saints, to every one of God's dear young people, we at Guthrie send our love in the name of Jesus. We have thought that since this is the last issue of the paper until September, we should give a little report or sum-up of the Lord's dealings with us and the general activity of the young people here.

Altogether there are sixteen of us; however, we can not remember the time when we have had every one present at the same time at one of our young people's meetings, due to home conditions and some living in the country. We are blessed, we realize that, to have each other—the number of young people that we have. God

has been good to us, too, blessing us together, sometimes just pouring out the fulness of heaven upon us and filling our hearts and souls with a solemn depth of happiness and joy that is unspeakable. Sometimes we have felt those fountains of living water swelling and welling up inside of us, until it seemed they were gushing over. There are times, too, when the devil works hard to throw a damper on the spirituality of the meetings. So many times we have closed our mouths and settled back when we should have spoken the words and thoughts the Lord wanted us to speak. Sometimes we have gone to meeting without praying before hand, expecting some other to pray, some other to speak and take care of the meeting. The Lord forgive our slothfulness and our indifference. We do not want to get into that state of gliding leisurely along, or as the prophet in Proverbs has said, "A little folding of the hands to sleep;" but we want to be stirred and on fire, knowing that the time is come when we, even we the young people, need to be awake and have a firm hold on God.

When we look around us and see the rut the young people of today have fallen into and how so many of the world are living loosely and carelessly, it stirs our hearts to a more earnest walk with the Lord that we may be counted as part of the precious. We thank God that He has chosen us as the object of mercy and divine favor, and that He has set us apart to eternal glory.

We have our regular meeting every Sunday evening at 6:00 o'clock, which gives us an hour and a half before general services begin at 7:30 o'clock. We have a little room, a little addition to the chapel, that was built on for our young people's Sunday school class. We always like to meet in there, for it seems more shut off from disturbances and our seats are so arranged that we can all be seated together.

One Sunday, not so many weeks ago (it was one of those times when the Lord's presence had hovered sweetly close) we had all stood, singing a hymn, closing our little service for it was getting late (we had not turned on the lights and the soft light of twilight diffused the room), and from the back seat looking at these young people my heart soared upwards to God in awe and reverence. I could not help but whisper to the one standing by me, "Isn't this a pretty picture?" I did not have to explain what, for they understood. Young lives and young hearts given to the Lord is a blessing to this lost world—of great value and without price.

Hyrum Ray, one of our boys, was released from the C. P. S. May 27, having spent three years, five months and six days in government service. We recently had word of Clifford Wilson in Iowa, who worked here at the printing office some months just before being inducted, telling us that he had received his discharge May 29. He served three years. Clark Porter, jr., is expecting to be released any day now. He has taken one examination for discharge and is waiting to hear word that he may leave the camp at Terry, Mont. any time before the month of June closes.

These boys, and perhaps more of whom we do not know, have suffered reproach and have been slandered for taking the stand they have. It was no easy way for them. It called for sacrifice and a dying-out, but God was faithful who called them. Now, the Lord has kept
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THE TRUE VINE AND FALSE VINES

In the first verse of the fifteenth chapter of John's gospel Jesus says, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman." Jesus would have been guilty of using idle words if there had been no false vines; so we know if he is the true vine, there are false vines. In the gospels Jesus quite often spoke of false prophets and false teachers, men coming in sheep's clothing and some saying, "Here is Christ," and "Lo, there is Christ;" but he warns us to not be deceived.

In the fifth verse he says, "I am the vine, ye are the branches: he that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit." From this statement it is plain to see that every saved person who retains the Spirit of Christ in the soul is a branch in the vine (Christ) or a member in his body, the church. "If a man abide^{not} in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned." (verse 6.)

As there are many false prophets and false teachers in the world who have false vines (churches) that will be burned and destroyed, it is easy to see how a branch (a saved soul) that ceases to abide in the true vine (Christ) will become withered and men will gather them into their false vines and they will in time be burned or destroyed with the other false vines (religions). In the chart or diagram you will notice that the true vine is rooted in God and in heaven, but the false vines are rooted in Satan and in the earth, yet both are flourishing in the world and have their life here. In John 17:14, 15 Jesus prayed for his disciples who were branches in the true Vine, "I have given them thy word; and the world hath hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil."

In the third chapter of John's gospel, Jesus says, "Ye must be born again." In the margin it says, "From above." A soul that is truly born again is born from above, and has a life coming down into it from above, from God and from heaven, and it is not of this world any more than Jesus and his disciples were of this world. He did not pray for the Father to take His people out of the world but to keep them from the evil. We who are truly born again are in the world where all these false religions are, but we do not partake of them, and the Spirit of God keeps us from all these evils; therefore we are not of the world but of heaven.

Jesus met with the false religions of his day, and they hated him because he told them the truth. False religions and false teachers and prophets will not receive all the truth, and they will array themselves against the true ministers of God, who are not of this world but are from above. Jesus told the false teachers in his day, "Ye are from beneath: I am from

above: Ye are of this world; I am not of this world." John 8:23.

The present-day religions are nearly all of this world and are drawing their substance from the earth, are from beneath, are of this world, and will not receive all the truth but just that which suits them to hold up their false religions. They can mix with and draw support from the world, and at the same time claim to be following Christ and leading souls to heaven.

It is remarkable to note the comparison of Jesus and false religions in his day, and the branches in the true Vine today and the false vines. In Jesus' time the false teachers and prophets claimed Abraham as their father and owned and worshipped God, but at the same time they reviled and hated Jesus who was the true God manifested in the flesh. Present-day false teachers and prophets claim God as their Father and Jesus Christ as their Saviour, but at the same time they hate and resist the true Vine in the world today that comes down from God out of heaven and brings all of the real truth to men. Often they will brand the branches of the true vine as fanatical and legalistic people, narrow minded and such like, in order to justify themselves before men in their attachments to the world. James says that the world is the enemy of God. "Whosoever will be a friend to the world is the enemy of God." We love the souls of men but not the spirit of the world in which they move. Those who are Christ's, or pretend to be, and conform to the world in different ways, are showing themselves to be friends of the world, which is the enemy of God. Read James 4:4 and also I John 2:15, 16.

Some one may ask, "How is it that these ministers in the different man-made religions have so much light, and preach so many right things, and many of them seem so nice and pious?" Jesus witnessed that they were such in his day, and said that they were like "whited sepulchres, which indeed appear beautiful outward, but are within full of dead men's bones, and of all uncleanness." Matt. 23:27. False teachers have the appearance of the true, but they have poison doctrines back of it that will defile the soul if believed and practiced, and will cause folks to be of the world and not from above. In Luke 11:44 Jesus said to them, "Ye are as graves that appear not." In other words, he was telling them that they appeared to be much alive in the things of God, but at the same time their end was death, as their beliefs and practices showed them to be dead in their souls as far as real truth was concerned.

Paul, in 2 Cor. 11:13-15, tells us very plainly what false teachers are and why they become such: "For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ. And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an

angel of light [knows the truth about a lot of spiritual things]. Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; "whose end shall be according to their works."

Some one may ask, "Why is it that many who once had the truth are now in this class, and are partakers of the world with other false religions?" For an answer to this question read 2 Thess. 2:10, 11, "Because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved, and for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: that they all might be damned who believe not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness." These people did not continue to love the truth, but began to love the world and conform to it, and became withered branches. God sent them strong delusion, so that they went right on preaching and claimed to follow Christ, becoming more and more like other false religions, and partaking of nearly all manner of worldliness. Thus they became the enemies of the cross of Christ.

In the chart you will notice Catholicism and her harlot daughters (Rev. 17:5) pictured as false vines coming out of the earth, and they are very prominent in the world. You will also notice on the other side of the "true Vine" more false vines coming out of the earth and of Satan, and in the world. These represent the three unclean spirits like frogs which have come out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet. "For they are the spirits of devils, working miracles, which go forth unto the kings of the earth [Kings here mean ministers that have wide influence, swaying the multitudes into false doctrines and ruling over them, spiritually speaking. They are kings of the earth and not from above. They draw their substance from the earth and Satan, and are, spiritually speaking, as angels of light, transformed into preachers of righteousness—as they preach many right things.] and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of, that great day of God Almighty." Read Rev. 16:14, 15.

The true Vine in the picture represents the family of God that is in the world but not of the world. It is not of the multitude of false religions, but is separated unto God and set apart from all the religious rabble. It does not love the world or the things in the world, but it has its affections on things above where Christ sitteth at the right hand of the Father. In the Scriptures it is symbolized as Jerusalem which is above and free from the world, which is the mother of us all (Gal. 4:26); and also symbolized as, "New Jerusalem" (Read Rev. 3:12 and also Rev. 21:2). It is also termed "the bride, the Lamb's wife," for when one is saved he is symbolized as being married to the Lord (Read Romans 7:4). You will notice that John saw the holy city (which symbolizes the holy children of God) the New Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven prepared as a bride adorned for her husband (Rev. 21:2). Also, notice that the true Vine is come down from God out of

heaven and this is symbolized as the New Jerusalem, the people of God that are born from above. They are in the world but not of the world. They draw their power, strength, wisdom, and righteousness from above and bear the fruits of the Spirit in the world, to the glory of God. Souls that are born from above are all made new in Christ Jesus, old things have passed away and all things have become new. They do not walk according to the course of this world any more, do not fellowship the multitude of false religions in and of the world.

Rev. 21:10 is a description of what John saw, when he was shown the bride, the Lamb's wife, "And he carried me away in the spirit to a great and high mountain and shewed me that great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God." The children of God are often termed as on a mountain, and a mountain. Read Isaiah 2:2, 3; also, read in Ezekiel 43:12, "Upon the top of the mountain the whole limit thereof around about shall be most holy."

We shall now show you that John also saw the fallen church, the multitude of earthly religions that surround us in the world today which he called "Mystery Babylon the Great, the mother of harlots and abomination of the earth." Notice, these things are of the earth and not from above. Read Rev. 17:5.

Let us begin reading at the first verse of the 17th chapter of Revelation, "And there came one of the seven angels which had the seven vials, and talked with me, saying unto me, Come hither; I will shew unto thee the judgment of the great whore [Mystery Babylon the great and her harlot daughters] that sitteth upon many waters." Waters here symbolize people. You will get the definition out of the 15th verse of this chapter. This great mystery of false religion is resting on the people and they are supporting her, are in bondage to her and become idol worshippers. In the 2nd verse it says, "With whom the kings of the earth have committed fornication." The kings of the earth are these great preachers that sway the people such as popular radio preachers, pulpit preachers, and editors. You notice it says, "Kings of the earth." They are not of heaven although they claim to be of God and to worship him and claim Jesus as their Saviour. They are of earth and rule over men, spiritually speaking, and commit fornication with the harlot daughters of Babylon. They acknowledge them, conform to the world as they do, and get their converts into the family of some harlot daughter, and in that way commit fornication with the whore that sitteth upon many waters. All ministers, radio preachers, and editors that call themselves interdenominational are committing fornication with the harlot daughters of Babylon whether they realize it or not. This verse reads on, "And the inhabitants of the earth [You notice it says "earth," which would leave the true children of God out as they are from above] have been made drunk with the wine of her fornication." In other words, they drink of her doctrines, imbibe them and are spiritually intoxicated, being partakers with her in her fornication and are conformed more or less to the world, as all the

false religions are which are of "Mystery Babylon, the great."

The third verse reads thus, "So he carried me away in the spirit into the wilderness." You will notice the contrast between the scene of the bride, the Lamb's wife, and the scene of Mystery Babylon the great and her harlot daughters. In the one he was carried to a great and high mountain to see the bride, the Lamb's wife; but here he is carried into the wilderness, which symbolizes a wild, unattended place where many evil things grow and some good things which have no husbandman to dress them, to purge them and cause them to bear acceptable fruit unto God or to keep them from the world and the intoxicating wine of Mystery Babylon and her harlot daughters. In order to see this Mystery Babylon the great, the mother of harlots and abominations of the earth, it was needful to go into a wilderness place not inhabited, not cultivated, or tended by the true God.

When I mentioned wilderness where John was carried to see the "MYSTERY BABYLON THE GREAT AND HER HARLOT DAUGHTERS" and said that some good things grew there, I meant by that that there are some of God's people in these places who are sincere and living up to all the light they have, but God in these last days is calling them out of those places to separate them from the world and its religions and abide in the true Vine alone to fully glorify God. This is clearly taught by Jesus in the parables he uttered and recorded in the 13th chapter of Matt. and the 24th verse. In the 36th verse of the same chapter the disciples asked him to declare unto them the parable of the tares of the field and he said, "He that soweth the good seed is the Son of man: The field is the world: The good seed are the children of the kingdom; but the tares are the children of the wicked one: The enemy that sowed them is the devil: The harvest is the end of the world [We are now living in the end of the world] and the reapers are the angels [messengers or true ministers]: As therefore the tares are gathered and burned in the fires; so shall it be in the end of this world. The Son of man shall send forth his angels [true ministers], and they shall gather out of his kingdom all things that offend, and them which do iniquity; And shall cast them into a furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth. [After this is done] Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their father. Who hath ears to hear, let him hear." In other words, if your spiritual ears are open to receive truth, hear it and do it. Those who will not hear his angels or true ministers and come out of these worldly churches will be gathered for the burning, for in these last days the righteous are going to shine forth as the sun in his kingdom. The three unclean spirits like frogs spoken of in the 13th verse of the 16th chapter of Rev. are now working among the three great spiritual powers which are in the world and are deceiving them and are gathering them together against the righteous and in the end the whole army of them shall be burned

as recorded in the 20th chapter of Rev. and the 9th verse.

God is, and has been for some time, calling the righteous out of these man-made, worldly religions to abide in the true Vine and shine as the sun in His kingdom, thereby escaping the burning.

In 2 Cor. 6:14, it is written, "Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers" because a child of God could not have good fellowship there. Notice verse 17: "Wherefore, come out from among them, and be ye separate saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing: and I will receive you, and will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty."

In Rev. 18:1 it is recorded that John saw an angel come down from heaven, having great power, and the earth was lightened with his glory. "And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, Babylon the Great is fallen [the whole system of false religion], is fallen, and is become an habitation of devils [These unclean spirits like frogs are termed "Spirits of devils working miracles" and you will find many miracles being done in these false religions today which helps to deceive the people] and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird." Many of them in there possess a hateful bird nature although having a nice outside appearance.

In the fourth verse we read again, "And I heard another voice from heaven saying, Come out of her my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues." The children of God that are in these earthly religions are partaking of their sins and if they do not come out will receive of her plagues and be burned in the end.

In reading the 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th verses you will find that these false religions are symbolized as a woman sitting on a scarlet colored beast. To the natural man (the earthly part of man), she looks beautiful. Even when John saw her he said he wondered with great admiration. This is a solemn warning to us here in the world to not be carried away with dazzling, showy religions but to keep on loving the self-denying, crucified way, bearing the reproach of the cross with Christ and the apostles. Paul, in speaking of the cross of the Lord Jesus Christ, says, "By whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world" Gal. 6:14.

The religious world of today is in great darkness and the wicked one is gathering his hosts to crush out and wither the few remaining true branches in the Vine for Atheism is on the increase and new and simey religions are springing up to deceive and decoy the elect of God, if possible.

In the 16th chapter of Rev. we read, "And the sixth angel poured out his vial upon the great river Euphrates; and the water thereof was dried up, that the way of the kings of the east might be prepared." This drying of the great river Euphrates has already taken place and the kings of the east which are spiritually speaking, earthly in nature, are flooding this country with their atheistic doctrines. The inhabi-

tants, having been made drunk on the wine of Mystery Babylon and her harlot daughters, are ripe to take up with those damnable doctrines.

Symbolically speaking, the great river, Euphrates could be easily termed barriers and hindrances to the spreading of the damnable doctrines of these spiritual kings. In these last days of the fast flying airplanes these hindrances are practically removed and evil workers can contact any part of any country in a short time and poison those who are ripe for deception.

Smith's Bible dictionary says that the word, "Euphrates" means, "Good and abounding." The Euphrates being dried up would symbolize the dried up spiritual condition of people's hearts. When one's soul is filling up on good things from heaven and abounding in his love and graces it would hinder and bar out these spiritual earthly kings from sowing their poison seed in his soul. In John 7:37, 38, we read, "If any man thirst, let him come unto me and drink. He that believeth on me, as the Scriptures hath said, out of his belly [inner most being] shall flow rivers of living water." If this river of the water of life is not springing up in the soul, or is becoming dried up, then the soul is ripening up and is ripe for the reception of the poison seed of the spiritual earthly kings of the east and all manner of other false doctrines. When we note the great amount of dead, formal worship in this land of ours and so many of them drunk on the wine of Babylon with conformity to the world and its ways, we know that, symbolically speaking, the Euphrates is dried up, for the stream of salvation has ceased to flow down into their hearts from heaven. Therefore the ways of the kings of the east has been prepared.

Church federation is growing in this country and they are calling it the one great church of God. A clipping from a newspaper reads as follows, "New York, May 14, AP, The Right Rev. William T. Manning, Episcopal bishop of New York, called today for the 'reunion of all Christians, both Catholic and Protestant, in one great Church of God.

" 'The day in which we are living calls for the Christian church all over the world to a new awakening,' he said in a speech prepared for the one hundred and sixty-third convention of the diocese of New York. 'But in this great day of need and opportunity the Christian church stands with its witness weakened and its message confused and obscured by its own differences and divisions.

" 'More than ever today, when the whole world is one, we must think of Christian unity in its world-wide meaning. Christian unity means the reunion of all of us, all who are baptized into Christ and can accept him as God and Saviour. Christian unity means the reunion of all Christians both Catholic and Protestant, in the one great church of God.' "

To the nominal Christian, who is void of the Spirit of God, such talk would sound good and reasonable and it would be reasonable and in harmony with God's word if it could be that all these world religions were of God, but when those who are attached to the

true Vine and have wisdom and counsel from ~~above~~ see these things coming together they see deeper than the surface and realize that it is Satanic powers moving the religious people of earth together in time to be solid enemies of the children of God who are from above to fulfill the prophecies of the Scriptures.

In Rev. 20:7-9 we read where Satan shall be loosed out of his prison and shall go out to deceive the nations which are in the four quarters of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle: the number of whom is as the sand of the sea.

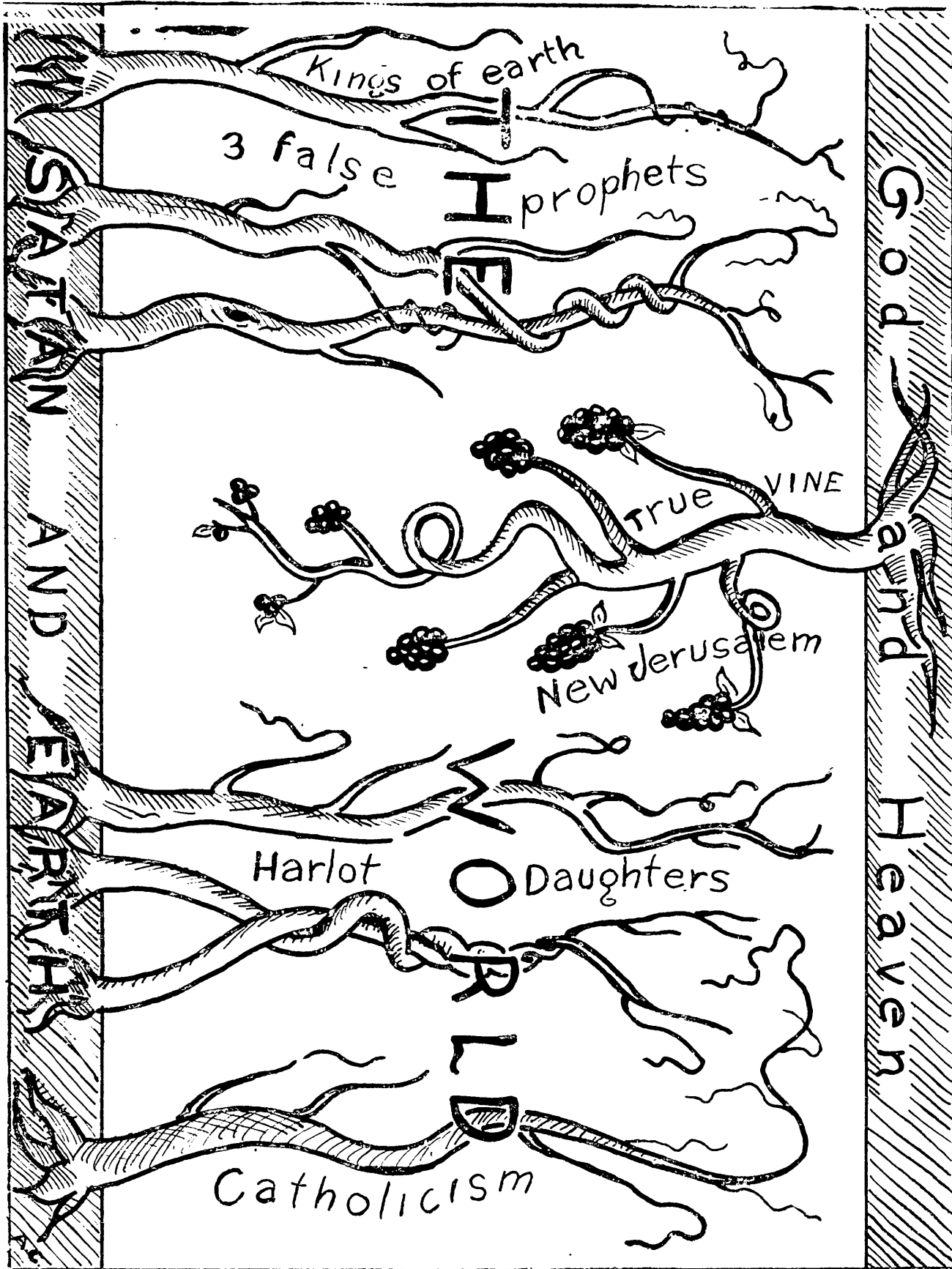
Gog is a term used for Catholicism and Magog denotes all the harlot daughters or the present-day denominations. It reads, "Went out to deceive the nations."

God's people are referred to as "An holy nation" I Peter 2:9. These denominations (different harlot daughters) are unholy nations; and Satan has gone out to deceive them into evil works that they have perhaps never thought of doing before as nations. Most of them will not know about the awful wicked deeds ahead until they are right upon them and then will be forced to be a partaker with them.

Satan here represents the Pagan power the old Dragon that persecuted the saints in the morning church. Now he is being loosed a little season and in different forms and manners he is deceiving the earthly religious people. You can read about this Satanic power which is called the old serpent, the devil and Satan in the 2nd verse of the 20th chapter of Rev. and again in the 12th chapter of Rev. and the 9th verse. This same Pagan power or Dragon is deceiving many religious people into Communism. He is using the word communism as a cloak, as it is not a bad meaning word but the spirit of atheism is hid under it. Some may say that Catholicism is opposed to Communism and it is so, as a general thing, but many of her subjects are in it now and as time goes on many more will be deceived into the thing along with the host of the "Magog" family, and when their power becomes strong enough to overthrow the government the rest will be forced to serve the purpose and ends of this mighty power that is fulfilling prophecy.

In the 9th verse of the 20th chapter of Rev. we find a great comfort to the true saints of God who will be persecuted by this Satanic power and many will be killed and slain but God will fight our battles for us and will send down fire from heaven and devour them. While they and the world and all things therein are being burned up and the souls of the wicked will be cast into hell fire where the worm dieth not and the fire is never quenched, the righteous will be caught up to meet the Lord in the air and so shall they ever be with the Lord. The victory belongeth to the saints of the Most High and they shall possess the kingdom forever and forever. Blessed be the name of our great King, the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ who is worthy of all praise and honor and glory.

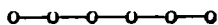
—Fred Pruitt



them and brought them home again. All of you young saints remember them in prayer that they will stand true and that they will not forget the things they learned while in the furnace, and that they will not lose the ground they have gained while being tried.

The Lord bless his young saints everywhere and keep your hearts encouraged and your lives pure. We at Guthrie mean to sink down into those deeper depths.

—G. C.



Calif.—Dear young saints,—I thank the Lord for what he has done for me. Our wonderful Saviour is great. I cannot turn back because I know that I would be in danger without the Saviour. I promised to go all the way, and I cannot break that vow. The way is so plain that a fool shall not err. I can witness for the Lord to now he works with his saints. He will not forsake you. Please pray for me that I may overcome all the works of the devil. If all the young people could realize how great the Lord is, they would not be one minute without him. He has shown me some great things which are coming to pass. It pays us all to be on our watch.

Dear ones, let us all be up and doing for the Lord.

May God bless all.

Wesley Smith

Oklahoma—Dear saints,—I hardly know how to commence this letter, however I'll try to be brief in the few words I have to say.

I have been discharged from service about six months. While in the war service I picked up habits and at times I am so nervous I hardly know what to do. I don't feel satisfied with anything I try to do or be. I am asking you very kindly to pray for me that God will save me before it is everlastingly too late. I want to be saved from all sinful things.

Elijah Randles

W. Va.—Dear saints,—I am very glad to testify for my Saviour and His power to save, sanctify, and heal. I was seven years old when God saved me and later sanctified me. I am sixteen years old now, and He still abides.

Two times I was very ill, nigh unto death, with scarlet fever and pneumonia fever. The Lord healed me. Then I had a bad case of typhoid fever. The Lord heard and answered prayer again and healed me—to God be all the glory. I feel I will preach the gospel some day. I want all of you to pray for me that I will obey God. Pray for my mother who is ill, that God will heal her. She has T. B. She was a preacher before her illness.

The "Faith and Victory" paper has been a blessing to Mother and me. I am praying for God's blessings to rest upon his work.

Betty Burge

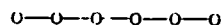
CORRESPONDENCE

Dear saints everywhere,—Greetings in Jesus' dear name. I love the Lord with all my heart. I am made to realize that all we need in this journey of life, we find in Him. Bless His name. He has done more for me than human hands could ever do. I had suffered with a sinus affliction for a number of years until it had the past four years become chronic. I could neither breathe normally nor smell. The place under my eyes would be so sore many times I could scarcely wash my face. My ears were affected with a terrible itching inside and would often become sore and abscessed, causing much pain and head aches. Doctors say this condition can not be cured, although operations can give temporary relief. My friends and loved ones suggested doctors, clinics, and treatments of various kinds, to which I

would reply, "The Lord will heal me without any treatments or operations when He sees fit." I suffered much persecution over this matter, for it caused attacks of sickness lasting from several days to several weeks, and I lost in weight and grew thin and pale. Never-the-less I never for one moment lost faith in God. I have trusted Him for eight years through every sickness and affliction that fastened onto my body and I have felt his healing touch, oh, so many times when pain and sickness would go and strength and vigor would return in its stead. I knew in my heart that if I proved true to God and did those things pleasing in his sight he would completely heal this deep-seated trouble. I am praising him this morning because the work is done. During a recent spell of prolonged sickness which brought me to bed for many days, my friends and loved ones thought I would die and insisted I must get a doctor or do something. I remained firm in my decision to stay with God and trust him to the end, for I remembered that he said, "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world."

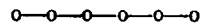
I want to thank the dear saints who prayed for me, for many, indeed, were the prayers which went up to God in my behalf. Now we can rejoice together, for the work is done. I scarcely know when it took place, but one thing I do know: that those large obstructions that filled my nose for four long years and four months are completely gone. I can breathe normally and smell. My face is no longer sore and my ears give me no trouble at all. What a mighty God we serve! I expect, by His grace, to serve him all the rest of my days. Remember that he said in 1 Pet. 5:10: "But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered awhile, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you." Pray for me.

Armilda Abbott



Texas—I would like to write a few words for the good Lord. I truly thank him for his kind mercies toward me and my family. We have many worldly temptations in this life, but realize they amount to so little compared to everlasting punishment. I have many loved ones in sin and pray that the Lord will wake them up to the fact that they need to be saved. Pray for me and my family.

Mrs. Chesna Walton.



Ohio—To the saints scattered abroad, greeting.—I am saved from all sin and walking in the light of the Lord. I thank the Lord that he encourages my soul to follow closely by his side. I thank him for the many times he has healed me and for his love and protecting care.

I started to make a trip one day, but changed my mind. The train on which I would have ridden was wrecked and part of it went into the river. How much I did thank God for causing me to change my mind! Truly God is a refuge from all trouble.

At another time while I was railroading, I got a fall from a high place, and the mercy of God was so great in my case that I landed on my feet just as though I had stepped down from a low place to where I landed. The men standing by declared I must be hurt, for they knew what a great distance I had fallen. From this fall, the report went out to Oklahoma and to my people in Calif. that I was killed in the railroad shop, but I was not hurt at all. While firing a boiler at one time, I had such bad cramps they had to carry me away from the place. The men looked at me and said, "That is the last of him." Again the Lord healed me, and the next day I was back at work. The healing of my body was such a marvelous work the men all stopped work and gathered around me

to know what doctor I had. I was glad to declare unto them that it was the mighty healing power of my Lord and Saviour. After I came here to Akron I had arthritis. The company for which I was working had me examined, and after the examination they had an X-ray. The doctors said I would never get well and declared there was no cure for it, and that my condition was serious. I knew what the Lord had done in the past and my trust was still in him. I also knew that his promises were still the same so I trusted him. I followed the Scripture in James 5:14 and the Lord heard and answered prayer. I have a well, sound body. The same doctors gave another examination and found me well and ready for work. To God be all the glory for all he has done. Truly the Lord has been good to me. I have received such great benefits from him that I mean to live for him all the days of my life. The Lord is really blessing our souls at this time and we mean to do all we can in helping to extend his kingdom in the earth.

Your brother in Christ,

W. T. Tomlin.

W. Va.—Dear saints,—I haven't been on the way very long, but I love Jesus, for he means much to me. He has done something for me that no one on earth could ever have done, and I thank God for it. I was saved in February in my home one morning just after the children went to school. Conviction seized my heart, and I am glad it did. The Lord saved me and began to clean me up and show me things I would have to give up. Thank God, I gave them up, too. I am willing to give up anything to follow Jesus. I have been seeking for sanctification. The Lord shows me a few restitutions to make yet, and then I believe when I get them made that he will sanctify me. Pray that the dear Lord will give me grace to get these restitutions made, for I want to get where the Lord can use me to his own glory.

My husband has something wrong with his stomach and I am in poor health. Pray that the Lord will touch and heal our bodies and send us out to win souls for him. My heart's desire is to see souls saved. Pray for my father and mother, brothers and sister that are out in sin.

We take the "Faith and Victory" and enjoy reading it. It is food for our souls and a truthful little paper. We do know that the true way is the only way.

Especially pray that I will get everything made right and get sanctified wholly, for the Lord says in his Word that without holiness no man shall see the Lord—and that means woman, too. I want to know that my name is written up there, for I have two dear little babies up there; and, by the grace of God, I expect to see them again one of these days. Pray for me and my husband both, that we will hold out faithful, and do what the Lord would have us to do.

Yours in the Lord,

Clyde and Essie Carter

Louisiana—Dear saints of God all over the world,—I feel led to write my testimony to tell how the Lord has blessed me. I was sick and I prayed to the Lord and he healed my body. I am thankful for what the Lord is to me. I do not have the privilege of attending meeting as I desire. A Sister, Orilar Vaughans

The Fear of God

"God is greatly to be feared in the assembly of the saints" (Psa. 89:7). It says "saints," not "world." "And if the righteous scarcely be saved, where shall

the ungodly and the sinner appear?" (1 Peter 4:18). We need victory all the time, and we need to grow and become stronger day by day.

God has created a people to serve Him all the days of their lives. "Even every one that is called by my name: for I have created him for my glory, I have formed him; yea, I have made him" (Isa. 43:7). "This people have I formed for myself; they shall shew forth my praise" (verse 21). "I, even I, am he that blotteth out thy transgressions for mine own sake, and will not remember thy sins." (verse 25). Moses told the people after God had given him the ten commandments (Ex. 20:20), "And that his fear may be before your faces, that ye sin not."

We as God's people have reason to fear him who has blotted out our transgressions and cast them behind his back, as far as the east is from the west, never to be remembered again—fear, that we sin not or displease him in any way; fear, lest we should go where he would not want us to go or do what he would not want us to do or say what he would not want us to; fear to neglect worship; fear, lest we fail to watch and pray as he commanded. When we get that fear thus in our hearts, we will love the Lord with all our heart, with all our soul, with all our mind, with all our strength, our neighbor as ourselves, and his people. The unity will be sweet, because we seek first those things that are from above.

I had a dream from which I received a lesson: There was a group of saints. One planned to leave on an airplane and there wasn't much time. This brother had many things to take along—lumber, tools, and other necessities—which he had to get ready. We worked faithfully, and everything went smoothly, but he had more lumber about a mile away. We who helped and worked to get him ready, trotted down the road with a speed. The road had stones and coarse gravel and there was a steep hill to climb before we reached the other place. The fellowship was so sweet, I fail to find words to express it. The rough road did not bother us in the least, but when we turned in where the lumber was piled, the yard was full of weeds and briars. The rest of the group did not do anything to help, but stood watching me. Time was short, so I started to pick one of those long briars up to one side. In doing so I came in contact with thorns. The thought then came to me that God had given me feet and shoes, so I stepped the weeds and briars down. The rest soon followed me to help. A school house was there, too. The lesson I received was: We are in life's school. Some work will go smoothly and our walk will be sweet even if it is stony and steep. We know the time is short and we must heed the instructions in Eccl. 9:10, "Whatsoever thine hand findeth to do, do it with thy might."

Oh, that we may be found the children of the most high God and example for the younger in the Lord. The weeds and briars are the cares and trials of this life. They may prick us, but, praise God, we can have our "feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace" and settled on the solid Rock.

with the fear of God upon our hearts so we can finish our work here upon earth.

The apostle Paul said in 2 Tim. 4:7, 8, "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing."

"The fear of the Lord is a fountain of life" (Prov. 14:27). When we think of a fountain, we think of a natural or artificial spring of water. Jesus told the woman by the well in St. John 4:14, "But the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life."

There is a blessing in having the fear of God upon our hearts. "Blessed is every one that feareth the Lord: that walketh in his ways" (Psa. 128:1). "The secret of the Lord is with them that fear him" (Psa. 25:14). Then our state shall be like Psalm 89:16, 17. "In thy name shall they rejoice all the day, for thou art the glory of their strength." In Job 28 we read, "His eye seeth every precious thing." "Behold, the fear of the Lord, that is wisdom: and to depart from evil is understanding." "Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man." —Margaret K. Robart.

God Deals in Mercy and Love

How much we mortal beings are inclined to charge God foolishly or blame him for his dealings with us. Though we cannot always understand why God deals with us as he does, we should remember that God deals with His children in mercy and love. Let us remember that he is all-wise, and knows just how to deal with us for our good. Let us commit the keeping of our souls and bodies into His hands, and remember we are his property. We are not our own, for we are bought with a price, even the precious blood of Jesus. "Therefore glorify God in your bodies and in your spirits, which are his" (1 Cor. 6:20).

When we are tempted to doubt God's mercy and love because of his dealings with us, let us remember the admonition given us in James 5:10, 11. "Take, my Brethren, the prophets who have spoken in the name of the Lord, for an example of suffering afflictions and patience. Behold, we count them happy which endure. Ye have heard of the patience of Job, and have seen the end of the Lord; that the Lord is very pitiful, and of tender mercy."

Sometimes when we are sick or afflicted in body and God does not answer prayer immediately for us we are tempted to doubt God or ourselves. We fail to remember to be patient and wait on the Lord after we have done the will of God that we might receive the promise.

God knows our hearts and how we desire to live for him and be useful in his service. Many times our mortal eyes and our finite minds cannot comprehend

the things of God in his dealings with us, but let us, as Abraham, count God faithful and true; and as Isaiah submitted to his Father, let us humbly submit ourselves into the hands of God to let him do with us as he wills. Let us remember to count the sufferings of this present time not worthy to be compared to the glory that shall be revealed in us.

—Cora McMillian

The Power Of The Blood

"For in the day thou eatest thereof, thou shalt surely die," were the words of God to Adam. "The soul that sinneth, it shall die" (Ezek. 18:4). We see it was the *soul* of man that was to die. The soul the seat (or fountain) of the affections, is contaminated, blurred, muddled, or poisoned, if you please, by the introduction of this virus of hell; and the whole blood (life) stream is affected. If it is allowed to continue unheeded or unmolested, it will soon start even the process of nature rotting.

Thank God a plan has been inaugurated and enacted that will affect a cure—radical and complete—a removal of this taint. "The blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanses us from ALL sin" (1 John 1:7). This applies under one condition only: "If we *confess* our sins, he is *faithful* and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:9). "Without shedding of blood is NO remission" (Heb. 9:22), but "it is *not possible* that the blood of bulls and of goats should take away sins" (Heb. 10:4). "For then would they not have ceased to be offered" (Heb. 10:2). "But in those sacrifices there is a remembrance again made of sins *every year*" (Heb. 10:3). "But this man [Christ] after he had offered one sacrifice for sins *forever*" (Heb. 10:12). "For by one offering he hath perfected forever them that are sanctified [cleansed]" (Heb. 10:14).

"The Holy Ghost also is a witness to us" (Heb. 10:15). It must be true. Jesus was the *ONLY* one who could do it. "And I looked, and there was *none* to help: and I wondered that there was *none* to uphold: therefore mine *own arm* brought salvation" (Isa. 63:5). "To whom is the *arm* of the Lord revealed?" "He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief: . . . surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows . . . he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities" (Isa. 53:3-5). "He died for me," has encouraged more souls to take the step of faith and believe for their personal salvation than any other thought: for "God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us" (Rom. 5:8). "Therefore, being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ" (Rom. 5:1). "Be it known unto you therefore, men and brethren, that through this man is preached unto you the forgiveness of sins: and by him all that believe are justified from all things, from which ye could not be justified by the law of Moses" (Acts 13:38, 39). We could not be delivered from sin prior to the shedding of his precious blood.

ious blood. "Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us" (Gal. 3:13). "When the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his son . . . to redeem them that were under the law" (Gal. 4:4, 5). "For the law made nothing perfect but the bringing in of a better hope did" (Heb. 7:19). "If therefore perfection were by the Levitical priesthood, . . . what further need was there that another priest should rise after the order of Melchisedec?" (Heb. 7:11). "And these all having obtained a good report through faith, received not the promise: God having provided some better thing for us, that they without us should not be made perfect" (Heb. 11:29, 40). The promise was sure, but it never could save. Redeemed not with silver and gold, "but with the precious blood of Christ" (1 Pet. 1:18, 19),

"There's power in the blood to save from sin,
There's power in the blood to make us clean;
There's power in the blood to help us win,
There's power in the blood of Jesus."

for the blood is life. See Gen. 9:4; Lev. 17:13, 14.

Going back to the condition preceding the death of Christ, i. e., the shed blood, notice Paul in Rom. 8:3, "For what the law could not do, in that it was weak . . . God sending his own Son . . . for sin, condemned sin." (Rom. 8:3). It died, ceased to exist, was abolished. See 2 Cor. 3:7, 11, 13. That the death of Jesus might be set forth prominently, the blood, the blood is all my plea. Now, in this dispensation, under the new covenant, "sin shall not have dominion over you." It held its dismal sway over the hearts and minds of men until "the fulness of the time was come." (Gal. 4:4). The best they had was, "The law was our school master to bring us unto Christ" (Gal. 3:24). For before faith came they were kept under law, shut up unto the faith which should afterward be revealed. But after that faith was come, we are no longer under a school master—school is out, vacation time has come. Therefore, rejoice and be glad, worship God in the spirit, rejoice in Christ Jesus and put no confidence in the flesh (the law). "Rejoice in the Lord alway: and again I say, rejoice" (Phil. 4:4). "Unto him that hath loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood" (Rev. 1:5). Heaven's new song is, "Redeemed by the blood," and we are made kings and priests, reigning with Jesus now. Amen. We are not looking or hoping for it, but it is ours, even in this present time-world.

—C. Z. Stonecypher.

The Great Living Cook Book

During these days, we are trying to cook so that our bodies may be strong and well, and we use the things that will be good for us. We buy the vegetables and the meats that build up our bodies and make them strong, so that they will resist diseases, etc. But though we do all the things that man demands of us, yet many of us get sick and die just as man has in the past. Many have heart failure, many are

sick, many are suffering, and many die because of diseases, just the same as they have ever since the creation.

But God has given us a great living COOK-BOOK. In it we learn how to live and how to die. Though our soul leaves this earthly vessel, yet when it goes it does not die but goes right to its Creator, and enters into the paradise of God, there to be, because it became alive while in the earthly temple and Christ became its ruling monarch, Christ the King of life and death, Christ the all-powerful Prince of eternity and glory.

By following the instructions given in God's living Cook-book, we learn what to do to obtain the water of life into our souls. The water quenches soul-thirst. When this life-giving stream enters our soul, it gives life and strength, builds up the heart, the mind, and the soul. This life giving "water of the Word" satisfies every hungry, thirsty soul. Just take the Good Book and eat it, drink it, and be satisfied in soul and in body, and you will live forever, and forever, and every day feast on its wonderful prescriptions. It tells us what to eat, for it is full of information for the soul. It tells us what to do to obtain life and strength. If one is sick and suffering, it tells him to come to God and ask Him for deliverance; and if one is in touch with heaven, God hears his cry and gives him help. If he is too weak, he is instructed to call on the elders of the church to pray for him, and God hears the prayer of faith and the blessings fall upon the needy. Oh, how wonderful is this living cook book to souls! It heals the soul, and when the soul is healed, then that soul can call upon God for the healing of the body. And God who can turn the world up-side-down in behalf of his believing saint, can give the help, the grace, the healing, anything that one can pray for that is in accordance with his blessed will.

With all this power given unto us by the will of God, always remember to put into your recipes, as Jesus did, "Thy will be done." It is always the wise thing to do. God knows what is good for us, better than we can possibly know. We, as his adopted children, are very precious in his sight, and he is very jealous over every one of his redeemed saints. He is not willing that any one of them should perish. He has said in his Word, that if one should cause one of these little ones that trust in him to stumble or fall, it were better had he never been born and that a mill stone should be about his neck and he be cast into the depth of the sea. This shows the jealousy that God has over his little ones. And if this is God's care over his own, how glad we should be that we are the "apple of his eye" and to know that he hears our slightest cry, or sighs in distress.

We have a wonderful Father, and he cares for us. Let us live for God and use his wonderful Cook book—the Word of life. It is meat and drink to the needy soul, the hungry soul. And it is in the power of all to have God's living Cook Book for the saving of the soul.

By the grace of God,

—I. E. Kriebel.

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Sunday, July 7, 1946

Printed Portion Deut. 6:4-9; Matt. 5:17-19; Mark 10:17-22.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Matt. 5:17. Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfill.

18. For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled.

19. Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven: but whosoever shall do and teach them, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

Mark 10:17. And when he was gone forth into the way, there came one running, and kneeled to him, and asked him, Good Master, what shall I do that I may inherit eternal life?

18. And Jesus said unto him, Why callest thou me good? there is none good but one, that is, God.

19. Thou knowest the commandments, Do not commit adultery. Do not kill. Do not steal. Do not bear false witness. Defraud not. Honor thy father and thy mother.

20. And he answered and said unto him, Master, all these have I observed from my youth.

21. Then Jesus beholding him loved him, and said unto him, One thing thou lackest: go thy way, sell whatsoever thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come, take up the cross, and follow me.

22. And he was sad at that saying, and went away grieved: for he had great possessions.

Golden Text: Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfill. Matt. 5:17.

Practical Truth: The righteousness of Christ in the heart, which fulfills the law, is the New Testament standard.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

This lesson is an introduction to the lessons of this quarter which deal with the subject: "Jesus Interprets Old Testament Laws." It is important to understand his teachings on the subject, for to Christians his teachings are final in authority.

The first part of our lesson is addressed to God's chosen people, the Israelites, who were the posterity of Jacob, the man whose name was changed because he wrestled and prevailed with God. To them God gave laws written on stone, and the penalty of death hung over those who broke the law. It restrained them from doing evil but gave them no power or grace to live right, so it was necessary for them and their children to be constantly reminded of its contents. In this dispensation Israel is composed of individuals who have personally wrestled with God and prevailed and have been granted forgiveness of sins and strength to constantly prevail over sin. To these spiritual Israelites God gives a regenerated heart in which he writes his laws and makes it a joy for them to do his will. No longer does the law need to be written on door posts and kept continually before the eyes of his people, but they need to keep tender hearts so the devil will not have an opportunity to erase what God has written there.

Christ did not come to make the law of none effect, nor to loose the obligation men are under to have their lives regulated by its moral precepts. Neither did he come to do away with the good things it promised, but he came to fulfil its great design by giving believers grace in their hearts to love the Lord with all their heart, soul, mind, and strength. The law contained both moral and ceremonial laws. The ceremonial laws were types of Christ and the blessings which he bestows upon his followers. For instance: the law required the offering of sacrifices for atonement of sins. This prefigured the perfect sacrifice of the "Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world." And the observance of sabbaths and feast days prefigured the soul rest and spiritual feasts enjoyed when Christ comes into the souls of men and sons with them and they with him (See Rev. 20:3). The moral laws were taught and practiced by the Lord. When he abides in one's heart, he gives that one a nature to keep them, therefore the moral laws also are fulfilled in him. A Christian in whom dwells the righteousness of Christ has even higher morals than required by the law for his heart, thoughts, and motives are pure.

The young man thought he had been keeping the commandments, but if he had previous to the time he met Christ, he failed then: for he broke the first commandment by allowing something to come between him and the Lord.

JESUS AND SUPREME LOYALTY TO GOD

Sunday, July 14, 1946

Printed Portion Exodus 20:3-6; Joshua 24:16, 22-24; Luke 14:25-27.

Ex. 20:3. Thou shalt have no other gods before me.

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

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

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

Josh. 24:16. And the people answered and said, God forbid that we should forsake the Lord, to serve other gods;

22. And Joshua said unto the people, Ye are witnesses against yourselves that ye have chosen you the Lord, to serve him. And they said, We are witnesses.

23. Now therefore put away, said he, the strange gods which are among you, and incline your heart unto the Lord God of Israel.

24. And the people said unto Joshua, The Lord our God will we serve and his voice will we obey.

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: No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon. Matt. 6:24.

Practical Truth: We owe supreme allegiance to God.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

If one permits anything to hinder him from doing all the known will of God for him, he is having other gods before him. If one has other gods "besides" the living and true God, he is sure to have other gods "before" him, because no man can serve two masters. God will not dwell in some secret, hidden corner of the heart. He must have the whole heart or none of it. Some with depraved hearts complain that it is unfair and selfish in God to require his creatures to worship none but him. It might be profitable for the class to discuss God's righteous purpose in this commandment.

God is the only true God. Anything else that man sets up as a god is the creation of God, works of men's hands, or figments of the imagination. The worship of any of these leads man's soul into darkness, ignorance, error, and bondage. It is to man's good as well as to God's glory for him to know the truth and follow it.

A definition of "god" is, "Any person or thing exalted as the chief good, or made an object of supreme devotion; anything that absorbs one's attentions and aspirations." Consider some of the present-day gods, and see where they are leading people.

Money is a very popular god; and because of love for this god the Bible says many have "erred from the faith and pierced themselves through with many sorrows." Think of the great calamities (wars, etc.) that have befallen the human family because of the worship of this god. Pleasure, fashion, and the praise of men are also popular gods. Name ways in which the worship of them is hurting humanity. Name other gods and consider the harm in worshipping them. Has there ever any harm come to an individual or nation because of worship of the true God? Some one may answer that it has caused many to lose their lives. No, hatred and jealousy in the hearts of those who worshiped other gods caused the loss of lives. Idol worship debases character, for it is produced by depravity in hearts.

Is it right to worship God by means of objects or images that represent him? God is a spirit and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.

No image can truthfully represent a spirit. God's Spirit does business with man's soul and spirit and not with his eyes or other parts of his physical body. Every substitute for God as an object of adoration and love is an idol and is forbidden.

Judas' god was 30 pieces of silver; the scribes and Pharisees' gods were self-righteousness, creeds and ceremonies, pride, and praise of men. What is yours?

JESUS AND TRUE WORSHIP

Sunday, July 21, 1946

Printed Portion . . . Deuteronomy 8:11-14, 18-20; Isaiah 40:30, 31; Mark 12:28-34.

Deut. 8:11. Beware that thou forget not the Lord thy God, in not keeping his commandments, and his judgments, and his statutes, which I command thee this day:

12. Lest when thou hast eaten and art full, and hast built goodly houses, and dwelt therein;

13. And when thy herds and thy flocks multiply, and thy silver and thy gold is multiplied, and all that thou hast is multiplied;

14. Then thine heart be lifted up, and thou forget the Lord thy God, which brought thee forth out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage:

18. But thou shalt remember the Lord thy God: for it is he that giveth thee power to get wealth, that he may establish his covenant which he swore unto thy fathers, as it is this day.

19. And it shall be, if thou do at all forget the Lord thy God, and walk after other gods, and serve them, and worship them, I testify against you this day that ye shall surely perish.

20. As the nations which the Lord destroyeth before your face, so shall ye perish; because ye would not be obedient unto the voice of the Lord your God.

Isa. 40:30. Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall:

31. But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength: they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.

Mark 12:28. And one of the scribes came, and having heard them reasoning together, and perceiving that he had answered them well, asked him, Which is the first commandment of all?

29. And Jesus answered him, The first of all the commandments is, Hear, O Israel; The Lord our God is one Lord:

30. And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment.

31. And the second is like, namely this, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. There is none other commandment greater than these.

32. And the scribe said unto him, Well, Master, thou hast said the truth: for there is one God; and there is none other but he:

33. And to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the soul, and with all the strength, and to love his neighbor as himself, is more than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices.

34. And when Jesus saw that he answered discretely, he said unto him, Thou art not far from the kingdom of God. And no man after that durst ask him any question.

Golden Text: God is a spirit, and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth, John 4:24,

Practical Truth: True worship is a source of spiritual strength.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

The Lord does not send his children on the journey of life without a guide. He was very careful that the way be marked out so plainly that we need not go astray. By his Word he calls unto us that this is the way and his spirit is faithful to witness unto us that we are walking in the way. Many are the things that may hinder us on life's journey, but also we find the difficult places carefully marked in his Word. "Beware that thou forget not the Lord." Prosperity in temporal things is very dangerous. Over eating in natural food brings a stupidity. Likewise, prosperity generally dulls our spiritual sense to the extent that the Lord is not so real unto us.

"Then thine heart be lifted up." A desire for the thing created may become greater than for the Creator. Then follows a formal worship, a withering of spiritual experience and we find ourselves with only the hull and the life of Christ slipped away from us.

The cares of life with which we become busy causes us to neglect the house of God and to neglect our private devotion. Note the practical truth in our lesson. True worship is a source of strength, but we must worship him in spirit, and if we have grieved his spirit away, then how can we worship him? What does he say about those who are not led by the spirit? Also, what if we walk in the spirit or sow to the spirit?

The expression of our love unto the Lord can only be made through true worship. As we offer the sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving unto the Lord, he strengthens us in the inner man, enabling us to walk in the light of his word.

May the desire that we worship him in spirit and truth be increased more and more in our hearts from day to day.

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JESUS AND REVERENCE FOR SPIRITUAL VALUES

Sunday, July 28, 1946

Printed Portion Exodus 20:7; Leviticus 19:12; Matt. 5:33-37; Mark 7:5-8; 8:34-36.

Exod. 20:7. Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain; for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.

Lev. 19:12. And ye shall not swear by my name falsely, neither shalt thou profane the name of thy God: I am the Lord.

Matt. 5:33. Again, ye have heard that it hath been said by them of old time, Thou shalt not forswear thyself, but shalt perform unto the Lord thine oaths:

34. But I say unto you, Swear not at all; neither by heaven; for it is God's throne:

35. Nor by the earth; for it is his footstool: neither by Jerusalem; for it is the city of the great King.

36. Neither shalt thou swear by thy head, because thou canst not make one hair white or black.

37. But let your communication be, Yea, yea; Nay, nay: for whatsoever is more than these cometh of evil.

Mark 7:5. Then the Pharisees, and scribes asked him, Why walk not thy disciples according to the tradition of the elders, but eat bread with unwashen hands?

6. He answered and said unto them, Well hath Esaias prophesied of you hypocrites, as it is written, This people honoreth me with their lips, but their heart is far from me

7. Howbeit in vain do they worship me, teaching for

doctrines the commandments of men.

8. For laying aside the commandment of God, ye hold the tradition of men, as the washing of pots and cups: and many other such like things ye do.

Mark 8:34. And when he had called the people unto him with his disciples also, he said unto them, Whosoever will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me.

35. For whosoever will save his life shall lose it; but whosoever shall lose his life for my sake and the gospel's the same shall save it.

36. For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?

Golden Text: But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you. Matt. 6:33.

Practical Truth: Spiritual values should have the supremacy in our lives.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

There was a time when most people had enough of the fear of God upon their hearts that they would not speak blasphemously of Him even if they were not serving him, but now they have drifted so far from him and have become so bold in evil practices that they esteem it a light thing to take his name in vain. They have lost the sense of the hallowedness of the name of God. In 2 Tim. 3 is the prophecy that such conditions will exist in the "last days." One who loves the Lord will not dare to take his name in vain nor even entertain one reproachful thought about him. By-words and slang expressions do not belong in a saint's vocabulary.

Consider other ways in which people take the name of the Lord in vain. Jesus said, "Why call ye me Lord, Lord, and do not the things that I say?" If you say you are a Christian, then you are taking the name of Christ, and calling him Lord. If you take his name and will not practice what he teaches and requires, you are taking his name in vain. Christians are instructed thus: "And whatsoever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus." Col. 3:17. In other words, do all in the nature of Jesus to the extent that he would not be ashamed to sign his name to the act. Many are forging his name (taking it in vain) to actions and prayers which he does not own nor approve. For instance, some make beautiful sounding prayers to be heard of men and end by saying, "This we ask in Jesus' name." But the name of Jesus is taken in vain.

Men divide themselves into denominations contrary to His will and Word. They meet together and claim to be meeting in the name of the Lord, but they take the name of the Lord in vain, for in reality they have met in the name of their denominations and teach for doctrine the commandments of men and ignore the commandments of God.

Some even take the name "Church of God," but their actions are so foreign to the will of God that it is plain to see they are taking his name in vain. "Let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity." 2 Tim. 2:19. When two or three are truly met in His name, He has promised to be in the midst to own and to bless. If He is there, his works will be manifested.

Take an inventory of your private and public actions, thoughts, and words. Can you honestly sign the name of Christ to them? If not, you should either drop the name "Christian" and quit taking his name in vain, or you should repent and get right with God that his name may be to you a great refuge (Prov. 18:10).

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JESUS AND THE SABBATH

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Matthew 12:9-13.

Ex. 20:8. Remember the sabbath day to keep it holy.

Mk. 2:23. And it came to pass, that he went through the corn fields on the sabbath day; and his disciples began, as they went, to pluck the ears of corn.

24. And the Pharisees said unto him, Behold, why do they on the sabbath day that which is not lawful?

25. And he said unto them, Have ye never read what David did, when he had need, and was an hungered, he, and they that were with him?

26. How he went into the house of God in the days of Abiathar the high priest, and did eat the showbread, which is not lawful to eat but for the priests, and gave also to them which were with him?

27. And he said unto them, The sabbath was made for man, and not man for the sabbath:

28. Therefore the Son of man is Lord also of the sabbath.

Matt. 12:9. And when he was departed thence, he went into their synagogue:

10. And, behold, there was a man which had his hand withered. And they asked him, saying, Is it lawful to heal on the sabbath days? that they might accuse him.

11. And he said unto them, What man shall there be among you, that shall have one sheep, and if it fall into a pit on the sabbath day, will he not lay hold on it, and lift it out?

12. How much then is a man better than a sheep? Wherefore it is lawful to do well on the sabbath days.

13. Then saith he to the man, Stretch forth thine hand. And he stretched it forth; and it was restored whole, like as the other.

Golden Text: This is the day which the Lord hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it. Psalms 118:24.

Practical Truth: The Lord's Day should be a day of spiritual profit.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

In the Editorials for the May and June issues of "Faith and Victory" the "sabbath" question was discussed and explained. Thoughts brought out in them will not be stressed here. If you have these back numbers, perhaps you can use them to aid in today's discussion. Tracts on this subject may be obtained at this office.

"Sabbath" means rest. Laws which did not involve some moral principal, but rather required a ceremonial observance, were ceremonial laws. We learned in previous lessons that the ceremonial laws were types or shadows of some blessing or grace which the church in this grace dispensation would enjoy. Hence, as God had given his people a day of literal (physical) rest in commemoration of his finished work of the creation of literal things, He gives spiritual rest as a result of His finished new creation, the redemption of man's soul. This spiritual rest is sanctification. (Heb. 4; Isa. 11:10; Matt. 11:28, 29).

The Jewish Sabbath was a weekly commemoration of the finished work of God, and was observed by their resting from their works on the seventh day as God did from his. Besides the fact that this prefigured the great soul rest which God should afterward give his people, it was a great benefit to the Jews in keeping the truth in their minds that God created the heavens, the earth, and the sea and all that in them is. The remembrance of the true Creator partly helped them overcome the temptation which was often presented to them to worship the idol gods of other nations. The Pharisees of Jesus' day had largely ignored its true significance and had literally bound man's God-given rights by their theories and prohibitions on the sabbath. Since Christ was Lord of the sabbath, it was his right to do away with man-made restrictions and restore the sabbath to its original simplicity.

Christians have met together for worship on the first day of the week since the time when the Lord arose from the tomb on that day. It cannot be called the Sabbath Day, for it is different in its time and use from the Jewish Sabbath. It is called the "Lord's Day," and by using it as a special day of worship, Christians commemorate the resurrection. Its name should be a guide as to how to use it. John, in the first chapter of Revelation, testified that he was "in the Spirit on the Lord's Day."

Jesus said, "I do ALWAYS those things that please the Father." He did not exalt one day above another in regards to holy living. When one has entered into the "blessed holy rest" of the soul, all of his time is consecrated to the Lord. It may be the Lord's will for him to use days differently—that is, use one day for manual labor, another day for traveling or visiting the needy, another for public worship, etc.—but he certainly should have the assurance in his redeemed soul that what he is doing pleases the Father, regardless of the day.

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JESUS AND HOME RELATIONS

Sunday, August 11, 1946.

Printed PortionExodus 20:12; Mark 7:9-13; Luke 2:51, 52; Ephesians 6:1-4.

Exodus 20:12. Honor thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee.

Mark 7:9. And he said unto them, Full well ye reject the commandment of God, that ye may keep your own tradition.

10. For Moses said, Honor thy father and thy mother; and, Whoso curseth father or mother, let him die the death:

11. But ye say, If a man shall say to his father or mother, It is Corban, that is to say, a gift, by whatsoever thou mightest be profited by me; he shall be free.

12. And ye suffer him no more to do aught for his father or his mother;

13. Making the word of God of none effect through your tradition, which ye have delivered: and many such

like things do ye.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Golden Text: Honor thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long in the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee. Exodus 20:12.

Practical Truth: It is a duty of children to honor their parents, and a duty of parents to be worthy of honor.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

The fact that this was the first commandment with a promise attached to it shows how much importance God attaches to it. Jesus set the example of being subject to his parents even after he had wisdom enough to astonish the doctors of the law. He provided for his mother in his dying hour. He rebuked the Jews because they had a way of evading their duty to their parents.

This is what one writer says concerning the vow of "Corban": "Under the vow of Corban, the father may not receive from the son even the smallest coin, nor a shirt, nor a piece of bread, nor a drink of water. The son cannot visit his father while sick, except for a very short time, lest the father should, by being attended by the son, save some money he would have had to pay to a nurse. However, when the father is dead, the son may provide the coffin and the shroud, and pay the musicians and mourners, because the dead receive no profit."

Children owe deep gratitude and respect and untiring obedience to parents. They should speak well of them and not be ashamed of them though they may be wrinkled, old-fashioned, scarred, and care-worn. They should care for them if they are old and helpless, and never cause them pain by evil doing. The Lord says, "Cursed be he that setteth light by his father or his mother." Children are also required by the Lord to respect their elders.

The behaviour of a child largely depends upon the training it has received, therefore this is essentially a lesson on child training. Because of individual differences all children cannot be trained alike, but the Lord will give wisdom for parents to discharge their duty.

Following is part of a tract written by a man who had experience in training children:

"Young parents, watch with prayerful diligence the first stirrings of carnality in your high-chairs and cradles and see to it that your children submit to parental authority. The child that will not obey an earthly father will not obey the Father in heaven.

"I will begin with a brief chapter of personal experience. Just about fifty years ago, I came home one Sunday evening from a preaching service five miles out in the country, and was called to supper. Probably I was cold and hungry, and might have been, if ever, a little inclined to overlook a breach of customary childish behaviour. My first born son was by my side in his high-chair, and his sister, fifteen months older, was in another chair by the side of her mother. As usual I tapped on the

table for the little ones to put their heads down while the blessing was being asked. Nellie's head was bowed and eyes closed, but Merritt held his head up with eyes open. I spoke to him about it, 'Merritt, will you put your head down?' 'No sir.' It was the first time anything like it had ever occurred. 'Merritt, will you be a good boy and close your eyes while the blessing is asked?' 'No sir.' I turned his chair about with his face to the wall, tapped on the table, and with Nellie's eyes closed, the blessing was asked. I pleaded with the little boy, but only got 'No, sir,' for a reply. I saw that he understood what he was doing, and that his will had come up consciously in opposition to mine. I finally told him that Papa would rather go without many meals than to have him lose one; but he could not have another meal in the home until he put his head down, closed his eyes, and said, 'Amen.' I had to go, so my faithful wife kept up the battle until nearly nine o'clock. At last the little boy submitted, and said, 'Mamma, I can be a good boy. Tell Papa I can be good boy and say, Amen.' The first battle was won toward his conversion, which took place when he was nine years old. A few months later than that, a little girl, older than my children was playing with them, and said repeatedly, 'I shan't do it.' He found out what it meant, and repeated it to his parents. I read to him the story of Eli and what came because he did not govern his sons; and I told my precious little boy that if he said, 'I shan't do it,' again to his father or mother, I should punish him. The result was that I punished him every day for nine days 'till he learned obedience by the things he suffered.'

"I once told these facts in a sermon, and a mother in the audience told the pastor that she had no use for me, and it was cruel the way I treated my little boy! I asked if she had any boys. The pastor said, 'She has three. One has served a term in prison and the other two are the most lawless, immoral scamps in this town.' On the other hand, I governed my boys, and all four of them grew up and became Christians. The reader will judge whose method was cruel, that woman's or mine. I maintain that it is wickedly cruel to leave children ungoverned.

"By observation and reflection I am led to the serious conclusion that a vast number of holiness people have a mistaken notion of what sanctification is, and how it ought to behave itself in the presence of wilful evil conduct on the part of their own children. I am led to believe that many of them think that sanctification absolutely rules out even the possibility of righteous indignation at evil conduct in their children and that their children will not think them sanctified if they display any holy wrath at their abhorrent wickedness. I flatly deny that there is any such conception of sanctification taught us in the entire Word of God. It is not the kind of holiness Jesus had. When he saw His Father's temple being polluted, he drove out the offenders and upset their tables of money; and we may be sure there was no silly grin on his face when he did it. If saints get the absurd notion that sanctification compels them to wear a senseless smile on their faces while their children are breaking the laws, disgracing the church, and insulting God, they will train their own children to be candidates for damnation. Wake up to this deplorable situation. Bestir yourselves at once for your children's sake who are steadily declining in moral worth before your very eyes; and for your own sakes, lest ye be covered with confusion and shame as you face the sad victims of your lax government at the bar of God, where awful wrongs can never be made right."

JESUS AND THE SACREDNESS OF HUMAN LIFE

Sunday, August 18, 1946

Printed PortionExodus 20:13; Matthew 5:21-24;
10:29-31; 18:10-14.

Exodus 20:13. Thou shalt not kill.

Matt. 5:21. Ye have heard it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not kill; and whosoever shall kill shall be in danger of the judgment:

22. But I say unto you, That whosoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment: and whosoever shall say to his brother, Raca, shall be in danger of the council: but whosoever shall say, Thou fool, shall be in danger of hell fire.

Matt. 10:29. Are not two sparrows sold for a farthing? and one of them shall not fall on the ground without your Father.

30. But the very hairs of your head are all numbered.

31. Fear ye not therefore, ye are of more value than many sparrows.

18:10. Take heed that ye despise not one of these little ones; for I say unto you, That in heaven their angels do always behold the face of my Father which is in heaven.

11. For the Son of man is come to save that which was lost.

12. How think ye? if a man have a hundred sheep, and one of them be gone astray, doth he not leave the ninety and nine, and goeth into the mountains, and seeketh that which is gone astray?

13. And if so be that he find it, verily I say unto you, he rejoiceth more of that sheep, than of the ninety and nine which went not astray.

14. Even so it is not the will of your Father which is in heaven, that one of these little ones should perish.

Golden Text: But I say unto you, that every one who is angry with his brother shall be in danger of the judgment. Matt. 5:22 R. V.

Practical Truth: The lives of all men and even of children, are sacred in God's sight.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

This commandment is one of the moral laws which Christ not only taught but also raised to such a high standard that one with a carnal heart cannot keep it.

Jesus said in Mark 7:21 that murder comes from within, out of the heart of men. It lurks in his heart in the form or nature of malice, envy, and hatred.

Malice is an ill feeling or grudge against another. Envy is discontent or uneasiness at the sight of another's good fortune accompanied with some degree of hatred and a desire to possess equal advantages. Hatred is a strong ill feeling against another.

Before man comes to the knowledge of full salvation from sin he is not responsible for the evil things being in his heart, but he does not have to pet them, feed them, and give place to them. God gave him a will power which can over power them and keep them repressed. Under the law, obedience to the commandment, "Thou shalt not kill," kept them from the act of murder.

When John the Baptist came preaching the things concerning Jesus and the kingdom of God which he would set up in the hearts of men, he said, "And now also the ax is laid unto the root of the trees." Jesus came to uproot the evil in the hearts of men and to cleanse them from all sin. Read 1 John 3. He does not stop at destroying the works of the devil but sets up the works of God.

"A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you."

But even though Christ gives us a heart of love when we accept his atoning, cleansing blood and are born of a new spirit, there is still need for watchfulness on our part, as Christians, to keep Satan from planting his evil seeds again. Satan works hard to work up some evil feeling in the hearts of God's people, and they do well to watch carefully and resist him along this line. "Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord: Looking diligently lest any man fall of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble you, and thereby many be defiled." Heb. 12:14, 15. Seeds of hate are dangerous things. Let us never cultivate them.

The only way a person can be angry and sin not is to be angry at sin.

Since God has provided a perfect cure for the evil in hearts, the root of sin in the heart is just as hideous in his sight as the fruit or actual transgression. Those who have hate in their hearts are murderers in his sight.

Human life is sacred and valuable in God's sight because man has a soul which must prepare for eternity here in this life.

It seems that an evil spirit is troubling the whole world at present, and among those who have not the peace of God ruling in their hearts, we see actions and hear conversations which make us to realize that it is because during the war they gave their hearts over to a spirit of hatred and desire for mass murder. Hearts are filled with suspicion that the other fellow is not trustworthy and that something should be done to make life safer for "self." But the majority of those who are undertaking to make the world safe fail to realize that the trouble lies in the hearts of men.

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JESUS AND PURE LIVING

Sunday, August 25, 1946

Printed PortionExodus 20:14; Proverbs
4:14-23; Matthew 5:8; Philippians 4:8.

Ex. 20:14. Thou shalt not commit adultery.

Prov. 4:14. Enter not into the path of the wicked, and go not in the way of evil men.

15. Avoid it, pass not by it, turn from it, and pass away.

16. For they sleep not, except they have done mischief; and their sleep is taken away, unless they cause some to fall.

17. For they eat the bread of wickedness, and drink the wine of violence.

18. But the path of the just is as a shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day.

19. The way of the wicked is as darkness: they know not at what they stumble.

20. My son, attend to my words; incline thine ear unto my sayings.

21. Let them not depart from thine eyes: keep them in the midst of thine heart.

22. For they are life unto those that find them, and health to all their flesh.

23. Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life.

Matt. 5:8. Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.

Phil. 4:8. Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things

are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report: if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.

Golden Text: Keep thy heart with all diligence, for out of it are the issues of life. Prov. 4:23.

Practical Truth: Pure living is essential to the happiness of the home and to the enjoyment of God's favor.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

The majority of the people of the world wilfully give themselves over to the lusts of the flesh to some extent and do not care to carefully guard against the forces of evil from without and within, but this cannot be said of God's true children. "For if ye live after the flesh ye shall die [eternal death]; but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live." Rom. 8:13. Hearts to which the blood of Jesus has been applied are made pure, but it seems that there is a weakness in the moral constitution of most people, on which the enemy of souls works, and this weakness must be guarded. It is for the purpose of helping His people to guard the weak places that God gives so many warnings against evil, and exhortations to clean living and thinking. We trust that all who read this lesson have a desire to please God that they may inherit eternal life. From the physical heart of man flows blood into every part of the body to sustain life. God, in his wisdom has so made man that his heart is well protected. If the heart becomes injured, man's life is in danger. And thus it is with the heart of the inner man (center of affections). From this heart flows a stream which means life or death to the soul. The condition of the stream which issues from it determines his actions. It is this heart that God warns to keep well protected against the entrance of anything that is poisonous or defiling to the moral or spiritual being. Keeping of the heart includes a guarding of every thought, which if entertained would lead to a wrong action; and a watching of the senses which Satan uses as inlets of temptation.

God's moral laws never change and those who break them must pay a heavy penalty. The penalty of disease and unhappiness in this life and destruction in the life to come must be paid for breaking this commandment.

There is a God-intended barrier between man and woman, boy and girl, and He intended that only matrimony should break this barrier. "Marriage is pure, honorable, and heaven ordained. That man and woman might live together agreeably and happy, God put in their nature a quality called love. This as given of God is pure. But this like other God-given passions can be corrupted, and perhaps no pure virtue ever given to man has been so shamefully corrupted as this love of man and woman." From the beginning God ordained that the man should have only one living companion, also that the woman should have only one living husband. Divorce and remarriage is not legal in his sight. If more people realized this truth there would not be so much carelessness in choosing life companions.

Satan has gained a great advantage in his destructive work if he can get men and women to take steps to break the barrier which should exist between all unmarried people of opposite sexes. Thus he accomplished the destruction of Sodom, and has America well on the road to ruin. God will not permit a nation to prosper whose citizens trample His laws of moral cleanness underfoot as Americans are doing.

Impress upon the minds of children the necessity of clean thinking and clean morals and the outcome of un-

cleanness. Ask God for help and wisdom. Loose morals are often started in childhood. Little practices which lead to immorality bring with them a sense of guilt to even a young child. Emphasize the fact that consciences (the voice on the inside) are god-given and should never be seared. Boys and girls should never say or do anything that they would not want their parents to know about and that they would not want God to put on His record.

BIBLE STUDY

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

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What's Wrong With the Movies?

Seventy-seven million people in the U. S. attend the movies each week: 28 million are adolescent young people; 11 million are under 14 years old.

The emotional reaction of children to moving-pictures is from 2 to 8 times greater than that of adults. Minds repeatedly shocked, thrilled, horrified, and excited by scenes of murder, war, rape, monsters, nudity, are not normal minds.

Movies impair health, produce nervousness, fear, hysterics, insomnia, suicide, insanity, miscarriage, high blood pressure, heart failure, inability to concentrate constructively, susceptibility to disease, and disinterest and deficiency in work. Perhaps this explains why the present generation is so restless, hasty, nervous, dissatisfied, uncontrollable and changeable.

Movies destroy self-control, thus producing drunkards, dope fiends, spend-thrifts, adulterers, fornicators, murderers, thieves, liars, and what not. In an analysis of 40 films in which 57 criminals committed 62 crimes, only 7 of the criminals were punished by the law. On the average, less than one-fifth of criminals in the movies receive legal punishment. Part are punished by extra-legal methods and many go scott-free.

About 50 percent of the boys and girls, men and women in jails, reformatories, and penitentiaries hold the movies partly responsible for their criminal and immoral conduct.

Moving pictures deal principally with sex, crime, and impure love themes, rape, adultery, fornication, divorce, promiscuous flirting and love-making, nudity, murder, robbery, war, gambling, fighting, drinking, smoking, lying, stealing, vile witticism, etc.