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From Calvary's Cross

From Calvary's cross in rays of gold,
A light is shining in my soul;
While walking in this light divine,
Sweet fellowship with Christ is mine.

Sweet fellowship, sweet peace, sweet joy,
Sweet holy bliss without alloy;
My Savior purchased this for me
Upon the cross of Calvary.

Although unworthy I had been,
Revelling on in pride and sin,
He stopped me in my wild career
When I his gentle voice did hear.

Forlorn and weary, worn and sad—
A sinful record, all I had—
But still he called in tender love:
Come! I'll write your name above.

He who died on Calvary's cross
To save a world of sinners lost,
Bade me cast on him my load,
And walk with joy the narrow road.

In darkness and in deep despair,
I lifted up my voice in prayer;
Then from the cross a light did shine
In this poor little heart of mine.

And Jesus spoke the pardoning word
That made me know my prayer was heard.
He turned my darkness into light,
And now my path is ever bright.

Light from the cross, what joy divine!
To know that Jesus Christ is mine
And I am His! He purchased me
With his own blood on Calvary.

O blessed light of God, shine on,
Until my work on earth is done;
Then in that land where comes no night,
Shine on forever, thou golden light.

—Ulysses Phillips

Eat The Word

Jesus told the devil after he had tempted him, "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God." In order to be in good health spiritually and to grow and become strong in the Lord we must eat all the word of God, assimilate and digest it. Peter tells us, "As new born babes desire the sincere milk of the word that ye may grow thereby: If so be ye have tasted that the Lord is gracious." There are some parts of the Bible that don't seem to agree with some folks, thereby revealing a weakened spiritual condition or spiritual indigestion.

After Adam and Eve sinned in the garden, God clothed them with skins of animals to hide their nakedness. We know that this is also a type of the righteousness of God, with which we are clothed through the blood of Christ. As the blood covers and blots out our sins, also should our literal clothing cover the nakedness of the natural body. The majority of worldly people today are adorning themselves with immodest apparel for the purpose of drawing attention to themselves. Thus pride and conceit are manifest. Whatever is in the heart is manifest on the outside. The true child of God lives and dresses, not to draw attention to themselves, but to draw people to Christ. Paul says, "I am crucified with Christ, nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me." 1 John 2:15 tells us, "Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world."

When people who profess to be saints of God refuse to measure to the Word in the line of dress, it is a sign of pride or love of the world in their hearts. We read in 1 Tim. 2:9, "In like manner also, that women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with shamefacedness and sobriety; not with broided hair or gold, or pearls, or costly array; but (which becometh women professing godliness) with good works." Also 1 Pet. 4:6, "Whose adorning let it not be that outward adorning of plaiting the hair and of wearing of gold or of putting on of apparel,

but let it be the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price." It goes on to say, "for after this manner in the old time the holy women also who trusted in God adorned themselves. Even as Sarah obeyed Abraham calling him lord."

The saints in the beginning of this evening light reformation taught against silk as it was costly array and was and still is worldly. Today we don't see much real silk, but there are other things to take its place, such as nylons and rayons. I could not teach that it is wrong or a sin to wear rayon because there are different types which would be considered modest and not costly array, besides there is rayon material which women wear that does not expose them to the eye. Also men's suits and linings of suits are made of rayon. We do teach and exhort those who profess to be saints to avoid wearing shiny or flashy or gaudy materials of any kind, also excessive thin materials such as used for blouses which expose the body. Some women wear dresses which are modest so long as they stand, but if they stoop or sit, the dress fails to meet the Bible requirements.

We know this is a touchy subject with some people, and it seems as though some have ceased to cry out against these things. James 1:22 says, "Be ye doers of the word and not hearers only deceiving your own selves." Let us measure fully to the word. Peter says, "As obedient children not fashioning yourselves according to the former lusts in your ignorance: But as he which has called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation" (conduct of life). We read in 1 Pet. 2:9, "But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people that ye should shew forth the praises of Him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous light."

There are some who seem to think we have let down the standard on this line and have compromised with the world. I write this in love to those who have room to measure up, that they do so; that those who talk will have nothing to say against us truthfully, and that we may all be a safe example for others to follow.

Rom. 12:2, "And be not conformed [made like unto] to this world, but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God."

It is also against the teaching of the Bible for women to bob or cut their hair. 1 Cor. 11:15, "But if a woman have long hair, it is a glory to her: for her hair is given her for a covering. A veil or hat will not answer as a substitute for the long hair, which is her God-given covering."

Saints should dress their children after this manner also, teaching them why. Some little girls today will not know what modesty is when they grow up because their parents have failed to instruct them and set the right example for them. Many mothers will meet the accusation of their

children in hell. It has been said, "The hand that rocks the cradle rules the world." Women have an influence over men. If women would obey the word of God on this line, especially Titus 2nd chapter which reads, "That the young women be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children, to be discrete, chaste, keepers at home, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God be not blasphemed." Their influence would be for the better, and would be a restraining hand for the men. There would be less broken homes and broken hearts, less grief and sorrow.

"Whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth." If we love our children we will punish them when they need it, and teach them to be obedient and to respect their elders. I have five children. It is my desire that they grow up to love the Lord and be obedient to His commands. I need the saints' prayers that I may have wisdom and understanding in rearing them and teaching them. —Max F. Williamson

—oOo— Sinner or Christian?

"Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful." Ps. 1:1

A blessing is pronounced upon the person who will stay clear of the three things mentioned in this verse. First, walk not in ungodly counsel. One has to guard on every hand, continually, against ungodly counsel. Keep this in mind and weigh everyone's advice to see if it is according to God's word. As sure as we take up with ungodly counsel, we will get away from God and get mixed up and confused.

Second, stand not in the sinner's way. One way to stand in the way of sinners is to take up with false doctrines, because then we can not live righteous lives, even though we might profess to do so. Another way is to fail to repent and fully get right with God. Many mothers and fathers are standing in the way of their children by not leading out in a righteous life before their children. Many ministers are living so far from God that they cannot be inspired of God to preach his word as it is; therefore people do not get the light and encouragement to live holy lives. We hinder others just by failing to live right ourselves.

Third, do not be scornful. A scorner is one who makes a mock of sin, one who derides all wholesome reproof and counsel, one who scoffs at religion, or one full of scorn, contemptuous, disdainful. We are all walking in the counsel that we have received from some source, either good or bad, and we all either are or are not in sinners' way. We are scornful or not scornful. If one is clear of these three things mentioned above, he is a Christian.

Psalm 1:2 proves such an one to be a Christian, for it says, "For his delight is in the law of the Lord; and in his law doth he meditate day and night." If a sinner would meditate day and night on God's word, he would soon become a Christian, for that is what it takes to give God a chance to work with one; and

"As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he." One reason people backslide is because they fail to give thought enough to God and His word. Any hard-hearted sinner who wants to get right with God should study continuously on God's word. Then God will draw near, and as he does so, he will impart to the sinner encouraging thoughts and inspire faith in his heart that will start him on the heavenly road. Then that one-time sinner will in the future ever look back with delight to the time when he studied on God's word day and night.

—Julia M. Tilton

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"This Is The Place"

On a trip through Utah recently I noticed the following slogan on all the license plates on the cars: "This is the Place." I wondered about it and inquired. I was told that those were the words spoken by Brigham Young when he first came to the place where Salt Lake City now stands. Perhaps most of us are familiar with the history of Utah, how the band of Mormons with their leader, Brigham Young, started west to escape the persecution they had endured in the east. No doubt it took much courage to start out over the torturous route they had to travel, not knowing what was in store for them, then after all the hardships along the way, the few survivors, weary, half-starved, and discouraged, finally got that far. As their leader came over the hills and looked down into the beautiful valley below, he saw a sight that satisfied him as a future home for his followers. That was when he said, "This is the place."

As we drove along many thoughts were going through my mind concerning this. I remembered a testimony of a brother who had just recently found the church of God. He had been to different places to worship but was never quite satisfied till he found the church of God. He had found his soul's resting-place and was fully satisfied. He isn't looking any farther, for truly he knows, "This is the place." His soul is at peace, as we all are when we find the church of God. When we see the light we are satisfied, so need not look farther.

About forty years ago my father met the saints. He soon decided this was the right way. He had been a member of a sect church for thirty-two years but he forsook them and never went back, for he was satisfied in the church of God.

I was saved when I was a young girl, but backslid and went back into sin for many years. God was merciful and spared me through it all until I again made a fresh start more than two years ago. Never once during the years I was away from God did I ever doubt that this was the way. I had tasted a little of the joy of real salvation and I remembered my teaching. I am glad to be back in the fold again, and mean to keep striving to live for the Lord the rest of my life. I wasted so many years, and now I regret it. He has done many wonderful things for

me and mine and I just cannot thank Him enough for it. I had my life in such a mess, but He straightened it all out, and I thank Him. I still have some needs, but He has never failed me yet, and I know He never will. I have found He is all I need, and the harder the trials the closer I can get to Him. I am isolated and the only chance I have to attend meetings is when we visit in California. And then how I do enjoy it! I try to remember all I hear, and things come back to me later that helps me along. Do pray for me that I will prove faithful and stay in that precious place I have found. Lucy D. Phebus

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The Power of Sin

A French writer tells how the captain of a vessel was one day walking carelessly along by the side of a river, not far from its mouth, at low water.

As he looked about him, not minding his steps, he did not see extended before him a great chain, one end of which was fastened to a ring fixed in a stone on the bank, the other to an anchor sunk in the river. Not seeing it, he stumbled against it, and his foot having passed through one of the links, he could not extricate it. He struggled in vain for release, and men who heard his call for help strained every nerve to get his foot out before it began to swell. No time was to be lost, for the tide was coming in. A blacksmith was called from the nearest village. He came, but found he had not brought tools sufficiently heavy, and was obliged to return for others.

Before his return the tide had risen and great waves were rolling in. The water came up to his waist. The smith saw he could do nothing. There was one last resource. The captain must sacrifice his leg. A surgeon was sought and came in haste. The doctor was taken in a boat, the water having reached the man's neck, but the oarsmen could not hold the boat. "It is too late," said the doctor, and in a few moments the waves rolled over the unhappy man's head. He was *lost*.

Reader, have you made the application? Men go forth in the morning of life, lighthearted and happy. The chain of temptation which through carelessness they do not see, is Satan's snare. The ring in which the foot is caught is *sin*. They believe they can easily free themselves, but they deceive themselves. The rising tide is *death*. It is fast approaching. Not a moment is to be lost. Every passing hour renders the situation less hopeful. No boat in the world can save them. No human hand can cut that chain. No skillful surgeon can sever men from their sins.

There is no hope whatever, except in the Savior. He can cut the great chain of sin. He can snatch the prey from Satan. Sin is strong, but Jesus is stronger. Why not call upon Him now?

"I beseech you as strangers and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul." 1 Peter 2:11.

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Ohio—Dear saints,—The Lord has done wonderful things for me. I had a heart attack and fainted fifteen times (eight times in one week) then had a light stroke on my left side a year ago. I requested prayer and the Lord healed me so I can go to meetings, and I have helped to take care of an acre of truck this year. I am giving the Lord praise for it, for I don't want medicine. I am trusting the Lord for both soul and body. He is surely precious to me. Praise His name!

Charles Wertz.

Editorials

The working force in the Lord's Print Shop is steadily moving along with the printing work as God leads the way and gives wisdom and strength. It is a source of great comfort to see the gospel tracts, papers, and books going out continually in a steady stream to precious souls all over the land and to receive letters from so many telling of the blessings, salvation, and comfort they receive by reading the literature. Truly, God is working and gathering his elect from the four corners of the earth, making up his jewels, preparing things for his coming.

In Malachi 3:16, we read, "Then they that feared the Lord spake often one to another: and the Lord hearkened and heard it, and a book of remembrance was written before him for them that feared the Lord, and that thought upon his name. And they shall be mine saith the Lord of Hosts, in that day when I make up my jewels; and I will spare them as a man spareth his own son that serveth him. Then shall ye return, and discern between the righteous and the wicked, between him that serveth God and him that serveth him not."

It is very clear and in much evidence that we are living in the time of this prophecy and God is doing some mighty shaking; kings (those who seem to be strong) are being shaken out and others are being brought in. Those that become stiff and defiled in any way are being shaken out and the ones that are humbling their hearts and minds before God are received of Him, and He is making a way for them to come in, and the good work is going on.

The blessed saints of God are enjoying the truth of the Scriptures found in Isaiah 32:17, which reads: "And the work of righteousness shall be peace; and the effect of righteousness quietness and assurance forever. And my people shall dwell in a peaceable habitation, and in sure dwellings, and in quiet resting places."

When one has on the whole armor of God and then commits all into the hands of the Captain of our salvation, which is Jesus Christ our Lord, it brings peace, quietness, and assurance in the soul, and he can rest in the Lord and watch Him fight the battles and win the victories. All praise be to His precious name. Brethren, let us all march at His command.

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When I see a saintly dressed mother with her little girl dressed in worldly clothes (short skirt with bare limbs much above the knee and bare arms) it causes meditations to develop in my mind.

I think: here is a little innocent girl of whom Jesus said, "Of such is the kingdom of heaven," and yet the devil, for some reason, has his vulgar appearing worldly clothes on her. The little girl is innocent of any wrong, and is truly of the kingdom of heaven. Some one is not innocent in this matter before God. Mothers and fathers, we cannot shift our responsibility in this matter. God sees and knows about this, and the real reason for this situation.

God is not fooled or mocked. It is just as wrong for mothers to dress their little innocent girls in Satan-patterned clothes as it is for the father to give his little innocent boy Satan's tobacco to chew or smoke.

The scarcity of clothes on the little girl kills God-given modesty and feeds lust and fleshly pride and makes the child think it is right to follow the fads and fashions of the world. The tobacco poisons the boy's body which should be the Lord's, and increases it in fleshly lusts that war against God.

It may be possible that your conscience is seared to the extent that you do not feel condemned about it now, but remember, thou shalt be brought into judgment in that final reckoning day, together with all future effects of such actions.

When I see a preacher in the pulpit with instructions for others on his lips, and behold the religious professor's worldly adornment under the chin I think he is either ignorant of what it means, being "not of the world," or he fears the world more than he fears God and his sacred Word, which says, "Be not conformed to this world." Rom. 12:1, 2.

Some preachers "Buy the truth," but ere long begin to sell it. Prov. 23:23. They do this in order to keep in favor with the world and have its praise and thereby shun the cross and persecution that follows a life sold out for God.

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Obituaries

Brother Harlan Everett Locker, born in Gainsville, Tex. Feb. 4, 1882, departed this life Sept. 11, 1947; age 65 yrs., 7 months, and 7 days.

Brother Locker heard and accepted the truth of the gospel in the evening light when he was 21 years old. He lived at Clovis, N. M. for a number of years, where he labored for the truth he loved. Nov. 17, 1917 he was united in marriage to Dolly Graf. To this union four sons and one daughter were born. One son preceded him in death.

Those left to mourn their loss are: Sister Dolly his wife who has been a faithful saint and laborer for God and truth; three sons, James R. and Lundy E. who live near Brownsville, Ore., and Harlan M. in the U. S. Navy; and one daughter, Dollie Belle of the home at Brownsville. The family moved from New Mexico to Brownsville in 1935 and have lived there since.

All we saints miss our brother, as he loved to meet with the remnant of God and sing the songs of Zion and tell of the wonderful things God would do for all who would love and serve Him.

The funeral service was held Sept. 14th in the Methodist chapel at Brownsville; songs were sung by the saints from the "Select Hymns"; message by the writer; text: Heb. 9:27; 2 Cor. 5:10; Rev. 14:13; 1 Thess. 4:13-18.

—Sam Wilson

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Mary C. Hurst, born November 16, 1870, departed this life August 9, 1947. Age 76 years, 8 months, and 7 days. Bereaved: one daughter, Murtice Hurst of the home in Shawnee, Okla.; one brother, four sisters, and a number of nieces and nephews.

Sister Hurst had served the Lord many years and was faithful to meet for worship with the saints at Shawnee, who feel that their loss is heaven's gain.

CARD OF THANKS

Scio, Ore.—To all the dear saints, relatives, neighbors and friends, greetings: — We wish to thank each one who so kindly donated to the fund to help us build a place to live. One sister's son donated us one-half acre of ground and a cabin, so we have used the money that has been sent in to us to build on more room. Our needs have been pretty well taken care of, and we thank each one for their kindness in helping us. And above all, we truly thank God for his goodness to us. He has been wonderful to us and a very present help in time of need. Again we wish to thank you all for your help and earnestly pray God to richly bless and reward every giver.

As the flames were taking our home I thought of the Scripture where it says, "All things work together for good to them that love the Lord." And I know we love Him. Pray for us, dear ones, that we please God in every word, thought, and deed.

Yours in Him,

Mr. and Mrs. John Gilbirds.

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Calif.—Dear saints of God, greetings in Jesus' dear name,—I'm glad I'm saved and enjoying the blessings of heaven in my very soul. It is only by his grace that we are able to live soberly, righteously, and godly here in this present world. To God be the glory. Bless his dear name forever.

I desire to take this opportunity to express our thanks and appreciation to all the California saints who have helped us so much and in so many different ways since our coming here. We assure you we appreciate it more than words can express, and by the grace of God will endeavor to live worthy of your confidence and prayers. God is so good to all his trusting children, and his saints are so dear. I feel sure the little sacrifices we make for each other and for lost souls in this life are only "stepping stones" to glory. This journey of life will soon be ended, and I for one want to do all I can for suffering humanity, soul or body, while he permits me to stay in this world. I have no other desire in my heart but to wholly follow the Lord. Pray for me that I keep filled with humility, listening, and obedient to that still small voice.

Armilda Abbott.

Jumbo, W. Va. Campmeeting Report

When Bro. George Peek attended the Kalamazoo, Michigan campmeeting last summer and saw how the Lord blessed there, he received a burden to have a campmeeting in his home state, West Virginia. When he spoke to me about it, I encouraged him to have the meeting, as a campmeeting with a permanent location in any state will encourage the saints in the surrounding territory, and will be the means of the salvation of others; thus the work of God will grow and increase.

We promised Bro. Peek that we would do all we could to help the meeting and would be present in the meeting ourselves if the Lord so led and gave time. Consequently, five of us from Guthrie attended the meeting, wife and I. Evodna Thurman, Dora Lela Sorrell, and Loraine Modglin, all of the printing shop force.

We arrived by auto Saturday morning after the meeting began on Friday. Only a few were there then. Some preparations had been made for the meeting in this new place. Bro. Bedsole of Mansfield, La. arrived a short time before we did. Bro. Peek and others were there. The people who lived in the surrounding country wanted the campmeeting and took much interest in giv-

ing supplies. Some nights the meeting house was full of folks eager to hear the gospel which the Lord blessed and gave liberty to proclaim.

Bro. Adams and his family from N. C. were there for part of the meeting. Sister Sayer, Sister Keene and others came from Charleston, W. Va.; Sisters Powell and Faudree came from Richmond, Va.; Bro. Klotz from Chicago, and others came from different locations in W. Va. Two local ministers were present.

The preaching was in power and demonstration of the Spirit, and the Word did not return unto Him void of accomplishing the will of God. Some souls were saved. One sister who was ready to be sanctified wholly stated that the Holy Spirit fell upon her while the Word was going forth on the Baptism of the Spirit. The ordinances of the Lord's Supper and Feet Washing were observed; and two followed the Lord in water baptism.

The clear-cut gospel preaching made quite a stir in that country round-about. One unsaved man who lived on a mountain near by, came, and after listening to the preaching, made the remark: "No one would be against such preaching as that only the Devil." He helped in a financial way and was anxious that the campmeeting be continued from year to year. He promised to help. Others there wanted the meeting to continue. They plan to make more preparations for the meeting next year. They have the material there to wire the building and have electric lights; and also plan to enlarge the dining hall and sleeping quarters.

Bro. Geo. Peek and wife have been laboring in those parts of the country for years and it brought joy to him to see a campmeeting getting rooted in his country. He told me before I left that he was encouraged. Pray for him and his wife and all others in that community and for the continuance of the campmeeting to the glory of God.

—Fred Pruitt.

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Dover, Okla. Campmeeting Report

Dear saints and other interested readers,—Holy greetings in Jesus name.

The Dover campmeeting is now numbered with the events of the past, and we believe we can truly say that the Lord was with us from beginning to end in a wonderful way, as the prayers and supplications of his servants ascended to the "throne of grace." The Spirit of the Lord was present in each service, and his anointing rested upon his ministering servants as they fearlessly proclaimed His holy word. Many souls were encouraged to press on with a deeper consecration and a greater decision in the service of the Master. The devil is mustering his forces and doing everything he can to keep precious souls bound in the fetters of sin, and darkness is swooping down upon this old world; but Jesus still stands with out-stretched arms, saying, "Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." During the course of the meeting, four answered the call and testified to the saving grace of God. This was a source of much rejoicing and jubilant singing in the camp. We believe the angels in heaven also rejoiced as the wanderers returned to the fold. Three were reclaimants.

This was one of the best meetings that have been held on these grounds, which was the testimony of many. Several who were afflicted or sick were prayed for and testified to receiving the healing touch. One boy who had been afflicted for about three months and was obliged to go on crutches came to the altar for prayer. God saved him. He sat upon the altar as prayer

was offered for his healing. He claimed his healing and went away carrying his crutches in his hand. He went through the rest of the meeting without them and is still going. What a mighty God we serve!

Bro. Henry Caldwell and Bro. LeRoy McCray were ordained deacons and Sister Callie Owens as deaconess. May God give them courage to toil on faithfully in the service of the Lord, is our earnest prayer.

Electric lights have been enstalled in the chapel, and on the grounds, which is a great benefit. Through the suggestion of Sister A. White of Okla. City, an offering was taken and means received sufficient to pay the light bills for another year. We thank one and all.

The attendance of this meeting was larger than at any previous meeting in this place. Pray for us that we be faithful.

U. Phillips and Henry Caldwell.

God's Minister

It is not every one that takes the name of minister that is a minister of God. Some of our young people are feeling the hand of God upon them for the ministry. We are thankful for this. You want to be a real true minister of Jesus Christ. That is what we want you to be. Let us set before you a picture of a real minister of God. You will get a word picture of such an one by reading Jer. 15: 19, 20. Let us look at the different features of this picture.

First, he is clothed with divine authority, "Thou shalt stand before me." In the original this means, thou shalt have divine authority. Many ministers, so called, in these days have no authority. They attempt to get some evils, some worldliness out of their church—their congregation—but they are powerless to do so. Some movements try to correct some evils, but Delilah has shorn off their locks and they have lost their authority. Remember a minister of God is clothed with divine authority.

Second, the message he delivers is from God. "Thou shalt be as my mouth." He does not preach his own traditions, but the words that God gives him. Have a care, young man, that you teach only such teaching as God sets His seal upon. Not long since we met a man who taught that we should accept nothing of a Gentile. By this he meant that we should accept no money or anything that was offered us by a sinner. This is man's tradition and not the message of God.

Third, he is to keep God's work clean. "If thou take forth the precious from the vile." This is what God's minister is careful to do. This, however, is one of the most difficult and arduous duties of a minister. He surely needs the help of God to do this. He needs the wisdom of God. But dear young preacher, it must be done. God will reject you if you do not do it. God will have His precious things kept separate from the vile. He will have it done regardless of the cost. O, ye minister, see that ye keep the wheat and the chaff separate. Keep the tarnish off the gold. Keep the world out of the Church. "As an earring of gold and an ornament of fine gold, so is a wise reprover upon an obedient

ear." Keep yourself pure and keep the work pure that God has given into your hands. Certainly God's message is to be spoken in love. It is not God's message if it is spoken otherwise, but it must be true. A message must sometimes be severe, but never unkind. Kind words are oftentimes the most severe. Nothing cuts so deep as the tender words of a loving friend. The precious must be kept separate from the vile. Nothing will do but the faithful preaching of God's message in God-given authority. The word of God can be preached in authority only by those who live the word. Live the whole word of God and then preach it.

Fourth, God's minister will often be opposed. "And they shall fight against thee." There will always be those who will oppose the teachings of Jesus. If you are God's mouth to the people, some one is sure to slap your mouth. The Christian minister is a soldier. He will find those who will fight against him.

Fifth, he will have courage to stand solidly. "I will make thee . . . a fenced brazen wall." God will make His true minister assault proof. He may be assaulted, but he shall stand like a wall. "They shall not prevail against thee." He shall stand immovable. God will be with such a one to save and to deliver.

Is it not true that the tendency today among the so-called Christian ministry is to carefully avoid giving any offense, and to give that which will please and delight? They strive to furnish intellectual entertainment. They will speak of the eternal justice of God, but do it in such flowing words, and gorgeous eloquence as to turn the minds of the hearers away from the verities of God's justice to his high-sounding phrases. They afford spiritual entertainment. They will paint in high colors the glorious privileges of the saint. They will thunder out God's wrath against wickedness in a general way, but it never cleans up the company that sits in the seats before them. He simply furnishes spiritual entertainment. It is nothing more. In flights of oratory and enthusiasm he describes the excellence of the Christian religion, the comforts of the Christian heart, the glories of heaven; he pictures the miseries of the sinful life, the anger of God against sin, and the torments of hell, but he does it in an entertaining manner, a conventional way that his hearers go out to walk in the same way as before. It does not separate the precious from the vile. The preacher has an eased conscience because he thinks he has given the judgments of God. He has spoken beautifully about the Christian faith, he has illustrated, pleasingly the ethics of the religion of Christ, he has held up the divine mercy, he has spoken of the wrath of God against sin, and he thinks he has done his duty, but his words have been void of that Holy Spirit power of rebuke. In the pulpits of today the preaching is generally good so far as words go, but it is powerless to separate the precious from the vile. Holiness is being taught by those who once opposed it. Unity is being taught by many who once fought against it. Sin is being denounced by those who

once contended for it. Their preaching is good, but they do not practice what they preach. Their teaching is taking on a higher standard, but their life is on a lower plane. This is calling the wrath of God down in greater fury and is hastening the end of the world.
—From "The Path of Life."

oOo Are You Undeified?

The true ministers, the truly God-sent ministers, have a tremendous responsibility resting upon them in this evening time when the devil is loose for a season with all of his damnable heresies and "angel-of-light" spirits cleverly deceiving the multitudes and binding them in bundles to be cast into the lake of fire and brimstone where the worm (soul) dieth not and the fire is never quenched.

The true minister not only must warn the wicked that they will meet death and damnation if they continue in sin, but he also must warn the righteous that they sin not, lest they too come into condemnation and be lost with the wicked (Ezekiel 3:21).

In Psalm 119:1, we read, "Blessed are the undeified in the way, who walk in the law of the Lord."

In reading the instructions given of God to the Israelite people, we find a large catalog of things and ways by which they could defile themselves, and were strictly warned against such.

The literal defilements which they were warned against were types of spiritual defilements that we in this grace dispensation are to resist and guard against lest our garments become spotted and our consciences defiled and darkened until we will wander into traps and snares of Satan and be lost with ungodly men.

When one is saved and cleansed, baptized with the Holy Spirit, he is clean from all defilement. He has a clean, clear conscience, undeified before God, and is not of this world. The affections for the world are destroyed out of the heart, and things of heavenly worth fill up his being. He is of heaven and not of the world. If one continues to desire it to be that way and resists worldly encroachments and if he continues to love the crucified way, God will preserve his conscience clean and undeified; and he will continue to see the Scriptures teaching the separation from the world and all its defiling things, both spiritually and literally; and God will be pleased with that one.

The people who begin to take up again things from which God has set them free, are defiling their consciences. The more they take up with this or that thing, the darker their vision becomes until the scriptures do not read the same any more. Since their consciences are defiled, the enemy makes them see the scriptures in such a way that they are encouraged in their lustful, worldly ways and become a prey to many different kinds of fleshly lusts; such as adorning the body, catering to the vulgar fashions and fads of the times, loving filthy lucre, loving the praise of men, dabbling in politics, mixing and work-

ing with the harlot daughters of Babylon, pride of life, becoming intensely interested in accumulating perishable wealth, and teaching the free gospel in such a way as to bring men under bondage to support them, and in many other ways too numerous to mention. In this state it is easy for them to put light for darkness and darkness for light and drift along down the broad way with a high profession, being doomed for eternal night. While in this state, they are unable to see the church clearly and think it is all mixed up with the harlot daughters of Babylon. They think all is in confusion and that no one sees eye to eye, and thus they drift along. When people get in confusion and their consciences defiled, they are unable to see others who are holding together in the truth of His Word. They will try to make people believe that all everywhere is in division and confusion as they are. This is an exceedingly sad state for a soul.

Paul speaks of the god of this world, which is Satan, blinding the minds of certain ones and keeping the gospel from shining unto them (2 Cor. 4:4). In Titus 1:15 we read, "Unto the pure all things are pure, but unto them that are defiled and unbelieving is nothing pure: but even their mind and conscience is defiled. They profess that they know God but in works they deny him." In Heb. 12:14 we read, "Follow peace with all men, and holiness without which no man shall see the Lord: Looking diligently lest any man fail of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble you, and thereby many be defiled." He goes on to tell about Esau and calls him a fornicator and a profane person because he sold his birthright for a morsel of meat. Many today are selling their birthright for trifling and vain things as did Esau, and some have reached the place where they find no place of repentance though they may seek it carefully with tears.

In Rev. 34 we read, "Thou hast a few names even in Sardis which have not defiled their garments; and they shall walk with me in white: for they are worthy. In Rev. 14:4 we read, "These are they which were not defiled with women: [harlot daughters of Babylon] for they are virgins [clean from all other defilements]. These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth."

Brethren, whenever we begin to do again the things that God has delivered us from, we are defiling our conscience and darkening our vision in spiritual truths and throwing ourselves open to various kinds of delusions. It is a sign that we do not love the crucified way any more. If we do not retain a love of the whole truth in our hearts, then we are subjects to receive delusions at the hand of God. "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." 2 Thess. 2:11, 12.

—Fred Pruitt

"Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap." Gal. 6:7.

My Testimony

The time is swiftly passing by,
My race on earth is almost run;
My life on earth will soon be closed.
I face the setting sun.

Seventy milestones now I've passed.
The time is drawing near
To settle my account with God—
I'm glad my record's clear.

I've done my best to please the Lord,
I tremble at His Word,
Rich blessings he pours out on me,
I'm glad his voice I've heard.

All this world I've left behind
To follow Christ my Lord;
I'm living close to him each day,
Conforming to His Word.

He's taken care of all my needs,
Just as he said he would.
I'm glad I put my trust in him—
He told me that I could.

And now with perfect confidence
I'm moving toward the end;
For perfect love casts out all fear;
How happy I'll be then.

I know the summons soon will come
For me to fly away
To be forever with my Lord
For all eternity.

Eternity, eternity,
Oh, what a blessed thought!
Eternity with Christ my Lord.
With His precious blood I'm bought.

"When we've been there ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we first begun."

"And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap if we faint not." Gal. 6:9.

Your happy brother in the Lord,
George W. Stephenson, R. 1 c.o. J. H. Smith
Geneva, Indiana



Wash.—Greetings to the saints in Jesus dear name—
Some time ago I requested prayer for my son's whereabouts. I am thanking and praising the Lord for answering our prayers. I received a letter from him. I am happy to know he is yet alive and has a chance to make his wrongs right. I am thanking the saints for their prayers again. It pays to serve Jesus, it pays every day. Pray for my husband. He is unsaved; also my son. I am yet saved and have a mind to do right.
Pray for me. Mrs. Esther Humphrey

CHILDREN'S CORNER

Hello, Children:

I do trust that most of you had the privilege of being in the children's meetings this summer. I talked to some children that were, and they said they liked them very much. Let's try to remember the things you heard and do them. It will help you to be better children. Jesus will be pleased, and also mother and father.

Do you know someone is watching you all the time? He sees everything you do, hears everything you say, knows everywhere you go. He sees right through the walls and even sees down into your heart, and even knows your thoughts about what you want to do or intend to do. I am sure by now you know who it is. It's Jesus.

Now since we do want to go to heaven, we must be very careful what we do, as Jesus sees us all the time.

In the Bible we read about a man named Jonah who tried to run away from God because he did not want to do what God told him to do. Instead of going to the east and telling the people of Nineveh that God would destroy their city with fire because they were so wicked, he got on a ship that was going west. He thought he would get so far away that God would send someone else. But God saw Jonah get on that boat, just as he sees what we do and knows our thoughts. But God was displeased, so He sent a storm on the sea and the sailors were afraid that their ship would be dashed to pieces by the waves, so they threw some of their boxes into the water to make the ship lighter, but still the waves were so high that they were tossed about and the sailors were frightened. Finally they decided someone had displeased their God and had caused the storm, so they began to inquire, and finally Jonah told them to throw him overboard and the storm would stop because he feared the God of heaven who had made the sea and dry land, and that he had tried to run away from his God. The sailors did not want to do it, but they feared they would all drown so they threw Jonah into the water. As he went down, the storm stopped.

God was watching. He caused a big fish to swallow Jonah, and he was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights. Jonah prayed and the Lord was merciful and caused the fish to throw Jonah out on the land. Jonah was willing to do what God told him to do, so he went to Nineveh and told them that God would destroy their city with fire. But the people were sorry for their sins. Even the king was sorry, and they all cried unto God, and God did not destroy their city.

So you see you cannot run away from God. He sees you all the time. Let's remember that God is seeing us and always do the right thing.

—Aunt Marie

"All things are naked and open unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do." Heb. 4:13.

CORRESPONDENCE

A WARNING TO PARENTS

I have felt for some time the Lord would have me write my experience.

When I was twelve years old I gave my heart to God. Some told me I was too young, but the Lord really saved me, and I put everything on the altar. He sanctified me for Himself. I died out to the world and its pleasure and lived to please the Lord and he began to show me he had something for me to do in his work. Oh how I loved the Lord.

But when I was 16 years old I knew the Lord was calling me for his field of labor. Two sisters, who were ministers of God, came into our community and held meetings in two different places. The Lord blessed me in helping them and they wanted me to go with them to help in other meetings. But my parents would not let me go. Oh, the great disappointment to me! I so longed to do the Lord's will, but they said I was too young. Oh, what heart ache and tears! I was so troubled but they would say, "You are too young, and you must obey your parents."

I struggled along for a year or so, but failed to keep victory in my soul just because I did not obey the Lord. I went back into the world and lost out with God. Oh, it pays to be true to God.

Now, children, obey your parents so long as it pleases the Lord, but never let anything come between you and the Lord. And, parents, be sure you have your children all on the altar that when the Lord calls them you will let them go.

I have talked to some young saints who have this same problem. So with love and the fear of our blessed Lord I write this hoping it will be a help to others. I do thank the Lord He saved me again and I am doing what I can for Jesus. I get letters from young saints asking advice and it takes much prayer and fasting to answer in the right way, but I am willing to do what little I can for the blessed Lord who has done so much for me. Pray for me. I need your prayers that I know God's will and do it. Your sister under the blood,

Mrs. Cordia Stroud.

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Calif.—Greetings to my brothers and sisters in the Lord.—Although I never have met you dear saints in the flesh, I feel I am with you in spirit and I pray for you and the standard which you uphold. I first met the church of God in 1902 near Mineral, Kansas and as a lad of twelve I realized I was up against the old time religion. I can remember the fire and Holy Spirit power that was in those meetings. Bros. Sam McKalaster, Master. Sisters Cole, Lambert, and Bateman were there. How they could pray! Conviction was so strong I as a sinner would leave the meetings. I knew I was a sinner on my way to a devil's hell, but would not yield my stubborn will. My folks moved to Oregon in 1906, and there I met another man of God. His godly life proved to me the Christian life was the best way so in Feb. 1912 I prayed my way through to salvation. For the first time I had peace in my heart. Oh, how I praise God today for saving my poor lost soul, and today my heart fills with gratitude to know He is my Saviour and Keener in the most wicked city. The G. T. church of God here is dead. They know nothing of a spiritual life. They've had the same pastor for twenty-five years. I do not worship there any more. The Lord is blessed to my soul, and his word is ever new.

Last week I started again to read the Bible through and was more impressed by the faith of Abraham and the many times he built an altar, but not once do I read of Lot building one. Lot's desire to live in the low land even after the angels had led him out of Sodom, and was told to flee to the mountains. He begged to be able to go to another city, saying it was only a small one.

My soul was stirred to seek more of the high lands of this holy life. Yours, saved, sanctified, healed, and kept by power divine, Everett Jones

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Kans.—Dear saints scattered abroad:—Greetings in the precious name of Jesus. Truly my heart is glad for what He is to me. I am writing this testimony to proclaim the Lord's doings among the people. I was at the Guthrie meeting, and truly the Lord was there and the fire fell. The word went forth on every line. The Lord healed my body of complaints of long standing, and I feel like a new person.

Truly, He is a present help in time of need and will never leave us nor forsake us. He takes care of me and makes ways where there are no ways, and I will never forsake Him. I will go all the way, by His gracious help. I surely thank the dear Lord for supplying the need of the dining hall and pavilion. They are very nice. He will always help his people when they live for Him. I would not take anything for my journey. Pray much for me. Your sister under the blood,

Sister Laura Nichols.

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Kans.—Dear saints everywhere:—Greetings in the name of Jesus. I am glad to add my testimony. I am yet a child of God and have no other desire to be anything but his child. I was sick last fall for about five weeks and did not seem to improve very much, but I was trusting and looking to God. Different saints came and prayed with me; but there was not much improvement. I grew weaker and weaker. The dear Lord made me to know that I was suffering with a "growth" or "tumor." Finally one day I decided to go to a physician and see just what it was.

I did. I told him that I was trusting in God to heal my body, but I wanted to know just what my trouble was. He said he was glad to hear of Divine healing, and he wished more people would believe that, then there would not be so many suffering. He examined me and called in another specialist who examined me also. They said the case was bad, that I had a bad tumor and must have a surgical operation.

After coming home I felt very bad. In a few days I could hardly walk. The tumor was pressing down. I just lay and prayed and cried and asked God to let his will be done. God sent Sister Clara Parr here from Junction City, Kans. She prayed for me and while praying I saw Jesus sitting beside my bed. After prayer I got up and dressed and went across town, came home and cooked and felt fine. The next day I went to morning and evening service and shouted and rejoiced in God. The following day I went home with Sister Clara Parr. The bus ride did not hurt me.

The Lord showed me that night in a dream that he was going to operate on me. The next day about 10 o'clock he began operating on me. For awhile it seemed like every minute would be my last; but I was in the arms of Jesus saying His will. It seems like He took all my insides apart, and then fixed them back. (Sister Parr was praying). Then up I jumped and rejoiced in my God, for he had operated on me. He showed me many wonderful things; and told many sweet things.

That was in October, 1946. I have been going ever since with a well body, praising God for His goodness, and how He worked on me through the prayers of the righteous. I write this testimony that someone else will be helped by God. Sister G. E. Graham.

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Texas—Dear ones in Christ,—I will endeavor to write a few more of the wonderful things the dear Lord has done for me. I believe the Lord would have us pass these things on to others, as a candle is not to be hid; neither is a prophet without honor only in his own country.

The dear Lord led me to go to the Baptist Sunday School once after I had almost quit going. My baby had sores on the side of her face and around her ear. Almost every one there said something about the sores and how terribly bad they were. In the afternoon sister came over to try to persuade me to use something on them. She and others (except one sister) said so much until it seemed my heart would break. The baby cried most of the night and I had to sit and rock her until about one or two o'clock. The Lord heard my cry and let the scabs fall off. By morning there were only a big red place where the sores were. It was so wonderful I took the baby to my neighbor's to show them what the Lord had done. But the devil is always on hand too. Mamma said the olive oil that I put on it did it. Husband said, "I guess you and Nellie (my sister) will try to walk on water next." Praise God!

One night the baby had the ear ache and was screaming. I lay in bed a good while praying. Finally Husband said, "I guess you'll do something besides pray this time." I got up, got the olive oil, walked into the kitchen, anointed the baby and prayed and the Lord completely eased it and it went on back to sleep.

One night after so many severe treatments from Husband, the devil thought he would scare me. The baby woke up screaming and crying. I said in my mind, I'm going to stand for you, Lord, regardless of what happens. I had gotten up with the baby. It became quiet and went to sleep at once.

The Baptist meeting house is just across the road from our house. They were having their revival meeting. I had been talking to them about their church, telling them that they should not join a church for no man could open the doors of God's church. "Behold, I set before you an open door." Jesus said, "I am the door, by me if any man enter in he shall be saved." No man openeth and no man shutteth. God does it all in his church. The preacher preached (and oh, how he preached) and he opened the doors of his church. It seemed he made it extra plain and loud. I had talked to them for their own souls' good and because I loved them. When he made some statements, seemingly directed to me, it seemed that my heart would break. I went into my back room, fell on my knees and said, "Lord I am expecting you to do something about this." I went to bed, and when I got up the next morning my heart was still heavy. I prayed the same thing again, "Lord I am expecting you to do something about this meeting." As I got up it thundered. I didn't know there were any clouds around. I continued to pray and expecting the Lord to work, and he did. It rained that evening and there were not many out to meeting. The next night one of the preachers got word his wife was bad sick so he left and the meeting was about broken up. I really did thank and praise the dear Lord for it. I know He did it in answer to prayer. He does all things well.

I want to make heaven my home. Sister Essie Moore

Miss.—Dear Co-laborers,—I am glad to testify for my Lord. He has done so much for me. A dear old lady gave me ten dollars yesterday as a gift. I want to do charity work with it here, but I want to send one-tenth of it to you and send some more names for the paper. All are in need of this truth and I am sending names with a sincere prayer for their good and God's glory. I am happy to say I see nothing in the world to lure me back to any of its folly. I am encouraged to press onward.

Our daughter's baby is now 2½ weeks old. Your prayers did her much good when she was in bad health. Her unsaved husband is in bad health with ulcerated stomach. God is dealing with him. I asked you to pray for him several times, so continue to remember him. They have four children to rear now. If they fail, where will the children go?

I was healed of deafness in both ears, but one ear is stone deaf again. I am holding to God to heal it. If He could do it once he can do it again, praise His dear name. The name is "Jesus" who never fails.

Mrs. J. Strickler.

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Tenn.—Dear Bro. and Sister Pruitt and co-workers:

I feel like thanking the Lord this morning for His goodness to me, and I want to thank you also for your prayers. It has meant much to me to know the saints have been praying for me.

I have just been reading the "Faith and Victory." Many times that little paper has brought comfort to me through my sickness. I am much better, but I desire your prayers that I might get completely well and strong again.

The Lord has been wonderful to me. Many times in the past year I have seen prayer answered—even when it seemed impossible. My husband was out of work, and everyone said he couldn't get work here as many of the old hands were laid off. But I kept holding on to the promises of God and praying and asked other Christians to pray and he has a job now. He feels it was through prayer. But he isn't a Christian. Please pray for him to be saved.

Mrs. Dan Wylie

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Mo.—My dear "Faith and Victory" folks,—I am writing you to thank you for your prayers that you prayed for the goiter on my throat. My throat has not hurt since I asked you to pray for me. I praise God every day of my life for the healing. He is so precious to heal bodies.

I want to ask you to pray for my daughter in El Reno, Okla. She has arthritis. She does not trust the Lord as she should and I want you to pray, for the Lord is able to heal her body.

I get a blessing from reading the good testimonies in the paper. If the dear Lord should call me I am ready to go. I heard some beautiful singing the other night in my dream. I don't think I ever heard such singing. I can hear it yet.

I started to take a hot water bath canner off the stove and was badly burned. I began to call on the Lord and prayed to be healed. Oh, how I do praise God, my hand did not blister. I know I would have had a bad hand if it had not been for the dear Lord. My hand quit hurting and the next day it didn't show that it had been burned. It means much to have a wonderful Saviour like we have. I would be pleased to hear from the dear saints. My address is R. 1, Billings, Mo.

Mrs. Arch Kemp

Nebr.—Dear saints of God,—I want to write my testimony for the glory of God, telling what He has done for me. You all remember I wrote for prayer and fasting the first Sunday in June for the healing of my sore lip.

I never saw anything like the sore on my lip. It grew about three inches long and was hanging away down on my chin. All my trust was in the dear Lord to heal it. Yesterday morning I had been working hard. I sat down in a chair to rest and I noticed that the sore seemed loose and it didn't hurt a bit. I put my fingers up to the place and it was all loose, and, praise the dear Lord, those two joints fell off. How I did shout and praise the dear Lord. I always said it would fall off for the glory of the Lord. I sent to Bro. Pruitt two different times for an anointed handkerchief, and when I would apply it the dear Lord would always take away pain. While I was going through severe trial I often thought of my dear old Bro. Job. He had a lot of comforters and so did I; but none of those things made me waver. One professor said to me, "If I had that, I'd tie a string around it and cut it off." I told her I was trusting the Lord.

There is another bunch on my lip about the size of a small walnut. Dear saints, pray that there will not be any more come, and pray the dear Lord will make this drop off just like the others did. I dreamed three times that it would fall off and it did the way I dreamed. When this other one comes off the dear Lord will heal my lip. I am standing on the solid Rock and my trust is all in the dear Lord. How I do pray that some of the dear saints and ministers will come this way. There isn't an old time minister in Nebr. whom I know.

I do thank all the dear saints for their earnest prayers. Won't it be glorious when we all get to heaven? Though He slay me, yet will I trust Him. I love Him with all of my heart and all is on the altar. Your blood-washed sister in the one body, Mrs. D. M. Grothouse

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Mo.—Dear Bro. Pruitt and all the saints of God,—Greetings in Jesus' name. I feel led to write a short testimony telling of the wonderful way God healed the bunions and corns on my feet. They were large, hard ones and I could hardly walk. For years I sent for and kept a supply of corn salve that would make them come out and I would have to keep rags on my feet until they came back again. Although I trusted God for the healing of my body, I seemed to think that did not include corns. A few months ago I got several boxes of the corn salve and the Lord said, "I am the Lord that healeth thee." He said, "I can heal the corns too." My faith took hold of God and I threw all the salve into the brush, prayed a hole in the skies by faith and God healed me at once. There has been no signs of corns since, and the skin on my feet is as smooth as an infant's.

I write this to the glory of God, praise His name. No ailment is too small; no disease too large for Him, "For these bodies and spirits are His." Will all the saints please pray for me? Your sister in the one body, saved, sanctified, and healed now. "According to your faith, so be it unto you."

Bessie Rohr

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Texas. Greetings to all you dear saints everywhere in the dear name of our Lord,—I feel led of the Lord to send in my testimony. I can truthfully say I am still saved and walking with Jesus. I want to go all the way. I would be lost indeed without my blessed Saviour. He means everything to me, bless His precious name. Let us all pray often and put on the full armor of God and

never be weary in well doing for in due time we shall receive our reward if we faint not. As we study the Bible and understand it, how it causes us to rejoice in the mercy of God. He has told us to "Ask and you shall receive, seek and you shall find; knock and it shall be opened unto you." If I cannot understand I ask God for wisdom and understanding and receive it.

I live with my daughter who earns our living while I keep house. She is 27 and is a good girl, but not saved. About a year ago she was keeping company with a man and on Saturday night they went out for a ride. Later the boy returned, saying that another car had run into them, completely wrecking his car. My daughter was in the hospital. I wanted to go to her but he said there was nothing I could do for her and it would be better to wait until morning. He left and I turned to God at once. I was alone with God all night, praying that he would save her and that she might not be hurt bad for she was all I had to depend upon beside God.

The morning paper came. It stated that she had three broken ribs and other injuries. I did not believe it, so I turned to God again before I left the house at eight o'clock and asked Him not to let her have any broken bones or be a cripple. When I reached her, she was in some pain. She had a knot on her head as large as a cup, and some scratches, but not a bone broken. X-rays were taken and showed her to be completely whole. The doctor examined her again and said I could bring her home at once if I wished, which I did. Of course she had to go back for a check up in three days. The knot on her head left. She had two black eyes for a week or two. Words fail me to express my joy and thanks to God. The doctor and others were amazed and could not understand how they ever got out of the car alive as it was mashed and a total wreck. The doctor went to see the car and he said in all his practice she was the only one he'd ever seen come out of a wreck like that alive to tell him how she did it. She said she didn't know unless it was the prayers of her mother and the saving power of God. Blessed be the name of our God!

I could tell of many times I have been healed, but space forbids. I trust in the Lord for all my needs. He is my Physician. I have been hard of hearing since I was 13. Now I am 55 years old. I am praying God that if it is his will I might hear again. I would love to hear the sermons preached. I don't doubt for one minute that I shall hear. I am praying for patience. I would be glad for the saints to pray for me. I know the effectual, fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much and if we come to God with simple faith and an open heart, he will hear our prayers. I am at home with the church of God here. I cannot hear words preached, but I read lips and God is with me. I would be glad to hear from any of the saints. Saints, stand fast and keep anchored to the solid Rock. Keep your faith strong and God will see you through. God bless each and every one, Flora E. Gibson, Gen. Del., Borger, Texas.

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Ohio—My dear Brothers and Sisters,—I send greetings of love across the miles in Jesus' dear name. I am glad this morning that I am saved and on the Lord's side. He has done so much for me. We look around us and see sin on every side. It certainly grieves my heart to see how people will spurn away God's mercy when He would save them if only they would turn to Him. I am thankful for God's healing power.

On Labor Day night as I was lying in bed an af-

fliction of some kind seized on my body (a stroke I presume). It affected my speech so that I could not get the folks to understand me at all. I knew what I wanted to say and knew what they were saying to me, but couldn't understand for awhile. Then husband finally realized that I wanted prayer. He called Sister Jenkins in Dayton, a faithful saint and she went to prayer in my behalf. Husband and I knelt in prayer, but still I couldn't speak plainly. Husband asked me if I wanted to go back to bed and I nodded yes. I lay back down and husband knelt by the bed and called on God. The Lord came to my rescue and loosed my tongue and I really poured out my heart to God. Saints, it makes me think of a verse of the song in Select Hymns, No 171. "Where shall we look for help in affliction? Or whither shall we send? 'The prayer of faith will save,' it is written, 'Tis true till time shall end."

I am so glad that the Lord still hears the cries of His children and does still hear and answer prayer. I thank God for His truth this morning and want to ever be found living where Christ will be pleased to live within my soul. Not only has He healed my body, but He has healed in our home numbers of times and also in our little congregation.

Bro. and Sister Key held a meeting here for us recently and we feel there was much good done. Although we haven't had a regular pastor, we have been going on and having Sunday School and meetings on Sunday and Wednesday nights. The work here in times past was terribly abused because of a harsh, abusive spirit that was among us, but since God removed that from our midst, the saints are coming along fine; and I believe are working together for the good of God and souls. We want to see the work of God prosper. Pray for us that we will always stay in our place and live humbly before our God. I have a silent request that I want to be remembered, for only God knows how to work this out for his glory. Pray for us.

Your Sister,

Verga M. McCoy.

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Kansas—To all the saints scattered abroad,—Elect, according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through sanctification of the Spirit, unto obedience and sprinkling of the Blood of Jesus Christ: Grace unto you, and peace and love be multiplied.

After attending the Monark Springs camp-meeting, I came home and found the dear saints here. Sisters, Jettie Davidson, McDonald and Jones and Bro. Thomas Chambers. I do thank the Lord for these dear ones that has kept this little coal of fire burning. We hope to see it grow. I feel a warm fellowship and love for these saints as well as those at the camp-meeting.

The saints here have ask me to pastor for them, and I told them I would see how they liked me, and if it was agreeable with the Holy Ghost, and the other saints.

At our first meeting, Sister Davidson's little boy began to hemorrhage from the nose. We anointed him and prayed and the blood stopped suddenly. He had had his tonsils removed and she felt she should have him checked over on account of her husband, who is unsaved. We took him to the hospital, and they could not find a trace. One night she was ill and called for prayer. We went over, and when we prayed, the pain all left her body, and the temperature and she was up the next morning. What a mighty God we serve.

Some time ago I was sick, nigh unto death it seemed. I turned down the medicine and doctors, but could not find anyone to anoint me that did not believe in doctors and medicine. The precious Lord in mercy raised me up and led me to a people that trusts in the Lord for both soul and body. I am happy in my new found treasure. I believe I have come unto Mt. Sion, the Church of God. I feel a warm love and unity of the faith so far as my light extends. There are some scriptures I am praying about.

We went from Monark Springs to Shreveport, La.. I bought a new song book there. The Lord has blessed me much in song and answered prayer with words of song, at any hour of day or night. As I prayed for the Lord to open my understanding, I opened this new song book for the first time and first place, and read:

"Open my eyes that I may see,
Glimpses of truth, Thou hast for me;
Place in my hands the wonderful key,
That shall unclasp and set me free.
Open my ears that I may hear
Voices of truth, Thou sendest clear,
And while the wave notes fall on my ear,
Everything false will disappear.
Open my mouth and let me bear,
Gladly the warm truth everywhere,
Open my heart and let me prepare,
Love with thy children thus to share.
Silently now I wait for Thee,
Ready my God, Thy will to see;
Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!"

Already this prayer is being answered. As the so-called Holiness people and Church of God turned their carnal weapons against us, showing that they are in respect of persons regarding the colored saints, telling me what I can preach and what I can't, scoff-in at the holy kiss, calling the saints "Old Foot-Washers"—the more my eyes are opened to the condition of the sect churches and their condition, and the more I see the true way from the false.

—Ruth Stewart

Magnifying the Lord

"O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together" (Psa. 34:3). Let all those that seek thee rejoice and be glad in thee: let such as love thy salvation say continually, *The Lord be magnified*" (Psa. 40:16). When Jesus was here on earth clothed in a human body, he drew many and profound lessons from nature and from little things lying all about us. Often we can get a deep thought and an important lesson from the multitude of circumstances and little things around us.

This morning when I went to feed the hogs, the Lord caused a little pig, about six weeks old, to start the unfolding of a spiritual lesson to me. When a slop made of shorts, bran, etc. was poured into the trough, the pigs, as usual, jumped lustily in to get a bait and one pig jumped as lustily out of the trough to make way for the old sow's oncoming nose, and in so doing gave quite a kick which knocked out a considerable portion of the rich feed on the ground to be trampled in the dirt and wasted. To stand

and look on such becomes disgusting, and the longer the worse. While I looked at this for a moment, with no satisfaction, the thought came to me definitely and clearly that to look upon things of such character is not to magnify the Lord, but the devil.

The devil is the author of all hatefulness, and surely the more we look at it, the more hateful it becomes and is thus magnifying him. But if we turn our magnifying glass in the opposite direction and begin to look at the Lord's designs and purposes in our lives, in spite of the multitude of petty annoyances and trials, we shall surely discern it is the Lord working for our good (Rom. 8:28) to make ready a people prepared for the Lord (Luke 1:17). And when we have thus endured the temptations we are surely magnifying the Lord and exalting his name, who will have a people of voluntary service prompted by a love that loves him enough better than anything else, that we will obey him rather than anything else.

—J. H. Pierson.

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THE BETTER REVELATION

Sunday, October 5, 1947

Printed PortionHebrews 1:1-4; 2:1-3; 8:6-11.

Heb. 1:1. God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets,

2. Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds;

3. Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high;

4. Being made so much better than the angels, as he hath by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they.

Heb. 2:1. Therefore we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard, lest at any time we should let them slip.

2. For if the word spoken by angels was steadfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just recompense of reward;

3. How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation; which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard him.

6. But now hath he obtained a more excellent ministry, by how much also he is the mediator of a better covenant, which was established upon better promises.

7. For if that first covenant had been faultless, then should no place have been sought for the second.

8. For finding fault with them, he saith, Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah:

9. Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers, in the day when I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt; because they continued not in my covenant, and I regarded them not, saith the Lord.

10. For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, saith the Lord; I will put my laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts: and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people:

11. And they shall not teach every man his neighbor, and every man his brother, saying, Know the Lord; for all shall know me, from the least to the greatest.

Memory Verse: Jesus saith . . . he that hath seen me hath seen the Father. John 14:9.

Practical Truth: The new covenant, established through Christ, is superior to the covenant made with Israel of old.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

Our lesson is a summary of what Jesus came to do. First, our attention is drawn to the former revelation, or covenant, given in Old Testament times. They were real revelations of the Divine will given through human agencies, the prophets, etc. The agent chosen for the last revelation is the Son, therefore it is a higher and better revelation. God deals with mankind and with individuals step by step in a progressive manner. If your experience with the Lord is not richer and higher than when He first started dealing with you, there is something wrong. Likely you are walking in darkness rather than light.

"Hath spoken unto us by his Son." This speaking was not merely in words uttered, but also in his example, miracles, death, and victory over death. A word conveys the thought that is in one mind to the mind of another. Jesus the Son is the "Word." His mission was to reveal the mind and will of God to mankind. He came to say, "God loves, and therefore saves."

Angels had a very prominent place in Old Testament revelations. Man regards angels and their messages with high esteem, for they are messengers of God; yet Christ is a greater messenger than they, for he is the Son, the Word and angels are subject to him. Meditate upon this comparison of words spoken by angels and those spoken by Christ. If you knew an angel had told you to do a certain thing, would you dare to disobey or treat the instructions with indifference? "Therefore we ought to give the more earnest heed" to the instructions of Christ and not neglect his great salvation for we are dealing with one greater and more powerful than angels.

The laws of the old covenant were written on tables of stone and on scrolls. The Israelites heard them read and desired to obey them but were unable to because of the sinful nature in their hearts. Time after time they would return with sacrifices that their sins may be forgiven, but the blood of such sacrifices was not powerful enough to take away sin. But Jesus gave his life a sacrifice for us, and his blood is powerful enough to cleanse the sinful heart. When it is cleansed, then it is pure and filled with a desire to keep God's laws which are inscribed there. Then instead of doing God's will because he has heard it and has been instructed to do so,

there is a life and power within that causes him to do it. When one gets his heart emptied and cleansed of the thing that caused him to do wrong, then he will by nature do that which is right.

The difference between the two covenants can be illustrated like this: A blind man inquires the way to a certain city. You may give him excellent instructions and warn him about the dangers of getting off the way you describe, but as he gropes along he finds himself unable to follow your instructions perfectly because he cannot see. But if when he came inquiring the way to that city, you had the power to give sight to him, then he could walk along the same road and never stumble and never fail to follow instructions unless he should become careless and not use his sight.

Jesus will open the eyes of the blind soul, and it need not grope in darkness along the path of life.

Even the least of those who have accepted God's new covenant have a personal knowledge of Him through communion with Him. Teachers have their place in this dispensation, but they teach souls enlightened and illuminated by the knowledge of God and not souls still groping in darkness.

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CHRIST THE MINISTER OF BETTER THINGS

Sunday, October 12, 1947

Printed Portion Hebrews 4:14-16; 7:26, 27: 9:23-26; 10:11-14.

Heb. 4:14. Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession.

15. For we have not a high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin.

16. Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

7:26. For such a high priest became us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and made higher than the heavens;

27. Who needeth not daily, as those high priests, to offer up sacrifice, first for his own sins, and then for the people's: for this he did once, when he offered up himself.

Heb. 9:23. It was therefore necessary that the patterns of things in the heavens should be purified with these; but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these.

24. For Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands, which are the figures of the true; but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us:

25. Nor yet that he should offer himself often, as the high priest entereth into the holy place every year with blood of others;

26. For then must he often have suffered since the foundation of the world: but now once in the end of the world hath he appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself.

Heb. 10:11. And every priest standeth daily ministering and offering oftentimes the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins:

12. But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God;

13. From henceforth expecting till his enemies be made his footstool.

14. For by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified.

Memory Verse: He is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them. Heb. 7:25..

Practical Truth:.. The work which Christ did and still does for men is sufficient for all our spiritual needs.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

It would take longer than one Sunday School period to reach the depths of these scriptures. A study of Old Testament types and shadows would furnish a valuable background for this lesson. This was written to the Hebrews, or Jews, who understood the priestly system. The high priests of the old order are compared and contrasted with Christ, the new spiritual High Priest. Due honor is given to the old while stress is laid on the greater and more enduring benefits of the new.

Prophets represented God and his will to the people; priests represented the people to God, instructed them and interceded for them to God. Christ was and is both Prophet and Priest. In last Sunday's lesson we learned that God has in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, thus he is our prophet. This lesson describes his priestly functions. Notice the different points brought out to show that this order is superior to the old.

"Touched with the feeling of our infirmities." Heb. 5:2 states that the human high priest shared the nature of those on behalf of whom he approached God, hence could have compassion on them and sympathize with them, yet because of his own infirmity he had no power to be of lasting benefit to them so far as their real soul's need was concerned. Christ was here in a fleshly body and was tempted in all points like we are, but he did not yield, therefore is "able to succor them that are tempted." Also, He is divine and able to look into our hearts and discover our weakest points and strengthen where strength is needed. This, the human high priests could not do. His ability to help us and his great compassion should inspire confidence in our hearts as we seek his aid.

Heb. 7:26, 27.—He was in the world, yet not of it. He mingled with men, but kept himself unspotted from man's defilements. He lived in communion with God where he could draw strength from him and partake of his holiness. His holiness has a drawing and regenerative power upon the world. One must be out of a ditch himself before he can pull another out. Let us learn from His example that one can never win the world to Christ while partaking of the nature of the world. One must partake of the nature of Christ and be separate and holy as he to win them to Him.

Heb. 9:23-26. Read verses 21, 22 to learn how the "pattern" was purged with the blood of an animal, whose blood was spilled as a symbolical substitute for the blood of the sinner who deserves to die.

Only the high priest could enter the room of the temple where God dwelt, called the "Holy of Holies," and he was permitted to enter it only once a year on the great day of atonement when he sprinkled the blood of the sin offering on the mercy seat, which represented the throne of God, where he would hear prayer. But this sprinkling of blood was only a picture of the real, and had no power. But when our High Priest poured out his life's blood in obedience to the Father's will, entered into the presence of God to intercede for us before the mercy seat, God hears and forgives and blots out our

sins to remember them against us no more forever. Praise God, "There's power in the blood to save from sin, To bring the peace of God where guilt hath been; A new and happy life will then begin; There's power in the blood of Jesus." But His blood atones only for the sins of those who repent and accept Him as their High Priest, Prophet, King, and Saviour.

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THE CREATIVE POWER OF FAITH

Sunday, October 19, 1947

Printed PortionHebrews 11:1-8, 39, 40; 12:1, 2.

Heb. 11:1. Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

2. For by it the elders obtained a good report.

3. Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear.

4. By faith Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, by which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts: and by it he being dead yet speaketh.

5. By faith Enoch was translated that he should not see death; and was not found, because God had translated him: for before his translation he had this testimony, that he pleased God.

6. But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

7. By faith Noah, being warned of God of things not seen as yet, moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house; by the which he condemned the world, and became heir of the righteousness which is by faith.

8. By faith Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, obeyed; and he went out, not knowing whither he went.

39. And these all, having obtained a good report through faith, received not the promise:

40. God having provided some better thing for us, that they without us should not be made perfect.

12:1. Wherefore, seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us,

2. Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Memory Verse: Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. Heb. 11:1.

Practical Truth: Faith in God is necessary to the accomplishment of worth-while spiritual results.

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COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

Faith is a direct fundamental to all Christian experiences, for "without faith it is impossible to please God." Faith is simply believing the Word of God. Faith is not the same as hope, but it is the spring of hope, the substance of things hoped for. Faith is that thing within us by which the future becomes to our minds greater than the present.

The entire universe came into existence through the divine word. The Lord made all things by the word of His power.

Abel's sacrifice symbolized the atonement and was offered by faith, while Cain's represented the works of man's hands which is not accepted in God's sight as a sin offering. "They that worship the Father must worship him in spirit and in truth." Good deeds, generous giving, sacrifices, nor service can never gain Divine favor. God is a Spirit and he wants a spirit worship. Faith alone can bring a soul into direct contact with God.

By faith Enoch pleased God and was translated that he should not see death. By faith in the blood of Christ we are translated from the power of darkness into the kingdom of His dear Son.

No man can sincerely pray or come to God unless he believes that God is a rewarder to them that pray. When faith is exercised then God is pleased and the two, God and man are brought into contact.

Real faith brings obedience to God's word. Because Noah believed God, he obeyed and was saved.

Abraham moved at God's command without a thing on which to base his hopes for the future excepting God's promises. Compare your faith with his 1. When he left all behind to seek a new country that he knew nothing about; 2. when he waited for the son which was to be given contrary to the laws of nature; 3. when he went up on the mountain to sacrifice his son.

Faith enables us to choose eternal things. The world set before Moses its very best: honor, in being the son of Pharaoh's daughter; and riches, in the treasures of Egypt; and pleasures of sin, but faith in God enabled him to look beyond these and choose a more enduring substance although at the time he could not see it with his natural eyes.

The Christian life is compared to a foot race. If a racer expects to win he must free his body from any weights that would check or hinder him.

Those who will only open their eyes to see the suffering and death of Jesus—the terrible result of man's sin—will be ready to deny themselves and take up their cross and walk by faith with Him. Christ is the author of our faith, the faith that urges us to press on against the opposing powers of the enemy, the faith that causes us to count all things here but loss that we might gain Him and share in his eternal riches, the faith that makes us to know, "Because He lives, we shall live also."

RELIGION IN PRACTICE

Sunday, October 26, 1947

Printed Portion James 1:22-27; 2:14-20.

James 1:22. But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.

23. For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass;

24. For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was.

25. But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed.

26. If any man among you seem to be religious, and bridleth not his tongue, but deceiveth his own heart, this man's religion is vain.

27. Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world.

James 2:14. What doth it profit, my brethren, though a man say he hath faith, and have not works? can faith save him?

15. If a brother or sister be naked, and destitute of daily food,

16. And one of you say unto them, Depart in peace, be ye warmed and filled; notwithstanding ye give them not those things which are needful to the body; what doth it profit?

17. Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone.

18. Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: show me thy faith without thy works, and I will show thee my faith by my works.

19. Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe, and tremble.

20. But wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith without works is dead?

Memory Verse: Faith, if it have not works, is dead. James 2:17.

Practical Truth: True faith in Christ will be manifested by Christlike character and conduct.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

When one has true faith actions will accompany it. God said, "The wages of sin is death." Those who really believe it will flee to the Lamb of God who has power to cleanse from sin; for what sane man would deliberately choose to draw such wages? Man often says he believes God and His Word, but when put to the test, his actions prove that he doesn't believe it. If a group of people were in a building and one on the outside would call to them: "Fire, fire!" those who believed the report would get out of the building even though they may have been enjoying themselves on the inside.

The one who hears the gospel, but does not that which he has heard deceives his own soul. The word of God is His mirror. It looks into the soul and shows up every line of beauty and also of imperfection and blemish. Some people will not look into it very often for they like to flatter themselves that they are more beautiful in soul than it shows them to be. If they will just look into it long enough they can find a perfect cure for every blemish and they will not need to be so ugly. Do you notice that beautiful people like to stand before the mirror more than homely people, unless the homely are standing there for the purpose of improving their looks?

God's law is a perfect law of liberty. It not only tells us what to do, but gives us the power to do it. Note the blessedness of the doers of the perfect law. Consider the multitude of sins an unbridled tongue can cause. One of the most common ones is lying. Liars are among those to whom the blackness of darkness is reserved forever. An unruly tongue, an envious tongue, a lying tongue, etc. are all indications of what is in the heart.

Pure religion and undefiled will make our lives both holy and useful. To visit does not mean to merely go to someone's house for a talk; but to minister to them in time of affliction and help them. True religion is not what a person knows, but what he is. No man has more religion than he lives in his every day life. A man who shows his faith by his works need not say so much, for the works will testify for themselves. The Lord said of the Pharisee class: "They say and do not." Faith and works can be separated so that a man may have the one and not the other, but when separated faith becomes a sentiment and works a snare.