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### I Praise The Lord

I praise the Lord from day to day,  
For what he means to me;  
My strength alone will not suffice,  
I have much need of thee.

I praise the Lord for victories won,  
For His enduring grace—  
No other hand, however strong,  
Can take my Savior's place.

I praise the Lord, for He alone  
My feeble step does guide;  
Where'er I go, where're I be,  
His love it does abide.

I praise the Lord from day to day,  
In Him alone I stand.  
My feeble strength will not suffice,  
I need His guiding hand.

E. O. Handy.

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### Guard Your Sacrifice

"And when the fowls came down upon the carcasses, Abram drove them away." Gen. 15:11. In verse 7 God is speaking to Abram, renewing the promise He had made him that he should inherit the land of Canaan. Abram asks for a sign whereby he might know that he should inherit it. Then God tells him what to do. Read verses 9 and 10. Abram, after his sacrifice was arranged, he stood by and kept the fowls away until the going down of the sun. When the sun was down and it was dark the sign of the Lord was seen. "And it came to pass, that, when the sun went down, and it was dark, behold a smoking furnace, and a burning lamp that passed between those pieces. In the same day the Lord made a covenant with Abram." Verses 17 and 18.

God has given to His people in this Christian dispensation many "great and precious promises," and

has given great and marvelous signs for their confirmation. I humbly affirm before the great Judge of all men that the reason we do not see more of these signs and manifestations of God's power confirming them is because we do not stand by and closely guard our sacrifice. There is too much levity, too much thought about the things of this world, too greatly burdened with the cares of life. These are some of the fowls that are devouring the sacrifice of many today. Sad it is that so many do not seem to know that their sacrifice is being devoured. God can not manifest His promises when part or all of the sacrifice is gone.

"The more the soul's powers are called off from earthly things, and gathered into one in God, the stronger will God act in thee, and the diviner and holier will be thy life." Johann Tauler.

If this man living in the dark and superstitious age when so little of the true and spiritual way of God was known, and when the Word of God was not allowed to be read, if he could realize the truth of his words, then surely we ought to realize them today. In these last and dangerous days the devil is bringing every force against the people of God, and if we are not watchful and prayerful we will be allured by some of his cunning allurements of worldly things and robbed of our sacrifice. Jesus said, "What I say unto you, I say unto all, Watch." Mark 13:37. What sacrifice are we called to make to God? Our bodies. Rom. 12:1. Our possessions. Phil. 4:18. Our praise. Heb. 13:15. Our thanks. Psa. 107:22. Everything, even our own very self is to be laid on the altar as a sacrifice to God by Jesus Christ.

On the day of Pentecost when the promise of the Father (the Holy Spirit) was given, the people of God had been in earnest prayer and supplication for ten days. They had all on the altar and were prayerfully waiting for God to reveal Himself. They guarded their sacrifice against discouragements, against doubt, against "going a fishing" and other things which tried to devour their sacrifice. When the Lord came down the sacrifice was whole and then a burning fire fell on the camp. Wonderful things were

done. The sick were healed, and 3000 souls were saved. God works this way when the sacrifice is kept carefully guarded. After we have prayed some days for a thing and yet we do not receive it, if we are not careful we will admit of a doubt, or when we are going through a severe trial a discouragement will try to creep in and when God comes He will find these things feasting on our sacrifice.

One of the most dangerous and persistent fowls of today is "cares of this world." This fowl is sweeping down on the children of God. Many duties, no time to pray, no time for meditation, no time to visit the sick, no time to read God's Word, no time to go to prayer meeting, and often-times some earthly thing takes folks away from Sunday sevrices. Our sacrifice can not possibly last long with such a gluttonous fowl as this feeding on it. There are many other fowls that will feed on our sacrifice if we do not guard it carefully. Be diligent, O soul, be diligent in guarding your sacrifice from everything of this world.

—O. B. Wilson, jr. in "Path of Life."

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Let not your heart be troubled, ye believe in God, believe also in me (John 14:1).

Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid. (John 14:27).

Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers (Rom. 13:1).

Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus (Phil. 2:5).

Let nothing be done through strife or vain glory. (Phil. 2:3).

Let us not be desirous of vain glory (Gal. 5:26).

Let your speech be always with grace seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man (Col. 4:6).

Let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body: and be ye thankful (Col. 3:15).

Let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom: teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns, and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. (Col. 3:16).

Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee nor forsake thee. (Heb. 13:5).

Let him that is taught in the word communicate unto him that teacheth in all good things (Gal. 6:6).

Let no man seek his own but every man another's wealth (1 Cor. 10:24).

Let brotherly love continue (Heb. 13:1).

Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you with all malice, and be ye kind one to another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you (Eph. 4:31, 32).

Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers. (Eph. 4:29).

Let your moderation be known unto all men, the Lord is at hand. (Phil. 4:5).

Let not him that eateth despise him that eateth not; and let not him that eateth not, judge him that eateth for God hath received him (Rom. 14:3).

Let us not therefore judge one another anymore, but judge this rather that no man put a stumbling block or an occasion to fall in his brother's way (Rom. 14:16).

Let none of you suffer as a murderer, or as a thief, or as a busy body in other men's matters; yet if any man suffer as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God on this behalf. Wherefore let them that suffer according to the will of God commit the keeping of their souls unto him in well doing as unto a faithful Creator. (1 Pet. 4:15).

Let patience have her perfect work that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing. If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally and upbraideth not and it shall be given him, but let him ask in faith, nothing wavering, for he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea; driven with the wind and tossed; for let not that man think that he shall receive anything of the Lord (Jas. 1:4).

Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God, for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man. (James 1:13).

Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in heaven (Matt. 5:16). —Sel. by Cora Brant.

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## The Healing of Blind Bartimaeus

As those words fell upon his ears, he could only listen, and I imagine, hold his breath. What words? Why, as blind Bartimaeus sat begging, he was suddenly attracted by the sound of many feet tramping by, and became very curious to know what it meant. He asked of those near him, and received the answer, "Jesus of Nazareth passeth by." He burst out in impassioned tones, "Jesus, thou son of David, have mercy on me!" (Mark 10:47).

Had Bartimaeus heard about Christ's wonderful power to heal? Who hadn't? Yes, he had heard, and no doubt had promised himself many times that if he could find any way to get in touch with that wonderful God-man he would do that no matter what it cost in effort or pain. And now the day of all days—wonderful day! Jesus himself was at that moment passing right along this very road, in his presence, and right within the sound of his voice. Be still?? Be still? when he, a man blind, blind and begging bread, begging that he might continue to exist, and when longing so to see the beauties of nature; yea, even more, to see loved ones and to be able to look upon their dear faces! Be still? now of all times when the

Great Healer, that mighty man, was passing by? Had he not heard of blind men being made to see, of the cripples at a word from Him leap to their feet, and even of the dead hearing His voice and once more walking the earth as before?

Do they still say, "Hold thy peace?" It would seem almost impossible to hold him by chains or ropes. His very heart seemed bursting. He knew he would surely be healed if only he could come to the feet of Jesus. His heart cries fairly beat down all other sounds: "Thou son of David, have mercy on me!" LISTEN! Oh, joy unspeakable, those words falling with tenderness upon his ears, "BE OF GOOD COMFORT, ARISE, HE CALLETH THEE." (Mark 10:49).

"And He, casting away his garment, rose and came to Jesus." Nothing is to remain that hinders his getting into the presence of the Great Healer. That outer garment would hinder a blind man. It would get under his feet. The value of it must not be considered. Yes, he owned it. It was a comfort to him on cool days, but now, away with it. His one thought and purpose was to get into the presence of the Master, for hadn't He called him? With no obstructions to hinder, he made his way into the presence of the Christ, the Healer of men's souls and also their bodies.

"Jesus answered and said unto him, What wilt thou that I should do unto thee?"

"Lord, that I might receive my sight." And Jesus said unto him, "Go thy way; thy faith hath made thee whole! and immediately he received his sight, and followed Jesus in the way."

And those who today are suffering may come to the Saviour and find healing. Cast aside that which may hinder you in approaching Christ. Get everything out of the way, no matter what value you may have placed upon it. And do not let anyone keep you back by saying that Christ has no time to heal you today, that the days of healing are over. Just cry the more, "Jesus, thou Son of God, heal my poor sick body." Healing is for us all today.

Sin sick soul, Jesus can heal your soul too, and will do so if you will let him. Charles Clifton.

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## Always With Me

In the morning when I wake,  
I ask God for Jesus' sake  
To be with me through the day,  
If at home, or far away.

I am sure He answers me,  
For with me He said He'd be,  
So until the stars appear,  
God and Jesus seem so near.

I am thankful for His care,  
That He's with me everywhere.  
And I'll always praise the name,  
Of my Friend who's e'er the same.  
—Frank T. Reese

## Divine Healing

"And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people." Matt. 4:25.

Very few people today have faith in our dear Lord for the healing of their bodies, but this condition ought not to exist, because He arose from the dead and is a living Christ today, and is willing to do for people today what he did for them then. He is the same yesterday and today and forever.

We were sold to the devil by sin, but bought back by the blood of Christ—praise His name for saving grace! There is power in the blood of Jesus to heal the same as there is to save, for He died for our sins, and by His stripes we are healed. He came to heal the brokenhearted, make the blind to see, and the lame to walk. He is the Great Physician. He tells us that if we ask anything in His name He will do it. If we ask him and believe he will heal all of our diseases. Dear ones, let us take our diseases to the Lord in prayer. He sends His ministers forth with the commission to preach the gospel, cast out devils, and to heal the sick.

"Without faith it is impossible to please God," so it is very necessary that our prayers be attended with faith or they will never reach the Lord's ears. We are not "faithful" servants of the Lord unless we have faith to trust God for those things that he has promised in His Word. Let us ask in the name of the Lord Jesus, and believe, and he will hear and heal us.

—Harvey Johnson

## Waving the Lantern

There was an account written of a man being run over and killed by a fast passing train on a railway crossing. The signal man was arrested for failure to wave the signal lantern. On the witness stand the old man testified that he waved the lantern frantically but the travelling man gave no heed to it. The old signal man was cross examined, but he stood by his testimony unshaken. Although others testified that they saw no lantern, yet the old man stood firm, declaring that he waved his lantern wildly in order to stop the man. Finally one of the lawyers asked him if his lantern was lit. The old man broke down, and in tears he confessed that he had neglected to put oil in his lantern and the light had gone out.

There are many folks today that are very active in church-work. They are arranging programs, they are inventing methods, they are prominent in the church socials—they are waving their lanterns, but they have no light. —Sel.

If you want to see how beautiful heaven is, just watch the everyday lives of God's true saints.—G. Stephenson

If you do not want to go to the devil's place, be careful to give no place to the devil.—C. E. Orr.

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## Editorials

As is our usual custom, we are not expecting to put out any "Faith and Victory" paper for August. The office force will be attending the campmeetings and otherwise engaged in the service of the Lord. However, we expect to send out the "Bible Study" lessons for August to all who receive rolls of paper for that purpose. Those who want the Sunday School lessons for August and have not particularly subscribed for the paper for Sunday School need may have the lessons by letting us know. Sister Pruitt with other help will be here at the office to answer letters, fill and mail out the tract and book orders and attend to the other necessary work about the office, but we shall be doing no printing this summer only what we deem absolutely necessary.

A car load of us from Guthrie are expecting to attend the Hammond, La. campmeeting and also the Monark Springs, Mo. campmeeting, and we are looking to the Lord concerning being present in the W. Va.

campmeeting which begins the last of August. We also want to be free from the office work to attend the ministers' meeting and the campmeeting here at Guthrie. We need the prayers of all the saints, as we have many problems to face and have a continual burden to get the gospel to as many people as possible before the Lord sets fire to this old wicked world and consumes them by his wrath. Jesus says, when you see the fig trees begin to shoot forth ye know that summer is nigh. The commotion, wars, and rumors of wars together with great distress of nations give knowledge to the spiritually enlightened mind that the coming of the Lord is approaching. Every man and woman is ripening either for heaven or for the flames of his wrath. The great day of his wrath is soon coming and Jesus warns his children, "Be ye also ready, for ye know not the day nor the hour when he cometh."

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Sister Evodna Thurman is absent from the office at this writing. She went with her mother to Illinois to be with her mother's father, who passed away shortly after their arrival there. In answer to the many prayers of his godly wife, Sister Smyth, his daughter, and granddaughter, he sought the Lord for salvation when he was here at Guthrie over a month ago, and showed evidences of a changed life later.

Bro. Irvin McMurrin from St. Joe, Ark. felt the call of the Lord to come and help us awhile in the printing work. He has had some experience in printing work and is helping along with the work nicely. The Lord always has a way of keeping his work going on and getting the gospel by the printed page to the people.

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In the June paper we had a notice about sending offerings to purchase a car for Bro. Ulysses Phillips of Dover, Okla. We are thankful to the Lord for the offerings that have been sent, and do know that God will bless and reward the givers. Jesus says in Luke 6:38, "Give and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye meet withal it shall be measured to you again." This is a promise that came from the lips of Jesus, one who has an abundance of power to fulfill his promise, one who never lied and never will. Brethren, let us have faith in God.

Much more money is needed before the car can be purchased. Our dear brother is practically without a car, which he very much needs to take care of his ministerial work, so we are continuing in prayer that God will in some way provide. Let all of us keep agreed in prayer until the money is supplied to buy the car for the Lord's servant.

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Bro. Darius Gibson and family of Seymour, Mo. were here at Guthrie a few days, June 7-10. We met at the chapel for services Monday and Tuesday nights. His messages were good and to the point and the saints enjoyed them. He is a traveling evangelist, and is on his way to New Mexico to do service for the

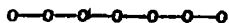
Lord in that state for a short time, then he plans to return to his home near Seymour, Mo. and make preparations to make an extended trip in the eastern states. He will be in Ill., Ind., Ohio, New York, and many of the New England States, also Pa., Mich., and perhaps Iowa. If any who read this want him to visit them or have services, write to him at Seymour, and he will arrange his trip to take in that location. Address your letter to Bro. Darius Gibson, Seymour, Mo. and he will be glad to answer your letter and tell you just when he can be at your place.

Bro. Murphey Allen felt the Lord would have him move from Forest City, Mo. to Mansfield, Mo. He is now located about fifteen miles from Bro. Gibson and is a great help to him in ministering to those who are interested in the gospel in that vicinity. His presence there gives Bro. Gibson more freedom to launch out into more distant fields to which he feels called.

Bro. Victor Orr and Bro. Clyde Stroud are in evangelistic work in Mo. I understand that they are now at Webb City, Mo. Those wanting meetings in southern Missouri and adjoining states may write to us here at Guthrie, and we'll send the word on to them.

Bro. Egbert Allen is also an evangelist. He and his wife have been holding meetings in north-west Missouri. He has a tent and keeps quite busy for the Lord, and the Lord blesses his labors.

Pray much for all these who are faithfully laboring in the Lord's harvest field, and do all you can to encourage them. Truly the laborers are few.



Jesus made the remark when here upon earth nineteen centuries ago, "When the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth?" Luke 18:8.

By reading the verses above the eighth in this eighteenth chapter of Luke, you will notice that he was telling how God would avenge his elect that cry unto him day and night. We understand by this Scripture that those who cry unto him day and night in supplications, thanksgiving, and prayer are the ones that really show faith in Him, and they are the ones that really get prayers answered, for God is touched and moved upon his throne to grant them the desires of their hearts. Evangelists and workers in the gospel who continue in prayers and supplications will see God work and souls saved in a meeting, bodies healed, and devils cast out. We can look back over our life of over thirty years service in the ministry and recall to mind many, many times when fervent prayer and earnest supplications with fasting was upon the meetings, great things were accomplished.

Just now it comes to us concerning the man who was delivered from the demons who was confined in the state asylum at Norman, Okla. and was in a pitiful condition. Bro. Ed Miles and I fasted and prayed for several days before going into the asylum to pray for the man. When hands were laid on him with continued prayer for his deliverance, the Lord hearkened and showed his love to him and delivered him from the demons, and at the same time healed a large running sore on his leg between the knee and

the ankle. The authorities, seeing that he was normal again, loosened him as a trusty. For a while he helped around the kitchen, and in a short time they released him from the asylum and he went home to his wife and children. He and his family visited me in our home about three months after that. He was so well and healthy appearing that I hardly knew him. He had gained forty pounds in weight.

At another time we had such a heavy burden for souls. As we continued in supplications and prayers with fasting, the burden became so heavy that we just groaned and about all we could say was, "Lord, many have not heard; Lord, many have not heard." And the Lord spoke these consoling words to our heart, "They shall hear." Then a great weight of burden rolled off our souls and gladness and thanksgiving filled our soul, and God did work and increased the printing work until we were reaching many thousands of souls, more than ever before.

When in supplications and prayers one time a neighbor man heard us, all unknown to us, and he came into our office room and wanted to get saved. A short time after that the Lord took him to glory.

It seems so easy for us human beings to get at ease and let up on fervent prayer and crying unto the Lord, which is a sign of losing the burden and a weakening of faith in God. For my part, I am determined to resist lethargy in the strength of the Lord and keep under the burden for lost souls and for the edification of his children and the upbuilding of his cause, for the unity and oneness of his people until he says, "It is enough, come up higher. He tells us in one place in his sacred Word not to faint in well doing for we shall reap if we faint not. Let us do all we can with prayers and supplication and our means to advance the cause of God, going or helping others to go with the gospel to lost men. To let up and get at ease will only be the means of many souls lost in the burning lake; and not only that, but our own soul will not be ready; for the fulfilling of selfish desires will rob you of Christ in your soul. When you have really lost the burden, you have lost Christ, no matter how much you may profess over it. God tells us in his Word to not deceive ourselves, for if we sow unto the flesh we shall reap corruption, but if we sow unto the Spirit we shall reap life everlasting. (Gal. 7:7, 8) He says to awake to righteousness and sin not. Do not grieve the Spirit away by carelessness and indifference and having no care or burden, doing nothing.



Tithing was a system that was incorporated into the laws of Moses for Literal Israel, but when Christ came he fulfilled the law and the prophets and the New Testament doctrine of Christ was to give all and be led by his Spirit in giving, every one as he purposes in his heart or as God puts upon his heart. If God makes one feel clear to give a tenth and then free-will offerings above that, he would be pleasing the Lord, but he should not be made to feel obligated to give a tenth as a New Testament doctrine, for that would be bringing law and bondage upon souls in the place of freedom in the Spirit in Christ. It is not in harmony

with the Spirit of Christ for one following him to be self-centered and unliberal in giving, for he says a liberal soul is made fat. If one is against tithing because he or she is stingy and self-centered and wants or uses that as an alibi to hide a covetous life, that one surely needs help from God, for the love of God working in the soul under grace will cause one to give a tenth and more, gladly.

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"Church of God Doctrines," a paper bound book containing 190 pages giving Scriptures and truths on different Bible doctrines. Written by Bro. Cecil C. Carver, 6125 Willard Ave., Shreveport, La. Order them from the author or from Faith Pub. House, Guthrie, Okla. Price 50 cents each.

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## Thanksgiving for Answered Prayer

Okla.—Dear saints,—I requested the saints to fast and pray in the June issue of "Faith and Victory. Now I am asking you to tell that our loving and kind Father has answered. June is healed of those spasms that she has had for 35 years. I am praising and thanking Him, and rejoicing.

—Rena Armstrong and June.

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## Campmeeting Notices

The National campmeeting of the church of God will be held, the Lord willing, July 23 to August 1st, inclusive, 1948 on the camp ground at Monark Springs, Mo., which is five miles east of Neosho, Mo., the county seat of Newton County. Monark Springs is not a post office or rail road station. Those traveling by bus or train should come to Neosho and take a taxi-cab to the camp ground or phone some of the saints through the Monark Springs grocery store to come after you. Highways No. 71 and 60 pass through Neosho, and all-weather roads lead to the campground.

You are cordially invited to attend this meeting—a place where you may receive help in soul and body. God's ministers will be present to preach the Word. Come praying and expecting the Lord to be present in the camp.

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

Bro. Barton and others have begun work on the camp

ground and are expecting the Lord to supply the needs as they arise. Let every one aid in this work by your prayers and means as God directs.

The trustees have personally obligated themselves, borrowed \$1100.00 and purchased thirty new tents which will be available to rent at campmeeting.

Rent on the new tents will be \$5.00 each and steel cots \$1.00 each (including a mattress as long as the supply lasts). Individuals desiring quarters in the dormitories, the price will be \$2.50 for cot and space. Let none stay away from the meeting who are unable to pay. Quarters will be provided. Please bring bedding and straw ticks and come prepared for very cool nights. Straw will be furnished. If you want a tent and cot, please send your order, with money, direct to Bro. Sam Barton, R. 11, Box 119, Tulsa 15, Okla. by July 10th. Bros. Barton and Davis are the business managers.

Help will be needed to get the grounds and buildings ready a few days before the meeting, and if you can come, please write Bro. Barton.

Each individual and congregation should make an offering to the national campmeeting. Please send it to Bro. Sam Barton or to the undersigned by July 10th.

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

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The Jefferson, Oregon Campmeeting will be held this year, Lord willing, on the saints' grounds on Hazel St., July 30th to Aug. 8th inc. The campground is one block south and a half block east of the bus depot in Jefferson, 9 miles north of Albany, Ore. and 17 mi. south of Salem.

Meals will be served free in the dining hall. Tents can be rented for \$3.00. The saints have a number of bed springs, which may be used free of charge, also straw. The saints near the grounds turn their houses into sleeping quarters for the more aged saints. The good Lord has always provided us with the needful things to care for all who come, and we urge all who can to come. Those who can should bring straw ticks, blankets, and pillows. We always look to God to send the ministers of his choosing and he has sent faithful ones, and blessed wonderfully. It was glorious last year and we are looking for better things this year. We humbly ask all saints to agree with us in prayer for the meeting.

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

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The Oklahoma State Campmeeting of the church of God will be held at Guthrie, Okla., beginning on Friday August 6th and will continue ten days, Lord willing.

Services held in the pavilion located in the 600 block on West Warner Ave. Meals will be served as the Lord supplies by free-will offerings in dining hall on grounds. Sleeping quarters for women are in second story of the dining hall; for men in old dining hall. Please bring sheets.

We are trusting the Lord to send true Spirit-filled ministers and helpers. Help us to pray for an out-pouring of God's Spirit on the meeting.

Send all offerings or provisions to O. C. Porter, 511 E. Springer, Guthrie, Okla. Please do not send them to the printing shop.

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The Roley, Oklahoma campmeeting will convene Aug. 20th to the 29th inclusive, if the will of the Lord be so. We very earnestly desire your sincere prayers. We are praying for, hoping for, and looking for a glorious campmeeting this year. Be sure to bring your bedding. For

any further information write C. A. Wallace, Boley Spears or M. J. Phillips, Boley, Okla. Box 294.

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The Midway, La. church of God campmeeting will be Aug. 13-22. The Lord has blessed at this place and met with us from year to year. Midway is not a post office. For information write Ruth Murphey, Box 673, Jena, La. or Willard Esters, Jena, La. Bus connections here.

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The Kalamazoo, Michigan Campmeeting will convene August 20-30, inc. Saints in the East should be interested in this meeting. Lodging and meals freely given as the Lord provides. For further information address Bro. Claire Blanchard, 129 E. Ransom St., or the pastor Earl M. Brown, 3606 S. Westnedge Ave., Kalamazoo 56, Mich.

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The Dover, Okla. campmeeting will be Aug. 27th to Sept. 5th, inclusive, Lord willing. The camp ground is one mile north and two and one half east of Dover. Bring bedding. Any one desiring to be met at the bus station notify in time. Pray for the meeting. H. C. Caldwell, LeRoy McCray, Ulysses Phillips, Dover, Okla.

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The Jumbo, W. Va., campmeeting will convene Aug. 27 to Sept 5th. This is a pioneer field. We believe good was accomplished in the campmeeting here last year, and feel like the Lord will help us again this year, if saints and workers in other places will help us. There is a little chapel where we have services and a dining hall and bunk house to care for those who come. Bring your bedding. Straw will be furnished. The expenses will be cared for by free will offerings.

The camp is one mile off Route 20 between Buckhannon and Webster Springs on Holly River about five miles above the little village of Diana. Information concerning the location can be obtained at Webster Springs or Diana. Regarding the bus stop nearest the camp ground, call for the Jumbo Road. If there is no one there from the camp ground, leave luggage at one of the stores and some one from the camp will call for it.

George peek, Camden on Gauley, W. Va.; Maud Clifton, R. 1, Webster Springs, W. Va.

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The 6th annual Langdon Campmeeting of the church of God of Atchison County, Mo. located in Northwest part of the state, will convene Sept. 10-19, inclusive. The weather will be rather cool at that time, so if possible, bring bedding and cots. Lodging and meals freely given as the Lord provides. For further information address pastor Egbert Allen, Langdon, Mo.

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#### California State Campmeeting

To all the saints in the state of California and throughout the west, greetings:

It is not possible for us to make a definite announcement at this time about the time and details of the California State Campmeeting. We are moving ahead with the work on the saints' camp ground at Los Angeles as fast as possible with the available help and finances.

However; it will be impossible for us to complete the work on these grounds in time for campmeeting this summer unless several more workers and more funds are made available within the very near future. We can only promise to do the best we can with what the Lord furnishes us to do with.

We will contact the pastors of the various congregations as soon as we have any definite announcement to make and would advise that all saints who have any

thought of coming to the meeting and are not connected with any congregation so they could receive the announcement by this means contact us for details before coming.

The work is progressing steadily and the frame is up for the walls and the trusses up for the roof. We shall be framing the roof on the tabernacle this week. However; there is not a sufficient force of workers to make the work go near fast enough and we suggest you pray and ask the Lord if He would have you to do anything to help in this cause.

SIGNED: O. B. Wilson, jr., Secy-treas.  
4254 1/2 Perlita Ave., Los Angeles 26, Calif.

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The National Ministers' Meeting at Guthrie, Okla. will convene July 12th to 17th.

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## Is Tithing A New Testament Doctrine?

It is commonly taught by the religious leaders of our day that tithing is God's system for his church of the New Testament in giving. The writer of this article has read over and over again all the twenty-seven books which compose the New Testament, and I have yet to see where even one verse commands such a system to be bound upon his people or his church today. If we cannot speak and command according to the Testament, then it is a plain fact that we have no life in us.

All true deep Christians know very well that this is not God's system for giving. This is a law system brought over from the Old Testament by those who are hireling ministers and those who have lost faith in God's promises. These are the ones who teach this doctrine, not the true church of God. Then you may know where you are if you hear this taught to you.

Now there is a verse of Scripture in Matt. 23:23 where Jesus was reproving the hypocritical pharisees for their failure of performing their duties of the weightier matters of the law, which were judgment, mercy, and faith. The verse reads: "Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye pay tithe of mint and anise and cummin, and have omitted the weightier matters of the law, judgment, mercy, and faith: these ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone." In this verse Jesus was speaking to those who were under the law, and were obligated to keep the law; and he was not instructing his disciples concerning the giving of money.

One writer who is supporting the tithing system states as follows: "I would like to say that tithing should not be confused with consecration. It all belongs to God and we are just stewards over the other nine-tenths and we must use the nine-tenths for the gospel of God." In his teaching he brings in Matt. 23:23 and says tithing was commanded under the law as also was, "Thou shalt not kill." He asks if we are free to kill since the law was abolished. He further states the thought of giving all, but says a man never gives all until he gives his life and as long as we live we must use some of the nine-tenths for our support; and so on goes his argument.



Let us consider these thoughts briefly. I am glad he is able to see that tithing should not be confused with consecration. This is wonderful. In the first place, let me say that tithing should not be confused with the gospel at all, for tithing is not taught in the New Testament and therefore is not a part of the gospel. It is a part of the old law and not a part of the gospel. If you take the tithing system and make it part of the gospel, why not take the Sabbath theory and make it a part of the gospel? Some teachers, when they want to make a show of their ability in condemning the old law in regard to Sabbath keeping, can prove and show where the old law is as dead as a door nail, but when they want to "feather their nests" with money, they can with one sermon on tithing, put the whole law system back in force again. Oh, the mystery of iniquity, how it is working today! If one were deceived and blinded, he could find far more texts that seem to teach Sabbath keeping than tithing. But just because Jesus told the Jews who were under the law to do certain things, does not mean that his commands to them are binding on his followers. For instance he told the man whom he healed of leprosy to go show himself to the priest and go through the form of ceremonial cleansing, but he gives no such command to people whom he heals now because we are not under the law. While this is recorded in the New Testament like Sabbath keeping, tithing, and many other law customs, it is not a part of the New Testament doctrine. It only refers to what was commanded under the law and has no reference at all to the New Testament teaching for Christians' doctrine and practice.

Now you who try to hide behind Matt. 23:23 to support your tithing theory, do you tithe as is commanded in this verse—mint, anise, cummin? If I were to use this verse in asking people to tithe, I would be sure I was tithing in the very same things it commands and not try to use it for something that it does not command.

If all we have belongs to God and we are obligated to God for all, then how can we say it is our duty to give Him ten percent? If I understand the gospel correctly, we are on the receiving end, and not on the giving end. Matt. 6:11-13 places all true Christians on one common level. Real it. God makes us stewards over all—not stewards over money only, but stewards over the Word of God also. This stewardship will cause us to teach the Word of God right. Now if it all belongs to God, then it is God's business to give to us, and not ours to give to God. If you are faithful in your stewardship, you will not be teaching people to give ten per cent.

Now let us notice the duty that the New Testament binds upon all Christians. Turn to 1 Cor. 16:2. Here is a commandment, and this is a New Testament commandment and not an old law commandment, as is Matt 23:23. You cannot reserve any more to yourself now than you reserved at the time you made your consecration for sanctification. How much did you reserve to yourself at that time? Did you tell God that you would give Him ten percent of all you pos-

sessed if He would sanctify you wholly, or did it have to go farther than that? Answer this by your own conscience. If you are truly sanctified, you know it cost you all, then surely you cannot honestly believe that tithing is God's money system.

Now let us look a little farther into this thought and see if we can find any place in the New Testament where the early church preached or practised tithing as a doctrine or as a duty.

Turn to Acts 4:32-37. "And the multitude of them that believed were of one heart and of one soul: neither said any of them that ought of the things which he possessed was his own; but they had all things common. And with great power gave the apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus: and great grace was upon them all. Neither was there any among them that lacked: for as many as were possessors of lands or houses sold them, and brought the prices of the things that were sold, and laid them down at the apostles' feet: and distribution was made unto every man according as he had need." If tithing was God's system, surely the apostles fell short of their duty in instructing these people. If they had taught them to tithe this should never have happened, and since it did happen, it puts the tithing system far in the back-ground where it belongs—back under the law.

Now turn to 2 Cor. 9:6-7. "But this I say, He which soweth [or giveth] sparingly shall reap also sparingly [your ten percent], and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully. But every man according as he PURPOSES in his heart, so let him give: not grudgingly, or of necessity [fixed amount] for God loveth a cheerful giver." Do these two verses sound like the doctrine of tithing to you? The doctrine of tithing stands in an open contradiction to these two verses of Scripture. This is the New Testament plan and method of giving. According to these two verses of Scripture given here, and those given in Acts 4:32-37; 1 Cor. 16:2; and Luke 6:38, one thing is certain to happen. Either these Scriptures fall flat and should not have a place in the New Testament, or Matt. 23:23 should take its place where it belongs, under the old law, or it should be exalted as the standard teaching of the New Testament method of giving. Which would you accept?

If I still believed tithing is God's system of giving I would go to a secret place of prayer and stay there until God had forgiven me and delivered me from such a spirit, then I would come out and make an open confession to those whom I had influenced on this subject. Yes, dear reader, you may also need to go farther back than that and see where you first compromised and became deceived in departing from the truth. Do not just start at this point to get right because you now see that the tithing system is wrong. If you will go to the bottom and throw all the sinking sand out so your foundation can rest on the Rock, God will again make a New Testament minister out of you and your life and preaching will be that of the Holy Ghost and not that of a compromising hireling minister. —R. M. Whitehouse (revised)



## CHILDREN'S CORNER

Hello, Children:—

School is out and our boys and girls are enjoying a vacation. How about us spending some of our time in learning some Bible verses? It is important to learn them while you are young, because they will stay with you. I remember the first few verses I learned when a child better than those I learned a few years ago. I am going to offer an award to all the children who will learn by memory Bible verses. Just write and tell me and have your mother or father, or anyone to whom you say them, write their name underneath yours, and you will receive an award. Be sure and tell your age. The award may not be sent right away, as part of the office force will be gone, but you will receive it.

Be sure you learn John 3:16, Rev. 3:20, Eph. 6:1, 2. You probably know these already, especially you older ones.

I trust that all you children will get to go to camp meeting this summer and be in Children's meeting. Be sure and listen and learn how to live for Jesus and how to work for Him. Those of you who have not given your hearts to Jesus should come to him. He is knocking at your heart's door and wants to come in. We read in Rev. 3:20, "Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him. . ." Don't you hear the sweet voice of Jesus calling? Today is the day of salvation. Now is the right time to give Jesus your heart. He loves you and will come into your heart and bring happiness. He will help you to be strong and say "no" to the devil when he tries to get you to do wrong.

One little girl was asked, after she had opened her heart's door and let Jesus come in. what she would do if the devil came to the door and knocked? She thought awhile and then said, "I'll send Jesus to the door." So dear children, you can do that and the devil will run away fast. Jesus is greater than the devil, and the devil runs when we resist him in Jesus' name.

Age eight and younger, learn thirty-five verses.

Age nine to eleven, fifty verses.

Age twelve and older, sixty-five verses.

You probably will say, "That is a lot of verses." But just stop and start counting. You probably know a lot already.

Let us hear from you young people who know two hundred or more Bible verses. —Aunt Marie.

Learn a Bible verse by heart;

Learn one every day;

Strength they will to you impart

Along life's weary way.—Goldie Finch

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Mo.—Dear saints,—The Lord has showered His blessings upon all of the family. We all know Jesus can take care of us. Lots of times I have been in trouble and would think of David when he wanted to count the soldiers in his army. God was displeased because David did not ask God about it first. Then his troubles became

worse. After I think of that, I ask God to help me, and everything turns out all right. God has done so much for me I think I should try to help in His work. I am now sending a little offering which may help in His work.

Pray for me that I may forever walk the strait and narrow way. Your sister in Christ, Sybilla Miller

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### Little Jim's Substitute

It is said that the following incident took place in one of the southern states. A Christian school teacher gathered the children together on the first day of school and said, "Children, I am going to let you make your own rules and the punishment for disobeying them." So the children began to draw up the rules of the school. They decided that there must be no stealing, fighting, swearing, disobeying teacher, etc., and that the punishment for doing such things would be ten stripes across the bare back.

All went quite well until one day someone's lunch was stolen. Who is the guilty one? was now the question. Search was made and each pupil was questioned. At last a boy of poor parents, by name of Little Jim, was questioned and found to be the one who stole the missing lunchpail.

"I was so hungry and didn't have anything to eat because my mother had nothing to give me for lunch," said he; "that's why I took the lunchpail." All felt sorry for poor, hungry Jimmy, but he had broken the rules and stolen just the same. The punishment for stealing was ten stripes across the bare back and the law must be carried out. So the teacher commanded Little Jim to take off his shirt and come up to the front for his punishment. As Little Jim was taking off his shirt, all could see what a weak, underfed boy he was. And then as he walked up to the front, he began to cry out, "I can't bear it! I can't bear it!"

The pitiful cry of Little Jim touched many hearts, and just then a boy, big and strong, called Big Tom, stood up and said, "Teacher, I'll take Little Jim's place and bear his punishment."

The teacher turned to the school and asked the children if this would be all right. Would it be allowable to punish Big Tom instead of Little Jim?

Yes, they agreed this would be just and fair, if Big Tom was willing to do so. So Big Tom took off his shirt and received the stripes across his bare back which was Little Jim's due for stealing the dinnerpail. Then the teacher said, "Little Jim, you come and take your punishment."

"Oh, no," shouted the children, "you can't punish Big Tom and Little Jim, too. Big Tom took Little Jim's place and Jimmy is free."

The teacher now turned to the children and said, "Yes, you are right, Little Jim is free and this is just what I want to tell you about the Lord Jesus and ourselves. We are all guilty sinners and deserve to be punished forever, but the Lord Jesus went to the cross and bore our punishment instead. Like Big Tom, He took our place, and if we believe in Him and accept Him as our Substitute, we go free. God, who

in love gave His Son and punished Him in our stead, will not punish us too, if we believe in Him.

In this incident, dear children, we have God's wonderful way of salvation beautifully illustrated. We have all sinned in one way or another, and like Little Jim, we must have a substitute, or else we will have to bear our own punishment and be lost forever. The Bible says, "The soul that sinneth, it shall die." (Ezek. 18:4), and "The wages of sin is death." (Rom. 6:23). These wages we could never pay, but in the Lord Jesus we have a willing Substitute who has paid those awful wages of sin for all who will believe on Him. He who had never sinned, but was perfect and always obedient, came forth and willingly went to the cross to suffer, bleed and die for our sins.

This we are told in His Word which tells us in touching language, "He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement of our peace was upon Him; and with His stripes we are healed." (Isa. 53:5). So also in 1 Pet. 2:24 we read, "Who His Own Self bare our sins in His body on the tree . . . by Whose stripes we are healed."

Dear little reader, does not this story of the love of the Lord Jesus touch your heart? Think of how much He loved you in going to the cross and taking your place of guilt and bearing all the punishment you deserved. Surely this is wonderful, unspeakable love, isn't it? Yes, indeed it is, and so the Apostle John says, "Hereby perceive we the love of God, because He laid down His life for us." (1 John 3:16). It was only love that could cause Him to come down from heaven and become the Substitute for believers on the cross.

Now won't you own Him as the Substitute you need and accept Him as your own, loving, Substitute and Saviour? Open your heart to Him and accept what He in love has done for you. Then you will know too that you will never have to be punished for your sins, but go out free, because you have accepted the Lord Jesus as your Substitute who was punished in your place on the cross. —Sel.

Attention! Teachers:—

My heart has been burdened that our children be taught more of the Word of God at our campmeetings. Let us make a special effort this summer. Two or more should help if there is a large group. If you cannot help, you could buy some awards to be given to them for learning verses or buy some color Bible sheets at a Bible store that the children could color when they become restless.

Last year at Los Angeles meeting Sister Watkins had children's meeting in the morning. Sister Vera Forbes took them during the afternoon meeting. She taught them songs, and Bible verses, had them pray, read to them stories of other children's experiences, and told them Bible stories while using cut out Bible characters on a Flannelboard. Then when they became restless, she let them color with crayolas. The children enjoyed it and learned much.

Let us teach our children to be workers for the Lord. Surely a few, and we pray that all, will heed their teachings and become useful in God's service.

I plan to help at our campmeeting and have bought some material to be used. —Mrs. Marie Miles

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## The Sweetest Story Ever Told

The sweetest story ever told,  
'Tis: God so loved the world  
He freely gave His Son to die.  
Thus was His love unfurled.

Behold, the manner of His love,  
So unselfish—'twas for all—  
His love bestowed on every one  
Who on His name would call.

This perfect love casts out all fear,  
There is no fear in love;  
We're bold as lions for Jesus' sake,  
And harmless as his doves.

We're glad to suffer for his sake,  
And keep our hope up high,  
And live for Jesus every day,  
And on His Word rely.

God's love goes out to all the world,  
His only Son for all has died,  
Upon the cruel shameful cross,  
Our Lord and Saviour crucified.

They laid Him in the tomb that day,  
His weeping friends did moan;  
But angels came the third day morn  
And rolled away the stone.

And Christ came forth a conqueror  
O'er death, hell, and the grave,  
This wonderful Salvation then,  
To all the world He gave.

This sweetest story ever told  
Is: God's love to all is given  
To make the way for everyone  
To have a home in heaven.

—George W. Stephenson.

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## Bake Mine First

If the people in this world would put Jesus and his work before self, this would be a nice place in which to live. When God's prophet was told to go to the widow's home, he went and found her ready to bake her last meal. She expected to bake it for herself and her son and then die, for there was a great famine in the land. But the man of God asked her to bake a cake for him first, and then her supply would not be exhausted. She obeyed, and found it was so, even according to the promise of the man of God. Jesus gives to all the opportunity that was

given to the widow of putting God first. He said, "Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you."

Many have tried it and proved the promise true. They are enjoying the true riches of Christ together with all they need of this world's goods; while the multitudes in unbelief are snatching for all they can get for self, and do not realize that they are poor, blind, and naked. Elnora Washington.

## — ooo — Abomination

Abomination is an ugly sounding word, yet it is as ugly as the word sounds. It is a very rampant evil in the land. There is only one class of people who are not guilty of it. Abomination is a thing hateful and detestable.

Much is said about abominations in Exodus, and for some of these mentioned abominations, people were to be put to death. In olden times the nations that God cast out before the children of Israel had committed "all these" abominations.

Prov. 3:32 says, "For the froward is abomination to the Lord." A froward person is a perverse person or a wayward one.

Prov. 6:16-19 mentions six things: "These six things doth the Lord hate, yea, seven are abomination unto him." These abominations which the Lord hates are named in verse 17: "A proud look, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood." A proud look—oh, the multitudes that are guilty of this abomination! Do we look proud? If we do, it is abomination.

"A lying tongue." The devil is the father of all lies, regardless of the nice ways or the blunt ways in which they may be spoken. How easy it is to permit the tongue to commit this abomination even in making simple little excuses.

"Hands that shed innocent blood." One who causes the death of an innocent person. David did this when he had Uriah placed in the front of the battle so he would be killed.

"An heart that deviseth wicked imaginations." This would mean a heart that studies to do wicked things. Let us not commit abomination with our thoughts, but resist those that come from the devil.

"Feet that be swift in running to mischief."

"A false witness that speaketh lies." Do we tell lies about people and think it is a small, insignificant thing? Our Bible says it is abomination.

"And he that soweth discord among brethren." This can be done through supposedly innocent talk; by talking about people's faults, telling what you think about this or that one, etc; but it is abomination just the same.

Prov. 11:1, "A false balance is abomination to the Lord." A false balance would mean a false weight. One can commit abomination by cheating people.

Prov. 21:27, "The sacrifice of the wicked is abomination; how much more when he bringeth it

with a wicked mind?" Many are sacrificing time, talent, and means to the Lord, but their hearts are far from him. The Lord has no pleasure in such sacrifices, but rather they are an abomination unto him, for their sacrifices only cause more people to become blinded to the true way of heart holiness.

Prov. 17:15, "He that justifieth the wicked, and he that condemneth the just, even they both are abomination to the Lord."

Prov. 28:9, "He that turneth away his ear from hearing the law, even his prayer shall be abomination."

Ezek. 18:12, "Hath oppressed the poor and needy, hath spoiled by violence, hath not restored the pledge, and hath lifted up his eyes to the idols, hath committed abomination."

Luke 16:15, "And he said unto them, Ye are they which justify yourselves before men; but God knoweth your hearts: for that which is highly esteemed among men is abomination in the sight of God."

Deut. 25:16, "And all that do unrighteousness, are an abomination unto the Lord thy God."

Rev. 21:27 (speaking of the heavenly city) "And there shall in no wise enter into it anything that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination or maketh a lie; but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life."

Julia Tilton

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Mo.—Dear Saints of God everywhere,—Greetings in Jesus' Holy name. I have been intending to send in my testimony for Jesus ever since he saved my soul, but have neglected to do so.

Last January I gave my heart and life to Him for keeps. I had been converted different times before; but due to the fact of disobedience to God's Holy Word, I fell by the wayside. So a few weeks before I was converted this time I kept thinking down deep in my heart that I would like to live a Christian life, as I saw it then. But I knew there were many things that I would have to give up (also confessions to make). So Satan kept busy telling me it was a hopeless case for me and that it was impossible to live a Christian life while young. Still, every day, my heart ached because I knew I was not living right. Yet, I kept thinking it was not possible for me to be a Christian. This war in my soul kept going on for several weeks. I do not remember just how long, but I do remember I was terribly miserable. Finally, I began to wonder what was making me feel this way. Then I realized it was God calling me back to the fold. I began to fear that the calling would stop and I would never hear it again. Still it seemed impossible for me. But the blessed Lord showed me that if I would trust in him all would be made right. So I gave my heart to the Lord right here at home. Then I began leaving off "make-up and curly hair." After the Lord helped me to conquer those things, he gave me other things to do. Praise the Lord. If we walk in light that He shines on our pathway, He will give us more light. It seemed as if He gave me so much light, that I could see I had never walked in anything but darkness. As I would think back

over my past life, I could see such a black darkness that it would scare me when I would think about it. It was just like coming out of a dark dungeon into the marvelous light of sunshine. In fact, it is indescribable. But I certainly thank and praise God for protecting me thru those dark ages, and for giving me another chance.

Since I have been saved, I have been healed several different times. So I am praising God that he is the same yesterday, today, and forever. I also thank God for the dear brothers and sisters that encourage us along the way, because truly it is a great help.

I am so thankful for the deep settled peace that I have in my soul. My whole desire is to always do the Lord's will. I want to hold up the blood-stained banner of Jesus and show the world that he is real to me, and that it really pays to serve and trust him.

Pray for me that I might be able to win souls for Jesus by the life that I live. I feel that I owe Him so much. Also pray for my lost loved ones.

Your sister in Christ, Mildred McIntosh

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La.—Dear Bro. Pruitt and all the saints at Guthrie—Greetings in the name of our dear Lord. I want to thank you and all the dear saints who prayed for my healing when I wrote you for prayer a few weeks ago.

I had been sick for about five months and had been prayed for many times but could get no relief. I had a terrible cough. At times I would seem to be a little better and then would take worse again. I had gotten very weak in body, for I had no appetite to eat and often when I would eat a little food I would start coughing and would vomit it up.

I was getting very much discouraged about my healing, though I never once thought of going to a doctor. Wife mentioned it to me once or twice about writing to Guthrie for prayer, so I did. I mailed my letter to you on a Monday and that day and the next day I was much worse. Wednesday morning when I got up I told Wife that Bro. Pruitt must have received my letter. She asked why. "Well," I said, "I feel so much better this morning. I believe I am healed." And, praise the Lord, I was! The dear Lord healed me completely, and left not a symptom of my trouble. Today I have a good appetite and am going about my daily duties, and am feeling fine. Praise our God forever. Oh, how it pays to trust in the Lord.

I want to thank one and all for your prayer, and please continue to pray for me.

Your brother in Christ, H. S. Jackson

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Mo.—Dear friends in Christ,—Greetings in His holy name. I am praising Him today for everything. I feel so much better again. Pray the Lord will completely heal me. I have had trouble with my throat all my life, which I believe has been my trouble the last month or so. The doctors have said in the past the cure was an operation, but I know the Lord can heal without the use of a knife or man's help. Thank God. Remember my little girl in prayer. She has an awful big ring worm on her head and several small ones. They take out the hair. I believe I have one coming on my face.

Alice Campbell.

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Kansas—Dear saints scattered abroad,—Greetings in Jesus' name. This is to let you know I am still in the old time truth. I say old time truth because so many modern ways are out. I want to let the world know I love the old way of the cross. The blessed Lord says for

us to proclaim his doings among the people. The Lord truly brought me out of a severe trial, and I learned precious lessons out of it. I learned if we obey the Lord, no matter if we do not see the way He will bring us out and make ways out of no way, with more understanding.

I was living in Wichita and the dear Lord moved me to Kansas City. I know now it was the will of God. The dear saints here are glad to have me here and the Lord is blessing me both soul and body. I can say like my Saviour of those causing trials, "Father forgive them, for they know not what they do." I learned a precious lesson in humility. And the Lord is working everything out to my good. Praise our God. I learned to cast all my cares on Him, for He careth for us and He will not let any more come upon us than we can bear. Let us lay our burdens at Jesus' feet and leave them there and not try to pick them up, but let God fight for us. In doing this, such a joy and peace filled my soul. I am so glad I am God's child and all we need is in the house of God.

I learned that God is our refuge and the arm of flesh will fail us and we cannot trust our own, but if we put our trust in God we do not have to fear what man can do unto us. He is a Savior for both soul and body.

He has healed me many times. He healed me of rheumatism, flu in its worst form, diphtheria in both tonsils (they bursted), and also healed my children of abscess, flu and other things. I am glad I know God for myself. He is our all and in all. All we need to do is to stay in the house of God and behold His beauty. The Lord has taken me down another depth in Him.

Pray for me that I keep humble at His feet. Praise His holy name. Your sister in the one body,

Laura Nichols

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Va.—Dear saints,—Greetings in the name of Jesus. I am happy to report victory in my soul, giving all the praise to my blessed Saviour who gave his life for me, and for saving such a wretched sinner as I was. I have a burning in my soul for every lost one. Oh, that every one would let my Saviour be their Saviour, too!

Though many may look at me with wonder at the change that's taken place, I will walk the downward road no longer, praise the Lord for saving grace. That is just how I feel. Many may think we have lost our minds when we give up all and follow Jesus, but when we do this we have just found His mind. He says, "Ye are my friends if ye do whatsoever I command you." John 15:14. The Word says, "Whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God." Jas. 4:4. Therefore when we are born again as God commands us to be, we are new creatures; we have a new life; the old life, the Old Man Sin, has died out and everything becomes new. We love every one. We have a deep love for the sinners, but we hate every evil and every thing wrong that they do. Therefore Jesus says (John 15:19), "If ye were of the world, the world would love his own. But because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you." Anything we do that God commands us to do, is right. It does not make any difference how the world (people) thinks. God is the One to please. He will hold every one of us responsible for all we know and do not do. The Lord is merciful, and as soon as we forsake wrong and repent and confess and turn to the Lord He will hear us and will forgive. But He cannot forgive until we stop doing the wrongs.

Won't you hear Him today and be one of his chosen ones? There is no happiness outside of Christ. I tried

the road of sin and found its prospects all deceive. I proved the Lord and joys abound more than I could believe. Praise God.

Please pray that whatever time may bring on me, that God will give me strength to bear.

With love to all, Sister Bessie Faudree

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Oregon—Dear saints,—I feel the Lord would have me send my testimony of what the Lord has done for me. First of all, I want to thank him for salvation above everything else. I am so happy in the Lord. He truly is my all in all. He is dearer to me each day. Oh, he is my comfort by day and night. I would not know what to do without Him.

I truly am praising Him this morning for the way He so wonderfully healed my body just this week. For several years I have had so much trouble with my feet it seemed I was walking on nerves and I could not stand to even lay my hands in my lap. It seemed there was a bare nerve that went the full length of my limb to my foot, and it would hurt very much if I would stand on my feet or sit in a seat that was too high. Only the Lord and anyone that has had the same trouble knows what I suffered. It just made me sick; but, all praise to our God, he has healed me. I can sit for hours with my Bible on my lap and have no pain. I do thank His dear name! He means so much to me and I never can thank Him enough.

He has helped my mother very much in Papa's affliction. He has been sick since Sept. and bed fast now thirteen weeks. Only the dear Lord knows what she has gone through, but she does not seem to be as tired now as in November. The Lord surely has given her strength and has made Papa's bed in his affliction. Dear saints everywhere, do earnestly ask the Lord to help us all in this case. We children have to take week about helping care for him and they live near Chehalis, Wash. and most of the children are living in Oregon. Do ask the Lord to have mercy on us all and help us in this great time of need. I would be glad to get encouraging letters from saints. Your sister, Emma Busch, Scio, Ore.

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Okla.—To all the saints scattered abroad,—I greet you in Jesus' dear name. It seems that my last month's testimony was misunderstood by some, so I want to correct it to the satisfaction of all.

Where I said Husband could not be a glory to the Lord burdened down by debts, I did not mean that debts would keep us from doing God's will. This is what I meant to say: Some thought Husband had broken his vows to God because he said he would quit laying brick and go in the Lord's work. But he was \$3000 in debt, and had owed these bills since World War I. And to quit his job and leave his home, he did not feel God would be pleased, for people will point a finger of shame at a minister that does not pay his debts. So God provided plenty of spiritual work and let us work with our hands until we were able to pay them. God wants his ministry to be free from scorn. God has blessed us to get those old debts paid, and we have been busy for the Lord all the time. We find more than we can do.

Our boy is out of high school now, so if the Lord leads us, we may make some gospel tours. Our bodies are not well, but God can take care of that. So many times folks would say to us, "When do you intend to work for the Lord?" And all the time we have been saved we have worked over time in the field of the Lord. We try to be ready any time a call comes for a gospel helper. Of course, our work has been a 300 mile radius. Pray for us.

Yours for the gospel,

The Sam Bartons

Wash.—Dear saints scattered abroad, in Jesus' dear name,—We just received our little "Faith and Victory" paper. We all surely love to read it, as it is food to our souls. We are all on the winning side with Jesus and love to trust Jesus in every way in all our walks of life. It is so sweet to put all our trust in Jesus and keep our eyes on Jesus. He is all the world to me. He is my strength and my hope. My all is in Jesus. I could not live without him. He heals me and my family of all our afflictions. We love to trust him for his great keeping and healing power. James 5:14, 15; Psalms 73:28.

I have to go back to Missouri to be with my daughter the first of July and I wish you dear saints would pray for me that I have a safe trip to Mo. and back again, and that I will be on fire for Jesus that I will be stronger for God as that is an unsaved home and I want to help them to give their hearts and souls to God and live for God. Pray for us all, and for my husband. His legs are very bad with varicose veins and he has bad kidneys: He is 71. Pray that God will increase his faith in Jesus. He has faith but is not strong enough when it comes to sickness. Also pray for Thelma. She has much trouble with her back. The dear Lord bless all the saints in Jesus' dear name.

Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Johnston

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Maine—Dear Brother and Sister Pruitt:—In the blessed name of our beloved Saviour whom we serve. I am asking you to put this testimony in the "Faith and Victory," and send that issue to the boy. His mother is a girlhood friend to whom I wrote nearly two years ago asking her if she would distribute tracts. She wrote, "I'll try, but this is an awfully ungodly neighborhood." About three months ago I sent her "A House of Prayer" motto, and a few days ago I received a letter from her seventeen year old boy. I wrote him that it was a beautiful testimony and I would have it published if the Lord is willing.

Margarito Knowles

Dear Margarite, My mother is busy and she asked me to write you a line. She has not felt so good the last week.

We have the "House of Prayer" sign right over the front door. We had a lightning storm the other day and we think that sign and God's will is the only thing that saved the house from burning down. The electric wire snapped in two and a part of it hit the house. Mom says that the neighbors want one of the signs if you care to send them one.

Your friend,

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### SNATCHED FROM THE JAWS OF DEATH

Calif.—Dear reader, I feel God wants me to leave my testimony of how the Great God of heaven has healed me, praise his precious and Holy name.

Bro. Zinn and my wife and I were over to San Bernardino working on the new meeting house which is being built there. We came home on Thursday evening, April 29. Bro. Zinn went on to his home in Bellflower. That night about one o'clock I took bad sick, so woke my wife and we began calling on the good Lord for help, but I kept getting worse. At 5 a.m. we sent our son after Bro. Zinn. After he left it seemed that I would go in spite of my wife's faithful prayers. My breath kept getting shorter and faster and more painful until it seemed that each breath would be the last. The muscles of my

stomach were drawn tight and hard and I broke out all over with a cold sweat, and my wife said my eyes had turned glassy at that time. The Scripture came to me in Psalms 24:4, "Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death I will fear no evil, for thou art with me, thy rod and thy staff they comfort me." Praise His holy name. I was made to realize what that Scripture meant, for I could feel death right over me and was ready and willing to go or stay, just as it pleased him. I praise Him forever, for I knew He was with me and He surely was a comfort to me. The wife kept holding on to God, and about seven o'clock Bro. Zinn arrived. After agreement in prayer I got a little easier. Our children all gathered here. I had them get a doctor to come. When he arrived I told him that I did not want any shots or medicine, that we were trusting God for our healing and only called him for protection for wife in case the Lord saw fit to take me. The doctor examined me and thought I had stomach ulcers, but I am satisfied it was acute indigestion. He said the only thing he could do for me was to take me to a hospital and take X-rays and operate on me. He said my chances were very slim.

There were some in the neighborhood that were ready to persecute wife if I passed away. They all came in when the doctor was here. I think they expected to see me give in to take medicine, but I thank God I had no such thought.

The saints began to come in and pray and every time they prayed I could feel God giving a little more relief until Friday at 4 p. m. I got quite a bit easier. Bro. Zinn and Bro. O. B. Wilson were still with me. I dropped off to sleep and they left the room, then returned in two hours and I woke with complete victory. God had touched me, praise His holy name for ever. By Monday I was able to get out and drive my car. On the next Friday, May 7th, being in a weakened condition, I went to bed with intestinal flu and began vomiting with a bad attack of hiccoughs. I averaged vomiting once an hour for fifty hours and hiccoughed hard nearly every time I took a breath. After fifty hours God came to our rescue and gave complete victory over the vomiting. Oh, how we did praise Him for that. The hiccoughs still remained, then continued for eighteen days and nights. The dear saints would come from different places at different times and pray and have rejoicing meetings, then after they were gone the hiccoughs would come back as strong as ever. There would be many hours at a time that I would hiccough nearly every breath, till I would be worn out and fall asleep for a short time, but when I would move they would start again.

It was like someone beating on my stomach with a hammer till it was so sore I could hardly take any nourishment. We do surely thank God for giving dear Wife strength and courage to stand up under it all. Oh, how it would make our hearts rejoice when the dear saints would show their great love to us with their prayers and encouraging words and songs. After 18 days of it, the dear Lord sent some of his saints in on Thursday evening, May 27, and while they were praying God saw fit to come to my rescue once more, and sent that powerful healing touch through my weak and helpless body. Oh, we surely want God to have all the praise and honor and glory for all.

This is the evening of May 28th. I got up this morning, shaved, and dressed myself, and have walked around quite a bit and am feeling fine, for which we give God all the glory.

S. L. Fingerle and wife

### PRAYER REQUEST

Pray for Mrs. Henry Geis of Okeene, Okla. who has almost lost her eye sight. She would like for the elders to lay on hands and pray the prayer of faith. If anyone feels led to do so and could come to Okeene, the Lord would bless you for it. Also write to her. Her husband can read the letters to her. Mrs. Robert Fleshman

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#### MICAIAH, A PROPHET OF ISRAEL

Sunday, July 4, 1948

Printed Portion .....1 Kings 22:5-9, 13-18, 26-28

1 Kings 22:5. And Jehoshaphat said unto the king of Israel, Enquire, I pray thee, at the word of the Lord to day.

6. Then the king of Israel gathered the prophets together, about four hundred men, and said unto them, shall I go against Ramoth-gilead to battle, or shall I forbear? And they said, Go up; for the Lord shall deliver it into the hand of the king.

7. And Jehoshaphat said, Is there not here a prophet of the Lord besides, that we might enquire of him?

8. And the king of Israel said unto Jehoshaphat, There is yet one man, Micaiah the son of Imlah, by whom we may enquire of the Lord: but I hate him; for he doth not prophesy good concerning me, but evil. And Jehoshaphat said, Let not the king say so.

9. Then the king of Israel called an officer, and said, Hasten hither Micaiah the son of Imlah.

13. And the messenger that was gone to call Micaiah spake unto him, saying, Behold now, the words of the prophets declare good unto the king with one mouth: let thy word, I pray thee, be like the word of one of them, and speak that which is good.

14. And Micaiah said, As the Lord liveth, what the Lord saith unto me, that will I speak.

15. So he came to the king. And the king said unto him, Micaiah, shall we go against Ramoth-gilead to battle or shall we forbear? And he answered him, Go, and prosper: for the Lord shall deliver it into the hand of the king.

16. And the king said unto him, How many times shall I adjure thee that thou tell me nothing but that which is true in the name of the Lord?

17. And he said, I saw all Israel scattered upon the hills, as sheep that have not a shepherd: and the Lord said, These have no master: let them return every man to his house in peace.

18. And the king of Israel said unto Jehoshaphat, Did I not tell thee that he would prophesy no good concerning me, but evil?

26. And the king of Israel said, Take Micaiah, and carry him back unto Amon the governor of the city, and to Joash the king's son;

27. And say, Thus saith the king, Put this fellow in the prison, and feed him with bread of affliction and with water of affliction, until I come in peace.

28. And Micaiah said, If thou return at all in peace, the Lord hath not spoken by me. And he said, Hearken, O people, every one of you.

**Memory Verse:** The wicked shall be turned into hell and all the nations that forget God. *Psa 9:17.*

**Practical Truth:** Wickedness pays off in her own coin. "The wages of sin is death."

### COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

To study this lesson and get from it what we should, we must read all of the 21st chapter of First Kings and the 22nd chapter down to and including the 40th verse.

Ahab king of Israel was a very wicked king, and Jezebel his wife was also very wicked. She had Naboth stoned to death so Ahab could have his vineyard which her ungodly husband had coveted so much. When Ahab went in to take possession of this stolen vineyard God had Elijah his prophet to meet him there, and Elijah addressed Ahab thus: "Thus saith the Lord, Hast thou killed and also taken possession? Thus saith the Lord, In the place where the dogs licked the blood of Naboth shall the dogs lick thy blood, even thine."

At the time of this lesson Jehoshaphat king of Judah was visiting king Ahab and Ahab asked him if he would go with him to battle against Ramoth-gilead, to which Jehoshaphat consented. So they inquired of Ahab's four-hundred false prophets if they should go, and all of these false prophets said, "Yes, go up and prosper." Then they called God's true prophet Micaiah and he told them about the same as the false prophets did, only Micaiah told them of a counsel between God and his ministering spirits. God asked for some one who would go and persuade Ahab to go into this battle and fall at Ramoth-gilead. And one of these spirits said, "I will go and be a lying spirit in the mouth of his prophets." So Ahab was persuaded to go. He fell and the dogs licked his blood just as God had told him they would. Some time later his wicked wife Jezebel was thrown out of an upstairs window and was trampled by horses and the dogs ate her body. 2 Kings 9th chapter, 30 to 37th verses.

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### BEZALEEL THE CRAFTSMAN

Sunday, July 11, 1948

Printed Portion..... Exodus 31:1-11; 2 Chron. 1:5.

Ex. 31:1. And the Lord spake unto Moses, saying,

2. See, I have called by name Bezaleel the son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah:

3. And I have filled him with the spirit of God, in wisdom, and in understanding, and in knowledge, and in all manner of workmanship,

4. To devise cunning works, to work in gold, and in silver, and in brass,

5. And in cutting of stones, to set them, and in carving of timber, to work in all manner of workmanship.

6. And I, behold, I have given with him Aholiab the son of Ahisamach, of the tribe of Dan; and in the hearts of all that are wise-hearted I have put wisdom; that they may make all that I have commanded thee:

7. The tabernacle of the congregation, and the ark of

the testimony, and the mercy-seat that is thereupon, and all the furniture of the tabernacle,

8. And the table and his furniture, and the pure candlestick with all his furniture, and the altar of incense,

9. And the altar of burnt-offering with all his furniture, and the laver and his foot,

10. And the clothes of service, and the holy garments for Aaron the priest, and the garments of his sons, to minister in the priest's office,

11. And the anointing oil, and sweet incense for the holy place: according to all that I have commanded thee shall they do.

2 Chron. 1:5. Moreover the brasen altar, that Bezaleel the son of Uri, the son of Hur, had made, he put before the tabernacle of the Lord: and Solomon and the congregation sought unto it.

**Memory Verse:** Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might. *Ecd. 9:10.*

**Practical Truth:** It pays to serve Jesus and walk in perfect obedience to him.

### COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

As we look at this subject for today's lesson, we might wonder just what it means. But we remember that God had communed with Moses concerning the tabernacle he wanted Moses to make. God told him in detail just how he wanted it made. In the 25th chapter of Exodus God spoke to Moses to have the children of Israel to bring an offering of all the things they would need for this tabernacle. This was a big job for Moses, but God put it in the hearts of the people to give for this tabernacle and they gave so much—more than was needed—Moses had to call a halt to their giving. God, through His people supplied all that was needed for this enormous task. Not only did He supply needed material, but He also supplied skilled workmen that were needed. God supplied wise-hearted men and gave them much wisdom to do all that He commanded.

This series of lessons deals with Bible characters to whom most people pay little attention. Last Sunday we learned about a prophet who dared to tell the truth even though it caused him to be imprisoned, and this Sunday Bezaleel the craftsman is introduced. All through the ages God has had faithful characters who have scarcely been noticed, and yet who have been faithful to perform tasks, which, if they had been left undone, would have greatly hindered, or perhaps even stopped God's work on the earth.

The most important part of a building, is that part which is hid from view, the foundation, braces, etc. It is said that in the State House at Indianapolis, Ind. there are a million brick. Not one brick can be seen, but without them the building would collapse. So if in God's building, which is made up of lively stones, His people, you are filling a place where your labors are unnoticed by man and you are held in low esteem, just be faithful anyway, for the Lord has need of you or He would not have placed you there.

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### NAOMI, WOMAN OF FAITH

Sunday, July 18, 1948

Printed Portion ..... Ruth 1:16-18; 2:20; 4:14-17.

Ruth 1:16. And Ruth said, Entreat me not to leave thee, or to return from following after thee: for whither thou goest, I will go; and where thou lodgest, I will



lodge: thy people shall be my people, and thy God my God:

17. Where thou diest, will I die, and there will I be buried: the Lord do so to me, and more also, if aught but death part thee and me.

18. When she saw that she was steadfastly minded to go with her, then she left speaking unto her.

2:20. And Naomi said unto her daughter-in-law, Blessed be he of the Lord, who hath not left off his kindness to the living and to the dead. And Naomi said unto her, The man is near of kin unto us, one of our next kinsmen.

4:14. And the women said unto Naomi, Blessed be the Lord, which hath not left thee this day without a kinsman, that his name may be famous in Israel.

15. And he shall be unto thee a restorer of thy life, and a nourisher of thine old age: for thy daughter-in-law, which loveth thee, which is better to thee than seven sons, hath borne him.

16. And Naomi took the child, and laid it in her bosom, and became nurse unto it.

17. And the women her neighbors gave it a name, saying, There is a son born to Naomi; and they called his name Obed: he is the father of Jesse, the father of David.

**Memory Verse:** And Ruth said, Intreat me not to leave thee or to return from following after thee, for whither thou goest I will go: and where thou lodgest I will lodge. Thy people shall be my people and thy God my God.

**Practical Truth:** Seek for the best and hold to that which is good.

#### COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

It seems to me that the subject of this lesson should have been "Ruth's Wise Choice," for love is strong as death. Many waters cannot quench love, neither can the floods drown it. There is no fear in love, for perfect love casts out fear. So love is the fulfilling of the law. True love never dies.

In this lesson today we have one of the most beautiful examples of what love will do. Naomi was no blood kin to Ruth, yet Ruth loved her so much that she forsook her father and mother, brothers and sisters, her home, and all she had to follow her, though Naomi had not one thing of intrinsic value to offer. And yet just consider what Ruth inherited of the Lord for her wise choice. Notice the blessing that Boaz pronounced upon Ruth the first time he met her. Ruth 2:12, "The Lord recompense thy work, and a full reward be given thee of the Lord God of Israel under whose wings thou art come to trust."

Later Boaz took Ruth to be his wife and Lord gave her a son, whom they named Obed. He was the father of Jesse and Jesse was the father of king David, and Christ the Son of God came into the world through Ruth's descendants. Little did Ruth realize what she was doing when she made her wise choice.

There was something about Naomi's life that attracted Ruth. Surely she had lived a very faithful life before her family to cause the girl to want a religion like hers, and to be willing to give up all she had to obtain it.

A true Spirit-filled life has a great drawing power and influence in turning others to the Lord; but a hypocritical profession drives many away.

#### JONATHAN, LOYAL FRIEND

Sunday, July 25, 1948

Printed Portion: .....1 Samuel 18: 1-4; 19:1-6.

1 Sam. 18:1. And it came to pass, when he had made an end of speaking unto Saul, that the soul of Jonathan was knit with the soul of David, and Jonathan loved him as his own soul.

2. And Saul took him that day, and would let him go no more home to his father's house.

3. Then Jonathan and David made a covenant, because he loved him as his own soul.

4. And Jonathan stripped himself of the robe that was upon him, and gave it to David, and his garments, even to his sword, and to his bow, and to his girdle.

19:1. And Saul spake to Jonathan his son, and to all his servants, that they should kill David.

2. But Jonathan, Saul's son, delighted much in David: and Jonathan told David, saying, Saul my father seeketh to kill thee: now therefore, I pray thee, take heed to thyself until the morning, and abide in a secret place, and hide thyself:

3. And I will go out and stand beside my father in the field where thou art, and I will commune with my father of thee; and what I see, that I will tell thee.

4. And Jonathan spake good of David unto Saul his father, and said unto him, Let not the king sin against his servant, against David; because he hath not sinned against thee, and because his works have been to thee-ward very good:

5. For he did put his life in his hand, and slew the Philistine, and the Lord wrought a great salvation for all Israel: thou sawest it, and didst rejoice: wherefore then wilt thou sin against innocent blood, to slay David without a cause?

6. And Saul hearkened unto the voice of Jonathan: and Saul sware, As the Lord liveth, he shall not be slain.

**Memory Verse:** For love is strong as death; jealousy is cruel as the grave. Song of Solomon 8:6.

**Practical Truth:** Beware of hate and jealousy. It is far better to love.

#### COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

"Set me as a seal upon thine heart, as a seal upon thine arm: for love is strong as death: jealousy is cruel as the grave: the coals thereof are coals of fire which hath a most vehement flame." In today's lesson we have a strong contrast between love and hate. Hate gets into the heart through jealousy. Saul was jealous of David and he hated him and wanted to kill him. Because Saul disobeyed God an evil spirit took possession of him which made him very miserable. Many terrible crimes are committed because people have jealousy and hatred in their hearts. We feel so much better when we love people than we do when we hate them. Saul's jealousy and hatred made him miserable and wretched in this life and led him to eternal ruin.

In spite of his father's hatred for David, Jonathan loved him as his own soul, so that their souls were knit together. David, though he was just a young man, killed the giant Goliath, and the women sang, "Saul has slain his thousands and David his tens of thousands." And Saul was very wroth and the saying displeased him inasmuch that he spent the rest of his life trying to kill David. But Jonathan, Saul's son, loved David inasmuch that he stripped himself of the robe that was upon him and gave it to David and his garments even to his sword and his bow and his girdle. Nowhere do we find a greater example of true love than this which existed between Jonathan and David. Read 2 Sam. 1:26.

David's success is attributed to the fact that he behaved himself wisely all the time.

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## BARUCH THE SCRIBE

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Printed Portion .....Jeremiah 36:4-8, 17-24, 32.

4. Then Jeremiah called Baruch the son of Neriah: and Baruch wrote from the mouth of Jeremiah all the words of the Lord which he had spoken unto him, upon a roll of a book.

5. And Jeremiah commanded Baruch, saying, I am shut up; I cannot go into the house of the Lord:

6. Therefore go thou and read in the roll, which thou hast written from my mouth, the words of the Lord in the ears of the people in the Lord's house upon the fast-day: and also thou shalt read them in the ears of all Judah that come out of their cities.

7. It may be they will present their supplication before the Lord, and will return every one from his evil way: for great is the anger and the fury that the Lord hath pronounced against this people.

8. And Baruch the son of Neriah did according to all that Jeremiah the prophet commanded him, reading in the book the words of the Lord in the Lord's house.

17. And they asked Baruch, saying, Tell us now, How didst thou write all these words at his mouth?

18. Then Baruch answered them, He pronounced all these words unto me with his mouth, and I wrote them with ink in the book.

19. Then said the princes unto Baruch, Go, hide thee, thou and Jeremiah; and let no man know where ye be.

20. And they went in to the king into the court, but they laid up the roll in the chamber of Elishama the scribe, and told all the words in the ears of the king.

21. So the king sent Jehudi to fetch the roll: and he took it out of Elishama the scribe's chamber. And Jehudi read it in the ears of the king and in the ears of all the princes which stood beside the king.

22. Now the king sat in the winterhouse in the ninth month: and there was a fire on the hearth burning before him.

23. And it came to pass, that when Jehudi had read three or four leaves, he cut it with the penknife, and cast it into the fire that was on the hearth, until all the roll was consumed in the fire that was on the hearth.

24. Yet they were not afraid nor rent their garments, neither the king, nor any of his servants that heard all these words.

32. Then took Jeremiah another roll, and gave it to Baruch the scribe the son of Neriah: who wrote therein from the mouth of Jeremiah all the words of the book which Jehoiakim king of Judah had burned in the fire: and there were added besides unto them many like words.

**Memory Verse:** Because I have called and ye refused, I have stretched out my hand and no man regarded; but ye have set at nought all my counsel and would none of my reproof, I also will laugh at your calamity: I will mock when your fear cometh. Prov. 1:24-26.

**Practical Truth:** How foolish it is for a man to strive with his Maker.

## COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

Jeremiah, God's faithful prophet, saw the condition of God's people, so he called Baruch the scribe and asked him to write in a roll of a book the words of warning from God. Then because Jeremiah was not at liberty to go, he had Baruch to take the words which he had written and read all of it in the ears of the people. Jeremiah thought perhaps they might repent and turn from their evil ways so God would have mercy on his people. But these wicked people were not inclined to acknowledge their sins. When this roll was read before the king, he cut the leaves from it and burned them.

Jeremiah had Baruch to write the same words again, and added more of the judgments of God to them.

How foolish it is for people to fight against God. God had told them that he would deliver them into the hands of the king of Babylon and Jerusalem would be destroyed, but they would not hearken to the words of God which Jeremiah delivered to them. God sent them word that if they would smite all the army of the Chaldeans and only wounded men were left on the battlefield, yet these wounded men would rise up and burn their city. (Isa. 45:9) "Woe to him that striveth with his Maker." Jeremiah was faithful to deliver the Lord's message even though he was terribly persecuted. In spite of all their persecutions he still told them that they would be carried away captive and their city would be burned if they failed to repent. After God had faithfully warned them many times and they refused to take heed to the warnings, He permitted them to be carried away captive, and Jerusalem was destroyed.

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## EBEDMELECH THE ETHIOPIAN

Sunday, August 8, 1948

Printed Portion .....Jeremiah 38:7-13; 39:15-18.

Jer. 38:7. Now when Ebedmelech the Ethiopian, one of the eunuchs which was in the king's house, heard that they had put Jeremiah in the dungeon; the king then sitting in the gate of Benjamin;

8. Ebedmelech went forth out of the king's house, and spake to the king, saying,

9. My lord the king, these men have done evil in all that they have done to Jeremiah the prophet, whom they have cast into the dungeon; and he is like to die for hunger in the place where he is: for there is no more bread in the city.

10. Then the king commanded Ebedmelech the Ethiopian, saying, Take from hence thirty men with thee, and take up Jeremiah the prophet out of the dungeon, before he die.

11. So Ebedmelech took the men with him, and went into the house of the king under the treasury, and took thence old cast clouts and old rotten rags, and let them down by cords into the dungeon to Jeremiah.

12. And Ebedmelech the Ethiopian said unto Jeremiah, Put now these old cast clouts and rotten rags under thine armholes under the cords. And Jeremiah did so.

13. So they drew up Jeremiah with cords, and took him up out of the dungeon: and Jeremiah remained in the court of the prison.

39:15. Now the word of the Lord came unto Jeremiah, while he was shut up in the court of the prison, saying,

16. Go and speak to Ebedmelech the Ethiopian, saying, Thus saith the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel; Behold, I will bring my words upon this city for evil, and not for good; and they shall be accomplished in that day before thee.

17. But I will deliver thee in that day, saith the Lord: and thou shalt not be given into the hand of the men of whom thou art afraid.

18. For I will surely deliver thee, and thou shalt not fall by the sword, but thy life shall be for a prey unto thee: because thou hast put thy trust in me, saith the Lord.

Memory Verse: Say unto them, As I live, saith the Lord, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked: but that the wicked turn from his way and live. Turn ye, turn ye from your evil ways, for why will ye die, O house of Israel. Isa. 33:11.

Practical Truth: The wages of sin is death. God allows us to choose in this life for ourselves.

#### COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

In this lesson, faithful old Jeremiah was at his post of duty even as he was in last Sunday's lesson. God is faithful to deliver his servants who put their trust in him. Jeremiah had learned by experience that it pays to stand true to God though a host of enemies rise up to assail.

Because Jeremiah warned these disobedient people, they cast him into a filthy dark prison, but God had a faithful servant, Ebedmelech the Ethiopian, who plead with the king in Jeremiah's behalf. Because of his earnest pleadings, Jeremiah was delivered from the dungeon. God promised this faithful servant that he would be delivered from the hands of the army that would come to take these rebellious people away captive. Jeremiah was also delivered when Jerusalem was overthrown.

In Romans 10:21 Paul quoted Isaiah as saying for God, "All day long have I stretched forth my hands to a disobedient and gainsaying people." And in Isa. 1:19-20, we hear God speaking through his faithful prophet, "If ye be willing and obedient ye shall eat the good of the land, but if ye refuse and rebel ye shall be devoured with the sword: for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it." In the second verse of this same chapter we hear God saying, "I have nourished and brought up children and they have rebelled against me." God said to them, "Ah, sinful nation, a people laden with iniquity, a seed of evil doers; children that are corrupters: they have forsaken the Lord, they have provoked the holy One of Israel to anger; they are gone away backward."

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#### ANDREW, THE MAN WHO BROUGHT OTHERS

Sunday, August 15, 1948

Printed Portion ..... John 1:37-42; Mark 1:16-18;  
John 12:20-22.

John 1:37. And the two disciples heard him speak, and they followed Jesus.

38. Then Jesus turned, and saw them following, and saith unto them, What seek ye? They said unto him,

Rabbi, (which is to say, being interpreted, Master,) where dwellest thou?

39. He saith unto them, Come and see. They came and saw where he dwelt, and abode with him that day: for it was about the tenth hour.

40. One of the two which heard John speak, and followed him, was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother.

41. He first findeth his own brother Simon, and saith unto him, We have found the Messias, which is, being interpreted, the Christ.

42. And he brought him to Jesus. And when Jesus beheld him, he said, Thou art Simon the son of Jona: thou shalt be called Cephas, which is by interpretation, A stone.

Mark 1:16. Now as he walked by the sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and Andrew his brother casting a net into the sea: for they were fishers.

17. And Jesus said unto them, Come ye after me, and I will make you to become fishers of men.

18. And straightway they forsook their nets, and followed him.

John 12:20. And there were certain Greeks among them that came up to worship at the feast:

21. The same came therefore to Philip, which was of Bethsaida of Galilee, and desired him, saying, Sir, we would see Jesus.

22. Philip cometh and telleth Andrew: and again Andrew and Philip tell Jesus.

Memory Verse: Thou shalt call his name Jesus, for He shall save His people from their sins. Matt. 1:21.

Practical Truth: The highest aim we can have in this life is to live for Jesus and lead others to him.

#### COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

Bringing people to Christ is the most worth while business in which any one could engage. There was something about Jesus that drew honest hearted people to Him. Andrew had a wonderful message for his brother: "We have found the Messias, which is being interpreted, the Christ." How happy are they who find the Christ and accept Him as their personal Saviour.

When these men asked Jesus where his dwelling place was, He said, "Come and see." The best way for people to find out about Jesus is to come and see for themselves. We cannot help but love Jesus when once we have become acquainted with Him. To know Him is to love Him. We are told that the common people received Him gladly.

Our lives, as professed followers of Christ, must be failures unless people see in our every-day lives something that remind them of Jesus. The beautiful, clean, godly life that a true child of God lives will help sinners to want Jesus. We read in Prov. 11:30, "The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life: and he that winneth souls is wise. The best way to draw sinners to Christ is to enjoy our salvation and be happy before them. They come to us, and say, "Sir, we would see Jesus."

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#### DORCAS, A WOMAN OF GOOD WORKS

Sunday, August 22, 1948

Printed Portion ..... Acts 9:36-42

Acts 9:36. Now there was at Joppa a certain disciple named Tabitha, which by interpretation is called Dorcas: this woman was full of good works and almsdeeds which she did.

37. And it came to pass in those days, that she was sick, and died: whom when they had washed, they laid her in an upper chamber.

38. And forasmuch as Lydda was nigh to Joppa, and the disciples had heard that Peter was there, they sent unto him two men, desiring him that he would not delay to come to them.

39. Then Peter arose and went with them. When he was come, they brought him into the upper chamber: and all the widows stood by him weeping, and showing the coats and garments, which Dorcas made, while she was with them.

40. But Peter put them all forth, and kneeled down, and prayed; and turning him to the body said, Tabitha, arise. And she opened her eyes: and when she saw Peter, she sat up.

41. And he gave her his hand, and lifted her up; and when he had called the saints and widows, he presented her alive.

42. And it was known throughout all Joppa; and many believed in the Lord.

Memory Verse: Give her of the fruit of her hands: and let her own works praise her. Prov. 31:30.

Practical Truth: It pays to be a true follower of the Christ.

### COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

We find in Dorcas an outstanding saint of God. She was outstanding like the woman we read about in Prov. 31:11, "The heart of her husband doth safely trust in her so that he shall have no need of spoil. She will do him good and not evil all the days of her life. When we read of these beautiful women characters in the Bible, it helps all who really want to live for God to put forth a greater effort to please the One who loved us and washed us from our sins in his own precious blood.

Dorcas became sick and died, and her friends sent for Peter to come where she was. They had washed her and laid her body in an upper chamber. When Peter came, all the women gathered around him and began to tell him of the many nice things and good things Dorcas had done for them. Then Peter had them all to leave the room. He kneeled down and prayed; then follows the account of Dorcas rising. This is the first account of any of the disciples restoring life to a dead body.

Instead of stressing the miracle of her being restored to life, we believe it is more profitable to stress Dorcas' life. Surely the Lord had need of her, to permit her to be the first one whom the disciples raised from the dead.

Dorcas was a "disciple," and this means one whose sins had been forgiven and who had been raised from a state of spiritual death to walk in newness of life with Christ. Jesus has no lazy disciples, but saves each one for service. Some of his workers are preachers; some, teachers; some, helpers; etc.; but all have a work to do. They are not saved because of their works; but they work because they are saved and love to do the will of their Saviour.

Dorcas' "gift and calling" of the Lord was that of a helper. She made coats and garments for poor widows in connection with the church. During the time of her labors, it is likely that she received very little notice from the church in general, such as Peter and other disciples were receiving; but the Lord who said, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these, my brethren, ye have done it unto me," saw it all. Notice how the Lord worked and caused souls to be won to him because of her labors.

Because of her faithfulness in serving them, the widows missed her and wept for her when she died. This caused them to send for Peter, likely for the purpose of receiving comfort and consolation from him. The Lord inspired faith in Peter for her restoration to life. Then notice the results in verse 42: "And many believed on the Lord."

If the Lord has placed you in His body as a helper, be the very best helper you can be for him, working for the church as unto the Lord without murmuring and complaining, and leave the results with him. "For God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labor of love, which ye have shewed toward his name, in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister." Heb. 6.—G. R.

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### ANANIAS, DISCIPLE AT DAMASCUS

Sunday, August 29, 1948

Printed Portion ..... Acts 9:10-20

Acts 9:10. And there was a certain disciple at Damascus, named Ananias; and to him said the Lord in a vision, Ananias. And he said, Behold, I am here, Lord.

11. And the Lord said unto him, Arise, and go into the street which is called Straight, and inquire in the house of Judas for one called Saul, of Tarsus: for, behold, he prayeth,

12. And hath seen in a vision a man named Ananias coming in, and putting his hand on him, that he might receive his sight.

13. Then Ananias answered, Lord, I have heard by many of this man, how much evil he hath done to thy saints at Jerusalem:

14. And here he hath authority from the chief priests to bind all that call on thy name.

15. But the Lord said unto him, Go thy way: for he is a chosen vessel unto me, to bear my name before the Gentiles, and kings, and the children of Israel:

16. For I will show him how great things he must suffer for my name's sake.

17. And Ananias went his way, and entered into the house; and putting his hands on him said, Brother Saul, the Lord, even Jesus, that appeared unto thee in the way as thou camest, hath sent me, that thou mightest receive thy sight, and be filled with the Holy Ghost.

18. And immediately there fell from his eyes as it had been scales: and he received sight forthwith, and arose, and was baptized.

19. And when he had received meat, he was strengthened. Then was Saul certain days with the disciples which were at Damascus.

20. And straightway he preached Christ in the synagogues, that he is the Son of God.

Memory Verse: Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you and ordained you that ye should go and bring forth fruit and that your fruit should remain.

Practical Truth: For our own good and the good of others, we must be faithful in that which the Lord has appointed us.

### COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

Saul of Tarsus, whose name was changed to Paul, the special apostle to the Gentiles, is the principal character in this lesson, but the lesson title suggests that we consider Ananias, the disciple whom the Lord chose to send on this important errand.

We are permitted to know but very little about Ananias. The account given in connection with Paul's con-

version is all that the Bible mentions concerning his activities. From it we learn that he lived at Damascus; he was a pious Jew of good report (Acts 22:12); he was a Christian disciple, the date of his conversion being unknown; and he was acquainted with all that concerned the welfare of the church (verse 13). He was not one of the twelve nor one of the seventy. Tradition reports he died a martyr.

The trait which we wish to stress as making him a worthy example to Christ's followers is his "unreserved obedience" to the Lord when he clearly understood his will. In connection with this, look up Scriptures which stress God's desire for obedience in his children and the danger of not obeying the known will of God. How often we hear the lament from those whose souls are in a deplorable condition, "I knew what God wanted me to do, but I didn't do it! I just didn't have the grace to do it." What do you think the results would have been if that had been Ananias' wail? Yet he had more of an excuse to shrink from his task than most people do because it seemed a very dangerous and unreasonable thing that the Lord was asking him to do. He knew his Master's voice and had faith in him to believe His Word. He went by faith and the Lord prepared the way.

Some conversation probably took place between Ananias and Saul that is not recorded here, but enough is recorded to teach us valuable lessons. You will notice that before Saul received the Holy Spirit, Ananias addressed him: "Brother Saul." When the Christians called one "brother" they recognized him as belonging to the spiritual family of God. Saul had become a child of God on the way to Damascus when he surrendered to the Lord and asked, "Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?" This word "brother" was undoubtedly used by Ananias because of a direct prompting of the Spirit. Then he put his hands upon Saul's head that he might receive his sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit. There is no account of Paul speaking in another language when he received the Holy Ghost.

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## Stir Me

"Stir me, O stir me, Lord, I care not how;  
But stir my heart in passion for the world;  
Stir me to give, to go, but most to pray;  
Stir, till the blood-red banner be unfurled  
O'er lands that still in heathen darkness lie,  
O'er deserts where no cross is lifted high.

"Stir me, O stir me, Lord, till all my heart  
Is filled with strong compassion for these souls.  
Till thy compelling 'must' drives me to prayer;  
Till thy constraining love reaches to the poles,  
Far North and South, in burning deep desire;  
Till East and West are caught in love's great fire.

"Stir me, O Lord! Thy heart was stirred  
By love's intensest fire, till Thou didst give  
Thine only Son, Thy best-beloved One,  
E'en to the dreadful cross, that I might live.  
Stir me to give myself back to Thee  
That Thou canst give Thyself again through me."

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"You can't be an atomic bomb with a firecracker prayer life."

## Borrowed

They borrowed a bed to lay His head,  
When Christ the Lord came down;  
They borrowed an ass in the mountain pass  
For Him to ride to town.  
But the crown that He wore  
And the cross that He bore  
WERE HIS OWN.

He borrowed the bread when the crowd He fed  
On the grassy mountain side;  
He borrowed the dish of broken fish  
With which He satisfied.  
But the crown that He wore  
And the cross that He bore  
WERE HIS OWN.

He borrowed the ship in which to sit  
To teach the multitude,  
He borrowed the nest in which to rest,  
He had never a home as rude.  
But the crown that He wore  
And the cross that He bore  
WERE HIS OWN.

He borrowed a room on the way to the tomb,  
The passover lamb to eat.  
They borrowed a cave for Him a grave,  
They borrowed a winding sheet.  
But the crown that He wore  
And the cross that He bore  
WERE HIS OWN.

The thorns on His head were worn in my stead,  
For me the Saviour died;  
For guilt of my sin the nails drove in  
When Him they crucified.  
Though the crown that He wore  
And the cross that He bore  
WERE HIS OWN  
THEY RIGHTLY WERE MINE, instead.

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Sins not mentioned by name in the Bible are included in the following references. Look them up.

"Lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily..."

"Let him that stole, steal no more..."  
"Confess your faults one to another, and pray one..."

"Walk in the statutes of life, without committing iniquity..."

"Abstain from all appearance of evil."  
"Know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost..."

"...whoso confesseth and forsaketh, shall have mercy."

"Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart..."

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Goats and wolves do not like the Word of God: it hits them as hailstones. But the sheep like it: they eat it and grow fat."