

FAITH AND VICTORY

The EVENING LIGHT WATCHMAN

At evening time
it shall be light.
—ZACHARIAH 14:7

GOD IS
LOVE

YE SHINE AS LIGHTS
IN THE WORLD.
—PHILIPPIANS 2:15

JESUS
SAVES

Unto Him shall
the gathering of
the people be.
—GENESIS 49:10

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1 John 1:8, 9

Gone is the spring with all its flowers,
And gone the summer's verdant show;
Now strewn beneath the autumn bowers,
The fallen leaves await the snow.

Behold this earth so cold and gray,
An emblem of our life appears;
Its blooming robes sink to decay,
To rise again in round of years.

Earth cheers its winter sleep with dreams
Of springtime's warmth and gentle rain,
When she shall wake to murmuring streams
And songs of merry birds again.

So we come forth like springtime flowers,
Soon into manhood's summer go,
Then like the leaves of autumn bowers,
Lie down beneath the winter's snow.

And there our bodies slumbering wait
Till time's short winter day has fled,
And Christ our Lord and Advocate,
Shall come again to wake the dead.

Then winter's storm and summer's heat
Shall end in everlasting spring,
And all immortal we shall meet
And round the throne of glory sing.

—D. S. Warner

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In Golden Days at Hand

I have a rendezvous with LIFE
In golden days at hand,
By Truth's high call and Love's allure
And Duty's brave demand.
I have a rendezvous with LIFE
That God himself hath planned.
—Blanche Atkins

"If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

Sin exists in the soul after two modes or forms:

1. In *guilt*, which requires forgiveness, or pardon;
2. In *pollution*, which requires cleansing.

Guilt, to be forgiven, must be confessed; and pollution, to be cleansed, must be also confessed. In order to find mercy, a man must know and feel himself to be a sinner, that he may fervently apply to God for pardon. In order to get a clean heart, a man must know and feel its depravity, acknowledge and deplore it before God, in order to be fully sanctified.

Few are pardoned, because they do not feel and confess their sins; and few are sanctified or cleansed from all sin, because they do not feel and confess their own sore, and the plague of their hearts.

As the blood of Jesus Christ, the merit of his passion and death, applied by faith, purges the conscience from all dead works; so the same cleanses the heart from all unrighteousness.

As all unrighteousness is sin; so he that is cleansed from all unrighteousness is cleansed from all sin. To attempt to evade this, and plead for the continuance of sin in the heart, through life, is ungrateful, wicked, and even blasphemous: for, as he who says he has not sinned (ver. 10) makes God a liar, who had declared the contrary through every part of his revelation; so he that says the blood of Christ either cannot or will not cleanse us from all sin in this life, gives also the lie to his Maker, who has declared the contrary; and thus shows that the word, the doctrine of God, is not in him.

Reader, it is the birthright of every child of God to be cleansed from all sin, to keep himself unspotted from the world, and so to live as never more to offend his Maker. All things are possible to him that believeth; because all things are possible to the infinitely meritorious blood, and energetic spirit of the Lord Jesus.—Adam Clarke

Water Baptism

For the benefit of people who do not know and for those who have been wrongly instructed in the doctrine of water baptism we wish to give some Scriptures on the subject.

First we want to say that Jesus our Saviour set the example and was baptized by John the Baptist. An account of His baptism is clearly given in the latter part of the third chapter of Matthew's gospel. When He went up straightway out of the water the heavens were opened unto Him and a voice from heaven said, "This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased." The God of heaven put His approval upon the baptism of His Son in water. Jesus said it was needful for Him to be baptized, "for thus it becometh us to fulfill all righteousness."

Jesus said to His disciples, "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world." Matt. 28: 19, 20. "All nations," would include Gentiles.

In Mark 16:15 it is written again, "And he said unto them Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned." According to this Scripture, one must be a believer before he is baptized.

When the jailer asked Paul and Silas, "What must I do to be saved?" (Acts 16:30), they answered, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved and thy house." After that they had spoken unto him of the Lord, he and all his were straightway baptized.

The Ethiopian wanted to be baptized after Philip had preached Jesus unto him. Philip said, "If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest." He answered, "I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God."

To believe with all the heart that Jesus Christ is the Son of God will bring salvation to the soul, for we read in Romans 10:9, "That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved." "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved." (13th verse). "Whosoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God, God dwelleth in him, and he in God."

The men of Israel asked Peter, "What shall we do?" Peter answered, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ." (Acts 2:38). First they were to repent, then be baptized. When one repents, the Lord is faithful and just to forgive him. He then has peace with God, and water baptism follows. This truth is brought out very clearly in the case of Cornelius the centurion about whom we read in the tenth chapter of 1 Corinthians. After Paul had preached Jesus unto them the gift of the Holy

Ghost was poured out upon them. They had been sanctified wholly, or infilled with the Holy Spirit. Then Peter said, "Can any man forbid water, that these should not be baptized, which have received the Holy Ghost as well as we? And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord." (Acts 10:47)

According to the Scriptures, water baptism does not save the soul, but serves as a testimony of what has taken place in the soul. God speaks peace to the soul that repents and believes. The soul dies to the world and becomes alive to God and heavenly things. After this work of the Spirit in the soul, water baptism is in order. Baptism pictures the death of the soul to sin; and coming forth out of the watery grave not only portrays the death and resurrection of Christ but also water is a symbol of the cleansing and purifying of the soul by the Holy Spirit. Hence water baptism is a testimony of a work which has been accomplished by the Spirit of God in the soul—an outward sign of an inward work. The Ethiopian went on his way rejoicing after he believed and was baptized. Water baptism is closely connected with the salvation of the soul, and when one has believed in the saving of his soul, he should immediately follow or observe this ordinance; for Jesus said, "If ye love me, keep my commandments."

Peter, speaking of the ark and the eight souls that were saved by water, said, "The like figure whereunto even baptism doth also now save us (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ." He makes it clear that water baptism is just a figure of what the water was to the ark that saved the eight souls. The ark that saved the eight souls is typical of Christ who saves us. The water which surrounded the ark and bore it up came after the eight souls were in the ark. God shut the door and they were safe. This was a type of the salvation of God. The water coming after they were saved in the ark causing the ark to float, proves that the ark did save them, and the ark is typical of Christ, who saves now. Just so, water baptism in the grace dispensation or Holy Spirit age is a proof, picture, or figure of what the Holy Spirit has done by saving, cleansing, and putting souls in Christ, the ark of safety.

Literally speaking, in this world men bury dead people and not living people. When a soul believes and repents and confesses Christ, he dies to sin. Spiritually speaking, after one is saved in Christ, he is dead to the world and sin and is then a subject to be buried in the watery grave, as Paul has stated in Rom. 6:4. "Therefore we are buried with him [symbolizing his death in a watery grave] by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death [just a picture of it] we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection." In other words, there is spiritual life in the soul; he has been made a new creature in

Christ, for old things have passed away and he walks in newness of life.

If one was not saved and dead to sin before being buried in the watery grave, then a soul still alive to the world and sin would be buried, which would be a mockery of salvation. It would be a case of a dry sinner being buried in water and coming out a wet sinner. He would have no newness of life, so would continue to sin more or less every day, being deceived with a profession of religion, traveling the broad way to destruction. Satan has a large number of men and women deceived in this way and they are hard to reach with the true gospel of Christ, for Satan keeps them believing his lies concerning the true way.

If you continue to sin after you profess Christ, you are as much doomed for hell as one who makes no profession.

Dear professor of religion, please heed the sacred Scriptures which are on record in God's Holy Word, found in the third chapter of 1 John, beginning at the 8th verse, "He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. [Give this your special attention] For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil" (right out of your heart). "Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin . . . In this the children of God are manifested, and the children of the devil: Whosoever doeth not righteousness is not of God, neither he that loveth not his brother." It is easy to see by these Scriptures that the real children of God do not sin and the others do sin whether they profess to be Christians or not, and are by the Word of God considered children of the devil.

Paul says, "Awake to righteousness and sin not; for some have not the knowledge of God: I speak this to your shame." 1 Cor. 15:34. —Fred Pruitt.

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Wait On the Lord

Psalm 62:5, "My soul, wait thou only upon God; for my expectation is from Him. That precious song comes to my mind: "O, thou in whose presence my soul takes delight!" What does it mean, to *wait on Him, only on Him*? It means, in part, to soar above this old wicked world, up above the clouds where the sun ever shines. Let our souls mount up as eagles.

Job 39:27, 28, "Doth the eagle mount up at thy command and make her nest on high? She dwelleth and abideth on the rock, upon the crag of the rock, and the *strong place*." The secret is to know we are on the Rock Christ Jesus.

Wait thou only on God.

Psa. 57:7, 8, "My heart is fixed, O God, my heart is fixed: Awake up my glory; awake." We need to wake up today and have our hearts fixed on God, and our faces set as a flint. Isa. 50:7, "For the Lord God will help me; therefore shall I not be confounded; therefore have I set my face like a flint, and I know that I shall not be ashamed." Let us look ahead. Lot's wife looked back.

Isa. 52:1, 52, "Awake, awake; put on thy

strength, O Zion; put on thy beautiful garments." With our spiritual eye we can see Zion, the beautiful church, marching forth with victory. Christ said, "The gates of hell shall not prevail against it."

How precious it is to wait on Him. Abraham truly waited upon God when God tested him in Gen. 22:12. The Lord said, "Take now thy son, thine only son Isaac, whom thou loveth, and get thee into the land of Moriah; and offer him there for a burnt offering upon one of the mountains which I will tell thee of." We can see Abraham traveling along with his wood for the burnt offering. The third day he looked up and saw the place afar off. Abraham took the wood for the burnt offering and laid it upon Isaac his son. He took the fire in his hand and a knife, and they went both of them together. Then the son spoke to his father and said, "Behold, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" Abraham answered that God would provide the offering. Abraham built an altar and bound Isaac his son, and laid him upon the altar on the wood and took the knife to slay him. Victory is always ours if we only wait on God.

"And the angel of the Lord called unto Him out of heaven, and said, Abraham, Abraham, and He said, Here am I." He knew the voice of God; was acquainted with Him. The angel said, "Lay not thine hand upon the lad." And Abraham looked, and there was a ram caught in a thicket by his horns.

Abraham did not falter, neither did he doubt God, but looked ahead, neither to the right nor left. He had his face set as a flint, like the words of that good old song, "I shall not be moved." "Blessed rock on which I build, ever be my sun and shield."

When the three Hebrew children stood at the door of the fiery furnace they were at rest, hid away with God. They did not look at the fire, but their faith was in God. Their faces were set as flint, and sweet peace was abiding in their souls. And, praise God, Jesus went with them through the fire and not a smell of smoke was on their garments. Thank the Lord, we can go through the thickest of the battle with our garments unspotted if we will keep a fixed determination to wait on God. Let us ask God to show us the real secret of waiting on him. He has gone before us, has paved the way. Praise God, he is the one who has promised never to leave us nor forsake us. He is the Lily of the valley, He's the bright and morning Star.

—Alta Mead

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John Wesley on "Sincerity"

"Let there be no guile found in your mouth: let your words be the genuine picture of your heart. Let there be no darkness or reservedness in your conversation, no disguise in your behaviour. Leave this to those who have other designs in view—designs which will not bear the light. Be ye artless and simple to all mankind that all may see the grace of God which is in you. And although some will harden their hearts, yet others will take knowledge that ye have been with Jesus, and, by returning themselves to the great Bishop of their souls, glorify your Father which is in Heaven."

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MEETING NOTICE

The congregations of Southwest Missouri and adjoining states have decided, Lord willing, to have all day meetings, meeting at different congregations each time. The first meeting will be at Webb City, Mo., the third Sunday, September 19. We are expecting saints to attend from Springfield, Neosho, Chetopa, Kans., and all others in reach of us are urged to take part in these meetings.

Yours in Him,

H. P. Huskey.

Editorials

The Lord has allowed us to attend three camp meetings so far up to the present date, which is Aug. 17th. Our hearts have been greatly blessed and encouraged in the meetings as the Lord worked in the meetings in a very gracious way. The ministers received rich anointing from heaven for preaching the unadulterated Word, and the messages of truth were given out in power and demonstration of the Spirit.

The first campmeeting attended was the Hammond, La. meeting. Brother and sister Hyrum Ray, Dora Lela Sorrell, Evodna Thurman, Irvin McMurrin, and the writer made up the car load that went from the office at Guthrie to the meeting at Hammond. It was greatly enjoyed by all. Souls were saved, bodies were healed, and the love of God was much in evidence throughout the meeting, making oneness and unity in spirit. At the close of the meeting a number of converts followed the Lord in baptism, with Bro. Max Williamson officiating in the service.

Two young saints from the south felt led of the Lord to work here in the "Lord's Print Shop." They are Bro. Harvey Johnson from Alabama and Nava Jo Short of Batchelor, La. Nava Jo Short was called home after a few weeks stay because of the sickness and death of her brother. She expects to finish school of her college work this fall and winter before she returns.

The next meeting we attended was the National Campmeeting at Monark Springs, Mo. When we arrived there, the evening of the first day of the meeting, we found many there and the meeting was being blessed of the Lord. Many others came, until the crowd was quite large. The attendance was larger than in any previous year, and the Lord's presence was felt and known very precious in the services under the tabernacle, also in the kitchen and all over the grounds. The thirty new tents purchased by the trustees were soon filled, and more had to be put up to accommodate the crowd. Twenty more steel cots were bought.

Ministers and gospel workers came from Calif., Ill., Ind., Ohio, Ark., Kans., Texas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Colo., Oklahoma, Florida, and Missouri.

This campmeeting was one that will be remembered by those present as the preaching was heart-searching and the heavenly anointing was rich, uncovering the hiding places of Satan and showing up the truth of God's Word in a clear manner. Conviction gripped the people night after night and many repented of their sins and rejoiced in the light of heaven shining into their hitherto darkened souls. Two baptismal services were held during the meeting. Unity and oneness was very evident in the meeting, and a large company of happy saints took part in the ordinances of feet washing and the Lord's Supper. The special singing by the Webb City saints and others was much appreciated and greatly edifying to all, and a deep increased love and unity among the redeemed. Many drove in from a distance and sat in their cars, which surrounded the pavilion, and lis-

tened to the messages of truth which went forth. Good effects of this meeting were far reaching, and will go down on heaven's book as a time when the Son of God was lifted up and the Father greatly honored.

The Guthrie, Okla. State meeting, which began Aug. 6th, was also well attended by people from Ariz., Calif., Kans., Texas, La., Mo., Mich., Ind., and Okla. The large pavilion was filled night after night. As they listened to the precious messages from the lips of consecrated ministers who did not spare to tell the whole counsel of God, conviction seized the people in an old fashioned way, and with tears confessions were made and forgiveness was received from the Lord for all sin. The saints are thankful to the Lord for the bodies that were definitely healed, and for those who were relieved of suffering from time to time, and we hope that all who were prayed for will continue to keep faith in the Lord for complete healing.

The ordinances of Feet washing and the Lord's Supper of bread and wine which represents the broken body of the Lord and His precious blood that was poured out on Calvary's cross for the covering of our sins, which means salvation to the soul, was observed. A remembrance of the Lord's sufferings and death. A solemnity came upon the saints as their minds were refreshed with thoughts of the great cost and sacrifice which our Saviour made for us that we might be saved and ready for heaven and immortal glory. Bro. L. L. Perry of La. officiated, delivering a message of needed preparation before breaking of bread and supping of the wine in memory of his sufferings and death, and near one hundred saints took part.

The two baptismal services held during the meeting were also blessed of the Lord. It was a beautiful picture to see the candidates going down into the watery grave and coming forth to walk in newness of life with Christ. Bro. John Wilson officiated.

Love and unity was in evidence everywhere as the saints mingled their voices together in praise and singing with much rejoicing unto the Lord. Those who attended these meetings and saw the love and unity with power and grace, which existed, could not help but see that God has a true church in this world which is a representative of his body functioning in the world but not of the world. This little flock of believers, which is his body the church, is marching on to certain victory as their Captain conquered Satan over nineteen centuries ago; and he, being a conquered foe, is fighting a lost battle. When Christ ascended up on high He led captivity (Satan) captive (Eph. 4:8) and gave gifts unto men by His Spirit; and they are conquering the enemy by the Spirit and power of God, reigning over sin and Satan in this present world. Some day their bodies will be redeemed and they will put on a glorified body to live in heaven with their Lord throughout all eternity. Glory be to His great and matchless name!

Some were at the altar the last day of the meeting, and there was great rejoicing when the Lord saved them. What a great and mighty Savior we have, for he saves to the uttermost all who will come

unto Him. A campmeeting like this one will not cease in influence, for no doubt some who got saved in this meeting will be called to preach the gospel, thus the truth will continue to march on and the influence will continue on and on until the Lord returns and the saints are caught up to meet the Lord in the air, and so shall they ever be with the Lord. Let us honor and adore Him more and more.

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Bro. Kenneth Flynn from Loranger La., who attended the meeting here, felt led of the Lord to help in the printing work, so he remained in Guthrie, and is now taking some lessons in printing. He is interested in learning, and we believe he will be a good helper in the "Lord's Print Shop." We ask the saints everywhere to pray for these young people who are giving their time and talents to the Lord, and are willing to sacrifice in order to help send the pure and clean gospel forth to the people by the printed page. There are many other gospels being printed and circulated in the world, but there can be but one unadulterated gospel. The devil hates this pure gospel, and all of his agents are arrayed against it. They promulgate many false ideas and speak many evil things against this clean work and against those whom God sees fit to use in getting the truth to men, but we are keeping the work fully in the hands of God, as well as our own souls and hearts being full of divine love. We love our enemies and pray earnestly to God that He will so deal with them that they will repent and not lose their souls. It is an awful thing for one to lose his soul. We are, by the grace of God, guarding the life of Christ in our soul and will not retaliate or wrong our enemies in any way if we know it, but with holy love in our hearts, we earnestly pray for them. Brethren, we need your prayers and cooperation. When every member of His body is functioning properly in their places, the whole body will move forward in the will and pleasure of God, and great things will be accomplished thru the mighty name of Jesus.

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In Eph. 2:1, the apostle Paul writes to the saints, "And you hath He quickened, who were [before you were saved] dead in trespasses and sins." Folks who are committing sin, whether they profess religion or not, are separated from God by their sins and are by the Scriptures termed dead because they cannot possibly have heavenly life in the soul while committing sin. "Dead in sin" means that one is separated from God, and that one is in this condition either because he has committed sin by disobedience to God's will or has omitted to do God's will. There are sins of commission and sins of omission. Men can be guilty of one or both of these sins and be dead or separated from God. The only hope for a soul in this dead state is through the sacrificed Son of God. When one confesses his sins to God, repents of them and forsakes them, God will have mercy on that soul. He will forgive and blot out of His book all of his sins and that one will be quickened by the incoming Spirit

which brings heavenly life into the soul, which means salvation from sin and peace from God through faith in the atoning blood of Jesus.

In the following verse it is written that in time past we walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air (or Satan), the spirit that worketh in the children of disobedience. We were children of wrath then and were doomed for the flames of hell. God's wrath was upon us, and we had no hope and were without God in the world, were fulfilling the lusts of the flesh and mind, and our souls were in the kingdom of darkness, or under Satan's rule, being a captive of his.

In the 8th verse it is written, "By grace [Christ] ye are saved through faith: and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God." "Christ in you the hope of glory." It is by confessing our sins to God, repenting of them, forsaking them and turning to God for mercy that we are saved. It is not anything that we can do further than this, but it is God that makes the change in the soul and does the saving when we believe, confess, repent, and forsake all sin. He is faithful and just to forgive us of all sin.

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In the business meeting at the National Campmeeting at Monark Springs, Mo., the question came up concerning the yearly National Ministers' meeting that heretofore has been held at Guthrie, Okla. Almost all who were present thought that this minister's meeting should be held at Monark Springs since that is the campground where the National Campmeeting is held each year. It seemed impractical and expensive to have it separated from the campmeeting, which would cause many to have to make two trips to that place, or a long stay if they waited there between the meetings; so it was decided to have the ministers' meeting in connection with the National Campmeeting at Monark Springs.

In harmony with the above decision, it was decided that the minister's meeting for 1949 would be held at Monark Springs, Mo., beginning on Wednesday, July 20th, to last two days; then the campmeeting would follow this meeting, beginning Friday, July 22nd, lasting ten days.

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IMPORTANT NOTICE

In the June issue of "Faith and Victory" was a notice concerning the worn-out condition of Bro. Ulysses Phillips' car and his need of another. This faithful brother and minister of the gospel is still waiting and trusting the Lord to supply sufficient funds to purchase a car. The saints have responded to this need until he has some over five hundred dollars; but this is only about half enough to buy a car that would give much service.

Let all the saints pray and do what they can to supply means for this car. This dear brother is worthy of your consideration.

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THE CALIFORNIA STATE CAMPMEETING

The California State Campmeeting will be held in the saints' chapel at the corner of Walnut and Naomi Sts. in Los Angeles, California, beginning Sept. 3rd, and continuing through September 12th.

All the people of God throughout the west are urged to attend this meeting and enjoy a feast of good things

from God. All who are needing and seeking help from God for either body or soul are especially urged to come.

We want all to feel encouraged that God is still working among his people to save, sanctify, heal, and keep them and that there is still a grace and victorious experience being imparted from God to all those who will die out to self life and live that consecrated and surrendered life to God.

We have faith to feel assured that God will have true ministers at this meeting who, by His grace and the power and anointing of his Spirit will be able to feed the sheep on heavenly food and to be a help to you in any way that you may need help. Come in the same faith and earnest desire to receive help and you will be blessed in coming.

We are very sorry that it was not possible to get the saints' camp ground ready for use this year, but the Lord will bless anyway in this meeting and we will make the best arrangements possible to care for those who come.

We request all to be praying for the meeting and come to do good and get good. —Ostis B. Wilson, jr.

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CAMPMEETING REPORT

The Oregon Campmeeting came to a close in Jefferson, Sunday, August 8th. It was a glorious feast from Father's table. God sent a number of his qualified and anointed ministers to be with us, also a goodly number of His redeemed saints gathered together in His holy name. Prayers and praises went up to God almost day and night. The pure gospel of truth came with power and anointing, and as each soul measured to the truth, the blessings of heaven fell. We feel that much good and lasting benefits were received from God. Our God held his hand of power over His holy remnant, and held back every spirit of the enemy that would try to hinder the truth. We feel much encouraged in God to press the battle on, knowing that our Captain never lost a battle and will direct every humble soul in the truth, which is the victory to all who will believe, love, and obey it.

Pray for us and the work here. With love and fellowship for all the true saints, I am your brother saved in Jesus, and set in the defence of the gospel, ready to live or die for him, that I may finish my course with joy.

Sam Wilson.

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Obituaries

On June 12, 1948 at Glendale, Calif. this dear father and husband, Geo. W. Holoman, met with very sudden death. He had not been well, in fact, had never entirely recovered from a serious fall he had in March, but had tried faithfully to keep going and working, knowing the responsibilities that rested upon him. We were living in the home of an aged lady, caring for her and her house at the time, and he was busy all the time drawing plans for buildings. It had been rather strenuous work.

When he came home one evening he was very tired. He ate supper, then left, saying he was just going over to a neighbor's to be gone just a few minutes. Only a few minutes after that the neighbor lady came running to me with the message, "Mr. Holloman has fallen down our basement stairs."

Oh, how I was frightened, but tried to subdue my fears, praying God to have mercy and spare him. But he was unconscious and going fast. At my request the dear ones sent for brother and sister O. B. Wilson, jr.

His father and mother, who had just come to Calif. with Sister Opal, were there, too. Earnest prayer was offered, but he had to be taken to the emergency hospital. We followed the ambulance. When we arrived they had carried him in, and the doctor met us with the sad news that he was gone.

God alone knows it all. Our precious children had to be notified. They all came excepting one daughter who was in the hospital at Modesto.

Bro. Holloman was born in Crossville, Ill., March 10, 1878; died June 12, 1948; age 70 yrs. and 3 months. He was reared in Illinois and married in McLeansboro, Ill. April 7, 1901 to Jessie Davis. To them were born six children, the two older ones having preceded him in death. Four are still living: Mrs. Mildred Kingsley, Mrs. Mary Wright, and Clarence S. Holomon all of Columbia, Calif. He had seven grandchildren.

He accepted the teachings of the church of God thirty-eight years ago and always loved the truth and all the dear saints. His desire was to see his family all saved. All are saved but the one daughter who has been in the hospital. Our hearts are sad and lonely, but we have a desire to submit all things into God's holy hands, who knows best and does all things well. Many things we do not understand, but we can only trust Him to lead us on, and be ready when the summons calls for us.

—His wife and family and relatives.

Clarriel L. Hodge, the fourth son of Archie and Fannie Hodge, was born in Eupora, Miss. May 15, 1890, and departed this life in Los Angeles, California May 2, 1948 about ten o'clock a. m. at the age of 57 years, 11 mos. and 17 days.

He was united in marriage to Miss Gertrude Mays on February 24, 1915, and to this happy union three children were born—one son and two daughters.

In 1917 he moved from Eupora to Los Angeles, where he resided until death claimed him. In 1925 he became interested in the doctrine of the church of God and accepted the Lord as his Saviour, humbly submitting all to Him. Then he was sanctified by His blood and trusted the Lord for both soul and body. His kindness, faithfulness to his family and others with whom he came in contact, proved his life an example in works and deeds.

He was employed by the city of Los Angeles for a period of twenty-four years, yet he always found time to perform his Christian duties that those whom he met and with whom he worked daily were inspired by his humble life.

Bereaved are: his loving companion, Mrs. Gertrude Hodge; one son, James Hodge of San Diego, Calif.; and two daughters, Mrs. Clarendia Benson and Mrs. Mattie Comfort of Los Angeles; one grandson and one granddaughter: three brothers; two sisters; and a host of other relatives and friends who loved him dearly.

Funeral service was conducted by Bro. I. C. Chandler, assisted by Bros. I. D. Stover, and T. T. Holden. Text: 1 Cor. 15:16-19. Some very consoling songs were sung by Bro. O. B. Wilson, jr. and others.

N. G. Wilson, known among friends and saints as Uncle Grant, departed this life at his home near Chehalis, Wash. on July 16, 1948, age 79 years. Funeral service was held in Chehalis July 19, Bro. I. D. Stover of Pomona, California officiating.

Bro. Wilson leaves to mourn their loss, his wife, Priscilla; five daughters; two sons; and a host of friends and saints. Yet all who have hope in Christ sorrow not as those who know not God, knowing that God has ap-

pointed unto man once to die, and after that the judgment, where every one will meet the just Judge who will reward every man according to the life he lives here. It is glorious to those who can look beyond this world with full assurance and hope that we shall meet again, and all the redeemed host will sing God's praise while eternal ages roll. Comfort ye one another with these thoughts.

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David Hiram Robertson, born April 21, 1889, passed from this life June 27, 1948, age 59 years, 2 months and six days. He leaves to mourn his departure, his faithful wife, Bertha (Williamson) Robertson; three children, Norma (Mrs. Earl Langenstine), and Wilbur; two grandchildren; his step mother, Mrs. Rebecca Robertson who is the mother of his six half-brothers, viz., Lucas, Rufus, Elton, Duncan, Doyle, and Allen, and his half sister, Mrs. Eunice Hollis, all of California; also many other relatives, neighbors, and friends who miss his presence.

At a very early age he was left an orphan and was mostly reared by his grandmother.

After a prolonged illness of five years, the Lord saw fit to take him to Himself and we feel that our loss is heaven's gain, for he lived a consistent saintly life the last few years of his life. He was very patient in illness, and dearly loved the saints and enjoyed their presence with their songs, prayers, and the reading of the Word. His trust was fully in the Lord. He depended upon Him for relief, and it was truly wonderful how he was blessed with such little suffering in his severe illness. I feel that he was an example of patience. His faithful wife stood by him with her attentions and prayers, which meant much to him.

Funeral services and burial were at the Robertson Cemetery, a few miles out of Hammond, La. Funeral texts were: Psa. 116:15; 2 Cor. 5:1-10; 1 Thess. 4:13-18, by the writer.

—Mrs. Katherine Key.

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Clarence Everett Robb, son of Henry and Evia Robb, was born Dec. 22, 1927, at Enid, Okla., and departed this life August 5, 1948, at the age of 20 years, 7 months, and 14 days, by drowning on a farm near Okeene, Okla.

He received his grade schooling in Hall High School, at Hennessey, and his high school training at Dunbar High School, west of Hennessey, graduating in May, 1948.

He attended Sunday school and church services and befriended the saints in many ways. In the community he was known for his willingness to lend a helping hand, and was always anxious to do something for others.

His mother preceded him in death. Bereaved are: his father and stepmother, Henry and Ollie Robb, of the home west of Hennessey; five brothers, Clayton of Denver, Colo.; Herman, Sherman, Maurice, and John Kenneth of the home; one sister, Merrivonne of the home, and a large number of other relatives and friends.

Funeral service conducted by Lewis Williams of Hennessey, Okla. Text: Rom. 11:22.

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Edward Earl Cramer was born July 10, 1886 at Baaron, Wisc. where he made his home until he married. He was united in marriage to Miss Viola Baker Feb. 6, 1925 at Phelps, Wis. where they made their home until they moved to Okla. City a few years ago, where they have resided ever since. To this union were born four children, three girls and one boy.

In the year of 1932, Bro. Cramer accepted the Lord as his personal Saviour at a cottage prayer meeting. He backslid, but was reclaimed Aug. 1947 at the State Camp-meeting at Guthrie, Okla. From that time he has been

a devoted Christian, serving the Lord diligently, and often exhorting others to serve the Lord. During recent weeks while cottage meetings were in progress he opened the doors of his home to these meetings and made the saints welcome. During the Bible study he often studied each phrase of each verse, apparently very eager to get all the good possible from the Word of God. He was a kind husband and father, always taking great interest in the welfare of his family. He trusted and depended upon the Lord and relied upon the saints' prayers unto the end, which came July 2, 1948.

Survivors are: his wife, three daughters, Miss Clara Irene Cramer, Mrs. Louise Bell King, and Mrs. Viola Mae Sparadeo and one son Edward Jo; one brother and two sisters; and a host of other relatives and friends.

The funeral service was conducted in Okla. City by Sister Fannie Hunter and Bro. Stephen Cable. Text: Psalms 23.

The family wants to thank everyone, both saints and friends for all their kindness shown during the illness and death of their loved one; and desire the prayers of the saints that God will help them in every way.

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Anna B. Sowell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Rainey, was born in Columbia, Tenn. March 15, 1872. She was converted at the age of 14 and united with the Baptist denomination, where she worshipped for a number of years. Later she heard the true gospel of salvation which teaches that one can live just like the Bible teaches. She accepted this great salvation and found joy in living for the Lord. Some years later she was called to the ministry and was faithful and true to the work of the Lord. She loved the service and always tried to be on time. When called to pray for the sick, she was willing to go at any time, and never tried to shirk duties.

Her husband preceded her in death. She has one brother, L. W. Rainey, of St. Louis, Mo.

Sermon by Ulysses Phillips.

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Nick Askew, born in Cask County, Texas, Dec. 24, 1854, departed this life at his home in Guthrie, Okla. Aug. 16, 1948, at the age of 93 years, eight months, and a few days. Bereaved are: his wife; four children, two sons, Preston of Syracuse, N. Y. and Bob of Pasadena, Calif.; two daughters, Mrs. Odessa Clay of Omaha, Nebr., and Mrs. Nora Taylor of Kansas City, Kans.; four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren; and a host of friends and saints. We loved him, but God loved him best and called him away.

He sought the Lord for salvation about twenty years ago, and manifested a changed life. Those who knew him had confidence in his Christian experience.

Silently, silently, crossing over the tide,

Hopefully, peacefully, gone where saints abide.

Funeral service was conducted by Fred Pruitt; text: Heb. 9:27: "And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment."

CORRESPONDENCE

N. Y.—Here is my testimony: I was saved Aug. 16, 1936 at Rockwood, N. Y. The night before I gave my heart to God I had a vision. I stood on the brink of a deep abyss. My foot raised for the last step, when I looked up and saw two figures on the other side in mortal combat. One was as white as snow and the other was black as night. One party to whom I told this said it was God and Satan fighting for my soul.

I was not long in arriving at a decision, and I thank

God for answering prayer and showing me the error of my ways. God is wonderful. Three times He has spoken to me through visions and one time in an audible voice. He has given me souls and many victories. Do you wonder that I love Him? If we walk in the light as He is in the light we have fellowship one with another and the blood of Jesus Christ cleanses us from all sin.

Yours for the Master, Bro. E. O. Handy.

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Okla.—Greetings to all the saints in the name of Jesus,—I have been very feeble this year. I do praise the name of Jesus for the victory that he gives his people. He gave His life for our sins. He said to resist the devil. He has overcome the world. Praise His name for such a great Saviour. I am in the only true church of the living God, the one bought by the blood of Jesus.

I ask the prayers of the saints that the Lord will increase my faith, for I know that he gave his blood for all that will do his commandments. I am willing to do them by the Lord's help. I can do nothing without Him.

Annie Banks.

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Ark.—Dear Sister Pruitt—I want to testify to what the Lord has done for me. I am much better of the second ailment for which I requested prayer. I was some better Tuesday and much better Wednesday. I have been slowly improving since. There is still a hard lump around the sore, but I think it will soon be all right. I do thank God and all His people, as I think I had a real infection there. I believe my side is all right now. Sister McMurrin

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La.—Dear Bro. Pruitt and workers at Faith Publishing House,—Greetings of love in Jesus' dear name. We want to thank and praise God for all his goodness and mercy shown to us. Truly He has been good to us and has done many good things for us. The greatest and most wonderful thing was to save our souls. Praise His holy name. We want to thank him for healing our bodies. The children, different ones of them, have been sick.

Richard had gland trouble, I think. He had fever and vomited. He was quite sick, but the Lord healed him in answer to prayer. Paul has been sick and the Lord healed him. That was several weeks ago. He has gland trouble or something now. His neck is swollen badly, and we desire your prayers for him. The Lord is able and willing to heal, and he does heal.

The Lord has wonderfully touched my body at different times. My gums bothered me and looked bad. They were sore, but the Lord touched them in a wonderful way. At present they are not sore, but they do not look well. Please pray for complete healing for them.

I had trouble with my breast trying to rise and God healed it and moved out the lump caused from it. I also had two bad sores that had red streaks going from them. God touched them and took out the swelling and the sores are about gone. Thank God! Truly we have much for which to praise God.

Dear saints of God everywhere, we beseech you in Jesus' name to look to God. He can do all things. Let us keep our eyes on Jesus, and he will never let us down.

Pray that we let Jesus have first place in our hearts and be faithful to the end.

Richard's leg that was healed last year at camp meeting is still well and we are still praising God for it. So dear ones, be faithful. I still remember dear old Brother Harmon, who said to me once when I was afflicted, "Look up." So I say to you saints everywhere, "Look up. Jesus never fails."

—Mrs. Everett Hilbun.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

Ohio,—Dear Aunt Marie,—I am glad to say I was saved while we were playing church at home and was sanctified a little later at church. I like to go to Sunday school and services. Pray for me that I might live for Jesus all my life. I am eight years old.

Betty Lou Park

Ohio—Dear Aunt Marie,—I'd like to say I enjoy your Children's Corner very much. I always read it first.

I am saved and sanctified. I was saved two years ago, and want to live for Him every day. I am ten years old. I go to Sunday School nearly every Sunday. We go to services also. Remember me in your prayers.

Kaye Park

Ohio—Dear Aunt Marie,—I am glad for Children's Corner in the Faith and Victory paper and think learning Scripture verses is a good idea. Our family (mother and father and my sisters) visit brother and sister George Arganbright (a neighbor) and we quote Scripture verses from memory sometime. They are good Christian people and we enjoy our visits with them very much. I am glad I can say I am saved and sanctified and want to live for Jesus every day. I am thirteen years old, and will be in the seventh grade of school next year.

Pray for me.

Faye Park

Ala.—Dear Aunt Marie,—I am a little girl thirteen years of age. I read "Faith and Victory" through and through and enjoy it very much. I especially enjoy the poems and Children's Corner. I was saved in a revival meeting last year and this year lots of other young people were saved as well as grown folk.

I read your page last month and decided to learn the verses.

Love,

Quida Pearl Howell

Following is a list of names of children to whom awards have been sent for learning Scripture verses:

Gatha Constable age 8, 35 verses.

George Ritchie, age 7, 35 verses.

Jean Ritchie, age 9, 50 verses.

Margaret Ritchie, age 10, 50 verses.

Alta Mae Ritchie, 11 years, 242 verses.

Connie Park, age 7, 25 verses.

Betty Lou Park, age 8, 35 verses.

Kaye Park, age 10, 50 verses.

Faye Park, age 13, 65 verses.

Quida Pearl Howell, age 13, 65 verses.

Hello Children:

We have not heard from very many of you children who have learned Bible verses. Some have said, there were too many to learn; but I am sure if you will count the ones you already know, you will not have many more to learn. Ask mother to help you learn some more. Let us hear from more of you.

We had a Sunday School lesson on "Promises." We talked about the things that God promised Abraham. He promised him that he would be the father of many nations, that he would have a new name, that he would have a son. And, as we know, Abraham was a man of faith, God kept his promises and gave to Abraham all that he promised. Sometimes people make promises and cannot keep them.

One girl promised a friend some candy, but when she went into the house to get some, her mother would not let her have it. A boy promised a friend he would meet him and go skating, but his mother had things for him to do and he could not keep his promise. But *remember*, God *always* keeps his promises.

God has promised us *eternal life* if we let Jesus come into our hearts (John 6:47). He promises us a new home, *Heaven* (John 14:1-3), He promises to *protect* us and *keep* us. How safe we are in the Saviour's hands! We trust Him and He always cares for us.

Abraham believed God and received his promises. If we believe God and do as he says, we, too, can receive what He has promised us. How many of you have believed God today and received Jesus into your hearts?

Satan promises us things also. The Bible tells us he is a liar; so we do not expect him to keep his promises. Why, he tells us if we follow him we can do anything and have pleasure. But he never tells you that if you smoke a little that you will become a slave to the habit. He says it will be fun to play cards, but he never reminds you that card playing has caused many to fall and even shoot others over the card table.

One boy who was to be hanged because he shot a woman at the card table refused to see his mother before he died, because he said, she was the one who taught him to play cards when he was a small boy.

Oh, no, Satan never tells the truth! If you follow Satan's promises in the end it means death. "For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." Rom. 6:23.

—Aunt Marie.

CORRESPONDENCE

A VISION GIVEN TO A MOTHER IN ISRAEL

This is a vision which God gave to me, Rebecca Baskicker a servant, near 47 years ago. I had been a servant of Satan for many years when God for the sake of His Son Jesus, and in pity and love convicted me of sin till I sought and found Him. Then I lived as sweet and happy life as could be desired, then Satan cast on my sweet life such a dark shadow I could not see my way. I fell on my face before my God and cried out to Him,

"Oh, Father, after three years of such a perfect life of joy and peace with you after the sweet fellowship of the Son of God, can it be the way is so hard I will have to give up?"

Then God gave me this vision. There was a very straight and narrow road which reached to the gates of heaven. It was steep and covered with crushed rock, sharp and rough, and I was in the road and barefoot, so it was a hard way for me to face, but on either side was a wall that reached to my shoulders. Then the Lord said to me: "You are in the way. These walls are my love. You cannot fall out of the way. If you get out, you will have to climb over the wall." Then I looked and saw that the road spanned a dark pit, so deep and dark I could not see the bottom. Then He said, "If you can not run the race, you can walk; if you cannot walk, you can go

on your knees; if you fall down, get up and go on, but if you fall let your face be toward heaven. If you get out of the way you will have to climb over the wall." Then I cried out, "I will stay in the way at any cost."

After many years of going, sometimes running, often walking, and oh, so often on my knees, He brought this vision to me again. About three years ago I was quilting, so I know it was no dream, for I was singing praise to my Lord, when again the vision came before me so plainly. Only this time God showed me that the wall on my right was Jesus' love, and the wall on the left was God's love. Now the walls were wide, and there on top of the walls were a lot of people. Some were dancing, some were playing games, some were jesting and laughing, and some were sound asleep. The Lord let me know that the devil used the pleasures of this world as a dope to put them to sleep. Then I saw hands all along the wall where those who had fallen over in their sleep had caught ahold of the wall. That was all I could see. They were hanging over the wall ready to drop into the pit below. There was no rest for their feet, and at each move their poor tired hands slipped. Oh, I cried out to God, "Who will help me pull them back safe in the way?" When they had climbed on top of the wall, saying, "God is too good to destroy us for having a little fun in life. God is love and He does not want us to be so serious that no one will want to serve Him," they were on top of the wall of God's love and lost the protection of both walls. Oh, you who have been redeemed, be sure you keep in the center of His will and enjoy the sure protection of both walls. He is reasonable and does not ask more than we can give. May this vision fasten its hold upon all that are growing cold and indifferent and are presuming upon God's love until Satan will put them to sleep. May God's blessing go with this to the saving of some poor soul, and the glory of God. Amen. —Rebecca Basicker

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Ohio—Dear Brethren in Christ,—Thank you for the anointed handkerchief and your prayers which were offered up for my healing. Since I applied the handkerchief, the misery in my back is not severe any more and I can bend over without suffering as I did in the past. Bless our dear Saviour forever and ever. And He is my all and in all. May God bless all of you is my constant prayer.

I also wish to thank all of you for your prayers in behalf of the healing of my niece Dorothy Clemons, who underwent a serious operation a short time ago. She writes that she is at home now and is feeling very well. She also expresses her thanks and appreciation for your prayers. Truly He is a wonderful God whom we serve; and praises be to his holy name forever and ever.

Your sister in Christ, Elnora Ayers.

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Mo.—Dear saints everywhere, in Jesus' name greetings,—Truly the Lord has been good to us. I am still trusting in the Lord for soul and body. He will never fail us if we will let him have his way with us. I enjoy reading the "Faith and Victory" paper very much, for it has many good things in it which are real food for our souls. I am glad that I ever learned of the great love of Jesus who did so much for me. I want to live humbly before him and win a crown of life and a home in heaven. Please pray for me and my loved ones.

LET US DO SOME GOOD DEED

Let us here do some kind deed to cheer a traveler on;
Let us here sow some good seed, that souls to Christ be won.

Let us say some loving word to bind a heart that's sad,
Show him the way of Christ our Lord, the one who makes us glad.

Let us like a good Samaritan, a stranger help along,
Who has met with tribulation in a battle hot and strong.
Let us breathe a word of prayer for lost souls all around,
For those who have no fear nor care, and those that sin has bound.

Let us stay so close to God that we like Christ may be;
And in His foot-steps let us tread until eternity.
Let us be true and faithful while in this world we stay,
Ever do some deed of kindness as we walk the narrow way.

Mrs. H. J. Hiebert

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Ind.—I was born again when I was nineteen years of age. A few years later I began to attend church of God services. It took me quite awhile to get settled, but when I heard preaching concerning the true church of God, I knew that was the belief God had given me, so I began to drink in the full truth. I firmly believe in the Bible. I believe one must become convicted of their sins and confess them as in Romans 10:9. Then we must be sanctified—and I am. We must be baptized by immersion, thus following in the foot-steps of Jesus and obeying his commands. I believe in feet washing as it is recorded in the 13th chapter of St. John; and I believe in healing as it is taught in the Bible.

I have been healed many times, and each member of my family has been healed. I have had much experience in healing. I have prayed for different afflictions and seen them healed. I have seen the blind eyes opened, the deaf made to hear, the dumb to talk and the lame to walk after being prayed for. I pray for any one any where, regardless of how bad the ailment is or of how long standing, and I believe Jesus will heal them. I know what God's power can do, so I trust and never doubt.

I love the sweet fellowship with the true church. I fellowship them who are born again. I believe in a close walk with God. The closer we walk, the sweeter the way grows, so they cannot preach it too close for me. I am saved from this old world. It has no attractions for me. I live for Christ every day. I want to be found doing what Jesus wants me to do at all times. I never want one soul whom I know to leave this old world to say that I did not warn him of the awful hell for which he was headed. Pray for me that I will always be true.

Mrs. Mae Etta Becraft

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Tenn.—Dear saints,—I write you in Jesus' name to thank you for your prayers and all the others who prayed for me. And I thank God that prayer has been answered and my body has been healed to the extent that I can go again. Bless His dear name. I cannot say enough for Him. Remember me in your prayers in the camp meeting, that the Lord will completely heal my body and keep me going. A sister in Christ, Annie Graves.

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Ohio—Dear saints and readers of the "Faith and Victory,"—I surely praise the Lord this evening for what he has done for me. First of all, I thank him for saving me and keeping me saved, and for his precious healing power. Oh, I do thank the dear Lord for healing me of a serious affliction in my throat in May. I suffered much pain in my neck, but I did not know that it was a growth on my tongue pallet. I did not become alarmed when I saw it, because I was trusting in God. At that time, Bro. Williams was in Akron conducting a meeting. The dear

Lord blessed me with the privilege of attending the meeting every night. One night Bro. Williams anointed me, and other ministers laid on hands and prayed for me and the Lord removed the growth that night. Praise His dear name! I fully trust the Lord for the healing of my body. Please pray for me. I am suffering with my side, but I believe the Lord will heal that just like he healed my throat. Pray that I ever keep faithful. Your sister in the one body,

Dueallie Jackson

Michigan—Dear Brother Pruitt,—Greetings in Jesus' great name. I have a request for prayer. I believe that the saints of this paper can get their prayers thru to God. They did it once before in my behalf.

I have been sick, and I have not been able to touch the Lord. Will you print this letter that the saints may know my request, that God may answer? I do not know anything in my life that will keep Him from answering. I have checked up on everything that I thought may keep Him from hearing my plea.

Pray that the Lord will give me complete delivery from this illness. I would love to receive letters from those to whom the Lord has given complete victory.

I shall be looking for the letters, waiting for your prayers to be answered. Yours in Christ forever,
H. W. Ewing, 914 Olds Ave., Lansing, Mich.

S. C.—Dear ones in Christ, greetings in Jesus' dear name,—I have felt impressed for some time to send my testimony to "Faith and Victory." I enjoy reading it, and look forward to its coming. I love to read the testimonies very much.

I want to ask all of you to pray very definitely. I know God can do great things. I have a dear son who is in the army. I have had no word from him in over three months. He has a wife and two very dear boys, and they need prayer very much. I have not seen them in over two years. I am still a lonely widow and live all alone. The prayers of a righteous man availeth much, and prayer changes things. Please pray for my two brothers that are unsaved.

May God ever bless you praying people, and bless you in winning souls for Christ, is my prayer for you.

Mrs. E. Fairey

Ark.—Bro. Pruitt, my hip has not bothered me any more like it did, since I left Guthrie. I surely do thank the Lord for healing me. I am glad that I can say that I am still saved and sanctified, and trusting the Lord for soul and body. I am glad that I have a determination in my heart to press on for the Lord to the end, whatever may or may not come. In His name, Irvin McMurrin.

Mo.—Dear saints,—I want to give a sketch of what the blessed Lord has done for this old clay body of mine. In 1928 I had gall stones and was dying. The boys started to get the doctor. My breath was very short and I sat down in a chair to keep from falling; then the pain all left me. It was just like a plank in the water with one end fastened and the other washing up and down right in my heart. I praise the Lord for his wonderful work. My baby girl prayed for me. She was nine years old. Then when she became sick we went to the Lord with it, and the work was done.

In 1933, I had another attack. My little boy was sick at that time. I was lying in bed one morning talking to the Lord about healing the boy when I began to cramp. In answer to prayer, the Lord touched my

stomach and I was healed. They sang that song, "I Know the Lord Has Laid His Hand on Me." I can say of a truth that the Lord did lay his hand on me.

Later I fell and hurt my back. I had to sit nearly straight up to sleep. I went on in that condition about three weeks. While I was in bed one night the thought came to me that if God could heal my stomach, he could heal my back. I told my thoughts to the Lord and when I got up the next morning I was perfectly healed.

In 1935 I had the whooping cough. One of the children jumped down out of a chair and caused me to have a bad attack. I crept to a chair and sat down with my hands on the chair arms. I had a bad cold and tears watered my eyes and ran down my face. I started to brush them away; but when I raised my hand it was like a stick. With it outstretched, I begged the Lord to heal me, yet I was growing weaker all the time. I said, "Lord, if you do not aim to heal me, just take me out of the way." The pain all left and I got up and went to bed. Praise His dear name forever more!

In 1920, one night after the others had gone to bed, the wind began to blow awfully strong. I went outside to see if it looked like rain. There was a small black cloud in the shape of a rainbow in the west. I went back into the house and went to bed begging the Lord not to blow the house down, and I said, "Lord, if this should be your coming, would I be ready?" I just went away with the Lord. It seemed that there was no one there except me, and the Lord just carried me above—the sweetest strains of soft low music that ever fell on mortal ears, I heard. You know that the music was heard from heaven by our older brethren. The Lord has been so good to me, I cannot express it with human tongue.

In 1927 my little boy had pneumonia and came very near dying, but prayer was offered and God saved him. They told me that when he took another cold, he would have pneumonia again. When I would go to bed at night, I would talk to the Lord about it and beg him to keep the boy from taking it again. I prayed for about four weeks when I would go to bed. One night I was pleading with God and that hand came and took two sheets of paper, put one down and laid the other one end-ways and brought the other hand and put something on it and rubbed both hands back and forth, and said, "It is sealed." He is now a grown man. He has never had pneumonia again. Bless his name forever!

In 1929 I had wild hairs in my eyes, and they picked out all my eye lashes. It seemed when they picked, my eyes felt better. I went that way for about two years and then I sought the Lord for healing. I could not see to read or do any kind of work. While I was in bed at night I would lie there and beg the Lord to heal my eyes so I could see to do my work and read His Word. It took a long time to get the victory, but the work was done and I was healed. I just thank and thank Him. I cannot thank him enough.

Mrs. N. C. Snavely

Mo.—Dear brothers and sisters, and every reader—Tonight I am praising the dear Lord. As I was singing some songs and rejoicing, I felt the Lord wanted me to write a testimony for him. I thank him for what he has done for me. He saved my soul, took away the heavy burden that was upon my heart, and gave me rest, peace, joy, and satisfaction. Oh, yes, this wonderful salvation satisfies us. There is no thirsting nor longing for the vain, sinful pleasures of earth that soon pass away and leave the heart still sad and longing for something to satisfy. Oh, if everyone only knew how much real joy and happiness God's children have! It is for every soul

who will turn to the Lord.

If anyone who reads this is in sin and trouble, I can tell you of a friend who can heal your sorrows. It is Jesus. He bore all our sins and sorrows on the cross. Read the fifty-third chapter of Isaiah. And everyone who is unsaved is invited to come and have rest in Matt. 11: 28, 29. Let all who are saved be true to the Lord through every trial, and trust Him for all things at all times. He will be near us. He is our refuge, one who knows and never fails when we are in need of anything—food, clothing, home, etc., or spiritual needs. Nothing is too hard for Him to do.

Pray for me, dear ones, that I may do all I can to help others in any way I can and that I may talk to people about Jesus. I feel weak, but I do want to work for my dear Saviour who has done so much for me. I am not privileged to be with the dear saints in meeting very often. Pray that the way be made for God's ministers to come here. Bro. and Sister Darius Gibson and children came down this spring and we surely were glad. May God bless his children, is my prayer; and I pray he will talk to every soul in sin and help souls to realize it is Jesus they need.

Pray for my loved ones who are not saved. The dear saints have been good to us and we thank them for their help in every way. May God bless each one. The Lord has blessed and supplied our needs even though my husband is not able to work much of the time. Pray for him, for he needs God's help for soul and body.

Becky Barnes

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The Conscientious Objector Under The Selective Service Act of 1948

(Note:—This is a preliminary statement of information regarding the provisions for conscientious objectors under the Selective Service Act of 1948. Regulations and Selective Service System Forms referred to are tentative at the time of this writing and changes will occur from time to time.)

PART 1. DEFINITION OF A CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTOR TO ALL WAR

The new law carries the following definition of a conscientious objector:

"...any person . . . who, by reason of religious training and belief, is conscientiously opposed to participation in war in any form. Religious training and belief in this connection means an individual's belief in a relation to a Supreme Being involving duties superior to those arising from any human relation, but does not include essentially political, sociological or philosophical views or a merely personal moral code."

The first sentence follows the phrasing of the Selective Training and Service act of 1940. The second sentence has been added to the wartime definition. This language narrows the definition of a conscientious objector from the general interpretation given in the 1940 Act.

PART 2. TYPES OF CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTORS.

The law recognizes two types of conscientious objectors: (1) those willing to do noncombatant service in the armed forces; and (2) those conscientiously opposed to both combatant and noncombatant service in the armed forces. Conscientious objectors willing to do noncombatant service will be inducted into the armed forces and assigned to noncombatant duty. Such persons are members of the armed forces and subject to all military dis-

cipline. The President is authorized to define noncombatant service. To date, noncombatant service has not been defined. During the latter part of World War II such service was in the medical corps of the armed forces.

Conscientious objectors who cannot conscientiously perform either combatant or noncombatant service in the armed forces are deferred. Deferment leaves the conscientious objector free from any service under this Act.

PART 3. PENALTIES.

Sec. 12 (a) "...any person . . . who otherwise evades or refuses registration or service in the armed forces or any of the requirements of this title, or who knowingly counsels, aids, or abets another to refuse or evade registration for service in the armed forces or any of the requirements of this title, or of said rules, regulations, or directions . . . shall, upon conviction in any district court of the United States of competent jurisdiction, be punished by imprisonment for not more than five years or a fine of not more than \$10,000 or by both such fine and imprisonment. . ."

This is similar to provisions of the 1940 Act. Ministers and others may counsel with young men about provisions of the law for conscientious objectors without violating the law.

PART 4. PROCEDURES FOR CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTORS

REGISTRATION. All male citizens and other male persons who are between 18 and 26 on the day or days fixed for the first subsequent registration are required by law to register. Failure to register is a violation. The draft registrar will register anyone who appears, answers questions, but refuses to sign the Registration Card (S. S. S. Form No. 1). This does not protect from prosecution those who refuse to present themselves. Signing the Registration Card is not evidence of willingness to perform military service. It is conceivable that refusal to sign may raise barriers in obtaining classification as a conscientious objector.

As of this date, it is expected that registration will begin on August 30 by age groups and will be completed in September.

CLASSIFICATION QUESTIONNAIRE (S. S. S. FORM NO. 100). After filling out the registration card the Classification Questionnaire will be sent to eligible registrants in those groups which are subject to induction. This questionnaire asks for information on identification and education, membership in the armed forces, prior military service, ministry or ministerial preparation, family status and dependents, present occupation, agricultural occupation, students, citizenship, court record, conscientious objections, and physical condition. It is not expected that this questionnaire will be sent to everyone who has registered. Every conscientious objector who receives the questionnaire, regardless of other grounds or claims for deferment, should fill out **SERIES XI** for claiming conscientious objection to war. Series XI now reads:

"By reason of religious training and belief I am conscientiously opposed to participation in war in any form and for this reason request that the local board furnish me a Special Form for Conscientious Objectors (S. S. S. Form No. 150) which I am to complete and return to the local board for its consideration."

Signature

SPECIAL FORM FOR CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTORS (S. S. S. FORM NO. 150).

Need for Form No. 150. Determination of a claim of conscientious objection cannot be made from the Classification Questionnaire. Regulations impose on each conscientious objector the duty to obtain and file information about his position on Form No. 150.

Obtaining Form No. 150. If it is not mailed promptly after signing Series XI of the Classification Questionnaire, write to the local board again asking for the form. Retain a copy of your letter.

Answering Form No. 150. Answers should set forth your views fully but concisely, giving illustrative facts. Form No. 150 lacks space for adequate statements; extra sheets should therefore be attached to the printed form. Keep copies of all answers. The following papers may also be submitted:

1. **Documents:** These might include papers such as the official church position towards conscientious objection; proof of membership in a pacifist organization; proof that registrant has registered with his church as an objector, etc. Keep copies.

2. **Affidavits:** These may be notarized letters from persons who know registrant's position. Letters of parents, ministers, teachers, and others who personally know the registrant are valuable. Letters from non-pacifists are very desirable. It is best to give specific facts and not just a brief opinion that the registrant is sincere. Keep copies.

SUGGESTIONS: Answers to Form No. 150 should emphasize all facts showing that registrant is a sincere objector as defined by the law. The following points are important:

1. **Religious Training and Belief.** This should be explained as clearly as possible. Any church connection should be mentioned. Conscientious objectors are not limited to members of the "historic peace churches" nor are they required by law to be church members or church attenders.

2. **Opposition to "participation in war in any form."** To qualify as a conscientious objector, the registrant must be opposed to participation in all wars, not just some wars.

3. **Employment.** Claims of scruples against war may be doubted where registrant is employed in war work. If he is so engaged but feels certain that his work is fully consistent with his claims, he must convince his local board.

Returning Questionnaire to the Local Board. Failure to return Form No. 150 after it has been requested by the draftee is not a crime but will jeopardize a future claim to a conscientious objector classification.

APPEAL.

Any person denied his claim of conscientious objection by his local board may appeal his classification by sending a written request to his local board. The request must be submitted within the time allowed for filing an appeal after receiving the classification. The time allowed will be fixed by Selective Service regulation. If a registrant does not receive proper classification by the appeal board, he may appeal to the President. Keep copies of all letters.

ADVICE TO CHURCH OF GOD MEMBERS:

The ministers of the Church of God have passed resolutions opposing participation in warfare, the latest

of which was adopted August 13, 1948 by the ministers assembled at the Oklahoma State Campmeeting, setting forth their opposition to directly aiding or participating in war in any form. A copy may be obtained to attach to the questionnaire by writing this office.

All members of the Church of God who are of draft age and who are conscientious objectors to war in any form should write and sign a statement to that effect and forward at once to the undersigned and it will be kept on file at this office.

We will be glad to furnish any other information we have in regard to the draft law.

—L. D. Pruitt, Guthrie, Okla.

Living Our Prayers

"When ye pray, use not vain repetitions as the heathen do! for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking." Matt. 6, 7.

Since the Lord gave this Scripture to a sister, several of us have been much impressed with some precious truths.

We may pray earnestly and long for the things we desire, but do our lips and our lives speak the same thing? We are not heard for our much speaking. The prayer of faith, and prayer in the spirit is prayer that is lived out.

We pray God to bless all His people, to strengthen and edify each one and fill them with His grace. Are we yielding our lives as a channel of blessing? Is our speech unto edification "that it may minister grace unto the hearers?" Are we in Jesus' name reaching out a helping hand to strengthen the weak?

We pray for healing for ourselves and for others. We pray that God may supply our needs. Are our lives according to our prayers, lived in faith and trust in God? We pray for the unsaved, our own loved ones, and sinners everywhere. Do our lives before them reflect the light of God? Or are we from fear of man, holding back some of the truth in word and deed and darkening our light? God has ordained us to "shine as lights in the world; holding forth the word of life." Phil. 2:15, 16. Are we reaching out and seeking after the lost in the love of God?

Parents, do you pray, "Lord, save our children at any cost?" We prove by our lives the depth of our prayers. We cannot pray one thing and practice another. Do you teach your children as they grow up to live for God at any cost? God requires parents to bring children up "in the nurture and admonition of the Lord"—to teach them the way of the Lord. It is not so much what you say as what you practice. It takes more than words to teach these things. Our practice may contradict in our words, may be actually teaching the way of the world instead. Do you allow your little ones to have the "funny books" and "funny papers"? and are you giving place to the devil through these things over the radio and in other ways to sow his deadly seed and make lasting impressions while their hearts are young and tender? Are you in practice teaching your children the way of the world from babyhood up, by the way you dress them?

To truly teach your children the humble, narrow, reproachful way of the cross means a great deal to you and to your children. Is the cost too great? You cannot teach your children to live for God without it costing something. Do you teach them no cost is too great? If you do, God will be with you and will work with you to write these things in your children's hearts. Yes, it is true your children must choose for themselves whom they will serve, but your teaching has a great deal to do with what their choice will be. If you want God to work with your children and answer your prayers, you have a part to fulfil. The devil is fighting hard and working in the most subtle ways to capture the souls of your children. It means keeping alive and awake in the Lord to be able to recognize his snares, resisting the devil in faith in God, in Jesus' name, in behalf of your children. If you give over without a struggle, the battle is lost already. He tells you, and it is probably only a bluff, that unless your children practice the ungodly nude dressing required in "gymn" classes, they will fail their grades. Do you still teach your children the Bible way at any cost, or is the cost too great if it risks their education? If you value their souls above all, you will teach them this narrow way, so different and distinct from the world, and the Lord will work with you to reach their hearts.

Is this glorious but despised way of the cross which you have chosen for yourself, your highest choice for your children? Are you leading them in this way with all your power, by God's grace? Then you can pray for their salvation at any cost and your prayers will go through to God.

Another prayer we pray is for a closer walk with God. Again there is a part for us to do. He says, "Draw nigh to God and He will draw nigh to you." James 4:8. We pray for more strength and more grace. "He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him." Heb. 11:6. He reveals Himself to those and bestows His grace upon those who seek Him diligently, not only at the beginning of the Christian life, but day by day. If we desire God to write His law upon our hearts, we must live in meditation on His Word. Or do we find it easier to pick up a magazine in our spare time and fill our minds with something unprofitable and vain, the things of the world? Do we pray, "Lord, keep my mind stayed in thee," and then proceed to fill our minds with worldly literature and radio programs? Our conversation cannot be in heaven, according to God's Word (Phil. 3:20) while our minds are feeding on the things which proceed from corrupt, ungodly world. "Who can bring a clean thing out of an unclean? Not one." Job 14:4. It means much to love God with all our *mind*, heart, soul, and strength. "Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report, if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things." Phil. 4:8.

May God help us all that no prayer of ours may be idle repetition, but may He inspire our hearts with the effectual prevailing prayer that goes through to God, the prayer that is lived. —Faith Embly

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AQUILA AND PRISCILLA

Sunday September 5, 1948

Printed Portion.....Acts 18:1-3, 18, 19, 24-26; Romans 16:3-5a; 1 Cor. 16:19.

Acts 18:1. After these things Paul departed from Athens, and came to Corinth;

2. And found a certain Jew named Aquila, born in Pontus, lately come from Italy, with his wife Priscilla, (because that Cladius had commanded all Jews to depart from Rome,) and came unto them.

3. And because he was of the same craft, he abode with them, and wrought: (for by their occupation they were tentmakers.)

18. And Paul after this tarried there yet a good while, and then took his leave of the brethren, and sailed thence into Syria, and with him Priscilla and Aquilla; having shorn his head in Cenchrea: for he had a vow.

19. And he came to Ephesus, and left them there: but he himself entered into the synagogue, and reasoned with the Jews.

24. And a certain Jew named Apollos, born at Alexandria, an eloquent man, and mighty in the Scriptures, came to Ephesus.

25. This man was instructed in the way of the Lord; and being fervent in the spirit, he spake and taught diligently the things of the Lord, knowing only the baptism of John.

26. And he began to speak boldly in the synagogue: whom when Aquila and Priscilla had heard, they took him unto them, and expounded unto him the way of God more perfectly.

Rom. 16:3. Greet Priscilla and Aquilla, my helpers in Christ Jesus:

4. Who have for my life laid down their own necks: unto whom not only I give thanks, but also all the churches of the Gentiles.

5. Likewise greet the church that is in their house.

1 Cor. 16:19. The churches of Asia salute you. Aquila and Priscilla salute you much in the Lord, with the church that is in their house.

Memory Verse: Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity. Psalms 133:1.

Practical Truth: God's purpose is fulfilled in Christians only when they work together in unity.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

In today's lesson we find some real busy workers in the Lord's big harvest field. How good it is to know that we are workers together with God. He, through His Holy Spirit, guides and directs us to where He wants us to work for Him. Shortly before this lesson, Paul had been in Athens where he found the city wholly given to idolatry. This stirred his heart as he saw how superstitious the people were. One altar in particular attracted Paul's attention with this inscription, "To the unknown God." He was stirred in his soul and preached to them the true God. From Athens he went to Corinth where he found Aquila and Priscilla, two faithful workers for the Lord. Paul took the advantage of every opportunity that was offered. Often we find him in the synagogue declaring all the counsel of God to all those that would listen to him. Paul and all the workers in the early church had a real missionary spirit. They had much opposition, but in spite of all they had to suffer they were faithful to deliver the messages the Lord gave them, knowing that God had said that his Word should not return unto him void.

The outstanding characteristic of true Christians, is that they all get along so nicely together. Apollos, another worker for the Lord joined himself to this little band of missionaries and was instructed more perfectly concerning Christ. He was easily entreated and gladly accepted the instructions of Aquila and Priscilla. He soon became one of them. The divided Christianity (so-called) of today confuses people of the world so they do not know which way to look for help. In St. John 13:35, we read from Christ's own words, "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples if ye have love one to another."

BARNABAS, A GOOD MAN

Sunday, September 12, 1948

Printed Portion Acts 4:36, 37; 9:26, 27; 11:22-26; Acts 13:1-3.

Acts 4:36. And Joses, who by the apostles was surnamed Barnabas, (which is, being interpreted, The son of consolation,) a Levite, and of the country of Cyprus,

37. Having land, sold it, and brought the money, and laid it at the apostles' feet.

Acts 9:26. And when Saul was come to Jerusalem, he assayed to join himself to the disciples: but they were all afraid of him, and believed not that he was a disciple.

27. But Barnabas took him, and brought him to the apostles, and declared unto them how he had seen the Lord in the way, and that he had spoken to him, and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus.

11:22. Then tidings of these things came unto the ears of the church which was in Jerusalem: and they sent forth Barnabas, that he should go as far as Antioch.

23. Who, when he came, and had seen the grace of God, was glad, and exhorted them all, that with purpose of heart they would cleave unto the Lord.

24. For he was a good man, and full of the Holy Ghost and of faith: and much people was added unto the Lord.

25. Then departed Barnabas to Tarsus, for to seek Saul:

26. And when he had found him, he brought him unto Antioch. And it came to pass, that a whole year they assembled themselves with the church, and taught much people. And the disciples were called Christians first at Antioch.

13:1. Now there were in the church that was at Antioch certain prophets and teachers; as Barnabas, and Simeon that was called Niger, and Lucius of Cyrene, and Manaen, which had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch, and Saul.

2. As they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, the Holy Ghost said, Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them.

3. And when they had fasted and prayed, and laid their hands on them, they sent them away.

Memory Verse: He was a good man and full of the Holy Ghost and faith. Acts 11:24.

Practical Truth: The way to be good men and women is to have a close walk with God every day.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

In today's lesson is a record of a good man. By the record we have of Barnabas in this lesson, we see that he was a good man because he was full of the Holy Spirit, and he had much faith and wisdom. We are told that he led many souls to Christ, and the Bible says that he that winneth souls is wise.

Barnabas proved himself a real true friend to Saul (Paul) when Paul came to Jerusalem to join himself to the disciples. They were afraid of him because he had so persecuted the church, but Barnabas interceded to them in his behalf and told them how Paul had been converted in such a miraculous way, so they were no longer afraid of him.

Not only did the Spirit of the Lord make of Barnabas a "good man," but He also made of him a generous man, as is clearly shown by his selling his land and laying the money at the apostles' feet to be used in supplying the needs of needy saints.

Barnabas was also a missionary. He made several missionary tours with Paul and others. In the thirteenth chapter of Acts we read that the Holy Ghost made it known to the church at Antioch that Paul and Barnabas should be separated and sent on a missionary tour as the Holy Ghost had laid out for them. One of the outstanding things about Barnabas was that he was seeking for and finding workers and encouraging them. He exhorted them that with purpose of heart they should cleave unto the Lord. The Holy Spirit, working in and through people, is what makes them good men and women, and as it was said of Jesus, they will be going about doing good. If we will do this, then we shall be good men and women.

THE TOWN CLERK AT EPHESUS

(Temperance Lesson)

Sunday, September 19, 1948

Printed Portion Acts 19:29-41.

Acts 19:29. And the whole city was filled with confusion: and having caught Gaius and Aristarchus, men of Macedonia, Paul's companions in travel, they rushed with one accord into the theatre.

30. And when Paul would have entered in unto the people, the disciples suffered him not.

31. And certain of the chief of Asia, which were his friends, sent unto him, desiring him that he would not adventure himself into the theatre.

32. Some therefore cried one thing, and some another: for the assembly was confused; and the more part knew not wherefore they were come together.

33. And they drew Alexander out of the multitude, the Jews putting him forward. And Alexander beckoned with the hand, and would have made his defense unto the people.

34. But when they knew that he was a Jew, all with one voice about the space of two hours cried out, Great is Diana of the Ephesians.

35. And when the townclerk had appeased the people, he said, Ye men of Ephesus, what man is there that knoweth not how that the city of the Ephesians is a worshipper of the great goddess Diana, and of the image which fell down from Jupiter?

36. Seeing then that these things cannot be spoken against, ye ought to be quiet, and to do nothing rashly.

37. For ye have brought thither these men, which are neither robbers of churches, nor yet blasphemers of your goddess.

38. Wherefore if Demetrius, and the craftsmen which are with him, have a matter against any man, the law is open, and there are deputies: let them implead one another.

39. But if ye inquire anything concerning other matters, it shall be determined in a lawful assembly.

40. For we are in danger to be called in question for this day's uproar, there being no cause whereby we may give an account of this concourse.

41. And when he had thus spoken, he dismissed the assembly.

Memory Verse: Now there was found in it (the city) a poor wise man, and he by his wisdom delivered the city. Eccl. 9:15.

Practical Truth: Wisdom is better than weapons of war.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

The people of the city of Ephesus were worshipers of the goddess Diana, and Paul and his co-workers were there preaching Christ. Making images of Diana was a big business at Ephesus. A certain man named Demetrius was the leader of the craftsmen that made silver images of their idol goddess Diana. He saw that their business would be ruined if Christ was preached and the people were converted to the true God, so Demetrius told these makers of idols how their business, their way of making a living, would be destroyed if Christ was preached in Ephesus, so he raised a mob to drive Paul and all of his workers out of their city. The whole city of Ephesus was in an uproar inasmuch that the town clerk took matters in hand and quieted the crowd by telling them that they all knew that the city of the Ephesians was a worshiper of Diana which fell down from Jupiter. We are told by missionaries whose work is among idol worshipers that they do not care how much they preach Christ just so long as they do not exalt Him above their idol gods. We always run into trouble when we exalt our loving Lord. Thus we see the truth of Paul's statement, "Yea, and all who will live godly in Christ Jesus (exalt Him) shall suffer persecution." When we observe the general conditions about us, we are made to wonder if we, the professed followers of Christ are living as godly as we should. Are we exalting the Christ as He should be exalted by His true people? May our hearts be stirred to live more godly and lift up Jesus as we should and really suffer for His sake.

EUNICE, LOIS, AND TIMOTHY, A RELIGIOUS FAMILY

Sunday, September 26, 1948

Printed Portion Acts 16:1-5; 2 Tim. 1:3-6; 3:14, 15.

Acts 16:1. Then came he to Derbe and Lystra: and, behold, a certain disciple was there, named Timotheus, the

son of a certain woman, which was a Jewess, and believed; but his father was a Greek:

2. Which was well reported of by the brethren that were at Lystra and Iconium.

3. Him would Paul have to go forth with him; and took and circumcised him because of the Jews which were in those quarters: for they knew all that his father was a Greek.

4. And as they went through the cities, they delivered them the decrees for to keep, that were ordained of the apostles and elders which were at Jerusalem.

5. And so were the churches established in the faith, and increased in number daily.

2 Tim. 1:3. I thank God, whom I serve from my forefathers with pure conscience, that without ceasing I have remembrance of thee in my prayers night and day;

4. Greatly desiring to see thee, being mindful of thy tears, that I may be filled with joy;

5. When I call to remembrance the unfeigned faith that is in thee, which dwelt first in thy grandmother Lois, and thy mother Eunice; and I am persuaded that in thee also.

6. Wherefore I put thee in remembrance, that thou stir up the gift of God, which is in thee by the putting on of my hands.

2 Tim 3:14. But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them;

15. And that from a child thou hast known the holy Scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

Memory verse: Correct thy son and he shall give thee rest. Yea, he shall give delight unto thy soul. Prov. 29:17.

Practical Truth: Rich rewards are reaped by parents who give their children godly training as is taught in God's Word.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

It has been said, "The time to begin to train a child is twenty years before its mother is born." Lois, Timothy's grandmother, no doubt was a true worshiper of God before Eunice, his mother, was born. This makes a good background with a good environment to bring up this child, Timothy. When he was grown he was a young Christian worker whom Paul could trust and one whom God could use in his great harvest field. Paul said to Timothy, "But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned. . . . knowing of whom thou hast learned them." Referring to his godly mother and grandmother. Paul said to Timothy, "From a child thou hast known the holy Scriptures."

Neglect in child training can truly be blamed for the awful condition of the world today. If the child gets any training, in most cases God is left out of the training, so when the child becomes a man or woman there is no God in his life.

Timothy was one of the outstanding young men of his day because of the godly training that he got when he was a child. The Word instructs, "A child left to himself bringeth his mother to shame," and "Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it." Would honest upright parents be ashamed of a son like Timothy?

There was a warm friendship between Paul and Timothy; and, more than that, they had true Christian fellowship together. Paul called Timothy his son. Paul was his spiritual father.

—G. S.