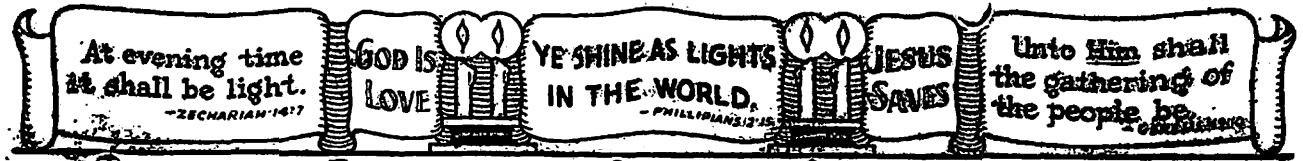


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The Drink from Calvary

Had I not drunk of that bright stream
That quenched my thirsty soul,
Did I not know its strength to help
To speed me to that goal,
No happy thoughts of peace would come
Of yonder world above—
Just dreary nights and weary days
Bereft of God and love.

O, glorious Lord, thou precious One,
That drink has made me free,
And all the richness of that stream
Guards and blesses me.
Today the power of that stream
That flowed on Calvary's hill
Sends forth such love within my soul,
It keeps me holy still.

—Cozetta S. Tomlin.

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Good and Bad Plants

Jesus says in Matt. 15:13, "Every plant which my heavenly Father hath not planted, shall be rooted up." Jesus used this language after having encountered the Pharisees regarding washing before eating (verse 2). They were criticizing Jesus for allowing his disciples to eat anything without first having washed their hands according to the tradition of the elders. But Jesus turned it back on them and showed them that they were transgressing the commandments of God by **their traditions** (verse 3). Jesus did not in this case, or any other, uphold uncleanness, but he was showing the difference between their surface righteousness and God's righteousness. Jesus plainly drew the line (verse 9), saying, "But in vain do they worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men." That was vain worship, Jesus said. Jesus was trying to get them to see the difference between God's righteousness and the "filthy rags" of self righteousness of the Pharisaic type

(Isa. 64:4). This was truly a plant which the heavenly Father had not planted. This thought Jesus hoped they might grasp.

Everything that purports to be a religious organization that is not built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets (Eph. 2:20), Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone, built according to every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God (Heb. 8:5; Matt. 4:4), is a plant that the heavenly Father hath not planted, and will be plucked up.

Someone may say that the divisions are remaining and just going right on like Jesus said in Matt. 13:30, "Let both grow together till the harvest." Yes, that is true in a sense, but they never thereby become a "plant which the heavenly Father planted," and it is through his longsuffering in this age of exceeding mercy that such continues to exist. Moreover there is another side to the question which ought to be apparent to every reader who is willing to be honest with his own soul when he looks into Rev. 18: 21, 22, 23, which we quote for your convenience:

"And a mighty angel took up a stone like a great millstone, and cast it into the sea, saying, Thus with violence shall that great city Babylon be thrown down, and shall be found no more at all. And the voice of harpers, and musicians, and of pipers, and trumpeters, shall be heard no more at all in thee; and no craftsman, of whatsoever craft he be, shall be found any more in thee; and the sound of a millstone shall be heard no more at all in thee; and the light of a candle shall shine no more at all in thee; and the voice of the bridegroom and of the bride shall be heard no more at all in thee: for thy merchants were the great men of the earth; for by thy sorceries were all nations deceived."

Here, speaking of religious divisions, verse 21 declares their condemnation, and with verses 22 and 23, shows their emptiness of vital salvation and her binding bundles by God's vital truth, to be burned by the same.

In Palestine there was a plant, a tare, called "darnel," the seeds of which an enemy would take and sow at night in the grain field of his neighbor

whom he wished to injure. That is what Jesus drew his parable from about the tares, which brings to us a great spiritual lesson.

The devil has an immense storehouse of darnel seed (tares) and he is an adept at sowing them. He came with his great basket well filled (Matt. 13:39) in the morning of the Christian era and sowed them on the sly in the grainfields of apostolic truth, and by usurpation, have they had a place here ever since. But God has given command for his gospel plow to uproot these foreign plants. And this is just what the truth will do every time, if it is followed, either in a collective or individual sense. As the full truth is being faithfully preached, it is "binding these tares in bundles to be burned." (Rev. 18:9).

This is a great spreading plant, which the heavenly Father hath not planted and wherever God's full truth is preached and received in honest hearts, it unmistakably roots up this plant as it is said in God's word.

—J. H. Pierson.

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Walking With God

"But take diligent heed to do the commandment and the law, which Moses the servant of the Lord charged you, to love the Lord your God, and to walk in all his ways, and to keep his commandments, and to cleave unto him and to serve him with all your heart and with all your soul." Josh. 22:5.

You will not fail, I trust, to notice that you are here commanded to walk in all of God's ways, and in the first text you are commanded to take diligent heed to walk in all His ways. This is here made very emphatic, and herein lies the secret of a successful, safe, prosperous, and happy Christian life. Some have said that their Christian walk was not perfectly satisfactory to them. Some one of my readers may be among that number. Let us speak very tenderly and feelingly to you. This is because you have not left all your ways to walk in all God's ways.

A walk with God is a satisfactory walk. It is only when a man chooses his own way in which to walk that life becomes dissatisfactory. Those who choose their own way will meet with disappointments and difficulties which they will be unable to overcome. God never disappoints those who walk in His ways, but helps them overcome all difficulties. You would walk with God in a great many of His ways and would forsake a great many of your ways, but there is one little way of yours you loathe to leave. You have had so many pleasant walks there: there you have so often gratified the lust of the eye and it delighted you so it is almost like plucking out your eye to give up that way. Oh, how difficult to turn away from it; so many recollections are clustering along that way, some dear friend is walking there and you loathe to turn away from him. But to walk with God you must forsake all. That father or mother or sister or brother or child or friend who does not walk in God's ways must be forsaken or you can not walk with God. I can be satisfied only when I know I am in the way with Jesus; only when I know my hand is in

His hand and He is leading me. I would not walk one little way without Him. One step without His leading may be fatal. I would rather walk through the furnace flame with Jesus, than through the field of flowers without him. Amid the flowers there may be a thorn to prick me, but the furnace flame can not kindle upon me when Christ is with me.

To walk with God you must follow where He leads you. "But" someone replies, "if I only knew where He would lead me or if I could only see to the end of the way!" O, thou foolish child! Such a faint heart can not walk with God.

One night during a very heavy rain a father and child were compelled to walk a mile to a neighbor's with the water up to the waist of the child. When their wet clothing were exchanged for dry ones, the neighbor asked the boy if he was not afraid while walking through the water. The little fellow replied, "No, not at all. My father was with me."

Sometimes the way in which Christ may lead you may seemingly grow very dark, but listen and you will hear Him saying, "Fear not, I am with thee." There may be some stony places over which He may lead you, but falter not, He wants to bring you to the green pastures and still waters which lie just beyond. He may need to lead you close by a dark and dangerous precipice in order to bring you into His fragrant garden of delight. One time there was something I very greatly desired. I sought for a while at the advice of my friends to seek it in my way, but I found it not. I felt at this time the Lord calling me in a way I had not before trod. The way led through some privation and suffering and seemed to lead directly away from that which I had been seeking after. But I decided to follow where Jesus led me and after passing through some light suffering, behold I came to the very thing I was desiring. Blessed be the Lord, Jesus knows best. If you could see along the way your eye would rest only upon the dangerous precipice or the stony place; your heart would falter and draw back and you would fail to reach the beautiful garden beyond.

—C. E. Orr

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Strong Drink

Who hath woe and sorrow?
And wounds with redness of eyes?
Wine is a mocker,
Strong drink is raging,
And whosoever is deceived
Thereby is not wise. Prov. 20.
Look not thou upon the wine
When it is red with color;
At the last it biteth like a snake
And stingeth like an adder.
Woe unto them that follow strong drink
And continue till wine inflame them.
God so loved the world, and all who believe
May be cleansed by the blood of the lamb.
Be not drunk with wine wherein is excess;
Let his presence come in and abide.
Behold, I stand at the door and knock.
If you'll open I'll come inside.—Sis. Chas. Reese

"Without Me Ye Can Do Nothing"

John 15:5.

"I am the VINE, ye are the BRANCHES: he that abideth in Me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing." John 15:5.

Jesus here is talking to his disciples and to his followers, explaining to them the necessity of abiding in him and he in them, and that except they do this, that they are like lifeless dead branches, void of power with God, and nothing will be done to the glory of God through them. Their prayers will be unheard and unanswered, like at the time when Elijah had the false prophets offer a bullock upon their altar of Baal, and had them call from early until evening, also cutting themselves with knives until the blood flowed from their wounds. 1 Kings 18:25-29.

Today God delights to hear and answer the prayer of FAITH. His ear is open unto the prayer of the righteous. "The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous, and his ears are open unto their cry." Ps. 34:15. "The righteous cry, and the Lord heareth, and delivereth them out of their troubles." 18, "The Lord is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart; and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit." 19, "Many are the afflictions of the righteous; but the Lord delivereth him out of them all." And in Peter we read the following, "For the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and his ears are open unto their prayers but the face of the Lord is against them that do evil." 1 Peter 3:12. And Isaiah says, "And it shall come to pass, that before they call, I will answer and while they are yet speaking, I will hear." Isa. 65:24.

If God can get a few saints that fully believe and trust him together, through them he can remove mountains in their behalf. If such an one has faith in God, he can be delivered from anything that the devil imposes upon him. His prayer of faith is like one using the telephone to heaven, there will be something done in his behalf. Without fail, God will answer him and deliver him. His ear is open to the righteous, and He hears their every thought.

The blood-washed saints on earth are very precious in his sight, and there is a wall of fire around about each one, so that nothing touches one but what God permits. "For I, saith the Lord, will be unto her a wall of fire around about, and will be the glory in the midst of her." Zech. 2:5.

Faith in God will touch the throne of God, and things will move out of the way if it is God's will and we are praying in the Holy Spirit. God's Holy Spirit gives us the thoughts and the words that reach the ear of God. This is what Christ meant when He said to his disciples, "Except ye abide in me," 4th, and "Without me ye can do nothing." 5th.

Some folks want to believe that the "Vine and Branches" pertain to all faiths and denominations, but this is absolutely false, and they will know the truth when it is too late to find Christ as their REDEEMER. No denomination has the right to use the word CHURCH, only the household of God, which is

in heaven and upon the earth now.

At the judgment, God will claim every one of his redeemed and take them with him to glory, to God's heaven. He will not bar out any that have not been taught some man-made commandment, but where he sees his Holy Spirit in the heart of man, woman, or child, he will claim his own. They are the ones who will enter God's holy heaven, and none others. Then let us beware lest we teach anything contrary to the gospel message of Christ. Paul said, "But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed. As we said before, so say I now again, if any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed." Gal. 1:8, 9.

Jesus prayed in the garden that his saints should be ONE, one in soul and one in spirit. This oneness is spiritual. It is accomplished in us by the infilling of the Holy Spirit, the second work of grace. All who receive God's Holy Spirit in their souls are one with God and with His saints in light. God gives the same Holy Spirit to all that He sanctifies. This is the oneness that Christ prayed for in the garden shortly before his death on the cross. John 17.

This is the unity of God, not the unity of the earth, but God's unity must be in all the redeemed in heaven and upon earth after we are redeemed thru the precious blood of our Lord and Saviour, and have His Holy Spirit within our hearts. Then we are holiness unto the Lord. God works thru those that have his Holy Spirit the same as God worked thru Christ in preaching the gospel and in healing the sick. God was honored and glorified thru Christ and his work. He healed the sick and saved the souls of men and women and blessed the little children. And this is what he expects of us when he says, "Except ye abide in me, and I abide in you, ye can do nothing." So let us see to it that our prayers are going thru to the throne of grace, that there is healing going on in the church of God, and that souls are being delivered from their sins, then God is working in and thru us, and his name is being glorified because of the power in Christ's name.

—Ivalyn Edith Kriebel

God Is Our King

God is our King, our righteousness,
And we, his holy bride,
Are looking for our Lord's return
With angels by his side.

Although this world is drenched in sin,
Our garments shine the more,
For Jesus has reclaimed our souls,
We're his forever more.

Glory to God in highest sphere!
Give Him honor and praise prolong,
With Jesus in our heart to reign,
Our life here is one triumphant song.

—I. Edith Kriebel

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Wash.—Saints, Praise God. Remember the widow only had two mites. But when it, though not much, fell into the hands of the Lord, it was more than the largest gift from those who appeared to be, and thought themselves great for their large offering; and the onlookers admired their appearance also, no doubt.

There are the well-looking preachers, evangelists, and the more fortunate ones, but we must not forget the aged, those without much mind, the helpless, bedridden of all kinds, shut-ins, and isolated saints who cannot assemble in congregations to worship God in spirit and in truth.

Be encouraged, dear ones, and pray for each other. Being of the vine, no matter how small a branch, we bear good fruit by obeying God. We each have a calling and a gift, so be faithful. It is God who is almighty and can increase our little (appearing) bit. May God's blessings on us bring him glory, praise and honor.

Your brother,

S. A. Ayers

Editorials

The Oklahoma State campmeeting at Guthrie, Oklahoma ended with great victory for the Lord. Quite a number were saved during the meeting, believers sanctified, and bodies healed. Sixteen followed the Lord in water baptism and ninety or more took part in the ordinances of the New Testament. A quiet heavenly spirit prevailed throughout the meeting, and unity and love divine was in much evidence.

During the summer we had planned and hoped that God would make a way so we could attend the California State Campmeeting, but as the time drew near and office work piled up waiting for us (we had been gone in meetings since the latter part of June) it seemed that our going was blocked and we gave up the thought of being in the meeting there. But after the Guthrie meeting was over, the Lord helped us along with the office work far beyond our expectation. Bro. Willie Murphey felt led of the Lord to make the trip to the meeting in California in his car and gave me opportunity to go with him. The Lord had so worked in getting the September paper ready to print, that he made us feel clear to go with him.

Quite a number of saints from Oklahoma went to the California meeting: David Madden, Dorothy Barton, and Inez Eck of Tulsa, Okla.; Sister O. B. Wilson of Shawnee; Maybelle Pruitt and Ruthe Byers of Guthrie; Bro. Williams and wife of Hennessey, and Bro. Speers of Okla. City, and others.

The California saints had worked hard and spent much money in getting the new campgrounds ready to be used in the meeting. They barely got it in shape, and had to do some of the work after the meeting began. There is much yet to be done to meet the requirements of the Los Angeles city regulations. The saints there have made these campgrounds possible by much hard work and financial sacrifices. Several thousand dollars are yet needed to complete the work, and I feel sure that God would bless and reward any one who would give of their substance to help meet these obligations. You can send your offerings to O. B. Wilson, 4254½ Perlita Ave., Los Angeles, Calif. and he will see that they are used to complete the campgrounds.

The campmeeting this year was greatly blessed by the Lord and well attended. The preaching was with power and authority and richly anointed of heaven. God put his approval on the meeting in a great way, as the altar was full of seekers time after time, and ministers would work with souls at the altar for hours at a time as there were so many seeking God either for salvation, sanctification, or healing, and it is satisfying to know that God gave them the desires of their hearts, at least in most cases.

We enjoyed the meeting very much, also the fellowship of saints whom we had not seen for years, and some new ones whom we had never met before. The large auditorium was full of people, especially in the Sunday meetings and the attention and interest was good throughout the meeting. A good heavenly and brotherly spirit prevailed. Many of the

saints in California expressed their sentiments as being greatly encouraged in the way that God manifested his blessings and approval upon the services from time to time, and they feel that the grounds and buildings are all in divine order and choosing.

After the meeting, we went to Fresno and visited with my son Andrew and family who live in Calwa City, a suburb of Fresno. While there, we attended the saints' meeting in Fresno where Bro. Trotter is pastor, and had one preaching service. We enjoyed the fellowship of the saints in that place. We also had one service at Bakersfield, Calif. where Bro. Chandler is pastor, and it was truly an enjoyable evening in the Lord. We were at San Bernardino for one service, also at Pomona. On Sunday morning, we met for worship with the Glendale congregation in Los Angeles. We also had the pleasure of visiting our two daughters, Anna Marie Miles of Chino, and Mary Lola Embly, who lives near Pomona. I was also glad to see my new grandson, Edwin Elvin Embly, born Sunday morning, Sept. 4th, the day before we started home.

The Lord blessed us on this trip as we traveled near four thousand miles without car trouble, not even a flat, going or returning. We certainly appreciate his goodness.



Satan certainly has some clever ways by which to entrap precious souls. He puts on a cloak of religion and makes a high profession and cunningly spreads out a religious web to entangle and bind souls for eternity's night. One way that he has which he thinks to be very crafty is to have seemingly pious people to find fault with God's true ministers before some who are not established in the true faith, and in that way get them under their spiritual influence. Paul exhorts the saints to put on the whole armor of God so they can stand against the wiles of the devil.

I received a letter one time from a brother in the east who had gone to visit one of these off-brand cliques of religious folks who were putting up a high profession. They had all things common and one pocket book, so out of curiosity he went into their home, but he soon felt that he ought to be going, but a spiritual power made it hard for him to get away. The leader called for prayer, and as they were on their knees praying he prayed something like this: "O Lord, you know about this man whom you have sent in our midst. He has a roll of bills in his pocket and you want him to give it here to the work of the Lord and he wants to take it on with him." When the prayer was ended, the brother wanted to go more than ever, for he had eighty dollars in his pocket, but said it was not for that place. When he started to leave there was such a power against him that he had to get down on his hands and knees and crawl away. He could not get up on his feet and walk until he got to the gate. Yes, the devil is given much power in religious matters in these closing up days, showing signs and doing miracles to deceive souls. Those three unclean spirits like frogs are loose, and

the Bible says that they are spirits of devils working miracles (Rev. 16:14). Paul tells us that Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light, and says it is no great thing if his ministers be transformed as the ministers of righteousness. (2 Cor. 11:14, 15). Satan's agents put on a very pious attitude and show themselves with much spiritual light and throw out their influence around every soul whom they can to catch them in their spiritual dragnet or web. There are many voices in the air today that are mimicking the voice of the Lord and putting on a bold front of holiness with which to deceive and catch unwary souls.

Every saint of God should look well to his own soul's condition and keep full of his love divine, having a willing and obedient heart to hear and do the Lord's pleasure. We are exhorted by the Word to "Keep thine heart with all diligence, for out of it are the issues of life." Prov. 4:23.

Obituaries

Alonzo Beisley, son of the late Phillip and Naomi Beisley, was born July 18, 1876, at Waumego, Kansas, and departed this life August 18, 1949 at his home in Sheldon, Mo., at the age of 73 years and 1 month.

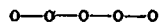
On May 6, 1900 he was united in marriage to Ada Fowler, daughter of the late William H. and Sarah Jane Fowler. To this union were born two daughters and six sons.

In 1903 he professed the Christian faith and became a true and faithful part of the church of God. He leaves to mourn his passing his loving wife and companion of the home, and two daughters, Mrs. Goldie Harmon, Seminole, Okla.; Mrs. Sylvia Turk, Kelso, Wash.; and six sons, Nova, of Wichita, Kans.; Ray, of Nevada, Mo.; Barney, of Cleveland, Tenn.; Burrell and Ira, both of Milo, Mo.; and Murray, of Sheldon, Mo.; also 19 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

Mr. Beisley is also survived by three sisters, Mrs. Betty Stunkard, of Heyward, Calif.; Mrs. Laura Hanon, of Creston, Iowa; and Mrs. Janie Fowler, of Sheldon, Mo.; and five brothers, S. W., of Nevada, Mo.; R. W., of Nowata, Okla.; Albert, of Tulsa, and Walter and Ernest, of Vinita, Okla.

Mr. Beisley was a devoted husband and loving father, and a faithful Christian. He will be sadly missed by all who knew and loved him.

Funeral services were conducted by John W. Wilson, using the text: John 17:4, and other scriptures. Interment was in the Sheldon cemetery.



Francis William Walker, son of Francis L. and Lenora Walker, was born Sept. 21, 1944, and departed this life Aug. 26, 1949 at the age of 4 years, 11 months, and 4 days. Surviving him are his parents, two sisters, Peggy Ann, and Judy; two brothers, Bobby and David; the maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Wright, of Charleston, Ill.; and the paternal grandfather, Mr. Francis D. Walker, also of Charleston.

On the last day of Billie's illness, he requested his sister to read from the scriptures for over an hour, repeatedly where Jesus healed the man of the palsy. He never complained and seemingly was in no pain during the last three days of his illness.

He was so happy when his parents accepted the Lord, and often spoke of wanting to stay where he could attend Sunday School.

Funeral services were conducted by Sis. Minnie Brown. Text and scriptural reading: St. Mark 10:14, and 1 Cor. 15:20-55, portions thereof. Interment in the Mt. Lawn Cemetery near Mooreland, Ill.

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Mrs. Estellar Mullins, of Reform, Ala. passed from this life August 22, 1949 at the age of 67 years, 3 months, and 8 days. She was married to Alex-Mullins in 1901, and to this union were born fourteen children, three of which preceded her in death. She leaves to mourn her departure her faithful husband, 11 children, 29 grandchildren, her mother, one brother, four sisters, and many other relatives and friends.

She was saved by the grace of God at an early age and lived a holy life. Throughout the community she was known for her willingness to lend a helping hand and was always anxious to do something for others.

After an illness of three weeks, the Lord saw fit to take her to himself. She lived a consistent saintly life. She was very patient in her illness, and dearly loved to have the saints come in and sing and read God's word and pray. Her trust was fully in the Lord; she depended upon him for relief and it was truly wonderful how she was blessed during her illness. We feel that she was an example of patience. Her husband and children stood by her faithfully with their prayers and attentions, which meant much to her in her last days.

The funeral services were conducted by W. W. Crawley. Text: 2 Cor. 5:1.

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The New Song Book

In comments on "the new song book proposition," published in the September issue of "Faith and Victory," we tried to make clear the amount of money needed in getting the plates made and books printed and covered. There has been quite a lively response from many of the saints, which shows that they are anxious that this new song book be printed for God's children to use.

Up to the present time, \$1337.00 have been received for the making of the plates. This amount includes the offerings and a \$100.00 loan, together with the \$5.00 which each one sent in to have a plate made and a song book. This amount which has been sent in to date, Sept. 19th, is very little more than the plate-making will cost. We expect to go right ahead and have the plates made, and if we do not receive enough money to do the printing, it will have to wait until the Lord supplies it.

The offerings and money for the plates and song books have almost ceased to come in at the present time and we are praying that God will stir up the saints everywhere to send in donations or loan money for the printing without interest, and receive the principal back when the books are sold. It seems now that if the book printing goes on when the plates are made, someone (or more than one) will need to loan money for this work. Those who have from \$100.00 to \$2500.00 which they could conveniently spare of the Lord's money, should lay this proposition before the Lord and see what he would have them do in the matter. We can only do here and move on with the printing of the book as the Lord supplies the means. Our hearts' desire is to go on

with the printing just as soon as the plates are made up in order to get the books finished before the holidays. We are praying with that end in view. Will all the saints agree in prayer with us in this?

—Faith Publishing House Family

CORRECTION

The lines of the following poem, which appeared in the Sept. paper, were changed about thru error in the composing room, which changed the meaning of the poem. Below is the corrected version:

AMBITIONS

At the castles of Hope and Ambition,
Set upon the hill of Fame,
In the cities of Knowledge and Honor,
I sought a title to claim.

I declared I would dwell in that city
Where all the worldly-wise go.
I would make me a name and a fortune,
No need or want would I know.

I beheld then my Savior, Lord Jesus,
Who died the lowly to save;
A Royal Prince, yet lived he most humble,
His life on the cross he gave.

"How hardly shall they that have riches
Enter into the kingdom of God,"
These words of my Master reproved me,
My hopes were useless as sod.

I have given my all to my Savior:
My time, my talents, myself;
I am storing my treasures in Heaven,
My hope in Jesus is cleft.

—Ruthe Byers

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"Touch not Mine Anointed"

"Touch not mine anointed," is a text which we find in Psalm 105:15. I feel very burdened of the Lord to sound a warning against a spirit that is traveling around at this time which is very dangerous and of the devil. This spirit discourages and sows discord, especially among the isolated and weaker saints, and it seems that its chief purpose is to get them to lose confidence in the ministry. This spirit may not have reached you yet, but be on your guard against it. The Lord has said that he hates him that sows discord among brethren. Saints, be careful what you hear and how you hear it, because this is a fault-finding, fanatic spirit that will damn your soul if you give heed to it.

Here are some texts and examples from the Bible, which I want you to read for yourself very carefully:

Ex. 22:28, "Thou shalt not . . . curse the ruler of my people."

Now turn to Numbers 12 and read the whole chapter. Notice what happened to Miriam and Aaron when they murmured against Moses. God caused Miriam to become a leper. Saints, it is wrong to complain against one of God's anointed.

David, who was a man after God's own heart was very careful not to harm God's anointed, Saul.

Some one may say that these examples are in the Old Bible, but let us see what the New Testament says, "Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples, and they are written for our admonition upon whom the ends of the world are come." 1 Cor. 10:10-12. Paul was warning people that the things written in the Old Testament were a warning to us.

One time in Old Testament history, the ark was being moved and it began to shake. A man put his hand on it to steady it and God slew him. The Lord does not want man to put his hand upon His work now. The Lord is still running his business and is still the head of His church and places the members in as it pleases him. He does not need man to judge nor put his hand on any of His anointed. The Lord still has some true saints and true ministers, and he always will have until He comes for them, so do not let anyone tell you otherwise. When a person decides that all the saints are backslidden and His preachers have all compromised, the truth is that that person is the one who has lost out with God, so beware of such a spirit and shun it as you would a snake, and warn anyone that comes to your house or congregation under such a spirit, no matter who it may be. Do not sympathize with a picking, fault-finding spirit, or it will take its abode with you.

Now let us go to the New Testament for some texts on this subject: 1 Tim. 5:19, Against an elder receive not an accusation, but before two or three witnesses." 2 Pet. 2:10: (Read very carefully) "But chiefly them that walk after the flesh in the lust of uncleanness, and despise government. Presumptuous are they, self-willed, they are not afraid to speak evil of dignities." And read Jude 16-19. If you know of anyone like this, mark them. The Word says to mark them that cause division among you.

Jesus told of the unfaithful servant who began to smite his fellow servant, and warned us not to be like him. When people are murmuring and complaining, they are not working and when people are working they are not murmuring and complaining. Let us examine ourselves and try the spirits that come to us. Try them by the Word of God, and if they do not agree with it, shun them and have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness. Be sure and get your Bible and read all the texts carefully with a prayerful heart and see what the Lord will show you in them. I believe they will do you good. Read Isaiah 9:6, and Eph. 1:21.

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The Two Works of Grace

In the September paper we had an article entitled, "The Two Works of Grace," and in it gave Scriptures to show that the Comforter, the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of truth, Sanctification, and the Holy Ghost refer to the same work in the soul; also that there was a purifying and cleansing, a burning out and destroying of the selfish carnal nature

and the bringing in of the divine nature to give us power to witness for God and to guide and lead us into all truth. In this article we shall give Scripture to prove that God in his sacred Word teaches two works of grace as His way of saving precious souls.

Isaiah, the gospel prophet, wrote (Isa. 61:7), "Therefore in their land they shall possess the double." Zechariah 13:1, "In that day [this gospel day] there shall be a fountain opened to the house of David [God's people] and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem [those in the city of God] for sin and for uncleanness."

When Saul was on the road to Damascus to persecute the saints, God shined a light around about him brighter than the noonday sun, and he fell to the ground and heard a voice saying, "Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me?" And he said, "Who art thou, Lord?" And the Lord said, "I am Jesus whom thou persecutest: it is hard for thee to kick against the pricks." And he trembling and astonished, said, "Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?" He believed on the Lord right there and no doubt was repenting of his wicked way. God told him what to do and he began to obey from that hour. In John 5:24, Jesus said, "He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life." And in the 25th verse he says, "The dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God: and they that hear shall live." Paul was in a justified state from the time he heard the voice of God, repented, believed, and began to obey. He went into Damascus as God told him, and there he prayed and fasted for three days, having no sight. God sent Ananias to lay his hands on him, that he might receive his sight and be baptized with the Holy Ghost. The first thing he said when he met him, was, "Brother Saul." He acknowledged him as a brother. Certainly he was a justified man before he received the Baptism of the Spirit.

Turn with me to the 11th chapter of John and read about the resurrection of Lazarus, which typifies our spiritual resurrection in Christ. Lazarus had been dead four days, and Martha said, "By this time he stinketh." That is typical of a soul deep in sin and seemingly hopeless. But Jesus, coming to the tomb, said, "Roll ye away the stone." Then he said with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come forth." And he came forth bound with grave clothes and a napkin was about his face. He had life in this condition, which represents the justified state; but Jesus spoke the second time, and said, "Loose him and let him go." Sanctification (Baptism of the Spirit) looses one and sets him free, giving him power to witness for God.

The prodigal boy who went into a far country (in sin) and there wasted his substance in riotous living, finally became sick of sin, and with a starved and dead soul, he came to the Father, repenting and confessing his sins. The Father saw him afar off and ran to meet him. He threw his arms around the poor boy and placed a kiss upon his brow. Surely the son knew that the Father had forgiven him, with his arms around him and a kiss upon his brow. This represented his justified state, but the Father did more for him. He took him to the house and com-

manded that the best robe be brought and put on him. (The best robe you can put on in this life is sanctification, or the baptism of the Spirit). He put a ring on his hand, which typifies his covenant of faithfulness, and shoes on his feet, typifying his protection and care and ability to travel over rough, thorny, and stony roads. The baptism of the Spirit equips one to be a true soldier for Jesus Christ in this life. You can read about the prodigal son in the 15th chapter of Luke.

In the 46th verse of the 13th chapter of Matt., we read of a merchantman who was seeking goodly pearls. When he found one pearl of great price, he went and sold all that he had and bought it." When he found the pearl (Jesus) that typified his justified state. In a justified state, Jesus is with you. Read John 14:16 where Jesus says, "I will pray the Father and he shall give you another Comforter." Jesus was with the disciples when they were in a justified state, but when the Holy Spirit is given, he dwells in them, as he said unto them in the 17th verse, "But ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you." When one consecrates, gives up, sells out, and surrenders all to the Lord, then he will sanctify him wholly, and the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, will come in and dwell in his soul. Truly then, he will possess the Pearl of great price, even Jesus himself. Glory be to God and his precious Son who has purchased us with his own blood.

Permit me to use David and Goliath as an illustration of two works of grace for the soul of man. You can read about this in 1 Samuel the 17th chapter. Goliath, who represents the devil, defied the armies of Israel and had them all afraid of him. The spirit of Satan, the devil, is the one that makes sinners afraid to turn to God with all their hearts. He defies them and they, feeling and knowing their weakness, are afraid to make the start. But if they would do as David did, rely upon God to make them able to slay the giants and gain the victory, they would find abundance of strength and wisdom to go through and keep in favor with God.

David walked out, facing the giant with boldness and faith in God, and he took a stone and slung it at the giant, striking him in the forehead, bringing him to the ground in a stunned and dead like state. This condition would represent the state of satan to a justified soul; but David believed in a second work, so he took the giant's sword and cut off his head and let his life-blood run out. This state or condition would represent the sanctified or baptized soul. Satan is slain and his life is gone. He is bound, and the soul has power and liberty to witness for God and to reign over all of his evil spirits. Jesus says in Luke 10:19, "Behold, I give you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you." Bless his holy name. David believed in two works.

I was looking to the Lord one time for a simple illustration of being justified and being sanctified, or baptized with the Spirit; and the Lord gave me a mental vision in this way. I had in my hand a platter

upon which were four boiled potatoes with the skin off. I took a fork and broke each potato into four quarters. As I looked upon them, the Lord brought to my mind that this represented a justified state. They still showed that they were potatoes, but broken. In order to obtain a justified state, one comes to the Lord with godly sorrow for sins committed, repenting and confessing, asking God to have mercy and forgive. They fall on him for mercy and he forgives them of all their actual transgressions and they have peace with God; but their life is broken with the world and they are greatly humbled down. Yet they find something about them that rises up to overcome them and bring them back into the old life.

I took the fork and mashed the potatoes, grinding them into a fine substance. As I looked upon them, the Lord brought to my mind that the potatoes had lost their chunky condition; they had lost their identity. Before, they would not lie together very closely, but now they were compacted together. One part was just as much as the other. It made of them one lump. Sanctification, or baptism of the true Spirit, makes all the children of God one, as we read in the 17th chapter of John, verse 21, "That they all may be one; as thou Father art in me and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world might believe that thou hast sent me."

We read in Matt. 21:44, "And whosoever shall fall on this stone shall be broken: but on whomsoever it shall fall, it will grind him to powder." In order to be justified, we fall on Him for mercy; but in order to be sanctified (baptized with the Spirit) we seek Him that he will fall on us and cleanse, purify, and destroy our selfish and carnal nature and implant in us his divine nature. When in this condition we can fulfill the Scripture found in Col. 3:3, which reads thus, "For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God." Then when Christ, who is our life, shall appear, we shall also appear with him in glory.

Brethren, if you do not have a clear experience, do not truly realize that you are dead and your life is hid with Christ in God, I beg of you to ask God to let his Holy Spirit fire fall on you by humbling your heart to all of his will and be willing to give of him gold tried in the fire that ye may be partakers of the true riches. Rev. 3:18. -Fred Pruitt

Calif.—Dear Bro. and Sis. Pruitt, and Office workers, Greetings in the dear name of Jesus. I am still encouraged to press on for Jesus. Without him we can do nothing. I felt I should send in my testimony of how the Lord blessed us on our trip. Truly the dear Lord was with us and we appreciate the saints' prayers for us.

The people are so worldly out here, and we have met with many problems, but the dear Lord comes to our rescue.

The Lord has done so much for me. I am so thankful how the Lord has spared our home. The devil is going around tearing up homes everywhere, but thanks be to our God, prayer changed things in our behalf.

I am not permitted to meet with any saints here. The nearest congregation is about two hundred miles from Salinas. Saints, continue to pray for us, that we will be happy and please the dear Lord in everything we do and say. Ruby Creel and family.

Young People's Section

No Home—But a Closet

He had no home, but even so,
Quite often thru the day,
He stepped inside His closet,
And there found time to pray.
And when the door was shut and tight,
I saw Him kneeling there;
With eyes and heart turned heavenward,
Alone in secret prayer.

And God the Father looking down
Upon His Son so fair,
Was touched with tender love divine,
And sent a blessing rare.
Communion sweet was always found
Within the closet there,
Where God and Jesus Christ, His Son,
Met hand and hand in prayer.

We, too, possess within our heart,
A secret place of prayer;
Where neverfailingly we find
Our Saviour waiting there.
And when by faith we see His face
And feel His hand of love,
A blessing, too, we always find
That wings our soul above.

He whispers softly, "Take thy cross,
My child, and follow me."
And here we say with hand in His,
"Yes, Lord, to Calvary."
Then, when without our closet—
If oft we've been in prayer—
The world will see within our heart,
His image shining there!

—Clotilde Forbes.

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Bartlett, Kans.—To all the dear young saints,—
Greetings in Jesus' dear name. I feel impressed to
write you as this is the first day of school and many
of you will start to school today. To some of you it
also means that you are new creatures this year, as
you got saved, or born again, since school was out
in the spring.

Now that you are made new, old things are
passed away; everything will seem new and differ-
ent. Your friends will not be able to understand the
change that's taken place in you. At first they will
act the same, but when they see the change in you,
you will not be very popular with them. But now
comes the cross bearing, and Jesus will give you
grace to bear this cross. The devil will try to make
you feel ashamed to be different from the rest, but
Jesus will give you joy in your soul, and each trial
you overcome will make you stronger for the next
test.

I realize pride works harder on you girls than
it does the boys since the world has so many things
to offer the girls in dress and fixing the hair, but
when a girl overcomes the thought of what they
"think about me," then she is on the road to victory.

Bro. Sam Wilson testified this summer of a
young girl who got saved. She was the only saved
member of the family and it hurt the mother for her
daughter to be made fun of for not wearing her hair
as the other girls, for not wearing worldly dresses,
and for not wearing anklets. Her mother felt sorry
for her, but the girl said, "Mother I don't care what
they say about me, for each morning I go to my
room and pray for God to give me grace for the day,
and the Lord just blesses me insomuch that I don't
even care what they say."

Dear young saints, that is the secret of your vic-
tory—prayer and reading God's word. If you ne-
glect that, you will find yourself weak and helpless.
Do be watchful and prayerful. Now we know it is
much easier to just submit to the temptation and
go along with the world, but remember there is a
reckoning day coming. It seems some young people
think they can live in sin and enjoy the pleasures of
sin until they get out of school, and then get saved
when they get ready. But let us read Eccl. 11:9,
"Rejoice, O young man, in thy youth; and let thy
heart cheer thee in the days of thy youth, and walk
in the ways of thine heart, and in the sight of thine
eyes; but know thou, that for all these things God
will bring thee into judgment." So remember, you
will have to give an account to God how you live
your young lives.

We are praying for you to be overcomers. May
God bless each one, is my prayer.

—Margaret Eck.

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Be Strong in the Lord

"Through thee will we push down our enemies:
through thy name will we tread them under that
rise up against us" Ps. 44:5. David realized that it
was not just his own ability or strength that caused
him to win battles but God that gave him the victory.

Today we have spiritual battles. The same God
who helped David will also help us to conquer. 1 Tim.
6:12 says, "Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on
eternal life." In 2 Cor. 10:3-5 we are instructed, "For
though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the
flesh: for the weapons of our warfare are not carnal,
but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong
holds; casting down imaginations, and every high
thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of
God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the
obedience of Christ."

Truly we need to be strong in the Lord and in
the power of his might to successfully fight this good
fight of faith. We must have on the whole armor

of God as Paul tells us in Ephesians the sixth chapter, for "we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places."

May the Lord help us each to be strong in the grace of God and war a good warfare against sin and wrong.

—Fern Stubblefield

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Texas.—Dear Young People, Truly I can say from the depths of my heart that the Lord means much more to me today than ever before. I've not grown dissatisfied nor tired of the way but have found new joys in serving the Lord, and the way grows sweeter all the time.

I was meditating one evening and recalling how the Lord God in Moses' time was instructing them so precisely how to build and adorn the Tabernacle (Exodus: chapters 25-27). He was expecting the people to bring their very best to make this Tabernacle—their gold, silver, fine linen, spices, and onyx stones—for this was the place where the spirit of the Lord was to dwell.

If you have read over these chapters you perhaps have noticed how particular they were in preparing this place. It was to be overlaid with pure gold, within and without. Today we are that place where the Spirit of the Lord wants to dwell—the Tabernacle—therefore we should adorn ourselves with the most priceless of possessions: the graces of the Lord; not with glittering gold or silver as the world might think, but with objects more priceless than these—purity, meekness, humbleness, patience, sobriety, and godliness, which are jewels in the sight of the Lord.

Some may think this not so important, but remember, the Lord in giving instructions for the Tabernacle did not leave out one little thing, but instructed them as to how even the pins should be. Let us take heed to how we are adorning our lives. My prayer is that I might have my life fully adorned with the graces of God—do pray for me.

Evodna Thurman

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Calif.—Dear saints,—Greetings in Jesus' dear name. That precious name means more to me than all this world. I am still saved and encouraged more than ever before to press the battle on until my blessed Savior says it is enough, come home. The Lord has done too much and has been too good to me for me to ever go back on him. By God's help I lived five years of my school life saved. My last year was my hardest, and I had more things to go through than all my other years put together. But I can say, my last year of school I had greater victory and the Lord blessed me more than in all my previous years.

The Lord permitted me to attend the Monark Springs and Guthrie campmeetings, a revival at Myrtle, Mo., and other meetings which were really soul food for me. I was saved when I left home and I can say I was saved when I returned, with a greater determination to go on for the Lord. During my absence from home, the Lord not only blessed me but also blessed the little congregation here. My heart is filled up and running over because of his goodness to me. The Lord saved my younger sister, Esther, and another boy, Calvin Hopps, who came to this town to train for a boxer, but thanks be to God, the Lord got hold of his heart and he's fighting in the battle of our Lord. Dear saints, be encouraged; the Lord is doing great things for his trusting children. The devil is mad and is roaring, but God is mightier and greater than all the devils on earth and in hell.

I have victory in my soul this afternoon because I believe the saints are going on to greater victories than we have ever seen before. I mean by God's grace and help to do what he wants me to do. As far as I know, I am dead to this world and its pleasures. I am not seeking after worldly honor or fame. I am seeking to know what God wants me to do, and do that. The Lord has taught me what it means to trust him. I have witnessed what walking by faith really means. Swing out on the promises of God, he won't forsake, he won't let you down. I have learned that when God tells us to do something we had better do it. Time is short, eternity is long, for us not to do what the Lord is telling us to do.

The wheat is ripe to harvest, but the laborers are few. Pray for me that I will keep pressing upward. I'm encouraged to do what God tells me to do. If the way is dark and you can't see your way through, just stand still and see the salvation of God. Don't waver, don't turn back. There is victory for everyone of us if we count it so. I know I can't do this within myself. I need the prayers of all the saints that I might press on until this life is over. Your saved brother, T. Gus Poulos, Jr.

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Okla.—Dear Bro. and Sis. Pruitt, I greet you in the name of Jesus. Truly my soul does rejoice in the holy way that Jesus prepared for me. I am so happy for the victory that is in my heart. I am happy that my heavenly Father provided for me to attend two campmeetings. The riches that are mine are far greater than this world's goods. Praises be to God the Father and his son Jesus Christ.

In Isa. 35:3-4, "Strengthen ye the weak hands, and confirm the feeble knees. Say to them that are of a fearful heart, Be strong, fear not: behold, your God will come with vengeance, even God with a recompence: he will come and save you." I am thankful that God in his mercy has strengthened me. He came to my rescue and saved me, Glory to God!

The holy God has been so wonderful to me. Now I see the great need of my people round about me. I pray that they may see Jesus for themselves. This Bible verse comes to me, "But whoso hath this world's good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him?" (1 John 3:17). I see my people in need of this gospel salvation. The Lord willing, may he prepare ministers and gospel workers that will come at his holy calling to preach and sing and pray for the people of Fairview and the surrounding communities.

Queen Esther of old plead for her life and the lives of her people that they might not be destroyed from the earth. Shall I not plead for my people in a spiritual way? May the Lord bless you all. Remember me in your prayers, that I may be always what God wants me to be, so the Master's approval may be upon me always. "She hath done what she could." Your sister, Eva Penner

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There is a path that leads to peace with understanding love,
The power of heaven can increase with blessings from above;
When souls in danger think and pray with their very might,
Then God brings joy all the way and fills the heart with right.

—Harvey Johnson.

La.—Dear Bro. Pruitt, I am still saved and satisfied in the service of the Lord. We truly thank Him for his goodness to us in both soul and body, especially in my soul. I had rather be strong in the Lord, feel the presence of the Lord in my soul than to be strong in body, and weak in my soul.

The Lord has been adding strength to my body since the meeting at Hammond. I have not been able to do any work yet, but I am able to be up most all day now, and go to all our meetings for which I am very thankful. We are still looking to the Lord for complete strength to come back to my body. I had a very bad sick spell; for almost four months I did not get out of the house. We trusted the Lord for my healing; we did not use any remedy of any kind, had no examination by a doctor. The Lord did it all and gets all the praise and honor. Thank the Lord.

Remember us when you pray. Yours in Christ,
Oscar E. Williamson

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Mo.—Dear bros. and sisters and readers, I am rejoicing in my Savior's love. Oh, how wonderful it is—such peace and joy the Lord gives us! Nothing on earth can begin to compare with the joy, peace, satisfaction, comfort, and rest that we who are saved enjoy.

Dear ones, those of you who are saved, let us rejoice more in the Lord, think more upon the wonderful things He has done for us. Let us sing more. The Lord is pleased for us to rejoice in Him. He wants us to be joyful and let others see and know how His love helps us to rejoice and be contented. Let us who are children of God not let the trials or any troubles keep us from rejoicing; let us look up and not let anything of this world keep us from serving God. Let us remember his great blessings to us and ever rejoice in him; that sad and troubled sinners may see there is a way to be happy. May the Lord help us all to be busy for him and to seek out the needy souls.

To the dear unsaved souls, I say, seek the Lord, and do not put off salvation. We do not know when we may have to go, and oh, how sad for those who are not ready. Dear ones, whoever you are, wherever you are, or whatever your troubles may be, look to Jesus; seek him with all your heart. He says, "And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart." Jer. 29:13. You must want his love, his salvation, more than anything else; then he will save you, no matter what your sins are, or how deep you may be in sin, he will forgive them all. He loves and cares for every one, and longs to save and bless all who will come to him.

May God bless each reader is my prayer.
Becky Barnes

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IS HOLINESS SUFFICIENT?

We have heard it remarked, when the people get holiness of heart it will straighten out and regulate everything in their lives. There is certainly much truth in the saying. It is wonderful what carefulness, what clearing of ourselves, what vehement desire and zeal a pure heart brings about. When the heart is clean and the pulse gets to beating right, things go most blessedly.

But while the heart may be as pure as God in heaven can make it, we know that people need light, they need educating, and when a soul is fully sanctified, he or she is in the best place he has ever been

to receive light and help. Many who have been wholly sanctified have heard very little about divine healing, about the way of faith for soul and body, about submitting their wills to the will of the Father and be willing to suffer trials and tests for him, and about what God expects of them as good stewards over material possessions, and about the confusion of sectism they know comparatively little; so that while we know the soul has come blessedly close to God when the heart is sanctified and that in this experience there is blessed deliverance from the carnal nature, at the same time there is still much to learn after the heart is sanctified.

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The Home

In the great plan of creation, after God had filled his earth with all kinds of beasts and creeping things, He came to the paramount point that He wanted his likeness reproduced. So he said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness, and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea," etc. Gen. 1:26-28. So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him, male and female created he them. And God blessed them, and God said unto them, "Be fruitful and multiply and replenish the earth and subdue it," etc. This man was named Adam, and to perform the duty God created him to do, God saw he needed a helpmeet. So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept. God took one of his ribs and closed up the flesh instead thereof and the rib which the Lord God had taken from man, made he the woman and brought her unto the man.

And Adam said, "This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man. Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother and shall cleave unto his wife and they shall be one flesh." Gen. 2:21-24

This is the foundation upon which homes should be built. Every Christian woman and man whose lives have been directed by the Holy Spirit and come to the desired end of being united in holy wedlock, should assume the responsibility as a divine honor and blessing to perform God's plans in their lives and home. Christ compares the church to husband and wife whom he has divinely united. Homes have been the foundations for nations of all ages. An old adage says, "The hand which rocks the cradle rules the world."

This home, whether it has only four walls or more, is designed to have inmates to occupy it. The bringing in and training of children is like the planting and caring for a garden of vegetables or flowers. The seed is carefully planted in well prepared soil. Seasons of rain and sunshine come upon them, and finally they germinate and come forth out of mother earth. Cultivation begins. Day by day it is carefully and patiently watched and worked. Soon maturity is reached. Then the harvest can be enjoyed.

Now this spiritual garden is the major one, a

divine one. It is very necessary for husband and wife to be living consecrated fully to the will of the Lord in order to deal with the little innocent souls. There is a need for seasons of prayer, calling on the Lord for enduring grace and patience for the sake of doing the will of God. "Weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning." *Psa. 30:5*. This Christian mother who has so lived in the fear and will of the Lord and been endowed with such love and faith and holy vision of time and eternity beholds the innocent babe. Her soul begins to yearn desperately for that present help for God to undertake in the rearing of it for his service and his kingdom. God forbid that this home be like the modern-day homes, where children are placed in nurseries, etc., while mothers go care-free into the fleeting pleasures of the world.

Oh! that mothers will learn wisdom and stay with the job God designed should be theirs until it is finished in his order.

How sweet and sacred these words, "Mother—Home," sound in a real Christian mother's ear. Possessing the Holy Spirit as a mighty monitor within the soul, she takes courage to apply herself to prayer and reading the Bible that every phase or condition may be mastered to make this home be "Home, Sweet Home," be it ever so humble.

Great evils and still greater evils will try to make inroads in the home. Therefore husband and wife must be a solid unit in the Lord that the ravager of all sin and deception be overthrown. Solomon says, "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it." *Prov. 22:6*.

Viewing the great responsibility in the light of eternity, it makes one's soul shudder and groan when he sees so many wrecked homes and disobedient children in the land. Evidently someone has failed God's holy plan and purpose.

"Apply thy heart unto instruction and thine ears to the Word of knowledge. Withhold not correction from the child, if thou beatest him with the rod he shall not die." *Prov. 23:12, 13*. This training is ordered by a wise man and must be under the direction of the Holy Spirit and Word of God if the approval of God is to rest upon this home. To obtain the greatest success, there should be such rules and regulations so established in accord with the holy writ that there will be no letting down or omitting to keep them from early childhood to youth. The Spirit of the Lord will so sweeten the words, will increase patience, give firmness yet compassion, that the home fire of love will be kept aflame.

Since Adam and Eve sowed the seed of disobedience in the heart of man from the beginning of creation, obedience has become the greatest lesson in the home to be taught and learned. Therefore obedience is the first. With much love and patience it must continue with the small and simple commands, continuing through the greater. Lessons regarding the relationship to their parents, to their Creator, and their responsibility to their Saviour who shed his blood for all.

In *Titus 2:4-8*, mothers are exhorted to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children, to be discreet, chaste, keepers at home, good, obedient to their own husbands that the Word of God be not blasphemed; men to be sober-minded, a pattern of good works, sound in speech which cannot be condemned, etc.

The wise and pure-minded mother will stay at home and train and care for the children and keep the home clean and in an orderly and godly condition. "She looketh well to the ways of her household, and eateth not the bread of idleness. Her children arise up and call her blessed. Her husband also, and he praiseth her." *Prov. 31:27, 28*.

Timothy, one of the Lord's ministers, when a child, was instructed in the Word of God which began in his grandmother Lois, continuing on down through his mother Eunice. Paul perceived where it began, and said, "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." *2 Tim. 3:15*. Mothers, grandmothers, and fathers and grandfathers, let us take courage to help rescue precious souls who are floating fast down the stream of destruction, before the door of mercy will be closed.

—Ulysses Phillips

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The Blessedness of Giving

"It is more blessed to give than to receive."

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in him should not perish but have everlasting life." *John 3:16*. This text is one among the most appreciated verses in the Bible to man. It speaks in tones of love to the world of His redeeming love. It was sacrifice and love, both of Father and Son. Such a God-given gift was prompted by love. Through this sacrifice we are made rich in the graces of His love.

There is only one thing He requires or demands of his subjects: first, give themselves to him and he will fill them with some of the same sacrifice and love that giving to the support of his gospel work will be a pleasure. He said, "Give and it shall be given you."

We read in *1 Kings 17:10-15* how Elijah was sent by God to the home of a widow woman and found her gathering sticks to cook her last meal for her and her son and die—as she thought. But Elijah said, "Make me a cake first." She did. "For thus saith the Lord God of Israel, the barrel of meal shall not waste, neither shall the cruise of oil fail until the day the Lord sendeth rain upon the earth."

Think of her faith and sacrifice in a famine-stricken land! "Offer unto God thanksgiving, pay thy vows unto the Most High, and call upon him in the day of trouble. I will deliver thee and thou shall glorify me." *Psa. 50:14:15*.

By way of a timely reminder, read *1 Tim. 5:17-18*, "Let the elder that ruleth well be counted worthy of double honor, especially they that labor in the word and doctrine, for the Scripture saith, thou shall

not muzzle the ox that tread out the corn. The laborer is worthy of his reward." As the ministers minister the Word of God to the laity or hearers, as a spiritual blessing, so they in return should minister the temporal blessings to those pastors and elders.

Giving is a God-enjoined duty and whosoever does it as unto the Lord will be like a tree planted by the waters, whose soul will flourish and fruits will not wither. Giving is a means of laying up treasures in heaven. We read in Luke 16 how Lazarus, the beggar, wanted the crumbs that fell from the rich man's table. There is no mention of his getting them (the crumbs). However, Lazarus was taken by the angel into Abraham's bosom.

Jesus is passing by—time is short—the end is near—help somebody today. God sacrificed for you and me. Let His Spirit talk. As we have opportunity, let us do good unto all, especially unto them who are of the household of faith. Gal. 6:10.

The campmeeting necessities are many. Consecrated help, both temporal and spiritual, is in demand.

God gave his best. The time is calling for our best. The Lord loveth a cheerful giver. E. V. Phillips

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The Fulfillment of the Law

"Love is the fulfilling of the law," "Upon it hangs all the law and the prophets." It is first, last, and all in the salvation plan. Love in the heart of the Father gave us a Saviour and drew us to Him. It eclipses the greatest earthly joys, causes us to abhor sin, the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, and causes us, like Moses, to choose rather to suffer affliction with the people of God than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season. It is inseparable by means of persecution, affliction, sorrow, or anything else except sin. The wise man said, "waters cannot quench love, floods cannot drown it." John Wesley said, "Love for God and man is a cure for all spiritual ills." And so it is. It gives us love for others, and it cures us of selfishness. It gives us love for God and His cause and causes us to endure and gladly sacrifice our lives for His sake. It surpasseth the wisdom of the great, and makes the wise to become as children. It takes the poor and ignorant and makes them princes in the kingdom of God. It makes the proud and lofty to see themselves as nothing before the majesty of God. It fills the despondent soul with hope and zeal, and causes it to rejoice and blossom as a rose. It is the character of God, the atmosphere of heaven, the sustenance of the church of God, and the life and light and hope for this lost and ruined world. —Selected.

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It is a good thing to be courteous, but when courtesy involves doing things which are wrong, it has to be remembered that there are higher principles to consider.

WOMEN

By Chas. E. Troesch

Woman was the last of God's creation,
They were brought forth to bless a nation.

Pure and holy was her state,
But the lure of sin became her fate.

A helpmate for the man was she,
Without blemish her life should be.

God's richest blessing was on the pair,
As they lived in the garden fair.

The power she had, Satan knew quite well,
To lift toward heaven or lower to hell.

So he tempted the woman, Adam's wife,
And thus was the beginning of a world of strife.

Through the influence of woman, men too fell,
From pure and holy to the lowest hell.

She lost her beauty, and like Jezebel of old,
She began to paint and hang on the gold.

Jewels in her hair, ears, fingers, and nose,
Chains on her ankles, even painted her toes.

Her clothing was scant, one plainly can see,
From stockings and hose she soon became free,

Short dresses too, soon proved too tame,
Exposure with shorts became her shame.

Her influence again affected man;
His clothes too, he began to ban.

She desired equal rights, with men to vote,
And in the law this request they wrote.

'Tis sad to say, since this law was made,
Her feminine charm began to fade.

"Now," said she, "I must learn to smoke."
And through her filth other folks did choke.

Still not content with her attire,
To be more like man was her desire.

So she laid aside her skirts and dresses,
And began to cut and trim her tresses.

She wore his clothes and drank his beer,
Joined his smutty stories without a fear.

Her children wander'd near and far,
While mother drank at the tavern bar.

She played cards for money, same as men;
She was often found in the gambling den.

Through the influence of women, the whole world
fell,

From high and holy to the depths of hell.

God gave to woman the power she had,
To make the world better, or extremely bad.

The devil has used her to ruin the race,
To drive men from the presence of God's face.

So the world is corrupt, on the downward road,
Far from the Saviour, and his blessed abode.

But God used a good woman to perfect a plan
For our redemption—both woman and man.

God gave his Son, brightest jewel from above,
To die on the cross, because of his love.

A good godly woman, filled with old fashioned grace
There is nothing so sweet upon the earth's face.

God, give us more women, our prayer shall be,
To lift us toward heaven, from bondage be free.

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THE CALL OF ISAIAH

Sunday, October 2, 1949

Printed Portion.....Isaiah 6:1-10.

Isa. 6:1. In the year that king Uzziah died I saw also the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up, and his train filled the temple.

2. Above it stood the seraphims: each one had six wings; with twain he covered his face, and with twain he covered his feet, and with twain he did fly.

3. And one cried unto another, and said, Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory.

4. And the posts of the door moved at the voice of him that cried, and the house was filled with smoke.

5. Then said I, Woe is me! for I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips: for mine eyes have seen the King the Lord of hosts.

6. Then flew one of the seraphims unto me, having a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with the tongs from off the altar:

7. And he laid it upon my mouth, and said, Lo, this hath touched thy lips; and thine iniquity is taken away, and thy sin purged.

8. Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I; send me.

9. And he said, Go, and tell this people, Hear ye indeed, but understand not; and see ye indeed, but perceive not.

10. Make the heart of this people fat, and make their ears heavy, and shut their eyes; lest they see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their heart, and convert, and be healed.

Memory Verse: Where there is no vision, the people perish: but he that keepeth the law, happy is he. Pro. 29:18.

Practical Truth: Honest people will be led to the Lord.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

In this lesson today Isaiah records a vision in which the Lord showed the glory of God, which I am sure, was a beautiful vision; for the glory of God is wonderful to behold! The beautiful angelic beings were heard saying, one to the other, "Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord of hosts;" and oh, how true it is that the whole earth is filled with his glory.

When the glory of the Lord shone on Isaiah, he saw his unclean condition and also the undone condition of the people he was dwelling among. He acknowledged his uncleanness and the uncleanness of the people. God heard him, and one of the seraphims came to him with a live coal from off God's altar and placed it on the mouth immediately his uncleanness was taken away.

Today, when God's light of salvation shines on our lives, it reveals to us our sins and uncleanness, and we have the privilege of asking God to make us clean. The blood of Jesus Christ is then applied to our lives, and removes all sin and uncleanness.

Let us also notice how quickly Isaiah's ears were opened to hear the voice of the Lord, calling for a messenger to carry a message to his backslidden people. God's voice is still calling for volunteers to carry his message to a lost and dying world. "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?"

"A call for royal soldiers comes to one and all;
Soldiers for the conflict, who will heed the call?
Who will answer quickly with a ready cheer,
Who will be enlisted as a volunteer?"

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THE MORAL BASIS FOR TRUE WORSHIP

Sunday, October 9, 1949

Printed Portion.....Isaiah 1:11-18; Jeremiah 7:3-7.

Isa. 1:11. To what purpose is the multitude of your sacrifices unto me? saith the Lord: I am full of the burnt offerings of rams, and the fat of fed beasts; and I delight not in the blood of bullocks, or of lambs, or of he goats.

12. When ye come to appear before me, who hath required this at your hand, to tread my courts?

13. Bring no more vain oblations; incense is an abomination unto me; the new moons and sabbaths, the calling of assemblies, I cannot away with; it is iniquity, even the solemn meeting.

14. Your new moons and your appointed feasts my soul hateth: they are a trouble unto me; I am weary to bear them.

15. And when ye spread forth your hands, I will hide mine eyes from you: yea, when ye make many prayers, I will not hear: your hands are full of blood.

16. Wash you, make you clean; put away the evil of your doings from before mine eyes; cease to do evil;

17. Learn to do well; seek judgment, relieve the oppressed, judge the fatherless, plead for the widow.

18. Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.

Jer. 7:3. Thus saith the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, Amend your ways and your doings, and I will cause you to dwell in this place.

4. Trust ye not in lying words, saying, The temple of the Lord, the temple of the Lord, the temple of the Lord, are these.

5. For if ye thoroughly amend your ways and your doings; if ye thoroughly execute judgment between a man and his neighbour;

6. If ye oppress not the stranger, the fatherless, and the widow, and shed not innocent blood in this place, neither walk after other gods to your hurt:

7. Then will I cause you to dwell in this place, in the land that I gave to your fathers, for ever and ever.

Memory Verse: He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart; who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully. *Psa. 24:4.*

Practical Truth: A spirit of obedience is essential for true worship of God.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

To be a true worshipper of God we must have an honest heart and a willingness to forsake this godless world and follow Jesus and obey his voice.

In the written portion of this lesson today, we see what God can use, and also what he cannot use. Surely God is not pleased with people who claim they love him, and then fail to obey him. The Lord in his holy Word declares that anyone who will say they love him and keep not his commandments is a liar, and the truth is not in him. True worshippers must be truthful—"having their loins girt about with truth." In fact, we must have on the whole armor of God. We must be brave. God has no place in his kingdom for cowards.

Read the first three verses of the 7th chapter of Judges. God tells us in his word that we must be wise as serpents and harmless as doves.

True worshippers must be real men and women and be filled with God's Holy Spirit. Our loving Lord has told us that they who worship him must worship him in spirit and truth. It is very necessary that we study the Bible diligently, that we may know how God would have us worship him. It means eternal death to our souls, if at the day of judgment, we find that we have not done all the will of God. Let each of us search our hearts and be sure that we have grace to stand in that day.

GOD AND THE NATIONS

Sunday, October 16, 1949

Printed Portion.....Isaiah 1:21-28; 19:19-25.

Isa. 1:21. How is the faithful city become an harlot! it was full of judgment; righteousness lodged in it; but now murderers.

22. Thy silver is become dross, thy wine mixed with water:

23. Thy princes are rebellious, and companions of thieves: every one loveth gifts, and followeth after rewards: they judge not the fatherless, neither doth the cause of the widow come unto them.

24. Therefore saith the Lord, the Lord of hosts, the mighty One of Israel, Ah, I will ease me of mine adversaries, and avenge me of mine enemies:

25. And I will turn my hand upon thee, and purely purge away thy dross, and take away all thy tin:

26. And I will restore thy judges as at the first, and thy counsellors as at the beginning: afterward thou shalt be called, The city of righteousness, the faithful city.

27. Zion shall be redeemed with judgment, and her converts with righteousness.

28. And the destruction of the transgressors and of the sinners shall be together, and they that forsake the Lord shall be consumed.

19:19. In that day shall there be an altar to the Lord in the midst of the land of Egypt, and a pillar at the border thereof to the Lord.

20. And it shall be for a sign and for a witness unto the Lord of hosts in the land of Egypt: for they shall cry unto the Lord because of the oppressors, and he shall send them a savior, and a great one, and he shall deliver them.

21. And the Lord shall be known to Egypt, and the Egyptians shall know the Lord in that day, and shall do sacrifice and oblation; yea, they shall vow a vow unto the Lord, and perform it.

22. And the Lord shall smite Egypt: he shall smite it and heal it: and they shall return even to the Lord, and he shall be entreated of them, and shall heal them.

23. In that day shall there be a highway out of Egypt to Assyria, and the Assyrian shall come into Egypt, and the Egyptian into Assyria, and the Egyptians shall serve with the Assyrians.

24. In that day shall Israel be the third with Egypt and with Assyria, even a blessing in the midst of the land:

25. Whom the Lord of hosts shall bless, saying, Blessed be Egypt my people, and Assyria the work of my hands, and Israel mine inheritance.

Memory Verse: Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people. *Pro. 14:34.*

Practical Truth: God will surely bring the wicked nations of this old world to judgment.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

The judgment of God is sure to fall on any people who forget Him, and lose the fear of God out of their hearts. God alone knows how to deal with nations. Nations may continue on in sin and wickedness for a time, but God will surely bring them to judgment.

In Daniel, the 4th chapter and the 17th verse, we read how God deals with nations so that the living may know that the most High rules in the kingdoms of men, and gives them to whomsoever he will, and sets up over it the basest of men. Let us recall the words spoken by Paul to the Galatian brethren, "Be not deceived, God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap." Whatever a nation sows must also be accounted for. The Jews would probably have been the leading nation of the world today if they had been true to God. God was longsuffering with them but he finally permitted Jerusalem to be overthrown and the Jews scattered over the face of the earth. When a nation becomes so wicked and attempts to defy God, its downfall is certain.

If the people of America would repent and turn to God, no doubt it would save our beloved country from the impending danger it is now facing.

ISAIAH TEACHES TRUST IN GOD

Sunday, October 23, 1949

Printed Portion.....Isaiah 12:2; 26:1-7; 30:1, 2, 15-17.

Isa. 12:2. Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and not be afraid: for the Lord JEHOVAH is my strength and my song; he also is become my salvation.

26:1. In that day shall this song be sung in the land of Judah; We have a strong city; salvation will God appoint for walls and bulwarks.

2. Open ye the gates, that the righteous nation which keepeth the truth may enter in.

3. Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee.

4. Trust ye in the Lord for ever: for in the Lord

JEHOVAH is everlasting strength:

5. For he bringeth down them that dwell on high; the lofty city, he layeth it low; he layeth it low, even to the ground; he bringeth it even to the dust.

6. The foot shall tread it down, even the feet of the poor, and the steps of the needy.

7. The way of the just is uprightness: thou most upright, dost weigh the path of the just.

30:1. Woe to the rebellious children, saith the Lord, that take counsel, but not of me; and that cover with a covering, but not of my spirit, that they may add sin to sin:

2. That walk to go down into Egypt, and have not asked at my mouth; to strengthen themselves in the strength of Pharaoh, and to trust in the shadow of Egypt!

15. For thus saith the Lord God, the Holy One of Israel; In returning and rest shall ye be saved; in quietness and in confidence shall be your strength: and ye would not.

16. But ye said, No; for we will flee upon horses; therefore shall ye flee: and, We will ride upon the swift; therefore shall they that pursue you be swift.

17. One thousand shall flee at the rebuke of one; at the rebuke of five shall ye flee: till ye be left as a beacon upon the top of a mountain, and as an ensign on an hill.

Memory Verse: They that trust in the Lord shall be as mount Zion, which cannot be removed, but abideth for ever. Psa. 125:1.

Practical Truth: The safest thing that we can do is to put our trust in God and keep it there.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

I wonder if we really understand what it means when we read from God's Word these words: "Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust and not be afraid." What does it mean to put our trust in God? Is there a doubt or fear in the heart that is fully trusting?

When we put our trust in God, it brings perfect love that casts out fear. Doubting God is the cause of fear. When we put our trust in God and keep our minds stayed on him, then we have perfect peace, and perfect love, which casts out fear. After Jonah made his futile efforts to get away from God, and the big fish swallowed him, he said, "They that observe lying vanities forsake their own mercy." It surely pays us to put our trust in God and keep it there.

There are many wonderful promises in the Bible for the ones who put their trust in God. "It is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in princes." Psa. 118:9. "Thus saith the Lord, Cursed be that man that trusteth in man and maketh flesh his arm and whose heart departeth from the Lord." Jer. 17:5. If we will read the first few verses of the 91st Psalm, it will help us to know what it means to put our trust in God. We may dwell in the secret place of the Most High and abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

THE PROPHET'S PREACH SOCIAL RIGHTEOUSNESS

Sunday, October 30, 1949

Printed Portion.....Isaiah 5:1-12

Isa. 5:1. Now will I sing to my wellbeloved a song of my beloved touching his vineyard. My wellbeloved hath a vineyard in a very fruitful hill:

2. And he fenced it, and gathered out the stones thereof, and planted it with the choicest vine, and built and differences.

a tower in the midst of it, and also made a winepress therein: and he looked at it that it should bring forth grapes, and it brought forth wild grapes.

3. And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem, and men of Judah, judge, I pray you, betwixt me and my vineyard.

4. What could have been done more to my vineyard, that I have not done in it? wherefore when I looked that it should bring forth grapes, brought it forth wild grapes?

5. And now go to; I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard: I will take away the hedge thereof, and it shall be eaten up; and break down the wall thereof, and it shall be trodden down:

6. And I will lay it waste: it shall not be pruned, nor digged; but there shall come up briers and thorns: I will also command the clouds that they rain no more rain upon it.

7. For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel, and the men of Judah his pleasant plant: and he looked for judgment, but behold, oppression; for righteousness, but behold a cry.

8. Woe unto them that join house to house, that lay field to field, till there be no place, that they may be placed alone in the midst of the earth!

9. In mine ears said the Lord of hosts, Of a truth many houses shall be desolate, even great and fair, without inhabitant.

10. Yea, ten acres of vineyard shall yield one bath, and the seed of an homer shall yield an ephah.

11. Woe unto them that rise up early in the morning, that they may follow strong drink; that continue until night, till wine inflame them!

12. And the harp, and the viol, the tabret, and pipe, and wine are in their feasts: but they regard not the work of the Lord, neither consider the operation of his hands.

Memory Verse: Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment. 1 Cor. 1:10.

Practical Truth: A deep and satisfying peace is possessed by one who trusts completely and unreservedly in God.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

Social righteousness means for us to work together in our daily living, abiding by the golden rule, and pleasing God in all that we do. But we get a sad-looking picture when we read the lesson. God gave his people the very best advantage he had to offer, and when he looked for fruit from his vineyard there was nothing but wild grapes to be found. The Lord was sadly disappointed when he found no fruit in his vineyard.

We are the Lord's vineyard. He is working with our lives, doing all that he can to purify and purge us that we may bear the fruits of righteous living. How careful we all should be that we bring forth fruit that God will be pleased with. I am satisfied with Jesus; but the question comes to me as I think of all his blessings, "Is he satisfied with me? Am I bearing good fruit or wild grapes?"

As we look on the world today, we find that social righteousness, or fair dealings with our fellow man, is almost non-existent, even among many religious circles. There is only one way to have social righteousness, and that is to let, "Thus saith the Lord" settle all questions —G. Stephenson