

# FAITH<sup>AND</sup>VICTORY

## The EVENING LIGHT WATCHMAN

At evening time  
it shall be light.  
—ZECHARIAH 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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### Resignation

My Father knows, my Father cares,  
My Father understands;  
What need I fear while Jesus bears  
Me safely in His hands?  
Though the way be dark, the battle sore,  
My pathway steep and rough,  
I'll follow on 'til life is o'er,  
And God says, "It's enough."

The tears I shed, the pain I bear,  
My every disappointment,  
Are tokens of His loving care,  
And sent by His appointment.  
I will not fear the chastening rod,  
Though oft its galling sting I feel,  
If only as I onward plod,  
My heart may know the Spirit's seal.

In sickness or in blinding grief,  
My soul will not sink in despair,  
But find in Jesus sweet relief,  
To know He doth my suffering share.  
His promise will be my support,  
His gracious presence my delight;  
There's naught that can my hope distort,  
For all my woe He doth requite.

When by some unknown fear possessed,  
Or apprehension fills my soul;  
Or e'er my spirit feels depressed,  
I then on Him my burdens roll.  
He cares for me, O blessed thought!  
He ever knows the way I take;  
Why should my mind then be distraught?  
He'll never leave me nor forsake!

—R. L. Smith.

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### Divine Love or Fleshly Lusts, Which?

Almost all redeemed souls and many others know that if one gets into heaven he will have to walk with God in this present world. It is said, or written, that Enoch walked with God and was not, because God took him.

In Amos 3:3, we read, "Can two walk together except they be agreed?" This is the same as saying that one cannot walk with God unless he continues to agree with him. Paul found some in his day who ran well for a season but in time of temptation fell away. James says, "Every man is tempted when he is drawn away with his own lust, and enticed. Then when lust hath conceived [or is accepted] it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished [confided in or regarded as all right] bringeth forth death." Soul death separates one from God. Many a soul seems to be in this condition today, and yet going on making a high profession of being the Lord's.

The Scriptures, which are given to us of God, say, "Be not deceived; God is not mocked: [He does not walk with you in your fleshly lusts.] for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to the flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption [or death, separation from God]; but he that soweth [yields] to the Spirit, shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting." Or in other words, he shall be glorified and live with God forever.

The Lord has not called us to uncleanness but to holiness of soul, body and spirit. Read 2 Thess. 5: 23, 24. The Lord wants your body in his hands as well as your soul, and it must be that way if you walk with God and keep in his favor and ready for heaven.

In the first verse of the 12th chapter of Romans, we read, "I beseech you therefore by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, [your body must be holy] acceptable unto God, [He accepts a clean body] which is your reasonable service." It is the most reasonable thing in the world for us to give our bodies over to the Lord to use to his glory and if this is done our bodies will not be used to gratify our fleshly lusts that war against the soul and kills out spiritual life from heaven. The next verse reads thus, "And be not conformed to this world: [do not take up its ways, habits, fashions, fads, nor drink of its spirit] but be ye transformed [changed in body and spirit] by the renewing of your mind [mind heavenly things]." Why? "that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect will of God."

Now turn to 1 Cor. 6:15 and read, "Know ye not that your bodies are the members of Christ? ["For ye are members of his body, of his flesh, of his bones" Eph. 5:30] Shall I then take the members of Christ and make them the members of an harlot? God forbid." God forbids us to give way to any such lust, and thereby defile the body. Do you think that you would stay in favor with God if you do the thing he forbids? Fornication and adultery are forbidden by the Lord. Man and woman who are the Lord's are permitted to have only one living companion. Notice what God says in 1 Cor. 6: 19, 20, "What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's." God claims your body as well as your soul and spirit.

Let us turn to Peter and see what he says about the many fleshly lusts that drown men and women in perdition. In 1 Peter 2:11, we read, "Dearly beloved, I beseech you as strangers and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts which war against the soul."

There are numerous kinds of fleshly lusts which, if indulged in, will war against the soul, and in time will extinguish the life of Christ that has been formed there by the power of God; or in other words, will bring death to the soul.

Over eating is a fleshly lust that will war against the soul and bring on many diseases of the body. Also, excess in sex relationship and receiving honor and praise of men are fleshly lusts. Perhaps among the most dangerous and seductive types of fleshly lusts in which men and women indulge are the drinking of whiskey, beer, fermented wine, tobacco chewing and cigarette smoking. Such fleshly lusts enslave the flesh and men and women crave their use.

I have known even men and women who claim to love the Lord make excuses for the doing of such things. At one time when riding on the bus, a young woman, who did not appear to be out of her teens, came in and occupied the vacant seat by me. She appeared nice and I thought perhaps she was a Christian. I wanted to say something to her about the Lord, and as I was meditating about the matter, she began to fumble in her purse. I thought perhaps she had some gospel tracts which she wished to give to me, but to my surprise, she brought out a poison cigarette, lit it, and began to blow smoke like the worldly conformed people all around us. I talked to her about it and she began to justify herself in the thing. She said she was a Christian and had the evidence of the Holy Ghost. I tried to get her to see that the best evidence of having the Holy Ghost was the manifestation of His life, and that the Holy Ghost living in the soul was the true evidence. I also told her that tobacco is a lust of the flesh and Peter says to "Abstain from fleshly lusts that war against the soul." She seemed to be quite determined to use this poison weed, listening to lying vanities and trying to justify herself.

Some say that tobacco is not mentioned in the Bible and that there is nothing wrong with its use or

something would be said about it. It is condemned although the word "tobacco" is not used. It comes under the head of "fleshly lusts." Also in 2 Cor. 7:1, it is written, "Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse [quit the thing] ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God." Some say that the Bible instructs us to be temperate in all things so they just use a little of it. God does not say to use a little of it, but he says to cleanse yourself from it. Some people seem to think that they can trifle with God's Word and get by. They remind me of the time I drove past a stop sign in the city. The policeman whistled at me and I stopped. He asked me if I saw that stop sign. I told him that I did and that I slowed down. In a loud voice, he said, "That sign does not say, 'Slow down,' it says, 'STOP'!" Some seem to think that God just means to slow down in their sins, but God says to stop.

Rom. 6:1, 2, Paul speaking, "What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound?" The answer is, "God forbid." God definitely forbids us to indulge in the lusts of the flesh, for Peter wrote plainly, "Abstain from fleshly lusts that war against the soul."

Where God speaks about being temperate in things, he has reference to those things that he allows and that are needful for us to do in order to exist; such as eating, drinking of water, sleeping, marriage relationship, and also in working, for he does not want us to injure and over-tax the body which belongs to Him. All unnecessary and injuring habits, such as, liquor drinking, tobacco using, and some lesser habits with poison effects should be stopped altogether if we are to retain the divine love of God in the heart.

Some people try to justify themselves in using tobacco, saying the Bible says it is not the thing that goes in the man that defiles him but that which comes out. It is true that proper food going into the body does not defile him, but when one gives way to some poison that is not food and takes it into the body, it will defile him for we are forbidden by the Word to sow to the fleshly lusts, with the warning that we will reap corruption.

Tobacco poisons the body that the Lord should be living in. There is nothing that is more poisoning to the body as it defiles the mouth and gets into the flesh and oozes out through the pores of the skin. I am told that a cannibal will not eat a man addicted to the tobacco habit. To behold, as we do today, young women with poison and dirty cigarettes in their mouths is repulsive to God-loving men and women, and only show to what depths of degradation the giving way to the lust of the flesh will drag one. Men have set the bad example, defiling themselves with the poison weed and the women have been foolish enough to listen to the lies of Satan, and they have brought and are bringing shame and weakness upon their posterity.

As to the word "tobacco" not being in the Bible, reason is very simple. Tobacco was not used by civilized man in the days of Christ and the apostles. It was introduced to the white man by the Indian

when America was discovered and this evil has made rapid strides to destroy man ever since that time.

If tobacco had been grown and used in the time of Christ and the apostles, no doubt Christ and every one of the sacred writers would have condemned it by naming it out. No doubt Christ would have added tobacco to the sins of the rich man, and the Scripture would have read something like this: There was a certain rich man, which was clothed in purple and fine linen (costly array) and fared sumptuously (overeating and stuffing) every day, giving way to filthy tobacco, and reveling in fleshly lusts.

Paul would have written similar to this: Having therefore these promises, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the poison tobacco weed and other lusts of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.

In Gal. 5:19, likely Paul would have added tobacco to the list when he named the works of the flesh, making it read: Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness such as tobacco using, and all lasciviousness.

James likely would have used the word "tobacco" in 1:21, making it read: Wherefore lay apart all filthiness of tobacco using and other superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls. But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own souls.

—Fred Pruitt

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## The Sacrifice That Pleases God

"Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ" 1 Pet. 2:5.

Since the days of Cain and Abel, men have been offering sacrifices to God, and as it was then, so it has been ever since; man's sacrifices that outwardly appear good are never accepted by God at all. "The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise." This is the material that God uses to build his spiritual house, a place for offering "spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ." "Do good in thy good pleasure unto Zion: build thou the walls of Jerusalem. THEN shalt thou be pleased with the sacrifices of righteousness." Psalms 51:17-19. His first call to us is, "Son, give me thine heart." Then He will be pleased with the "sacrifices of righteousness." They must proceed from the "new heart" and the "new spirit" which He gives to those who humble themselves in repentance before him.

Are we, who are God's people, as earthen vessels anointed for God's use and service? In the sanctuary under the old covenant, every vessel set apart for use in the service of God was anointed first with the holy anointing oil. (Ex. 30:25-30). The sacrifice we offer is, first of all, our own selves. We read of the early saints in their alms-giving that they "first gave their own selves unto the Lord." 2 Cor. 8:5. "I beseech you therefore brethren by the mercies of God,

that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service" Romans 12:1.

The sacrifices of righteousness are the fruits of a sanctified life. Is this holy anointing upon us and upon every sacrifice we bring in our service to God? Is it truly offered and accepted of him in the name of the Lord? God's word gives us some tests that will enable us to examine ourselves. Are we with good will doing service as to the Lord, and not unto men? "Not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loveth a cheerful giver"—whether what is given be time, money, or service. Is it given in meekness, kindness, in all the fruits of charity and love? "Though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not charity, it profiteth me nothing." 1 Cor. 13:3. Is the Spirit of the Lord leading us in our service, and are we waiting upon him and yielding ourselves to his working? If we are waiting upon the Lord and moving as he moves, the hand of the Lord will rest upon us, enabling us and giving us grace to fulfil in his name, acceptably, the work he gives us to do. How much it means to be so yielded to God and to live so close to him that every thing we offer in God's service may be accepted, owned, and blessed of him. It is possible, and how easy it is if we are not watchful, to be very busy in the Lord's service and yet be lacking in the spirit and anointing, leaving only a beautiful appearing form.

In the book of Malachi we read of sacrifices offered by the Israelites that were not accepted, and the reasons why. The same principles are working in sacrifices that are being offered today without grace and anointing from above. One offered a defiled sacrifice; the bread of the offering was polluted. The offering of an unholy sacrifice to him is despising the name of the Lord. They looked upon the offering of the Lord as a burden, they were weary of it, and brought as an offering things that were mostly unfit for their own use. God said, "Neither will I accept an offering at your hand." Mal. 1:10. In the next verse he points ahead to the acceptable sacrifice he has prepared and ordained to be offered by his holy redeemed people. "For from the rising of the sun to the going down of the same, my name shall be great among the Gentiles; and in every place incense shall be offered to my name, and a pure offering: for my name shall be great among the heathen, saith the Lord of hosts." Mal. 1:11. (Continued on Page 10)

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### NOTICE

By mistake the article in the October issue under the title of "The Home" was credited to Ulysses Phillips. It should have been E. V. Phillips.

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### HAMMOND, LA. ASSEMBLY MEETING

The Hammond, Louisiana general assembly meeting of the church of God will begin November 25 and continue until December 4, Lord willing. The meeting will be run on the free-will offering plan, as usual. We invite all the saints and those interested in the truth to come and be with us.

For further information, write Ray Key, Box 370, Hammond, La.

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### CAMPMEETING REPORT

Dover, Okla.—To the saints of God scattered abroad, Greetings. I am still saved by the grace of God through Jesus Christ, our blessed Redeemer. The campmeeting that was held at this place is now numbered with the events of the past, but we trust the effects and influence of it will continue on and on.

The spirit of the Lord was present to give the anointing for his word, which was a source of encouragement and inspiration to the saints and a warning to the unsaved. In spite of the rain and stormy weather, the services were held on schedule time and the anointing of God was manifest.

Several souls came seeking salvation and healing during the meeting, and the Lord blessed in a wonderful way.

Jesus said, "Be ye also ready." It means much to keep in the narrow way. May God bless each one in our prayer.

Ulysses Phillips.

## Editorials

In the fifth chapter of Ephesians we are told, "Be ye therefore followers of God as dear children. And walk in love as Christ also hath loved us." The apostle then goes on and names over a large list of evil and sinful things that some seemed to have been doing. He names over filthiness, foolish talking, and jesting, and says in verse 5: "For this ye know that no whoremonger, nor unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, hath any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God," then he adds, "Be not ye partakers with them." Verse 11: "And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them."

When evil is reproved and exposed in the Spirit of Christ, it is as light shining from heaven to men. When those that are in the church apostatize and begin to manifest fleshly and carnal deeds, defiling themselves and giving out a bad example for others, the Spirit of the Lord will no doubt move upon the elders of the church to put them away from the innocent.

Paul gives us some advice on this line in the fifth chapter of 1 Corinthians where he names over some things that one had been doing which were evil, defiling and corrupting. Verse 4, "In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, when ye are gathered together, and my spirit, with the power of the Lord Jesus Christ, to deliver such a one unto Satan for the destruction of the flesh, that the spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus."

We find that Satan is working about the same way in the various congregations of saints as he did in the early church and it becomes necessary when evil works become ripe for removal and God's Spirit is working in his faithful elders to remove some from among the saints, turning them over to Satan for the destruction of fleshly ways that they may humble down, repent, and confess so the soul or spirit will be saved. Paul warned the elders of the church of his departure, telling them, "For I know this, that after my departure shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock. Also, of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them."

In late years it has been necessary for the church to do some cleaning out of those who have gone wrong, and the saints have observed that nearly always, those set aside by the Spirit of the Lord get together, sympathize with one another, and have fellowship, which thing is double proof that the soul has gone wrong. A puffed-up carnal-minded minister in a congregation, picking and finding fault with this and that can cause much grief and hinder souls from getting saved and others from keeping saved, and Satan loves to have it that way.

So long as time lasts, Satan will be loose and will cause the saints trouble. There will always be weak saints whom Satan will impose upon and some ministers will be apostatizing and in that way cause trouble. It seems that some never learn what the apostle meant when he exhorted us to bear and for-

bear and to bear the fruits of the Spirit by long-suffering and to forgive even as Christ has forgiven us. They seem to hold a rigid attitude and thereby trouble themselves and others. My brethren, these things ought not so to be.

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In spite of all the opposition our government is putting out against atheistic Communism, this deadly foe seems to be growing and taking deeper root in this country. I have recently ordered a book sent out free by the Committee on Un-American Activities, U. S. House of Representatives, Washington, D. C., entitled, "100 Things You Should Know About Communism and Religion." I shall here give our readers a few quotations from this book which is a product of careful investigation.

"You cannot be a Communist and believe in God. You cannot believe in God and have a peaceable life under Communism."

"Would the Communists destroy the Bible?" Ans: "Every copy they could find. And they would jail any body trying to print new copies."

"Here is the rule laid down by Nikolai Lenin, leader of the Communist revolution in Russia in 1917 and founder of the Red government now headed by Joseph Stalin: Down with religion! Long live atheism! The spread of atheist views is our chief task!"

"What could a pastor do? In the pulpit, he could lead the congregation in acts of faith and deliver sermons, with the Communists checking on every word. Out of the pulpit, he would be an official target for abuse, ridicule, and scorn, under constant suspicion, and in danger of his life."

The Communists also teach, "There is no need to fear God because he does not exist."

"Are the Communists satisfied with the damage accomplished so far? No. They will never accept as final anything less than the complete end of religion. They have pretended to tolerate religion on a few occasions when it served their purposes."

"Since the end of World War No. 2, the Russian government has renewed open war against religion in all forms, although in some countries Communists pretend to tolerate it to serve their propaganda purposes. It has seized church and synagogue property and killed church leaders wherever and whenever Communism has gained control. If there is any doubt in your mind as to the vicious and blasphemous propaganda Communists are using against religion, then go to your public library and read a typical example of it entitled, "Goodbye Christ" by Langston Hughes.

"There is nearly twice the percent of Communists in this country now than there was in Russia when it was overthrown by the Communists."

This pamphlet says William Z. Foster of New York City has the title of "Chairman of the Communist party of the United States," but "Foster is actually just a figurehead under control of foreign operatives unseen by and unknown to rank and file Communists."

Any of our readers who want to get more authority and knowledge on the evil of Communism, write to the address at Washington, D. C., given at the beginning of this editorial. Just tell them that you wish

the book entitled "100 Things You Should Know About Communism." It is free for the asking. What I have copied is a very small part of what the book contains. This book has 128 pages.

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## The New Song Book Proposition

Since our last report concerning the new song book in the October issue of "Faith and Victory" paper, up to date (Oct. 17) there has been nearly \$500 more sent in to help get the plates made and the books printed. Some of this money was donations, some was for plates and books and some was sent by congregations for books after they were printed. One brother from Missouri sent in a hundred dollars as a loan. When loans are sent in, we put the name and amount of loan on our record book and send the party making the loan a receipt for the same, showing the amount loaned and for what purpose, and that the said loan is to be paid back without interest as the song books are sold. We are praying that God will move on more of the saints to send loans or donations so there will be no stoppage in getting the books printed. We have received plates from the company and thirty-two pages of the song book are printed. The rest of the book will be printed just as fast as the company gets the plates ready and to us. A company in Shreveport, La. is doing the plate making. There will be a need of at least \$2000.00 more to complete the two thousand books that are being printed and made up. Congregations who have not sent in money for books should find out how many books they will need and send in their order now with the money for same so the money can be used in getting the books printed. The books will sell at \$1.50 each. These books will be well made and cloth bound. We shall be looking to the Lord to move on his children to send in donations, orders for books, and loans to complete the printing job. We shall go right on with the printing of the books with our faith in God alone to see all the books finished up in good shape, ready to send out to those who have ordered and those that will order. Please be agreed in prayer with us that we can and will be workers together with God until all is finished.

It was quite a joy to our souls to see those good inspired songs rolling off the press. It will be far better when they are in book form ready to be used in making melody in our hearts to the Lord.

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## Obituaries

A. H. Bailey, born November 15, 1884, passed from this life September 22, 1949, aged 64 years, 10 months and 7 days. He leaves his wife, two sons, four daughters, eleven grandchildren, his mother, and many other relatives and friends to mourn their loss, which we feel is his eternal gain.

He first got saved over 20 years ago in a tent meeting held near his home when all the family accepted the truth, but years later moved away and got away from the Lord, but after his return near us here at Hammond a few years ago, he renewed his covenant with the Lord. A few days before his death I asked him if there was

anything between him and the Lord and he said, not a thing, that he was ready.

Death came a week after he was stricken with paralysis, and his remains were laid to rest in the saints' cemetery at Oak Grove, a few miles out of Loranger, Louisiana. Texts used were Heb. 9:27, Eccl. 12:5, Rev. 14:13, 1 Cor. 15:13-26, 50-58.

—Kathrine Key.

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James Wesley Smith, the son of Richard and Mary Smith was born December 18, 1905 at New Boston, Texas and passed away at his home in Bakersfield, California September 8, at the age of 43 years 8 months and 21 days.

In 1911 he, with his parents moved to Castle, Okla. and resided there until April, 1943 when he moved to California.

In 1941 he heard and accepted the gospel of the church of God and was a member of the Bakersfield congregation for the past five years. He was a faithful brother and one that could be depended upon. He was always ready and willing to lend a helping hand to anyone sick or in need in any way. He took special interest in the young people here, who will miss his presence in their meetings very much.

He leaves to mourn his passing one brother, Richard, of Madera, Calif.; and two sisters, Willie Syas, of Bakersfield, and Madie Turner, of Annona, Texas. His parents, one brother, and one sister preceded him in death.

He will be greatly missed by the many saints and friends, but we believe that we can truly say that our loss is heaven's gain.

Funeral services were conducted in the saints' chapel by Bro. I. C. Chandler, assisted by Bro. T. T. Holden and Bro. Z. E. Francisco. His text was Rev. 14:13, Luke 16:19-24, and Matt. 25:31-41.

He was laid to rest in the Union Cemetery in Bakersfield.

Hazel Blackwell.

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Mary Jane Skates was born April 16, 1877 in Shreveport, Louisiana and passed from this life September 21, 1949 at her home in Los Angeles.

She was a faithful saint of God, a member of the Los Angeles congregation. She did missionary work in various states and also much Christian work in prison wards, helping the unsaved to see the light of God.

She leaves to mourn their loss a faithful husband, Jerry Skates, two sisters, neices and nephews, and a host of other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were conducted by Bro. I. C. Chandler. Text: Luke 16: 19-25. Burial was in Lincoln Memorial Cemetery.

Sister Ada James, of Louin, Miss, departed this life September 28, 1949, at the age of 68 years, 9 months, and 28 days. She leaves to mourn their loss four sons, Luther of Mobile, Ala.; Lenard of Ellisville, Miss.; Bob of Louin, Miss.; and Roy of Jackson, Miss. Her husband preceded her in death.

About the year 1924 she stepped out into the Evening Light Reformation and lived a sweet Christian life. She had no fear of death, but said all was well. Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord. The memory of her influence and inspiration will follow on and be a help and encouragement to her family and all who knew her. We who are left behind will treasure the years she spent with us.

The remains were laid to rest by her husband in the Antioch Cemetery.

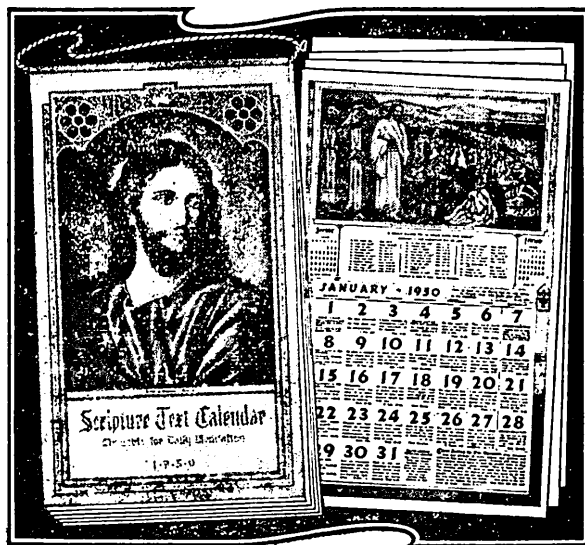
## PRAYER REQUEST

Ind.—Dear Bro. Pruitt,—I am writing asking an agreement in prayer and fasting for the healing of the cancer on my face on November 5th and 6th. Pray in my behalf that the Lord may be glorified in the faithfulness of his saints and that the church be encouraged and made stronger, as a shining light in this world.

Yours in His service,

Geo. M. Martin.

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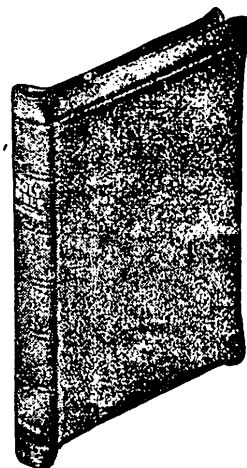
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## CORRESPONDENCE

Iowa.—Dear friends in Jesus,—I am happy today because I know that Jesus is my personal Saviour, who has freed me from the bondage of sin, as we read in St. John 8:36, "If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed." I appreciate this freedom, and the peace that it brings to my heart. Although Jesus says "In the world ye shall have tribulation," he also says "Be of good cheer, I have overcome the world." We can be happy because the Great King is our Father and He will look after us and give us victory over Satan and his temptations.

In James 4:7, we are told "Submit yourselves therefore to God, resist the devil and he will flee from you." The Lord can win the battles for us. We must not take credit for the victory, but give the praise to God, where it belongs.

I am glad that I can take life's problems to him, for I have found him a very precious help in time of trouble. I want to thank the Lord for health and strength to live each day for him.

May God richly bless each one of you, dear saints, and I ask you to remember me in prayer, that God will keep me humble and submissive to his will.

Yours for the Master, Mrs. Harvey Sorensen.

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Penn.—Dear saints scattered abroad, greetings,—Praise God for his wonderful Son, Jesus Christ, who saves from all sin. I want to thank God for his way of salvation. I thank him for how he showed me the way. There is but one way and that is the Bible way. The Bible tells us there is one Lord, one faith, one baptism. Today we find so many different faiths in the world; some one thing and some another, but the word of God tells there is only one way. You hear so many people talking about their religion, but I'm glad that I have the Lord's religion. People's religion won't do us any good, it takes the Lord's religion to get to heaven. Nothing else will stand in the day of judgment.

I am glad and thankful to God for showing me His way. There was a dear saint who lived near me who first brought this truth to me. Sister Suggs has gone on to her reward now. I was afflicted in my body and called on her to do some work for me. One day while she was talking to me, she said, "There is but one church." I asked her what she meant by just one church, and she began to explain it to me as I listened with interest. She began to point out to me different things in the Bible, and tell me how we should live. I thought to myself that I was going to look in the Bible and see if it were there, I didn't want to take her word for it. I wanted to look in God's word and see what he had to say about it, so I did. She told me where to find all she had told me, so I began to search the word of God and found everything she had told me was in the Bible. I saw that it was the word of God, so I believed it. I asked God to forgive me of my sins which he did, and I am now in God's way and the only way.

She then told me how God could heal my body, and told me God is no respecter of persons. What he did for her, he would do for me, so I began to put my trust in Him, and have been trusting Him for my healing for almost five years without any medicine of any kind. I am much better in health than I was then, and I am still trusting him to heal me completely. He has healed me of other things and he is able to heal the worst afflictions and diseases if we will but trust him.

I am glad for God's way. It is the only life to live and be happy. I realize we have to suffer many things as we go through the Christian life, but the Bible tells us Jesus learned obedience from the things he suffered. We will have to suffer with him if we expect to reign with him.

I am glad God has saved and sanctified me for his service. I do desire to do God's will at all times and be all in this life he wants me to be, so I ask you dear saints for your prayers that I will be faithful unto the end.

A sister in Christ, Avis Tinsley.

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Ind.—Dear brothers and sisters in our dear Lord,—Greetings in our Saviour's name. It has been some time since I sent in my testimony. I feel it would be pleasing to the dear Lord for me to write. I am still saved from sin and all the ways of the world. My whole heart's desire is to mind and obey all His commandments, for we read in Eccl. 12:13, "Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the whole duty of man." Often in these modern times, when worldliness of dress is preached against, some one will say, "You have to be careful now, you'll hurt their feelings, or offend them." I had much rather hear the truth as God intends his minister to preach it, than for them to be timid and fail to declare the whole counsel of God. We read in Isaiah 58:1, "Cry aloud, spare not, lift up thy voice like a trumpet and show my people their transgressions and the house of Jacob their sins." I love the saints and they look good to me, let them be ever so common looking, for they are some one to count on in time of need. Praise our God.

I need your prayers. I have something wrong with my back. I know the dear Lord is able to heal, so he agreed in prayer for me that I will be healed, and can understand how to be more like Jesus. May the Lord bless you all.

Stella Lee.

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Mich.—Dear saints scattered abroad,—Greetings of love in Jesus' dear name. I thank the Lord today for victory over sin. My heart is filled with thanksgiving for the many, many blessings that God bestows on us.

I am so thankful first of all that he counted me worthy to save and sanctify. Then I thank him for bearing with me all the years since I've been saved. When I look back and see how many things I've learned since I first got saved, and see how my life now differs from what it used to be, it makes me realize what a mighty God we serve.

If we can have the love and mercy in our hearts that God has for us, we will make much progress in our souls.

A thought came to me today which I feel would be profitable to pass on. I was thinking of a neighbor and dear sister who lives near us and she is completely deaf. I was thinking, just suppose she could hear and we didn't know it—would we be willing for her to hear our conversation, or would we dare to talk about her, thinking she couldn't hear us? God forbid. God hears all our conversation and even knows our thoughts. We need to practice talking so we need never be ashamed.

Sometimes it is necessary to talk over grievous matters which concern persons, but let us talk so that God's approval will be on what we say, and be willing to confront the parties concerned in the same manner in which we discuss them.

Because this letter will reach several saints of my acquaintance, I want to say that I think of you often



and my love goes out to all the true saints of God. These are perilous times and God is sifting out his people. The devil is going about seeking whom he may devour and deceive. He is crafty, tricky, and sly. I say, saints, open your eyes! Watch, try the spirits, and most of all, get your eyes off false teachers and keep them on Jesus, the only safe one to follow.

This is a pressing way and I want to say I am pressing on. I am happy in my soul.

I want to testify to God's wonderful healing power in our family before I close. My daughter, eleven years old, got sores on her face from somewhere. She was a pitiful sight to look at. It made me think of leprosy. When she broke out on her body. We asked the Lord to heal her and several of the saints were praying for her, but she continued to get worse. We trusted the Lord, and the neighbors were beginning to think we were pretty awful. On Labor Day, I felt led to fast and pray. I was made fun of for this too, by relatives. The Lord healed her that day. We could almost see those sores dry up. We thank the Lord for it and count it a miracle.

Later, my son, age 7, got it, then the baby, my husband, and myself. The Lord wonderfully healed the boy and the baby. Husband and I are not completely healed yet but we have full confidence in God.

The Lord healed our baby of a very bad cough that had lasted several weeks. He healed us of the flu and many other things just recently. He always heals us and has healed our diseases for six or seven years now, ever since we have been trusting him. We count it a privilege to trust him.

I want to say also that I appreciate the children's papers more than I can say. We older ones get good from them too. I intend to use them for Sunday School work here in my home. I appreciate the encouraging letters from the saints. Pray for us.

Your sister in Christ, Margaret Brant.

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Mo.—Dear saints and readers of the Faith and Victory,—Greetings. I am glad that I can still report victory in my soul. I am happy and contented serving our most precious Saviour, and by his help I mean to make heaven my home.

The Lord has been so good to us the past few months. He has directed several of the saints by our place for short visits. He made it possible for us to attend an ordinance service at Shook, Mo., and revivals at Senath and Myrtle, Mo. this summer although I did not get to attend the Monark Springs campmeeting this year.

The Lord has been good to me in my body too. Last June I got a bug in my ear. A neighbor tried to remove it, but it had gone too far into my head. In a short while the Lord stopped the pain and about three months later He removed the bug. I did not have any trouble or pain with my ear after the Lord first stopped the pain a few minutes after the bug got into my ear. Some of the neighbors said they did not see what kept me from having an abscess of the head.

About three weeks ago my daughter became ill with chills. I called the saints from Myrtle, Mo. and she was anointed, prayed for, and the Lord healed her. He also healed a large ringworm on my arm at the same time.

During the revival at Myrtle, Bro. and Sis. D. A. Gibson and children stopped by to see me. I was just finishing washing when they came, so I tried to mop the kitchen in a hurry. The floor was already wet from washing. I slipped and fell, striking my back severely on the floor.

Sister Gibson helped me up. The next week I could hardly move and I had a bruised place the size of a plate on my back. One morning Bro. and Sister Egbert Allen came by and prayed for me. I was lying down when they came. Around noon I began to feel better so I began doing some housework. At that time we were carrying our water about one-half mile. I had forgotten all about my back. (The Lord had a reason.) So taking two buckets and Mavis Ann, I started to the spring, and was nearly home when the Lord brought to my memory that he had healed me so I could carry two buckets instead of just one. I would not have tried to carry two buckets if I had not forgotten about my back, so the Lord caused me to forget until He showed me what He had done for me.

I am so thankful I know how to trust the Lord. He will not leave or forsake those who trust him. He will not do more for one than he will for another. But first, we must believe, and then put our faith to work. "Faith without works is dead."

I do earnestly ask the prayers of God's trusting children that I may do his will. It seems the Lord would have me make a change. It's all in His hands where he would have me go and when. I am His servant. Alice Campbell.

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Mo.—Dear saints at the printing office,—Greetings in our dear Saviour's name. I am encouraged to press on and live for God. I don't know whether I wrote you or not after Norman broke his leg the last time. It was about six weeks ago when I called down there for prayer. The next night after he broke his leg it seemed as though he had never suffered so badly in his life. He thought he couldn't stand for me to leave him long enough to call you, although he wanted me to call. By the time I got the call through, he was asleep. I do thank the saints for their prayers and I thank the Lord for answering prayer. He is walking on his leg some. We would like to send him back to school next week as he wants to go so bad, so please remember him, that the Lord will give him more strength in his whole body.

Your sister in Christ, Helen Allen.

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Ind.—To all the dear saints,—Greetings in the precious name of Jesus. My old heart is full of love to God our Father and to his precious Son Jesus, our redeemer. I find his words true. I will soon be 91 years old, and God has never failed me though I have failed him many times and felt the chastening rod of my heavenly Father, how it brought repentance to my wayward life, until at last I just melted down in perfect submission to his will. I find it so restful I never want to stray away any more. I lie down at night when all is still and commune with my Jesus. He whispers such loving things to me, then I write them down so I will not forget them. I am sending one of them to the paper so all my beloved brothers and sisters and all sinners who read it will get the benefit of the plea of Jesus for their souls.

My work on earth will soon be finished. My Father has heard my plea for a chance to redeem the time I lost in vain pleasures of earth. He is letting me work overtime. Ah, is He not most gracious? Pray that I lose no more time and that I do my work well for the glory of God and for my beloved redeemer, Jesus, my Lord, and to the encouragement of my beloved in the Lord, all his saints. Mother Rebecca Basicker.



# Young People's Section

## Acquiescence

I am not like other folks—  
Why thy struggles, thou soul of mine?  
Wondering why, with down-cast head,  
I cannot speak such wisdom divine?

I am not of learned years—  
Oh, why thy sighs and fears and woes?  
Misunderstood? discouraged?  
Has not the Father told us he knows?

Cast thy burdens on the Lord.  
Canst thou not trust and not be shaken?  
Oh, yes, I can, I will, I must!  
Myself, my all to Him is taken.

—Jessie Taylor

## —oO— Winning Souls for Christ

Prov. 11:30, "The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life; and he that winneth souls is wise." Matt. 5:14, "Ye are the light of the world." "Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in heaven." I have been thinking on the subject of what it really means to win souls for Christ and if we are burdened to the extent that we should be in this matter. We have prayed many times for our loved ones and others who are lost, but is this as far as we can go? Is it true that we weep and pray for others to be saved at any cost when we ourselves are not willing to pay the price for their salvation. The cost may be the giving up of self in our own lives, until we can be a godly example and an attraction to the sinner of a better life than the one which he is living. Do not forget, your life is being watched even while you are going through the furnace, and the influence of your life upon someone else may mark the destiny of that one.

If we could only realize what an influence we have upon others, even in the smallest details of life, it would stir us for a closer walk with God. Someone is retracing our footsteps and the fruit we are bearing will either be as a tree of life to him or eternal destruction. Let us examine ourselves and see what kind of fruit we are putting on display before the lost world. Is it a beautiful attraction to the sinners who are feeding on the husks of this old world, or can he look upon your life and say you have nothing better to offer him? This not only includes attending meeting every Sunday with a Bible under our arm, but also what kind of fruit are we bearing in our every day life as the trials assail us in our home? Even the sinner can act nice when everything is going well, but he is watching your life as you go through the pressure. If you still have victory when everything seems to go wrong, he concludes you have something better than he has. Then when the Lord bur-

dens us to speak to that one about his soul, our words will have a weight because he has seen Christ manifested in our lives while we were going through the trying scenes of life.

I feel that parents also have a great responsibility upon them in winning their children to Christ. Our children are closely connected with our every day lives and they can read even the expression upon our faces as something comes along to try us. As they come to the age of accountability, they will compare our lives to theirs and make a decision. If we really live like God's Word tells us and use wisdom in rearing our children, the Word tells us they will not depart from it. The Lord will be pleased to answer our prayers in their behalf when we have lived in such a way as to win them to Christ.

Through much prayer and devotion to God we can attain wisdom in winning souls. The responsibility falls back upon our lives. Let us take courage and when we pray for souls let us include ourselves and examine our hearts and see if we are willing to pay the price for their salvation. Matt. 5:13, "Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted; it is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out and to be trodden under foot of men." —Mrs. Merrill Williamson.

Mo.—Dear Young People, Greetings in the name of our dear loving Saviour. I am truly glad I can say I am still saved and have a determination to live for Him, and with his help, do all he would have me to do.

I have found since my coming to the Lord that the world holds no charm for God's people. Jesus says, "They are not of the world even as I am not of the world." St. John 17:16. Nothing of this world can bring the peace and sweetness that Jesus brought into my heart.

The Lord has been so good to me in many different ways. He has healed me many times, for which I thank and praise his name. Just recently I was sick with fever and a chill, probably malaria, and at the same time I was very discouraged. The Lord came to my rescue and sent Bro. Murphy Allen, who lives about 200 miles from here, and two of the sisters from Senath and they talked with me and told me how the devil tries to discourage us. Then we had prayer and I felt so much better, then before they left they anointed and prayed for me. The next day I was well! and the next day I picked cotton.

I know that to be worthy of all his goodness, I must live for him and do all I can for him. I ask to be remembered in your prayers, that I may live just as God wants me to. A sister in Christ, Mary H. Miller.

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Okla.—Dear Young People,—Greetings in Jesus' dear name. Today I am still saved and encouraged to press on for the Lord. Truly I can say I've found my heart's desire in him. The way gets sweeter and brighter each day and I would not exchange it for anything.

I am truly thankful for God's precious love to me. When I think of how much love he had in that he gave his only begotten Son to die on the cross for us, I know that in order to prove my love to him, I must live the life. I mean by his grace and help to be a living wit-

ness and a shining light for him. I don't want to be as the unfruitful fig tree was. The master came again and again and found no fruit thereon. Then he asked the question, "Why cumbereth it the ground?" I found the word, cumbereth to mean, burden. Dear ones, I don't want to be just an unfruitful burden but I want to bear the fruits of the Spirit in my life. I desire your prayers that I'll prove faithful to the Lord and that I'll keep in the strait and narrow way. This way is none too strait or too narrow for me because I know that the end of the way is Eternal Life. Praise his name. Matthew 7:13-14 says, "Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leadeth to destruction, and many there be that go in thereat: because strait is the gate and narrow is the way which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it." There are no crooks and turns in this way. Pray for me. Your sister in Christ, Frances Adams.

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Oklahoma.—Dear Young People scattered abroad:—Truly it is with a grateful heart that I am privileged to write a few lines that might encourage and lift up those that are near and dear to me. This evening finds me encouraged to live for the Lord. I see nothing in this world to turn back to, my heart is fixed on Jesus, the Author and Finisher of our faith. Those words just written mean a lot when they are from the heart. So many today are giving eye and lip service and their hearts are so far from it that I want to weigh the things I say. I can truly say from way down deep in my soul that salvation is the sweetest thing that life can afford. I'm sure that words and deeds will never be able to tell of its value to the human soul.

Since I last wrote through the "Faith and Victory," I have come over many stepping stones to greater heights and deeper depths in the Lord. As I picked up a "Faith and Victory" paper not too long ago it happened to be an old one which contained my last testimony and as I reread it, I noticed that I had requested prayer for both my dear mother and brother who since then have gone on to glory; and through their afflictions and deaths I have learned many precious lessons. But oh, how thankful I was then and I am yet that I had found the Saviour, and my last promise to them was that I would meet them on yonder blissful shore. No more was the guilt of sin written on my face and I was clear in my promise. It is true they have finished and I am still fighting, but I want to fight a good fight of faith and lay hold on that eternal prize. I want to serve God most of all because I love him with all my heart. I've often wondered what it will be like when we meet Him.

The Lord has been blessing me with a spiritual growth. I've often thought as I beheld others, that I was growing so slow, but I'm moving so by God's grace and help I will be what he wants me to be. I'm often made to think of the verse of a song which reads, "My moments as angels appear, all gliding so gently along, each dropping a blessing so rare." It is true enough that each moment has thousands of blessings that we never recognize, but there are those we do see and they are rare.

As I meditate upon the goodness of the Lord while I may be very busy working away at the office, I find myself wrapped up in communing with my Saviour and my soul fills with joys untold. Oh, for more of the joys of salvation. Often when we are laughed at and buffeted about, accounted as foolish in our life for Christ, my heart is made to rejoice that I am counted worthy to be a partaker in the sufferings for Christ's sake. He

suffered more for us than we can suffer for him.

I have been richly blessed this year in making new acquaintances as I was privileged to be at the Hammond, Louisiana campmeeting the last week-end and met a fine group of young people there zealous for the Lord and still digging deeper in the things of God; then I attended both week-ends at Monark Springs, Missouri where the Lord blessed in one of the most wonderful series of meetings with a large group of young people. We are looking for even greater blessings in the future. From there I attended the week-ends at the Guthrie campmeeting. There too, the Lord blessed abundantly. We are much encouraged in the Lord's work and want to be profitable servants.

A car load of us attended the California campmeeting and found the Lord working there in divers ways, giving us manna from heaven to feed our souls. We are looking to the Lord very much in saving others and making qualified workers in his vineyard, as the harvest is so great and so few are the laborers.

To all I have met this summer, I wish to say you have been a great inspiration to me in that I found you digging down to deeper depths in the Lord even as I myself. I desire an interest in your prayers and I am counting on you to run the race with me and fight this great warfare for the Master to the finish.

To you young people who do not have the privilege to be in service as others, our hearts are burdened for you that God will bless you abundantly with the richest graces of God. We trust his love will overshadow you at all times. Stay true to the Lord and he will bless you and you can rejoice in the victory. The Lord is faithful to his promise in that he will never leave you or forsake you.

Pray much for me that I will be a faithful servant and a good example in godliness.

Yours for the Gospel,

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#### SACRIFICES THAT PLEASE GOD

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Let us be very watchful lest something of self, our own works and ways, defile our pure offerings to the Lord. Have we ever given anything in means or service because we were embarrassed not to, just because others expected it of us? Let us cry for the Lord to search us; let us yield ourselves to his purging process to work with us to expose and remove the dross as he only knows how. "He is like a refiner's fire and like fuller's sope: and he shall sit as a refiner and purifier of silver: and he shall purify the sons of Levi and purge them as gold, and silver, that they may offer unto the Lord an offering in righteousness. Then shall the offering of Judah and Jerusalem be pleasant unto the Lord as in the days of old, and as in former years" Mal. 3:4. Then as in the verse following (Mal. 3:5) the presence of the Lord will so rest upon us that sinners will be swiftly convicted by his Spirit dwelling in and working thru his people, of their ungodliness and wicked ways.

With this heavenly anointing of the Spirit of God, there will be a Spirit of meekness and humility in all we do. There will be no contention or strife in our service. In the 9th chapter of Mark some contention on the part of the disciples is recorded. Our Lord gave them a lesson in humility, charity, and con-

sideration for one another. He teaches how precious in his sight is each of the little ones who believes in him; how not the slightest service rendered in his name to one of these is overlooked by him. He warns of the great danger and seriousness of giving offense and of causing one of these little ones to stumble, and he concludes with these words, "For every one shall be salted with fire and every sacrifice shall be salted with salt. Salt is good, but if the salt have lost its saltiness, wherewith will ye season it? Have salt in yourselves, and have peace one with another." Every sacrifice we offer in our Christian service must be salted with the fire of the Holy Spirit to be accepted of the Lord. "That the offering up of the Gentiles might be acceptable, being sanctified by the Holy Ghost." Rom. 15:16.

God has called us as his holy people, anointed of the Lord, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to him. He has called us to give our service freely and gladly. Does his call find us ready and prepared for every good work? "A vessel unto honor, sanctified, and meet for the Master's use, and prepared unto every good work." 2 Tim. 2:21. Many great sacrifices of the nature of Cain's, unacceptable, are being offered in the religious world around us. Are we as zealous as we should be to offer to God abundantly and joyfully, his own pure offering? A great zeal and love for God's service will teach us many things we can do that others may never see, or which they may consider to be impossible to do. Loving sacrifice will find a way. The offering God has called us to give is an offering of sacrifice, a glad and willing, and oftentimes a deep sacrifice.

Have we ever heard the remark that the saints are not able, that they are too poor, that they have not time enough, nor sufficient money to do some of these things, and to fulfil the service our Lord has left for his people to do? First, without sacrifice, and deep sacrifice, we shall never be able. But there is another reason too. It was brought out in a message lately how if we fail to have sufficient time to do the things the Lord has for us to do, we are using our time needlessly somewhere. The same is true of our means and strength and attention. "When thou makest a dinner or supper, call not thy friends, nor thy brethren, neither thy kinsmen, nor thy rich neighbors; lest they bid thee again, and a recompense be made thee, but when thou makest a feast, call the poor, the maimed, the blind; and thou shalt be blessed, for they cannot recompense thee: for thou shalt be recompensed at the resurrection of the just." Luke 14: 12-15. Now the principle of this teaching covers more than fine dinners only. How much of our giving of gifts and "showers" is a passing back and forth among ourselves, our friends, and our relatives, others more or less as able as ourselves? How far would all this time and money and effort and attention spent in doing the very thing the Lord told us not to do, reach in accomplishing the works the Lord has given us to do, which seem so difficult at times in these days to fulfil according to the Bible pattern? How far would it reach when joined with the fruits of a self-denying life in caring for the poor and needy; in

ministering to the needs of the poor saints, till, as in the early church, there be none among God's true children who lack; in sharing in the work of God-sent ministers, in ministering to their needs? How far could it reach in bringing glory to the Lord thru letting our light shine out afar as the world beholds the love we have for one another and the name of the Lord made known through us in works of goodness and mercy toward all men. "Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your father which is in heaven." Matt. 5:16.

How much more could be accomplished in God's service if we all sacrificed much, in our manner of eating, in our dressing, in our homes, and in the way we furnish them, in many other things, perhaps small things, which we would see to be unnecessary if we were looking only to God's glory. The Lord is as particular about our pennies and dimes as he is about our dollars, as particular about how we spend our minutes as he is about how we spend our hours and days. We speak of the duty of all, but this is an individual and a personal matter, regardless of what others do.

To have time and means to carry on the work of the Lord, to labor for Him, we must sacrifice deeply. It will take a whole-hearted service. If we are failing and coming short, we are dividing our attention somewhere; self is getting in a little; we will find it impossible to fulfil all the Lord has committed to us.

Here is a suggestion: How many of our aged sisters, or those who are elderly, think there is little they can do any more in the Lord's service? A great deal of their time is spent in making quilts or other articles, usually for friends and relatives. What an opportunity to follow the example of Dorcas and do these things for the Lord, in his name, that the sunset of life also may be "rich in good works" to the glory of the Lord. There are still needy ones whom these laborers could bless. There are needy ministers and their families who are denying themselves for the gospel's sake, whose comforts and needs the Lord could use you to help supply. There are overburdened mothers whose burdens you could help to bear with the labor of your hands. If none of these needs come under your observation, others can help you locate them.

We are considering the sacrifices of righteousness which please God. How about our speech? Are our words, the fruit of our lips, an acceptable sacrifice, giving praise to him and bringing glory to his name? "Let your speech be ALWAYS with grace, seasoned with salt." Col. 4:6. "That it may minister grace unto the hearers" Eph. 4:29. If we let our zeal run ahead of the Lord, what we say might seem all right, but if it is without grace, if the Lord is not leading, if there is no anointing, it is not accepted in his name. "Whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus" Col. 3:17. "Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer." If we are having trouble with our words, let us see first if the meditations of our heart are accepted of the Lord. For "out of the abundance

of the heart the mouth speaketh." Are we just thinking our own thoughts, or is the Lord directing? Do we "have the mind of Christ?" It is better to wait on the Lord and let our words be few if he doesn't give us much to say. Let us leave no idle words for the devil to pick up and use. He may use them to do untold harm. No wonder Jesus warned us that in the day of judgment we would give account for every idle word. "Keep thy foot when thou goest to the house of God, and be more ready to hear than to give the sacrifice of fools: for they consider not that they do evil. Be not rash with thy mouth and let not thine heart be hasty to utter anything before God" Eccl. 5:1-2.

In conclusion, saints, let us seek God deeply and continually for the abundance of grace we need to glorify God in this dark world. "Let us go forth therefore unto him without the camp, bearing his reproach. For here we have no continuing city, but we seek one to come. By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to his name. But to do good and to communicate forget not: for with such sacrifices God is well pleased." Heb. 13:13-17.

This is written with earnest prayer that God may help me to fully be a partaker in these things, to richly profit by the truth he reveals. He knows the help we each one need, and often opens up the scriptures along that line; first for our own profit, and then to share with others also. —Faith Embly

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### The Real Story Behind the Origin of

## The Book of Mormon

Starting with six members in 1830, the Mormon Church (Latter-day Saints) now has a million adherents, 2500 church organizations, and 5,000 missionaries. It has doubled its membership since 1918. The Presbyterian Banner says, "It is the largest, wealthiest, best located, best organized, most aggressive of all false religions of America."

The Book of Mormon is the bulwark of its faith. Therefore, it is of primary interest to know the origin of the Book of Mormon. Samuel Spalding, an apostate minister, wrote a novel with the purpose of demonstrating the gullibility of the masses—and he succeeded far beyond what he ever lived to know. He wrote it in 1809 and entitled it: "A MANUSCRIPT FOUND." It was written in the ancient style of Scripture.

One of the real founders of Modern Mormonism was Sydney Rigdon, who secured Spalding's "Manuscript Found" from a printing office, plagiarized large sections, rewrote parts, and intended to use it to start a new religion. Then Joseph Smith got control of Rigdon's book, took over his plot, and proclaimed himself the Latter-day priest of God. Joseph Smith's story: an angel named Moroni told him where to unearth some golden plates covered with "mystic symbols." With the plates he also got from the angel "a pair of magic spectacles to decipher the

symbols." (Time, 7-'47). After months of tom-foolery—speaking from behind a blanket, while an assistant took down his words—Joseph produced the 275,000-word document which he called The Book of Mormon. There is an inescapable similarity between Smith's book of Mormon and Spalding's "Manuscript Found."

Who in his right mind could believe that God gave a special revelation to a flighty, unprincipled young man through an angel—and then gave him "a pair of magic spectacles to decipher the symbols"? Mormonism is one of the most palpable farces ever foisted upon gullible people. Mark Twain called it "chloroform in print." Ten witnesses at the time gave affidavit that the contents of the Book of Mormon were the same as read to them by Mr. Spalding from his "Manuscript Found," a tale of Indian lore.

### MORMON TEACHINGS

(The following are excerpts from Mormon literature, which we publish to show their system is contrary to "the doctrine of Christ.")

**The Priesthood.** Men who hold Mormon priesthood possess divine authority to act for God and by having part of God's power, they are in reality part of God. —New Witness for God, P. 187.

The Mormon priesthood holds the power and right to give laws to individuals, churches, rulers, nations and the world, also to appoint, ordain and establish kings, presidents, governors or judges.—Key, P. 70.

The Mormon priesthood is the rule of God, whether in heaven or on earth.—Journal of Discourses.

**God.** Adam is our Father and our God, the only God with whom we have to do.—Journal of discourses, Vol. 1, P. 50.

When our Father came into the garden of Eden, he came with a celestial body and brought Eve, one of his wives, with him.—Journal of Discourses, Vol. 1, P. 50.

God himself was once as we are now, and is an exalted man. You have got to learn how to be Gods yourselves, the same as all other Gods have before you.—Journal of Discourses, Vol. 6, P. 4. Compendium, P. 283..

**The Holy Spirit.** The most refined and subtle of substances (like electricity, etc.).—Key, P. 39.

The Spirit is received only by the laying on of hands of Mormon priests.—Mormon Doctrine, P. 16-17

**Jesus Christ.** The son of Adam-God and Mary. —Journal of Discourses, Vol. 1, P. 50.

Christ's atonement was not sufficient for personal sins, for which men can be redeemed only by obedience to Mormon ceremonies.—Compendium, P. 8-9: All are damned who do not avail themselves of these ceremonies.—Journal of Discourses, Vol. 1, P. 339.

The doctrine of justification by faith in Christ alone is evil.—Articles of Faith, P. 120.

Jesus was not begotten of the Holy Spirit.—Journal of Discourses, Vol. 1, P. 50.

**Bible.** The Bible does not contain all of God's revelation. The Book of Mormon is necessary.—Book of Mormon, II Nephi 29:6-10.

The Book of Mormon, Doctrine and Covenants, Sayings of Joseph, The Seer, are guides in faith and doctrine as much as the Bible.—Compendium, preface.

The Bible is not a sufficient guide and is full of error.—Divine Authority of Book of Mormons, P. 218.

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### **"COME OUT OF HER MY PEOPLE"**

Rev. 18:1-4.

The title immediately suggests that God has a people in sectism that belongs to him, when he says "come out of her, my people." Sectism is corrupt. God calls it Babylon and says "Babylon is fallen." Babylon means confusion. They teach for doctrine the commandments of men and each sect has its own government by committees and votes, not Christ's way (Isa. 9:6). 2nd—"is become the habitation of devils." 3rd—"the hold of every foul spirit" (other spirits come when God leaves). 4th—"a cage of every unclean and hateful bird" (those who are not born again.)

God gives two reasons why his people should come out of places that are not under Christ's rule and government. 1st—"that ye be not partakers of her sins" (Have no fellowship" Eph. 4:11). 2nd—"That ye receive not of her plagues." (God has punishment for sinners, no matter what they pretend to be, and will finally say, "Depart from me." Matt. 7:23).

#### **A Personal Testimony**

In my struggle to get free from sin and the pretensions I was making in calling myself a Christian a year ago, a brother told me I was living too close to the mouth of the old well and was in danger. He said God revealed that to him. I had not realized my real condition and at first began to justify myself, but he would not let me do that, so I finally realized the truth of what he said and humbled myself more before God until he gave me the victory (1 Cor. 15:57). I am glad I came out of all sectism. I do not belong there any more, but I am rejoicing that I belong to Jesus. I belonged to them 35 years, but they did not discern that I had sin in my life. But the brother who told me discerned it immediately and told me just what I needed, because he lives close to God.

So the picture in Rev. 18:1-4 is a picture of what I was in. The command to come out was there all the time and I needed some one to show me and guide me (Acts 8:31). I am praying that God will prepare

so that I may be a help to someone, and by His will show me, as he did Philip, where to go and how to preach unto them Jesus (Acts 8:29-35). Will you please pray for me, that God will have his way in my life?

—Charles H. Weir.

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### **Set Your Affections on Things Above**

"If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Set your affections on things above, not on things on the earth." Col. 3:12.

By reading the inspired Word of God, we find

that we are warned of God through his servants to set our minds and hearts on things above. Spiritual things are what God is exhorting us to seek after, and not to fulfil the lust of the flesh. We are to lay our all on the altar before him and let him use it to his glory, to see the Lamb of God which taketh away the sin of the world. When we look out on the world today, we see men and women, boys and girls reveling on in sin each day of their lives, not realizing that they are traveling on to the judgment bar of God. Surely it makes us call upon God each day for them, but if we are also neglectful to watch unto prayer, I am afraid we shall get ourselves entangled again with the cares of this life. What did they say when Jesus was hanging on the cross? "He saved others, but himself he cannot save." That stands true with us today. If we seek to save ourselves from some things that we could deny ourselves of and give a little more for the gospel's sake, we are not helping to save others as we should.

We think about the time when God told the children of Israel to gather an omer according to every man. The Word says, "He that gathered much had nothing left over, but he that gathered little had no lack." Thank the Lord!

Dear ones, let us take heed to what we do, that we do all to the glory and honor of God. I thank the Lord that he is teaching me to look to him for every thing I need in this life. "For which of you by taking thought can add one cubit to his stature?" If we could only get hold of these precious promises that we have and take him for his word I believe that God would show himself more real through us today. The Word of God tells us that Abraham believed God and it was counted to him for righteousness. Let us go back to Elijah's time. There were some people then that were uncertain about whom they were to serve, and Elijah asked them how long they were to halt between two opinions. He told them that if the Lord be God, serve him, and if Baal, then follow him, and by faith be willing to put God to the test and prove to those people that He was Lord of all. He took God at his word and poured four barrels of water on the ground around the altar and asked God to prove that day that he was God and Elijah was a servant of God. God did not fail him. If we put ourselves out on the promises of God, he will surely make us to sit in heavenly places in Christ Jesus, and our affections and thoughts will all be under captivity to the obedience of Christ. I thank God that he is still with us in these last days, and we are in the world, but not of the world. Let us continue to surrender our hearts and minds to God, and press on to greater victories.

—Clarence D. Hattley

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### **The Greatest Peace**

Before me is a picture which I have studied with interest. A speaker is standing on a box, reading to a throng of people the news of a surrender, which meant worldly peace to a war-torn country. All about are evidences of great rejoicings because at last peace

had come and friends and loved ones were spared and would soon be returning home to relate their experiences on the battlefields. This picture conveys the great values of temporal peace; but let us consider a greater peace.

The Word of God conveys a peace with eternal values, the peace that can be obtained by meeting conditions for full gospel salvation. The hand of the Lord reaches out to one and all, offering the priceless treasures of eternal peace. This is a gift far greater than all this world's treasures; for the values of this peace is far beyond any price when one considers the state of man without it here or hereafter. God's unspeakable love and great concern for sinful mankind prompted Him to make the supreme sacrifice (John 3:16) that has no parallel. Angels in heaven did marvel (1 Peter 1:12). The greatest headline news of all time was the announcement and promise of peace and good will to all mankind by the angels of God at the birth of Christ the Redeemer. "Therefore being justified by faith, we have PEACE with God through Jesus Christ our Lord" (Rom. 5:1).

"The fruits of righteousness [daily godly living] is sown in peace of them that make peace" (Jas. 3:18).

To truly possess Christ in the heart and soul is greater than all worldly honor. Oh, how blessed it is to have Him as our advocate and intercessor, to plead to God for us.

This selfish, hateful age surely needs the love, peace and the Spirit of Christ. Peace is needed in homes and in public—not as the world gives, but as Christ gives. His peace comes not with carnal weapons (2 Cor. 10:4) that destroy human lives and bring untold burdens of grief, misery, and great loss upon the living. What a glorious experience to possess a daily hunger, thirst, and desire to help others to have peace and a conscience void of offense toward God and man. This peace is a priceless heritage, more worthwhile than gold, silver, diamonds, pearls, rubies, and costly array, which all perish with the using.

The guilty, condemned, troubled conscience has no rest and peace until godly sorrow and repentance brings one to Christ, whose blood atones for all guilt and ushers in peace to the soul.

When we consider what the early Christians went through to have peace in Christ, it encourages the servant of the Lord to press on and to be perfectly willing to endure criticism and persecution that makes us a living sacrifice (Rom. 12:1) to have everlasting peace with God. It is worth living and dying for.

John H. Griffith

### — o o — I Am His

Long I wandered in the path of sin,

But through grace those weary days are o'er;  
For I came repenting and Jesus took me in—

I am His forever more.

What a change! my burdens passed away,

Evil cannot tempt me as of yore;

By my Saviour's power I am kept each day—

I am His forever more.

Oh, the joy it gives me to be ever near

To my blessed Lord, whom I adore!

He with love upholds me, keeps away my fears—

I am His forever more.

Now I look with gladness from this world of strife

To the glories on the other shore,

Where with Christ I'll share the joys of endless life—

I am His forever more. —Mrs. Cordelia Stroud

## BIBLE STUDY

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### GOD COMFORTS HIS PEOPLE

Sunday, November 6, 1949

Printed Portion.....Isaiah 40:27-31; 41:10-13; 61:1-3.

Isa. 40:27. Why sayest thou, O Jacob, and speakest O Israel, My way is hid from the Lord, and my judgment is passed over from my God:

28. Hast thou not known? hast thou not heard, that the everlasting God, the Lord, the Creator of the ends of the earth, fainteth not, neither is weary? there is no searching of his understanding.

29. He giveth power to the faint; and to them that have no might he increaseth strength.

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

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

41:10. Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness.

11. Behold, all they that are incensed against thee shall be ashamed and confounded: they shall be as nothing; and they that strive with thee shall perish.

12. Thou shalt seek them, and shalt not find them, even them that contended with thee: they that war against thee shall be as nothing, and as a thing of nought.

13. For I the Lord thy God will hold thy right hand, saying unto thee, Fear not; I will help thee.

61:1. The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me; because the Lord hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound;

2. To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all that mourn;

3. To appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness, that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, that he might be glorified.

Memory Verse: And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you forever. St. John 14:16.

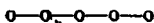
Practical Truth: God is an unfailing source of comfort and strength to all his people.

## COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

What a comforting thought it is to know that God does comfort his people. We who are true Christians may well be glad because we are God's people, so that we can share in the comfort that God comforts his people with. Besides supplying our daily needs he tells us of the good things he has in store for us so we can look forward to the fulfillment of his promises. God wants us to comfort each other by reminding each other of these precious promises.

It is so comforting to know that God is caring for us and will care for us in the future. Then with confidence we can say, "My help cometh from the Lord which made heaven and earth. He will not suffer thy foot to be moved. He that keepeth thee will not slumber. Behold, he that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep." Our loving Lord watches over us with eyes that never sleep. We hear him say through his holy word, "Fear thou not for I am with thee....for I am thy God." He tells us in his word that he shall never suffer the righteous to be moved.

In the 23rd Psalm as the writer was portraying the valley of the shadow of death, he said, "I will fear no evil, for Thou art with me." God knows how to comfort the brokenhearted when the words of the kindest fail to bring comfort. What a privilege to serve such a compassionate God!



## THE SUFFERING SERVANT

Sunday, November 13, 1949

Printed Portion:.....Isaiah 53:1-12.

Isa. 53:1. Who hath believed our report? and to whom is the arm of the Lord revealed?

2. For he shall grow up before him as a tender plant, and as a root out of a dry ground: he hath no form nor comeliness: and when we shall see him, there is no beauty that we should desire him.

3. He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised and we esteemed him not.

4. Surely he hath born our griefs, and carried our sorrows; yet we did esteem his stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted.

5. But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.

6. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.

7. He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth.

8. He was taken from prison and from judgment: and who shall declare his generation? for he was cut out of the land of the living: for the transgression of my people was he stricken.

9. And he made his grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death; because he had done no violence, neither was any deceit in his mouth.

10. Yet it pleased the Lord to bruise him; he hath put him to grief: when thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin, he shall see his seed, he shall prolong his days, and the pleasure of the Lord shall prosper in his hand.

11. He shall see the travail of his soul, and shall be

satisfied: by his knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many; for he shall bear their iniquities.

12. Therefore will I divide him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil of the strong; because he hath poured out his soul unto death: and he was numbered with the transgressors; he bare the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

Memory Verse: For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example that ye should follow in his steps. 1 Peter 2:21.

Practical Truth: If we would reign with Christ we must also suffer with him.

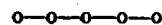
## COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

To begin our lesson today, we will quote two verses from the 2nd chapter of Philippians, "But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: and being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross."

Why did he suffer so much? It was because of the debt that he took upon himself which we rightly owed. Man sinned (all we like sheep went astray) and justice commanded that we die and be eternally separated from God. But God so loved us that he sought a way for our redemption. He gave his only begotten Son, and prepared a body for him, so he could come and save us. The debt of our sins Jesus took upon his own shoulders, and tasted death for every man.

Now, we who will humble ourselves and accept Christ as our personal Saviour go free because God's anointed one paid our debt in suffering and dying for us. Then he provided healing for our bodies when he made his back bare and took the stripes which rightly should have fallen upon us. "By his stripes we are healed."

Now to make the personal application: how much are we willing to suffer for Christ's sake? Jesus couldn't do all the suffering—a part of it is left for us. Jesus tells us that we must take up our cross daily and follow him if we would be his disciples. Suffering is always associated with the cross, so we can well say, no cross, no crown.



## THE GREAT INVITATION

Sunday, November 20, 1949

Printed Portion:.....Isaiah 55:1-11.

Isa. 55:1. Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy, and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.

2. Wherefore do ye spend your money for that which is not bread? and your labour for that which satisfieth not? hearken diligently unto me, and eat ye that which is good, and let your soul delight itself in fatness.

3. Incline your ear, and come unto me: hear, and your soul shall live; and I will make an everlasting covenant with you, even the sure mercies of David.

4. Behold, I have given him for a witness to the people, a leader and commander to the people.

5. Behold, thou shalt call a nation that thou knowest not, and nations that knew not thee shall run unto thee because of the Lord thy God, and for the Holy One of Israel; for he hath glorified thee.

6. Seek ye the Lord while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near:



7. Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

8. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the Lord.

9. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.

10. For as the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it to bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater:

11. So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereunto I sent it.

Memory Verse: And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take of the water of life freely. Rev. 22:17.

Practical Truth: It is the most unwise thing a person can do to turn the invitation of God down.

#### COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

Come, said Jesus to a weary, heavy laden people who were laboring under heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. This blessed invitation given by Jesus is still valid in this present time in which we live. Come and get the best that heaven has to offer without money and without price. Hear and your soul shall live.

Why do so many people turn this blessed invitation down and say, "No," to our blessed loving Lord who is saying, Come and I will give you rest, Jesus said, "Men love darkness rather than light because their deeds are evil; neither will they come to the light lest their deeds should be reproved." But Jesus is still standing with outstretched arms saying, "If any man thirst, let him come unto me and drink—" This is the greatest invitation man has ever received, "Whosoever will, let him come and take of the water of life freely." All thru the precious old Book, we see the word, come, Come, COME. Jesus said, "He that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out."

We are without excuse if we do not come unto Jesus. The invitation has come to all. We have the responsibility of our souls on our hands. Come and be saved or refuse to come and be eternally lost. The way of life and the way of death have been set before us, and we are choosing each day the way we go.

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#### JEREMIAH, A SPOKESMAN OF GOD

Sunday, November 27, 1949

Printed Portion:..Jeremiah 1:9, 10, 18, 19; 22:1-3, 13 14; 37:15-17.

Jer. 1:9. Then the Lord put forth his hand, and touched my mouth. And the Lord saith unto me, Behold, I have put my words in thy mouth.

10. See, I have this day set thee over the nations and over the kingdoms, to root out, and to pull down, and to destroy, and to throw down, to build, and to plant.

18. For, behold, I have made thee this day a defenced city, and an iron pillar, and brasen walls against the whole land, against the kings of Judah, against the

princes thereof, against the priests thereof, and against the people of the land.

19. And they shall fight against thee; but they shall not prevail against thee; for I am with thee, saith the Lord, to deliver thee.

22:1. Thus saith the Lord: Go down to the house of the king of Judah, that sittest upon the throne of David, thou, and thy servants, and thy people that enter in by these gates:

3. Thus saith the Lord: Execute ye judgment and righteousness, and deliver the spoiled out of the hand of the oppressor: and do no wrong, do no violence to the stranger, the fatherless, nor the widow, neither shed innocent blood in this place.

22:13. Woe unto him that buildeth his house by unrighteousness, and his chambers by wrong; that useth his neighbor's service without wages, and giveth him not for his work;

14. That saith, I will build me a wide house and large chambers, and cutteth him out windows, and it is cieled with cedar and painted with vermilion.

37:15. Wherefore the princes were wroth with Jeremiah, and smote him, and put him in prison in the house of Jonathan the scribe: for they had made that the prison.

16. When Jeremiah was entered into the dungeon, and into the cabins, and Jeremiah had remained there many days;

17. Then Zedekiah the king sent, and took him out: and the king asked him secretly in his house, and said, Is there any word from the Lord? And Jeremiah said, There is: for, said he, thou shalt be delivered into the hand of the king of Babylon.

Memory Verse: And Balaam answered and said unto the servants of Balak: If Balak would give me his house full of gold and silver, I cannot go beyond the word of the Lord my God to do less or more. Numbers 22:18.

Practical Truth: God's true ministers, his spokesmen are careful to speak only the words He gives them.

#### COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

The ones whom God calls to be a mouthpiece, or spokesman for him have a great responsibility on their shoulders. He must study to show himself approved unto God, rightly dividing the word of truth. He must take lots of time to be alone with God.

When we are alone with God, then he speaks to us in a language our soul understands.

In the first part of the written portion of the lesson today we read where God put forth his hand and touched Jeremiah's mouth and put His words into his mouth. This was during the prophetic dispensation in which time God spoke to his people through the prophets. But in this Christian dispensation God speaks to his people through his Son. (Heb. 1:1-2).

When Christ was transfigured, God spoke from the bright cloud that overshadowed them and said, "This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased: hear ye him." God spoke thru Jeremiah of this Christian dispensation and said, "I will give you pastors according to mine heart which shall feed you with knowledge and understanding." To simplify his way, God sent his Holy Spirit to dwell in the hearts and guide them (or us) into all truth. Thus it is fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet Isaiah, "for they shall see eye to eye when I bring again Zion [his church]." G. S.