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I Now Obey His Voice

The Holy Spirit spoke to me,
"My child, do kneel and pray."
But since I had so much to do,
I neglected to obey.

Again it came so forcibly,
And still I heeded not,
But said, "Just wait a moment more"—
Alas, I soon forgot.

So onward through the day I went,
Daily duties doing;
Yes, thinking of the temporal things,
And earthly gain pursuing.

But soon my grace was very low,
And I began to fret
Because some very trivial thing
Had all my plans upset.

'Twas then I sought the Lord in prayer
To help me through the day;
But could not find him anywhere—
He, too, had gone his way.

O, then I found what pain and loss
Through neglect I sustained:
An emptiness within my breast—
'Twas more than I had gained.

I sought him then more earnestly
"Forgive me for neglect."
And in these words he spoke to me:
"My grace is sufficient yet."

So when the Holy Spirit speaks
Or prompts me now to pray,
Regardless of the tasks I've planned,
I readily obey.

—Olive A. Davenport

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Highways and Hedges

It is written in Luke 14:23, "Go out into the highways and hedges and compel them to come in." The thought behind the word "compel" is the force

of love and concern for sinners to get them to Christ.

Acts 8:5, 35 give two instances of Philip, where he "preached Christ unto them" (v. 5) and "preached unto him Jesus" (v. 35).

When Jesus tells us to go, he will give power to go along with his word; so let us who really want to obey the Lord, meditate or ponder upon his command to "go into the highways and hedges" until the Lord can get his message to us where and when to go, and give us the words to speak to them when we are in their presence. If we consider our weakness, we shall know that we are insufficient, but remember, it is God's work, and we MUST lean upon God for all of our directions and the power to do what he says.

Let us not aim higher than God intends, but obey all that God has for us in the New Testament, Luke 14:23 included. I am convinced we are in the last days when "the love of many shall wax cold" just because "iniquity shall abound." Matt. 24:12.

I am glad for every soul that gets saved and turns to the Lord; and "there is joy in heaven over one sinner that repenteth" Luke 15:7. There are many who will not go to the meeting house to get saved, so we must needs go where they are. When we win them to Jesus they will be glad to meet with God's children.

This article leaves you more responsible to God, for the word of Jesus binds you to do his bidding. James 4:17 says, "Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin." If God has not given you a special call into his vineyard, there is much to be considered, for we must work or backslide. The man rowing upstream must keep rowing or go back down stream.

Let us provide ourselves with suitable papers, tracts, and booklets, and ask the Lord to direct us in giving them as we go from door to door. Isolated saints can look to God and meditate on Psa. 126:6, and emphasize the word "doubtless" until you come "with rejoicing." When we do not work to help others spiritually, we lose out in our own souls. It may be that others cannot reach those whom God lays upon our hearts to contact. Brother C. E. Orr said, "Our faith must look higher than material things and live in eternal things." God will bless us and we will grow in grace and develop into well-balanced Christians by doing as he says for us to do. —Charles H. Weir

Salvation Means Deliverance

The entrance of sin into our world has brought in its train indescribable wretchedness. Guilt and remorse sting the conscience and fill the soul with shame. Sinful habits form the links of an iron chain which binds the life in utter despair—a chain of bondage which defies all human strength. Burning lusts are set on fire from hell, all clamoring for unholy indulgence, the gratification of which is only followed by greater misery. Restless and unnatural desires deprive the soul of peace, and the half-awakened fears of death and judgment hang dark and gloomy over the life. Hope dies, and with it manhood and womanhood give up their struggle and surrender the life to dark melancholy or open shame.

Reader, salvation means deliverance from all these elements of woe and misery. And should even this picture fall short of the deep shades of your case, salvation yet means complete deliverance for you. Actual deliverance from the strongest chains of habit, the lowest depths of sin, the deepest hell of intemperance and debauchery; deliverance from darkness into light, from the power of Satan unto God; from the woes of a guilty conscience into peace with God thru our Lord Jesus Christ; from remorse into the joys of pardon; from the thralldom of sin into the glorious liberty of the sons of God. O wonderful! wonderful deliverance by the almighty arm of Him whose name is Wonderful!

And when all this blessedness is reached by the divine miracle of regeneration, if the new-born soul continues to "desire the sincere milk of the Word, and grow thereby," he will soon come to the privilege of another great and glorious epoch in divine grace—the entire sanctification of his nature, the utter destruction of all inward bent to evil, and the restoration of the "divine nature," 2 Pet. 1:4; perfect deliverance from the "body of sin" into the image of God" and his perfected love.

Beloved, this is not an overdrawn picture, nor a tale of human fancy; nay, it is the very substance of the sure word of God. "For he hath made him to be sin for us; who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him." 2 Cor. 5:21.

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

"This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief." 1 Tim. 1:15.

And "where sin abounded, grace did much more abound." Rom. 5:20. Here saving grace is placed over against all sin. And even in hearts and lives where "sin abounded," grace, the saving mercy of God, much more abounds. Though your sins tower up like dark mountains unto heaven, grace towers far above. Though they be deep as hell, the grace of God with omnipotent arm reaches unto you. Though great wickedness spreads over all your past life, grace superabounds to save you. "Though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they

be red like crimson, they shall be as wool." Isa. 1:18.

"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." 1 John 1:9. "And the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin." 1 John 1:7. To meet your wants as a sinner, God has sent to you "a Savior, and a great one" Isa. 19:20. Though your soul is cursed by "your manifold transgressions, and your mighty sins," Amos 5:12, you may "make your supplication to the Almighty." Job 8:5. Though your lusts and wickedness rise like mighty billows and threaten to sweep you quickly down to hell, "the Lord on high is mightier than the noise of many waters, yea, than the mighty waves of the sea." Psalms 93:4.

"And being made perfect he became the author of eternal salvation to all them that obey him." Heb. 5:9.

"For if the blood of bulls and of goats, and the ashes of an heifer sprinkling the unclean, sanctifieth to the purifying of the flesh: how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?" Heb. 9:13, 14.

Reader, be assured that the writer is one, and he is personally acquainted with thousands of others, who, though our case has been as dark and hopeless as yours, have, by the grace of God come to a happy realization of those precious Scriptures. Therefore full salvation is not only true in the Word, but also in fact. And if you are willing and obedient, will prove true in your case.

Salvation Makes Us Free From Sin

"For he that is dead is free from sin. Now if we be dead with Christ we believe we shall also live with him." Rom. 6:7, 8.

"For in that he died he died unto sin once: but in that he liveth, he liveth unto God. Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord." Rom. 6:10, 11.

"Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness." ver. 18.

"He that is dead is free from sin." And this freedom is attained now in this life. Hence immediately follow the words, "Now if we be dead with him," etc. And just as Christ lives unto God, a holy life, likewise, in the same manner we should "reckon ourselves dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord." Not dead to sin prospectively or only professedly, but DEAD INDEED unto sin. Actually dead and oblivious to sin—having no more part in the sins of this world than if literally dead and buried. What can more strongly and more positively express absolute freedom from sin than the declaration that we are dead indeed to sin? One might abstain from the commission of sin and not yet be really dead to it. But when dead indeed to anything, that must be the end of it. It means that we have no more to do with sin than the dead who lie in the cemetery have to do with the business of this world. As natural death puts an end to all activities here on earth, so complete salvation in Jesus

is the terminis of all human actions of a sinful character.

"But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life." Romans 6:22—From the "Gospel Trumpet," Sept., 1895 issue.

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Christmas

Many long years ago

A baby came to earth:

His name was Jesus,

A child of royal birth.

He was born of Mary

In Bethlehem of old.

Angels sang to shepherds,

And of his coming told.

God's only Son was he,

Who in the manger lay:

A blessing for the world,

He came that glorious day.

He is the Prince of Peace,

The Saviour of mankind:

The one who gave his life

That heaven we might find.

Harvey Johnson.

"Satan hath desired to have you, that he may sift you as wheat" Luke 22:31

"I appoint unto you a kingdom, as my Father hath appointed unto me; that ye may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, and sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And the Lord said, Simon, behold, Satan hath desired to have you, that he may sift you as wheat: But I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not: and when thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren." Luke 22:29-32. Now I shall quote the same as it reads in the James Moffatt translation: "It is you who have stood by me through my trials; so, as my Father has assigned me royal power, I assign you the right of eating and drinking at my table in my realm and of sitting on thrones to rule the twelve tribes of Israel. Simon, Simon, Satan has claimed the right to sift you all like wheat, but I have prayed that your own faith may not fail. And you in turn must prove a strength to your brothers." Luke 22:28-32.

Peter answered Jesus, and said, "Lord, I am ready to go with you to prison and to death."

Jesus answered him, "I tell you, Peter, the cock will not crow today before you have three times denied that you know me." 33, 34 (James Moffatt).

This experience of Peter's shows us how we can be mistaken about our spiritual experience. Many a soul thinks he is ready for heaven, but if he could hear the still small voice of God, he might hear the warning from Jesus just as Peter heard from his lips. It might read like this: You will also deny me just like Peter did when I need you most.

At this time the disciples only had the forgiveness of God. Jesus said, "My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand. My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand. I and my Father are one." John 10:29-30.

Jesus promised his disciples that He would send them another Comforter who would lead them into all the truth and reveal to them the deep things of God. He was sent to them on the day of Pentecost and they became a power in God's hand, to do the wonderful works of God. And Peter was the mouth piece to preach the gospel of the kingdom through the power of the Holy Spirit. It takes the Spirit of God to fit us for service. Before the infilling of the Holy Spirit we may become just as weak as Peter was at the crucifixion. This is why so many think that they are strong when they are only babes in Christ. A baby will try to walk many times before he is able, and has many falls, but he always gets up on his feet and tries again. And so it should be with the Christian. If he fails in keeping the victory, we have a merciful Saviour who will forgive us if we truly repent and come back to our Lord. For God is not willing that any should perish.

I sometimes think that many things happened while Jesus was teaching here upon the earth, just so Christ could bring out some wonderful truth, such as his forgiveness to Peter. No wonder that Satan desired to have Peter and sift him as wheat. And he is just as anxious to destroy any true child of God, especially one who is being used of God. So let us remember Peter's terrible experience and failure, and if we do not have the Holy Spirit abiding within our hearts, it is high time to seek God with all the heart until the Comforter comes and takes up his abode within our souls. Then the Holy Spirit leads, guides, comforts, and protects, and causes us to do the will of God all the days of our life.

Jesus said to Peter, "When thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren." There is Holy Spirit power in every sanctified soul, for God is power, life, victory. None are secure without it; none have the promise of heaven without it.

Christ died for this victory, this overcoming victory. We are not safe without it. Heaven offers this victory to every regenerated soul. It is the only safe ground for a saint. Had Jesus never conquered for us, we could not have been redeemed. And the victoriously redeemed are the saints of the most high God.

Be not deceived, there is only one way to heaven, and that way has been purchased by the terrible death of Christ at Calvary. Then let his precious blood be not shed in vain for you; yes, and for me. The way of the cross leads to home and heaven.

By the grace of God.

Ivalyn E. Kriebel

A young Buddhist studied the life of Christ. He said, "Your Christ is wonderful, so wonderful! But many of you Christians are not like Him." Can others see Jesus in you?

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OREGON ASSEMBLY

The Oregon Assembly meeting will be held at the saints' grounds in Jefferson, Lord willing, January 13-22, 1950, inclusive. We desire that all the saints who can, come to the meeting. The Lord has provided so we can care for all who come. Pray with us for the meeting, and that God will send ministers of his choosing.

We are expecting great blessings from the Lord.

Your servant in the Lord.

Sam Wilson,

Box 41, Jefferson, Ore.

Editorials

In the November issue of the "Faith and Victory" paper, we sent out subscription blanks and envelopes for your convenience in sending ten three-month subscriptions for \$1.00. If you have not filled out the blank and mailed it, we desire to remind you again that God is depending upon you to help get this precious gospel to your neighbors and friends by the printed page. We should never neglect or pass up an opportunity which God gives us to do good, lest we be not clear in that day when souls will be judged, after which there will be weeping, wailing, and gnashing of teeth in long, long eternity. This "Three Month's" offer will expire December 15th; so please rush your order to Faith Publishing House so we can get them ready to start the subscriptions with the January, 1950 issue. People read much more during the winter months than at other seasons, and it is a good time to sow the seeds of truth in the hearts of men, women, and children.

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The children's paper, called "The Beautiful Way," is proving a great blessing to the children. Sunday School teachers and gospel workers are subscribing for it in large quantities to hand to the children. Most of the children prize it very highly and read them with interest. In this way the Lord is getting the truth imbedded upon their plastic minds and hearts that the devil will never be able to erase. Even if they go into sin in later years, that seed of truth will be easily revived by the Spirit of God in bringing conviction upon their souls and leading them to the cross where sins are atoned for by the blood of Christ.

All the saints should have some of these papers to hand to their neighbor's children. Parents are often reached by the children having the paper and reading it.

"The Beautiful Way" children's paper is published every three months (or each quarter of the year) in weekly parts. In other words, when you subscribe for a single copy for a year, each quarter you will receive a roll of thirteen papers, which is a paper for each week during the three months.

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The Guthrie saints had been praying much for the Lord to send some ministers for a revival meeting. Time went on until a month passed and no ministers came. We increased our cry unto the Lord and prayed more earnestly and the Lord sent Bro. Darius Gibson of Seymour, Mo. He was here a week, pouring forth

the truth of the gospel each night, and then felt the Lord would have him to go on to other places. Then the Lord burdened Bro. Egbert Allen to come. He was much anointed of the Lord in giving the message of truth and planting the Word in the hearts of those who were receptive. About a week later Bro. Murphy Allen came and joined him, and the Word of God went forth night after night, mostly for the upbuilding of the saints. So far as we knew, the meeting was to close Monday night, Nov. 7th; but on Sunday morning before it closed, the Lord spoke to Sister Lottie Joiner down in southern Louisiana, saying, "You had better go to Guthrie." She knew nothing about the condition here, and did not even know that we would be ready for a meeting. She was somewhat like Philip when he ran to the chariot to talk to the Ethiopian about the things of God. She hastily prepared to come and arrived in Guthrie Monday afternoon. All the saints rejoiced at her coming. Bro. E. Allen preached that night, then turned it over to Sister Joiner. Up to this time there had not been much altar work done and we soon understood why the Lord did not want the meeting closed. When she began to water the seed that had been planted, a breaking through took place and souls made their way to the altar where they prayed and confessed their sins and the Lord saved them. This continued for several nights. Others sought the Lord for more courage and boldness in the faith. The meeting closed the following Sunday night with a strong conviction on all the saints that the devil had been defeated and God had been glorified. These meetings of nearly a month's duration, have been a great blessing to the church, to all the saints, and we feel that the functioning of the church will be more visible and with more effect than ever. The Scripture was fulfilled again which is recorded in Isaiah 66:8, "As soon as Zion travailed, she brought forth her children."

In considering what God has done for these "new born ones," I would like to impress upon their minds and hearts that they are now new creatures, old things have passed away, and, behold, all things have become new. No doubt the Spirit of God is making them know this, and now they are to yield to the leadings of the Spirit, resist the devil and draw nigh unto God by praying and doing and loving all souls whether friends or foes. Jesus says, "If ye love me, keep my commandments," John 14:15. The first commandment after one is saved, which is closely linked up with salvation, is water baptism and walking in newness of life. In doing this we have promise of "The Spirit of truth, whom the world [the unsaved] cannot receive" (verse 17); and that He will "dwell with you, and shall be in you." You must remember now that you are not your own and you must sow to the Spirit, or yield to God's will regardless of what your fleshly desires or cravings may be. When God delivers you from Satan's control and you are a child of God, the enemy Satan, who is a spirit also, will be seeking to destroy that life of Christ that is formed in your soul by the Spirit of God. It is up to you to keep yielding to the Lord and resisting the devil. You can do this only by much praying, watching, resisting,

and doing; for you must keep in mind that you cannot overcome the enemy alone. You must have God as your strength and wisdom, and in prayer your soul is made strong and God will give you power to overcome the enemy and live a victorious life. You could not save your soul; it took God to do that. You cannot keep saved without God, and as you yield to him and call upon him, he will furnish the power and grace for you to live righteously, soberly, and godly in this present world. Pray and read your Bible every day. Make God first in all things. To keep Him pleased is worth more to your soul than all the world. Arm yourselves to suffer with Christ. Do not draw back from bearing the reproach of the cross. Let the love, gentleness, and kindness be in your soul for friend and foe alike. Humble yourself before God and he will exalt you in due time to a heavenly reign with him in this life and a glorious abode with him in eternity.

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The old year of 1949 is drawing to a close. Christmas time is at hand again. Some writers tell us that Christmas is a word or practice brought over from heathenism and that the 25th of December was not the day that Christ was born. Let that be as it may, the true Christian is not conformed to the world, and should not conform to the heathen customs of revelry, debauchery, and abomination in honoring the supposed day of Christ's birth. To honor and remember the birth of our Savior is not out of place, for the example was set by the angels of heaven that announced to the shepherds in the fields of Judea on that memorable morning that the glorious heavenly begotten son of God had been born of the virgin Mary, and they said, "Glory to God in the highest, on earth peace, good will toward men." It would be unbecoming to us as saints and true children of God if we did not feel glad and rejoice in spirit when remembering the great love of God toward us Satan-bound souls in bringing a Saviour into the world, even the holy child Jesus, to redeem us back to God, bringing peace into our hearts and a good will toward men, causing a hope to spring up in our souls of some day having a glorified body to live with God our Father, the Lord Jesus Christ, and all the holy angels forever.

Saints should not allow the devil to get them into the religious worldly spirit of professors of religion in honoring the birth of Christ. They have their big festivals in which they surfeit and revel in fleshly lusts and send Christ-dishonoring gifts, expecting the same in return. They bring a reproach upon the very one whom they are purposing to honor. There is a worldly Christmas spirit which captivates many at Christmas time that is exceedingly dishonoring to God and is an abomination in his sight. This spirit should be resisted and shunned by all true saints.

We have an example in the Bible of the Jews sending gifts to one another once every year in honor of God's deliverance from the cruel hand of Haman. Read it in the 9th chapter of the book of Esther. It says they were to keep that day wherein the Jews rested from their enemies, and the month which was turned unto them from sorrow to joy and from mourning unto a good day; that they should make them

days of feasting and joy, and of sending portions one to another, and gifts to the poor.

If they would honor their literal deliverance in that way, we certainly should honor Christ, the great deliverer of our souls, and that in spirit and in truth, with gifts to the poor and portions to one another as the Spirit prompts, hoping for nothing in return.

The wise men of the east whom God caused to see the star and put it into their hearts to seek for the new born King, followed the star, and when they had found the holy child they worshiped him and gave gifts to the parents. Even so today, when we find Christ in the forgiveness of sins, we rejoice and feel like giving gifts and loving everybody.

When Zaccheus came down from the tree and found the Lord, he lost the love for money and exclaimed, "Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have taken any thing from any man by false accusation, I restore him four fold." Luke 19:8.

I do not believe that we should, as saints of God, quench the Spirit of giving at any time whether it be on the supposed birthday of Christ (Christmas Day) or any other day, as the love of God will often bubble up in our souls as his precious redeemed children, and we should give vent to it as He directs. Brothers and sisters in the Lord, let us not be moved to the left or the right, but in the sober, peaceful righteousness of Christ, allow the love of God in our hearts to express the joy we possess in singing praise to God, making melody in our hearts to the Lord, giving of our substance, making all whom we can rejoice with us because of the holy child who has risen in our hearts through faith in his redeeming blood.

When Satan appears the least like a devil, is when he is most dangerous. (2 Cor. 11:14, 15, 26.)

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A WORD ABOUT THE SONG BOOK PRINTING

The song book printing is progressing slowly. There have been some hinderances because of the condition of plates received from the engraving company. Some were over type-high, and some have been faulty and had to be returned and made over, which has delayed the printing.

However, some progress is being made, and some are sending offerings and money for books and plates. Much means is needed yet to finish the job. We hope and pray that a much better report can be made in next issue of the paper. Pray for us, as we do our best to get the books printed and ready for use.

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Obituaries

Eathel Ola Fingerle was born in Nebraska September 20, 1887 and departed this life October 24, 1949 at the age of 62 years, 1 month and 4 days.

She was united in marriage to Samuel L. Fingerle October 16, 1905 at Encampment, Wyoming. To this union were born five children, three girls and two boys, all living in California.

The family left Wyoming and came to Whittier, California in 1923. Shortly after their arrival there they

were both saved in the church of God and were faithful in his service until death. Eight months ago the Lord saw fit to take her dear companion home. Since that time our dear Sister Fingerle had been in failing health but was able to be in many good meetings which she loved so well, and was always ready to testify to the goodness of God and how she loved him. The last two or three days she was confined to her bed but bore her suffering patiently and testified many times that she was ready and waiting to go home.

She was a real Christian example to those about her, a loving mother, a true friend and neighbor and saint of God. Our loss is heaven's gain.

Besides her five children, she leaves eight grandchildren, two sisters, one brother, and a host of friends.

Funeral services were conducted by Bro. E. M. Zinn, assisted by O. B. Wilson, I. D. Stover and A. E. Harmon. The remains were laid to rest by her husband in Rose Hill Cemetery, Whittier, California.

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Jessie Matilda (Nash) Llewellyn departed to be with Jesus September 5, 1949, and was laid to rest in the Memorial Highland Park Cemetery at Pottstown, Pennsylvania September 8, 1949.

She was born in Swansea, South Wales, G. B. June 30, 1874 and departed this life at the age of 75 years, 2 months, and 5 days. She was united in marriage to Bro. Joseph D. Llewellyn in 1912 at Swansea, South Wales, and came to the United States the same year.

In 1913 at Sharon, Penn. they both heard and embraced this evening light truth. Sister Llewellyn consecrated and sacrificed her life with Bro. Llewellyn in the spread of the gospel. They traveled by faith in various parts of this country and also for two years in Wales, from 1920 until 1922 when they returned to this country. She finished her course in the faith. 2 Timothy 4:6-8.

The day she died she arose about 6:30 a.m., washed her face, combed her hair, then drank some juices and lay down, seeming to be resting quietly. A little later her husband looked at her and saw the signs of death.

A short time later she quietly slipped away to be with Jesus. Her work on earth was done.

They lived together 37 years, through which time she proved to be a loving, devoted, faithful, godly wife. Remarks were made, "Both always together."

Sister Llewellyn had one sister in Swansea, S. W.

By such a loss Bro. Llewellyn is deeply saddened and lonesome and desires the prayers of the saints. Thol left alone, not all alone, he rests in Jesus' promise, "I will not leave you comfortless, I will come to you."

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Louisa Elizabeth (Brewer) Allen was born April 14, 1877 in Sneedsville, Tenn. and departed this life October 21, 1949 at the age of 72 years, 6 months, and 7 days.

She was united in marriage to William James Allen April 27, 1895. To this union were born four children, one of which preceded her in death. She leaves to mourn their loss her faithful husband, three sons; Dave, of Neosho, Mo.; John of Neosho, Mo.; and Fred of Granby, Mo.; and one adopted daughter, Ozell Wyatt of Wichita, Kans.; three grandchildren, two sisters, Mrs. Nettie Cook, and Mrs. Ida Kelsey; and one brother, Easley Brewer; and a host of other relatives and friends.

She was saved many years ago and lived a holy and devoted life to God. The example she set in her home and community will always be remembered. Her greatest pleasure was when she was doing service for God.

After several months of failing health, God saw fit

to take her home. We feel our loss is heaven's gain.

Funeral services were conducted by Bros. Sam Barton and John Wilson at Neosho, Missouri.

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PRAYER REQUEST

Ohio—Dear brethren in Christ,—Greetings in Jesus' name. We still continue to enjoy the blessings of God, both in soul and body. Truly we are thankful for all his blessings, but most of all to know our names are written in heaven.

We love to read the "Faith and Victory," especially the good testimonies of the saints. It is just like going to prayer meetings. We ask an interest in your prayers, both for soul and body. God knows all about our condition. Your brother in the one body, V. Earle Yantis.

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ASSEMBLY MEETING NOTICES

The California State Assembly meeting of the Church of God will be held, Lord willing, in the saint's chapel located at the corner of Walnut and Naomi Sts. in the city of Los Angeles, beginning December 23 and continuing 10 days.

There may possibly be more rooms available for rent in the immediate vicinity of the chapel this year than formerly. If you expect to come to the meeting and want a room in the vicinity you should notify us in time, sending your rent money and we will do the best we can in securing rooms for as many as possible. The rooms that have been available have been renting for around \$10.00 for 10 days.

If the rooms are not available for everyone, or if you do not care to rent a room and can travel more distance you can be cared for in the homes of some of the saints.

We want everyone who loves the truth and enjoys a good meeting with the saints where God is working, to plan to attend this meeting. Come praying and expecting to receive good and do good for others and God will surely give us a great meeting.

The meeting will be run on the free-will offering plan as usual.

If you want someone to meet you at the depot or if you wish to order a room or send offerings for the meeting, or desire further information concerning the meeting you may address your communication to the writer or to J. P. Sims, 11111 Compton Ave., Los Angeles; or Ira D. Stover, 611 E. 10th, Pomona, California.

I hope to see you at the Assembly meeting Dec. 23-Jan. 1. Yours in Christ, Ostis B. Wilson, Jr.,
4254 1/2 Perlita Ave.
Los Angeles, 39, Calif.

The Oklahoma State Assembly Meeting will be held in the saints' chapel, located on the corner of 6th St. and W. Warner, Guthrie, Okla., beginning on Friday, December 23rd, and continuing ten days.

This meeting, as usual, will be supported by free-will offerings from all lovers of the truth. Send your offerings and supplies for the meeting to Bro. O. C. Porter, 511 E. Springer, Guthrie, Okla. or bring them to the dining hall, located across the alley from the saints' chapel.

There is sleeping room for the sisters above the dining hall, and the brethren will occupy the old dining hall. The saints here at Guthrie will do all they

can to care for those coming to the meeting. Bring what bedding you can, for in the winter time, bedding will be needed, especially if the weather should be cold, as it sometimes is.

Ministers of the living God will be present to give out the truth of his word in the power and demonstration of the Spirit. Those who are sold under sin should come to the meeting and look to the Lord to free them from all sin. Those who are afflicted in body should be at the meeting to be healed. We serve the living God and his power is just the same as it always was. He saves the soul, sanctifies the nature, and heals our bodies.

All are invited to come praying and looking to God to do great things. Ask God to make this the best meeting ever held in this city. We are looking to God to bind the powers of darkness from the hellish, diabolical, and infernal regions, and manifest his power to save, heal, and sanctify.

God is calling his people into oneness and out of all the man-made organizations to glorify Him, and to be separate from this world and all of Satan's religious works. Those that hear his call and escape Babylonian ruins, are the blessed people that constitute his church, his bride, the Lamb's wife. Come one and all, hear the unadulterated gospel, believe and be separated unto God for his sacred use.

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Today's Manna

Today there is much fear upon the people. We hear on every side fear expressed in this or that: fear of what the future may bring. This world is in an uncertain state of affairs. One can look for anything to happen almost any time, and that brings a fear—fear of a depression, fear of losing money, fear of losing houses and lands, fear of losing a job, fear of sickness, fear, in fact, of everything that could befall man. One can hear the question everywhere, "What will we do IF." To mortal man the problem of supply presses heavily and they begin to wonder and worry, from whence shall the supply come; and they try in every possible material way to find the answer. Seldom does it come that way, but there is an answer.

In Exodus we are told that for forty years the Israelites wandered in the wilderness with no visible means of support, but during all those years they lacked neither food nor clothing. There were no near-by grocery or department stores, no money to spend, and no place to spend it. The wilderness must have been a very dreary picture, seen only by the natural eye.

Many families made the start. Many with young children. No one held back. No father or mother said, "How will our children be fed?" No one stayed behind because of their children. They were led by One who knew God and trusted in His infinite wisdom.

God brought them out of the land of Egypt. God has brought us out of the land of Egypt and shown us that absolute trust in Him is our supply and protection.

God manifested his power to the Israelites when

the sea parted before them and they went through on dry land. Right then and there he made them to know that He would deliver and protect them from danger on the way if they would continue to trust Him. But even so, after God had delivered them out of the hands of Pharaoh, after the Red Sea had parted before them, fear came upon them because of no visible means of securing food. Then we hear the assuring words of Moses and Aaron:

"At even then ye shall know that the Lord has brought you out of the land of Egypt; and in the morning ye shall see the glory of the Lord" Exodus 16:6, 7.

All people today who have left the land of Egypt and put their trust in God have the same assurance, that they shall see the glory of the Lord.

Moses was sure of the promise of God. God had said, "Behold, I will rain bread from heaven for you, and the people shall go out and gather a certain rate each day. Ex. 16:4.

God fulfilled his promise. The bread, or manna, fell. No one lacked, the Word tells us, "He that gathered much had nothing over, and he that gathered little had no lack."

Notice that God said, "I have brought you out of the land of Egypt." None but God can bring a soul out of Egypt, and when He brings one out, He means for that one to stay out. The problem of supply is no longer ours, but God's.

The supply of the world is very uncertain, very disappointing at times, and surely lacking. Our supply from God is sure and satisfying. Our needs are met. His promise is that He will withhold no good thing from them that walk uprightly. "Seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you." He has promised to supply every need, not every want. The children of Israel were supplied with their needs, but they wanted more than their needs. What happened? God gave them their wants to their own destruction. Was that not written in the Word for a purpose?

Do our wants go beyond our needs? If so, we are in grave danger. "Having food and raiment, therewith be content." And if you are trusting in God, that need will be supplied.

Manna was something new to the Israelites, something they had never seen; not the leeks and garlic of Egypt, but it was their need. Just so today, God knows and meets our every need. He says He knows our needs before we ask Him. Where has fear a place in the hearts of God's people? "Perfect love casteth out fear." Can God's children then love Him and fear?

Blind fear! How many has it caused to turn from God and his way back to where they could grasp a visible help; want, not need, blinding their eyes to the manna before them until fear came in and convinced them that it was not enough. "God means," they say, "we should have some comfort," and the flesh demands more.

"Follow me," He said, who had no place to lay his head, no certain dwelling place. Must we be assured of a comfortable home with plenty? Where is

the peace that passeth all understanding that He gave? Can we have peace and fear? Decidedly not.

There is but one way to be free from fear, wholehearted happy obedience to God and implicit trust in Him. Trust in Him when our bodies are racked with pain, when a dread disease takes hold, when our purse is empty to the last penny and no relief in sight. Trust Him when our friends forsake us and we stand misunderstood and alone so far as human help or support is concerned. There is no place or time then for fear; only trust, and just as surely as the manna fell in the wilderness, so will it fall for us today, materially and spiritually; but we must trust in Him alone.

But, oh, how careful we must be when the manna lies heavy, not to gather too much and store it away, or we shall find it molded on our hands. "Lay not up for yourself treasures on earth where moth and rust do corrupt." May we learn a lesson from the wilderness manna. God has a sufficient supply of manna for us to sustain life each day in our mortal bodies, and sufficient spiritual manna in his blessed Word to nourish and enrich our souls each day.

"Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you, not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid."

—Claudine Orr.

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Shun Me

I am more powerful than the combined armies of the world. I am more deadly than bullets, and I have wrecked more homes than the deadliest of siege-guns. I steal in the United States alone over \$300,000,000 each year. I spare no one, and I find my victims among the rich and poor alike, the young and old. I loom up to such proportions that I cast my shadow over the field of labor from the turning of the grindstone to the moving of every railroad train. I lurk in unseen places and do most of my work silently.

You are warned against me, but you heed not. I am relentless and cruel. I am everywhere, in the home, and on the streets, in the factory, at the railroad crossing, and on the sea. I bring sickness and degredation, death, and yet few seek to avoid me. I destroy, crush, maim; take all and give nothing. I AM CARELESSNESS.

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God's School

God has a school, and there is room
For everyone who cares to come.
The Bible we study, and love its truth:
'Tis good for all, both aged and youth!
We've many lessons and problems, too;
But Teacher helps us the whole day through.
He also hears us whenever we pray—
Supplying our needs from day to day.
While here in school, Let's always obey
The dear Lord's rule both night and day.
'Twill soon be o'er—then we shall rest
On heaven's bright shore among the blest

—V. G. E.

Young People's Section

The Stranger of Bethlehem

They say in Bethlehem's manger

On a night so far away,
Was born a little stranger,
And laid upon the hay.

Perhaps he was a stranger

The world had never known,
The Son of God so mighty,
Came down from heaven's throne.

But since he brought salvation

Unto the hearts of men,
He is no more a stranger,
To those now born again.

To some he is a stranger,

But let him never be
Within this world of danger,
Stranger to you or me.

—May Ola Casto

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Points for Young Preachers

"Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth" (2 Tim. 2:15).

For the benefit of young ministers to whom God has entrusted the outstanding gift of imparting His truth to others, the following suggestions are made:

(1) Spend much time in keeping yourself acquainted with the Word and its Author, so that with heavenly authority you may be able to say, "Thus saith the Lord."

(2) Marshal your thoughts clearly and consecutively, so that your utterances will be as clear to your audience as they are to you. It is possible to say many words without saying much that is worth hearing. Make certain that the people understand you.

(3) Preach every time as though it were your last opportunity to testify for your Lord.

(4) Avoid condemning other Christians who do not see exactly as you see. Preach the truth, and if any adjustment is necessary on the part of others, the truth will adjust them. Many preachers spoil their usefulness by their ruthless condemnation of others.

(5) Speak out of the abundance of your heart. Let your audience see that you are desperately in earnest. Mean what you say and say what you mean.

(6) Avoid monotone. Vary the tone of your voice but do not let it descend to a whisper. If your hearers cannot hear what you say, what profit is your preaching?

(7) Be genuinely humble. Avoid every form of pride or affectation as you would avoid a plague. Unsaved persons as well as the saints are able to detect the least suspicion of self-importance. Be like your Lord who was the incarnation of humility. Remem-

ber four words which occur twice in the Book of Proverbs, "Before honour is humility" (Prov. 15:33; and 18:12). The devil would like to ruin you for God's service by making you feel exalted over a "good sermon" that you have preached. Give God the glory and remember you are nothing without him. Never desire a compliment on your preaching.

(8) Avoid copying the peculiarities of other speakers, otherwise you will find yourself in an unnatural element. God desires to use your own personality for the accomplishment of His purposes, and the exaltation of His Son.

(9) Avoid carelessness in reading the Scriptures. Careless reading of the Word of God is dishonoring to its Author.

(10) Do not expect to become an accomplished speaker all at once. This can be gained by perseverance and practice, although, of course, there may be exceptions to this general rule.

(11) Remember that private intercession is one of the most important adjuncts in Christian service. Therefore pray much over your subject, your delivery, and every other item pertaining to your ministry.

(12) Do not attempt to continue when you have finished your message and the heavenly anointing has ceased, otherwise you will be in danger of spoiling everything you have previously said.

(13) Be sure your life corresponds with your preaching. Remember the Apostle's words to Timothy, "Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine" (1 Tim. 4:16). The life you live is far more important than your preaching. —Sel.

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La.—To the young people scattered abroad,—Greetings in the precious name of Jesus. I am thankful for the desire and determination that the Lord gives me to serve him. I also thank the Lord for the other young people the Lord has called out to follow him. May he encourage each one to go all the way with him. Young people, let us all dig deeper in the love of God and be more sincere in serving him.

The Lord has surely blessed us with blessings that none other can give, for which we praise his name.

Please pray for me that I will always live close to the Lord and be a bright and shining light for him wherever I may be. Your sister in Christ, Aquila Green.

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Mo.—Dear young saints everywhere,—Greetings to you in Jesus' name! He is so good to us all. We can't count the many blessings.

I felt impressed to write my testimony for the Lord. A few weeks ago I had Athlete's Foot very bad. I could hardly walk. One night at meeting Bro. D. A. Gibson, Bro. E. C. Tombleson and my father anointed me and prayed for me. It was a few weeks afterward before the Lord healed me. But praise the Lord, he did! I thank him very much.

I need the prayers of the saints everywhere that I will be stronger in the Lord and will keep saved to the end.

With love for the saints,

Shirley Allen.

Calif.—Dear young saints,—Greetings in Jesus' name. I am encouraged more than ever to press the battle onward to the promised land for Jesus, for I've made my decision to live for God all the days of my life.

I would like to tell how I came to God with a broken heart asking him to forgive me for my sins.

I came to San Bernardino in July of this year, encouraged to do very well for myself in my boxing career. I had done very well before I came. I had never lost a fight, never been knocked down.

How things were going lovely, I thought. I had my plans made for a big career, but the Lord knew when it was time to take me out of the darkness of the world. I gave up my boxing and everything for the Lord.

God has always taken care of me even before I was saved. I often wonder what would have become of me if he hadn't taken care of me.

I was overseas and it was very bad over there. I was different from my shipmates and I took a lot from them but I didn't mind. I was all alone in the world and so young, going different places where the Lord didn't want me, but He led me to the good truth and the good word of the Lord. I have no desire to go back to the pleasures of the world, thank God.

I realize the devil is going to come against me in every way but no matter how hard the tests and trials, I know His grace is sufficient.

God said that he would supply our needs and not our wants. I am thankful that I know the truth and how to trust him. Thank the Lord, I am clean of everything and have nothing to hide from God. Dear ones, I can say that God has really blessed me all my life, and especially since I've been saved.

Dear saints, I do desire your prayers that I'll be true and faithful to God until my work has been completed here.

Your faithful brother, Calvin Hobbs.

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JESUS

I am alpha and omega, the beginning and the end. Revelation 21:6.

Who verily was foreordained before the foundation of the world. 1 Pet. 1:20.

And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name Jesus: for he shall save his people from their sins. Matt. 1:21.

He hath no form nor comeliness: and when we shall see him there is no beauty that we should desire him. Isa. 53:2.

He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. Isa. 53:3.

The foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of man hath not where to lay his head. Luke 9:58.

But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law. Gal. 4:4.

She wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn. Luke 2:7.

Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. John 1:13.

And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only

begotten of the Father) full of grace and truth. John 1:14.

Behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them; and, behold, a voice out of the cloud, which said, This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased; hear ye him. Matt. 17:5.

Thou madest him a little lower than the angels. Heb. 2:7.

For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him. 2 Cor. 5:21.

Who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth. 1 Pet. 2:22.

Jesus came into Galilee preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God. And saying, the time is fulfilled and the kingdom of God is at hand, repent ye, and believe the gospel. Mark 28:14, 15.

He came unto his own and his own received him not. But as many as received him to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name. John 1:11, 12.

I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do. John 17:4.

He was brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth. Isa. 53:8.

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. Isaiah 53:5.

Who, when he was reviled, reviled not again; when he suffered, he threatened not but committed himself to him that judgeth righteously. 1 Pet. 2:23.

Jesus, when he had cried again with a loud voice, yielded up the ghost. Matt. 27:50.

While they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight. Acts 1:9.

Who is gone into heaven, and is on the right hand of God; angels and authorities and powers being made subject unto him. 1 Pet. 3:22.

Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him and given him a name which is above every name. Phil. 2:9.

All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Matt. 28:18.

I am the door, by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved and shall go in and out and find pasture. John 10:9.

For without me ye can do nothing. John 14:5.

I am that bread of life. John 6:48.

I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead yet shall he live. John 11:25.

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

Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and forever.

You notice the above Scriptures concerning Jesus. He is the one with whom we have to do. We can't get to heaven any other way, but through his precious blood, because he said, "He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is con-

demned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God." John 3:18. I am the door: he that entereth not by the door (Jesus) into the sheep fold, but climbeth up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber. He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day. John 12:48.

Each individual must decide what he will do with Jesus. He came unto his own and they received him not. Only a few received him, but as many as do receive him will have power, and he will raise them up at the last day. If we believe on him and let his word abide in us and walk also as he walked, then we will have fellowship with Christ and his children, but if we reject him, ye know no unregenerate (remaining or being at enmity with God) will have any inheritance in the kingdom of God, for Jesus said, "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God."

Jesus said (in substance), I know my sheep; but a sinner or a unregenerate person I do not know because they do not obey me and they still have sin in their lives; but they that are born again (Read John 3:3-8). One who has Jesus in his heart, purifies himself even as he is pure. Read John 3:3. And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts (Gal. 5:24).

God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through him might be saved (John 3:17). But the Lord is not slack concerning his promise as some men count slackness, but is longsuffering to usward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance. God is not sending people to hell, but it is up to each individual to accept Christ. For God sent his only begotten Son that whosoever—notice the word "whosoever"—will believe in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

Jesus saith, "Behold, I stand at the door and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me." Jesus wants to abide in every heart that will let him come in. But we must let him in. We are responsible for our lives, "For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned." Matt. 12:37. Jesus is our Saviour now, but if we neglect or refuse him, then "it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment." Then Christ will be our judge, so I warn everyone to accept Christ as your Saviour today because he is wanting to come into your life and sup with you and you with him. Wherefore, as the Holy Ghost saith, Today if ye will hear his voice, Harden not your hearts. Today is the day of salvation. Christ Jesus is saying, "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn of me, for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light." Matt. 11:28-30.

—Kenneth Flynn.

If you want to make straight paths, never look back. (Heb. 12:13; Luke 9:68).



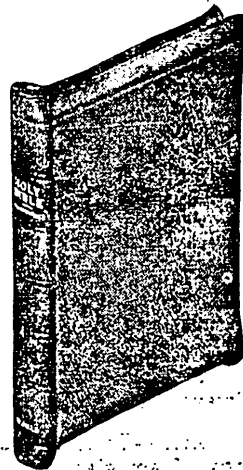
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CORRESPONDENCE

California—Dear brothers and sisters and readers,—Greetings in Jesus' dear name. We read in the scriptures the love of Christ constraineth us, and so I feel led to write a few lines. I want to greet you with the first chapter of Peter, beginning with the verses 3-6.

Wife and I attended the Los Angeles campmeeting in August. We rejoiced and rejoice yet how the word was preached with power from above. That which comes from the heart goes to the heart.

Dear ones, how hard it is for sinners to come to God. God says, "My spirit shall not always strive with man." I heard a preacher say one time, "You can hide your sins from me but you cannot hide them from God. If I knew them like God does and should put them on the blackboard, you could not stand it. You do not want to face your sins." How true that is. God said, "Awake thou that sleepest and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give you light."

Wife and I both are past the 70 mark. Spiritual life as a whole seems to be disappearing from the world. There are a lot of professions in places, but not real salvation. How sad that not all that say, Lord, Lord will enter in but they which do the will of God.

Dear ones, my health is poor. Pray for my healing. My heart's desire is to serve God faithfully, so pray for me, body and soul.

C. J. and Effie Unruh.

Kansas—Dear Bro. and Sis. Pruitt and readers,—I am still saved and satisfied in the service of the Lord. How wonderful it is, such peace and joy the Lord gives us! Nothing on earth can begin to compare with the joy, peace, comfort and rest that we who are saved enjoy. Dear ones, let us rejoice more in the Lord and think more upon the wonderful things he has done for us. The Lord is pleased for us to rejoice in him. He wants us to be joyful and let others see and know how his love helps us to rejoice and be contented. We who are children of God, let us not let the trials or any troubles keep us from rejoicing. Let us look up and let nothing of this world keep us from serving God. Let us remember his great and numerous blessings to us and ever rejoice in him, that sad and troubled sinners may see there is a way to be happy. May the Lord help us all to be busy for him and to seek out the needy souls.

To the dear unsaved souls, I say, seek the Lord and do not put off salvation. We do not know when we may have to go, and oh, how sad for those who are not ready.

Whoever you are and whatever your troubles may be, look to Jesus, seek him with all your heart. He loves and cares for everyone and longs to save and bless all who will come to him. May the Lord bless you all.

Saints, remember me in your prayers that I may be always what the Lord wants me to. Mrs. Abe Hoffman.

Ariz.—To all the saints scattered abroad, I send greetings. I am glad that I can say that I am yet saved and on my way to heaven. I am encouraged, more than ever before to go all the way with Jesus. There isn't anything in this world to turn back to but sin and suffering.

I want to testify to the glory of God in the healing of my body. I contracted a very severe cold and cough, and one night it seemed as though I would choke to death, but the dear Lord came to my rescue and made me every whit whole.

I earnestly desire the prayers of the saints that I prove faithful unto the end. Pray for my unsaved family.

Yours in Him,

Bertha Slaughter.

Kansas—Dear saints, and all who may read this,—I want to send this testimony in to the "Faith and Victory" and perhaps it will encourage some soul to fully trust God.

This past summer my little girl, eleven years old, had her second toe cut off just back of the toe nail by a trap door falling on it. The toe next to it had the end cut and just hung by a small piece of skin.

I was gone at the time so her father knelt and prayed with her as she prayed and God stopped the bleeding and pain right then. When I came home I looked at it and saw the bone exposed. Knowing that the flesh ordinarily pulls back away from the bone, I knew God would surely have to undertake and work against nature to cause the flesh to grow down over the bone. Praise our God, He is able and did heal it completely, causing the nail to grow on again and both toes to heal completely. It is scarcely noticeable where the toes were cut.

God has performed many healings in this family that are as truly miracles as those He did while walking upon this earth.

May we all be more faithful and not be afraid to step out on the promises of God. Pray for my husband who is afflicted now with what we believe to be arthritis in his leg and hip. I want to say we trust in God, not medicine or man. Your sister in Christ, Judy Tinsman.

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Mo.—Greetings to all the saints,—I thank the Lord this morning for all he has done for me. I am thankful I have learned to trust him in every time of need. It surely means a lot to trust the Lord for both soul and body. I have been suffering quite a lot this fall with asthma and different other things. I surely was tried.

The Lord touched my body in September, 1948. I had a light attack during our revival meeting in August, and since then I have been suffering very bad. I have put my trust in the Lord and just keep calling on the saints for prayer, sometimes at 2 o'clock in the morning. I'm so glad the Lord can hear and answer prayer, no matter what time we call upon him. The past week the Lord has given me relief, for which I praise his name. This is the scripture that would come to me so often when I would be suffering so bad. "If I live I am the Lord's and if I die I am the Lord's, whether I live or die I am the Lord's." Then if we are the Lord's, he can heal our bodies or give us a home in heaven, his will be done. Thank the Lord, he has given me relief.

I want to live a life to please Jesus. I want to live as near like Christ as I can for I realize it is going to take that kind of life to get to heaven. Oh, how sad it would be to miss heaven.

I look around and see how people are drifting and it makes me feel sad. People are wearing such a few clothes it is a shame. So many women are trying to look as near like men as they can, so they get them some blue jeans to wear. My little girl came in the other day telling me how many more little girls were wearing jeans in the classroom this year than there were last year. I told her if they all wore them, she would still have to wear her dress. It made me feel good when she told me she didn't want to wear them. Saints, pray for me that the Lord will keep me close to him and help me to teach my children the right way. I can see our children are going to have many trials that we didn't have. They are going to have to be strong in the Lord to turn away all the evils of this world. If we get where the Lord wants us, we won't care what the world says about us but we can rejoice in the Lord and find it brings peace and joy to do his will.

We are thankful for the little chapel here. There is yet much work to be done before it will be finished. The Lord has provided the doors and windows now, for which we are thankful. We thank the Lord for the basement to have services in until the building is finished. We are praying that the Lord will supply the means to complete the building. We thank the Lord for all that he has done and believe by his help, it will be finished. Saints, pray for all the congregation here at Myrtle, that the work will continue to grow. One who loves the truth,

Mrs. Earl Sorrell.

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Kansas—Dear Bro. Pruitt and other saints,—I have had a leading for a short time to testify for the dear Lord and tell of some of the wonderful things he has done for me and my family.

I became ill about the first of August and each day I grew worse. I am sure some of the saints in different congregations remember my request being sent in for prayer. At that time I was very sick, but my trust was in the Lord. My suffering was so severe I was not able to speak or move. Sometimes when my pain would get so great that it seemed I could stand no more, I would think of the Lord's promise that he would not let more come upon us than we could bear. Then my pain would lessen some. The devil came against me several times and tried to get me to turn to medicine that I might get some ease out of my suffering, but I was willing to live here trusting the Lord or to die still trusting our blessed Saviour. So now today, I can praise our Lord and King for yet being saved, and healed, by his mighty power. Praise his name forevermore!

I still had temptation after I was healed. The enemy would tempt me with bad feelings for a short time and tell me I was not healed. I would resist him and he soon would flee away. I am very thankful to the dear saints and to the dear Lord for the many prayers that were prayed for me.

I am encouraged to press on and fight the good fight of faith. I still need your earnest prayers.

Your brother in Christ, Lester Gordon.

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Oregon—Dear saints at the print shop and scattered abroad,—I send greetings in Jesus' dear name. That precious name means so much to me.

I feel that the Lord would have me testify to what he has done for me. He truly has healed me of rheumatism. I was prayed for at campmeeting but didn't get any help, but I kept praying and asking the Lord if he had a purpose in it to show me. He let me suffer quite awhile before I really realized what he was trying to get to me. Finally when I said, Lord, if that is what you want me to do, heal me and I will rest on that assurance until your time to bring this to pass. He healed me almost instantly, and I surely do praise him for removing that awful pain. Oh, he is so precious to me. I love him more each day. He is all in all to me. Praise his dear name!

During the night last night, I awoke with an awful pain around my heart. The dear Lord healed me of that in answer to my feeble cry. I feel so little and unworthy of his great love, he is such a great and mighty Father and we are so small. He says as the dust of the balance, yet he says in another place that even the hairs of our head are numbered, so in these two scriptures we can see that we are small but he still cares for us.

Truly salvation is the most precious thing we can have in this life and I thank the Lord for it. It means so

much to me that I don't want to be without it. This life surely wouldn't mean much to me if I didn't have the Lord, so I mean by his help, to keep near him and do his will, no matter what others do. I pray almost daily to know his will.

I ask the prayers of the saints everywhere that I may ever be true. Your sister in Christ, Emma Busch.

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Mo.—Dear Bro. and Sis. Pruitt,—I greet you in Jesus' dear name. Truly my soul does rejoice in the holy way Jesus prepared for me. I am so happy for the victory that is in my heart.

I am happy that my heavenly Father provided for me to attend the campmeeting at Monark Springs, and also the meeting at Senath where Bro. Egbert Allen held a tent meeting. I received much soul food.

The devil was here waiting for me when I came back from campmeeting and he has tried me in many ways. I have gone through some very severe things. I have been made to know just what it really meant to live for the Lord and hold his truth up.

I am not well in body. I have something wrong with my left ear, and my eyes are failing me. I desire the saints to pray for me that God will heal me. Please remember my husband and son who are not saved. I have loved ones who are mixed up in sectism. Pray for them, that God will help them to see his way before it is too late, for time here is short. How my heart is burdened for people here.

Any of the saints who are passing through Poplar Bluff are welcome to stop by any time. May God bless each and every one of his children. A sister in Christ, Ruby Davis.

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Mo.—Greetings to all the dear saints,—I've been enjoying the testimonies of those redeemed by the precious blood of Christ and have been praising him for all the grace he gives me. Jesus is so good, true and faithful to me. His past dealings have been according to all truth, wisdom, righteousness, true holiness, and everything else that is good. I know his present dealings are thus, and according to his eternal Word of Truth, his dealings for the future will be the very best for my soul, so I have every reason to be encouraged. Praise the name of our God.

There is wondrous power in the blood of Jesus. While the enemy tries in so many ways to trouble and annoy, I have real peace in Christ.

I suffered defeat, more or less, in many ways for a long period of time after Jesus freely forgave me for past transgressions. During that time I had to ask souls to forgive me from time to time for words spoken and actions done which I knew were not Christ-like. How sad I would be at times for I wanted to lift Jesus up before the people in such a way that I would have his approval. The Lord showed me how to humble myself before him to be a partaker of the divine nature of Christ. I hesitated for I had been professing to enjoy the fullness of the blessings of the Lord. I finally failed the Lord so that I could not testify to even being a child of God. How sad I was but I made haste to call for mercy. I had no spirit to cover up and go on. Jesus had been so good to me and I knew he would do wonderful things for me if I would just get down low at his feet and confess all and trust in him for true holiness. I surely thanked the Lord for exposing all things. He did it in truthfulness to my soul and save me from everlasting torment. How precious it is to have a close life with him now, not caring how

soon I shall be called to leave this time world. I am striving for spiritual gains and strength in the Lord.

Is there any soul reading this in the same position I was—not wholly given up to the Lord? Perhaps you too, have been professing to be sanctified but if that real closeness to the Lord is lacking, you are not ready for heaven. The enemy will try hard to have you justify yourself in being impatient and unkind and having a love for things entertaining, not to the glory of God; but beware lest you find yourself face to face with the judgment without the experience of real rest and peace in Christ. I often pray with a real burden for souls who may be going on in such a way that the true saints of God about them do not even know they have a deep soul need. You know it, dear reader, if such is your condition.

My prayers shall continue to be for those not ready to meet him. The Lord knows who they are and where they are. He knows everyone who is professing among the saints and in such a condition. Jesus is waiting to help you. How blessedly he will receive you and all the saints will rejoice.

Rosella Scott.

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Are We Like These?

Jesus spoke in parables
To the people of old
To show them His plan
And his great love unfold.
But they closed their eyes,
And refused to see,
Choosing sinful bondage
Rather than to be free.

They stopped up their ears
Lest his words they should hear,
Refusing the love they should
Have held most dear.
They heard not his prayers
And saw not his tears,
Blinded by Satan's
False courage, no fears.

We today are much like them;
In the world's dazy throng
Do we shut our eyes and hurry along?
The sweet voice of Jesus
Calls, Oh, why will you die?
Do we stop our ears,
Nor list to his cry?

Our days slip away
Into weeks, months, and years.
We heed not his prayers,
And see not his tears;
But to our great alarm,
Our life comes to a close,
And we cry in our anguish,
Where I'm going, who knows!

Oh, stop! will you crucify him again?
Oh look at Him suffering
Such anguish and pain;
Come yield to his plea,
He is dying for thee.
Shall he die in vain
On Calvary's tree?

The spirit and the bride say come; and let him that heareth say come; and let him that is athirst come; let all that fear God come to this great salvation.

Mother Rebecca Basicker.

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JEREMIAH DENOUNCES FALSE PROPHETS

December 4, 1949

Printed Portion.....Jeremiah 23:16, 21-32.

Jer. 23:16. Thus saith the Lord of hosts, Hearken not unto the words of the prophets that prophesy unto you: they make you vain: they speak a vision of their own heart, and not out of the mouth of the Lord.

23:21. I have not sent these prophets, yet they ran: I have not spoken to them, yet they prophesied.

22. But if they had stood in my counsel, and had caused my people to hear my words, then they should have turned them from their evil way, and from the evil of their doings.

23. Am I a God at hand, saith the Lord, and not a God afar off?

24. Can any hide himself in secret places that I shall not see him? saith the Lord. Do not I fill heaven and earth? saith the Lord.

25. I have heard what the prophets said, that prophesy lies in my name, saying, I have dreamed, I have dreamed.

26. How long shall this be in the heart of the prophets that prophesy lies? yea, they are prophets of the deceit of their own heart;

27. Which think to cause my people to forget my name by their dreams which they tell every man to his neighbour, as their fathers have forgotten my name for Baal.

28. The prophet that hath a dream, let him tell a dream; and he that hath my word, let him speak my word faithfully. What is the chaff to the wheat? saith the Lord.

29. Is not my word like as a fire? saith the Lord; and like a hammer that breaketh the rock in pieces?

30. Therefore, behold, I am against the prophets saith the Lord, that steal my words every one from his neighbour.

31. Behold, I am against the prophets, saith the Lord, that use their tongues, and say, He saith.

32. Behold, I am against them that prophesy false dreams, saith the Lord, and do tell them, and cause my people to err by their lies, and by their lightness; yet I sent them not, nor commanded them: therefore they shall not profit this people at all, saith the Lord.

Memory Verse: Therefore, behold, I am against the prophets saith the Lord, that steal my words every one from his neighbour. Jer. 23:30.

Practical Truth: We should pray for good discernment so we can detect the false prophets that are in the world today.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

In this lesson today the prophet Jeremiah is warning the people against false prophets and false teachers. The world is full of false teachers today and we are made to wonder how many are able to discern between the false prophets and God's true prophets.

The true prophet will speak the truth and will declare all the counsel of God. False prophets will speak lies and they are agents of the devil to deceive and destroy God's people.

Often some false teacher will get the place as leader in a congregation, and the Bible says the leaders of my people cause them to err, and they that are led of them are destroyed. We remember that Jesus said, "Beware of false prophets which come to you in sheep's clothing but inwardly they are ravening wolves." Jesus said, "Ye shall know them by their fruits." As a general rule these false teachers will push themselves to the front to take the lead if we will let them.

Well did Jeremiah say, "They are prophets of the deceit of their own heart." All of God's people need good discernment so they can detect these false teachers and refuse to be led by them. The purpose of false teachers is to turn God's people away from him and deceive the heart of the simple.

Jeremiah speaks of them dreaming dreams, and then telling their dreams to the people, and causing them to believe their dreams are from the Lord, thus deceiving the people and turning their hearts away from the Lord. Turn to the 2nd chapter of 2 Peter and read the first three verses. Remember what Jesus said, "Beware of false prophets."

JEREMIAH TEACHES PERSONAL RELIGION

December 11, 1949

Printed Portion.....Jeremiah 8:4-6; 31:29-34.

Jer. 8:4. Moreover thou shalt say unto them, Thus saith the Lord; Shall they fall, and not arise? shall he turn away and not return?

5. Why then is this people of Jerusalem slidden back by a perpetual backsliding? they hold fast deceit, they refuse to return.

6. I hearkened and heard, but they spake not aright: no man repented him of his wickedness, saying, What have I done? every one turned to his course, as the horse rusheth into the battle.

31:29. In those days they shall say no more, The fathers have eaten a sour grape, and the children's teeth are set on edge.

30. But every one shall die for his own iniquity: every man that eateth the sour grape, his teeth shall be set on edge.

31. Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, that I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah:

32. Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt; which my covenant they brake, although I was an husband unto them saith the Lord:

33. But this shall be the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; After those days, saith the Lord, I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be my people.

34. And they shall teach no more every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the Lord: for they shall all know me, from the least of them unto the greatest of them, saith the Lord: for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.

Memory Verse: Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling. Philippians 2:12.

Practical Truth: From sectism and divisions God will gather the few who will stand for the right and dare to be true.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

According to the teaching of God's word, the responsibility of our souls is a personal matter between us and our God. We are free moral agents and we must choose for ourselves whom we will serve.

Jeremiah makes this clear in the written portion of the lesson for today. Pure and undefiled religion, according to God's plan, is available to each one of us. Each one must decide for himself in this all-important matter of salvation. We are saved, or lost, according to our own choosing. God sets before us the way of life and the way of death, and he makes it plain that we must choose for ourselves which way we will take. There is a big difference between the strait gate and the narrow way, and the wide gate and the broad way—the first leads upward to heaven and the other leads downward to the gates of hell.

The religion of the Bible is a personal religion. No one can live it for us. We must each live it for ourselves. If at the close of our little short stay on earth, we find that we are weighed in God's balance and found wanting, we will remember that we chose the path we traveled. God puts the responsibility of our souls on each of us. Numbers of times in the Bible we read the warnings God has recorded there warning against taking the wrong way. How careful we should be in the matter of choosing for eternity.

There is a way (or many ways) which seem right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death. I trust that everyone who studies this lesson will choose the right way and live holy. Just dare to stand for the right and be true to God.

THE UNIVERSAL GOD

December 18, 1949

Printed Portion.....Jeremiah 29:1, 4-14; 31:3.

Jer. 29:1. Now these are the words of the letter that Jeremiah the prophet sent from Jerusalem unto the residue of the elders which were carried away captives, and to the priests, and to the prophets, and to all the people whom Nebuchadnezzar had carried away captive from Jerusalem to Babylon;

29:4. Thus saith the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, unto all that are carried away captives, whom I have caused to be carried away from Jerusalem unto Babylon;

5. Build ye houses, and dwell in them; and plant gardens, and eat the fruit of them;

6. Take ye wives, and beget sons and daughters; and take wives for your sons, and give your daughters to husbands, that they may bear sons and daughters; that ye may be increased there, and not diminished.

7. And seek the peace of the city whither I have caused you to be carried away captives, and pray unto the Lord for it: for in peace thereof shall ye have peace.

8. For thus saith the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel; Let not your prophets and your diviners, that be in the midst of you, deceive you, neither hearken to your dreams which ye cause to be dreamed.

9. For they prophesy falsely unto you in my name: I have not sent them, saith the Lord.

10. For thus saith the Lord, That after seventy years be accomplished at Babylon I will visit you, and perform my good word toward you, in causing you to return to this place.

11. For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the Lord, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end.

12. Then shall ye call upon me, and ye shall go and pray unto me, and I will hearken unto you.

13. And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart.

14. And I will be found of you, saith the Lord: and I will turn away your captivity, and I will gather you from all the nations, and from all the places whither I have driven you, saith the Lord; and I will bring you again into the place whence I caused you to be carried away captive.

15:3. The Lord hath appeared of old unto me, saying, Yea, I have loved thee with an everlasting love: therefore with lovingkindness have I drawn thee.

Memory Verse: The heavens declare the glory of God and the firmament sheweth his handy work. Psalm 19:1.

Practical Truth: The eyes of the Lord are all over the earth watching his true people; he will show himself strong in their behalf.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

The universal (or one) God is the theme of this lesson and it brings very vital truths to us from God's precious Holy Word. Jeremiah tells us of this universal God. He is everywhere, as is shown in the devotional reading in connection with this lesson, Psalm 139. God everywhere—it is hard for the human mind to conceive, or understand this far-reaching statement. God everywhere—this whole universe is governed by him. The earth, the sun, the moon, all the stars, the heavens above and all that is beneath are under his control. Besides all this, he has a listening ear for every prayer that is uttered. The eyes of the Lord are over the righteous and his ears are open to their prayers. He has the hairs of our heads all numbered and not a sparrow falls to the ground unnoticed by him.

If God is left out, there is no way to explain anything. Suppose we should leave God out of the first verse in the Bible, how could we explain anything?

It is hard for us to conceive the omnipotence of God. His power is limitless. In the first chapter of Nahum, the third verse, we read, "The Lord hath his way in the whirlwind and in the storm and the clouds are the dust of his feet."

What a mighty God we serve! He is the God of all nations, as we see in the seventh chapter of Revelation. He is no respecter of persons. Every one who fears God and works righteousness is accepted of him.

We will more fully appreciate his greatness when we who obey and serve him are gathered to that bright city we read of in his word.

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GOD'S MESSIAH

December 25, 1949

Printed portion.....Isaiah 9:2-7; 11:1-5.

Isa. 9:2. The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light: they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined.

3. Thou hast multiplied the nation, and not increased the joy: they joy before thee according to the joy in harvest, and as men rejoice when they divide the spoil.

4. For thou hast broken the yoke of his burden, and the staff of his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor as in the day of Midian.

5. For every battle of the warrior is with confused noise, and garments rolled in blood; but this shall be with burning and fuel of fire.

6. For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

7. Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this.

11:1. And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots.

2. And the spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord;

3. And shall make him of quick understanding in the fear of the Lord: and he shall not judge after the sight of his eyes, neither reprove after the hearing of his ears:

4. But with righteousness shall he judge the poor, and reprove with equity for the meek of the earth: and he shall smite the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips shall he slay the wicked.

5. And righteousness shall be the girdle of his loins, and faithfulness the girdle of his reins.

Memory Verse: And the word was made flesh and dwelt among us and we beheld his glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth. St. John 1:14.

Practical Truth: There is no salvation except in Christ Jesus, our loving Lord.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

Hundreds of years ago God told the world through his prophets that he would send his Christ, the Anointed One to save his people from their sins. The prophet said, "For unto us a child is born, unto us a Son is given, and the government shall be upon his shoulders." The Messiah had been promised and all who put their trust in God and believed his word were looking for the fulfillment of the Father's promise recorded in God's holy word. "Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign. Behold, a virgin shall conceive and bear a son and shall call his name Immanuel," meaning 'God with us,' for thus it was written. "And thou, Bethlehem in the land of Judah art not the least among the princes of Judah, for out of thee shall come a Governor that shall rule my people Israel." In the second chapter of St. Luke we read how God in his wisdom led Mary, the prophesied virgin to Bethlehem just at the time Jesus was to be born. "And she brought forth her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger because there was no room for them in the inn."

At this same time his bright star appeared in the heavens and guided the wise men to the place where Jesus was born. The shepherds out on the hills tending their flocks were amazed when the angel of the Lord came to them with this wonderful news, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which shall be to all people; for unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour which is Christ the Lord." And a multitude of the heavenly host joined with the angel that brought the good tidings praising God and saying, Glory to God in the highest and on earth, peace, good will toward men.

Read the first chapter of St. John and it will give a clear conception of Christ Jesus who came to save his people from their sins.

G. S.