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What a Sacrifice

O look dear friends and humbled be,
By Jesus' death on Calvary;
'Twas there His precious life He gave,
Our lost and dying souls to save.

He went to sad Gethsemane
And agonized for you and me.
His sweat like drops of blood ran down
Upon that consecrated ground.

Accused, rejected, and denied,
And shamefully was crucified,
For guilty sinners, one and all
And died to save them from the fall.

O see him there in agony
Upon the cruel, cruel tree;
He trod the wine press all alone;
His blood doth now for sin atone.

To save from sin, O what a price;
He gave himself a sacrifice;
And suffered death for you and me,
And rose again with Victory.

—Ulysses Phillips.

The Laver

We are requested to explain the spiritual lesson contained in the laver that stood in the court of the tabernacle: what it typified in the church of God.

We would say there is a very beautiful lesson contained in this article of the tabernacle. The laver was located in the court between the brazen altar and the first veil. The entrance through that veil represented the work of justification; the first apartment of the tabernacle the state of justification or regeneration. Access through the second veil foreshadowed the second grace of entire sanctification. The space enclosed about the tabernacle well repre-

sented the convicted state, the seeker's middle ground between the world and the church, sick of the former, but not yet entered into the latter. The brazen altar and laver beautifully symbolized the process of salvation. The altar imaged the idea of the sinner's surrender, the laver the washing of regeneration. The Lord had reference to this very figure of our salvation when he said, "Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you." Jno. 15:3. From it the writer of the epistle to the Hebrews derived these words: "And having an high priest over the house of God; let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water." Heb. 10:21, 22. Having passed the laver of justification they were now ready to go on unto perfection, or pass within the second veil.

There is no doubt in our mind that the Savior employed the figure of water in John 3:5 to lead our minds back to the laver as the figure of the regenerating truth. The spiritual minded understand very well that water denotes the Word in the above text, but to many it has been a mystery why the Lord did not rather say the Word and the Spirit, instead of employing "water" as a figure of the Word. Such have been our own thoughts in the past, but we have come to see and appreciate the wisdom of Christ in the use of language which is easily understood by comparison with our scriptures, and at the same time carries our mind back to the instructive figure of our salvation; namely, the water of the laver which represents the gospel. This application of the water of the laver is still more clearly proved by the use of other translations. Titus 3:5 reads as follows in the Emphatic Diaglott: "He saved us, not on

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account of those works of righteousness which we did, but according to his own mercy, through the bath of regeneration, and a renovation of the Holy Spirit." Thus regeneration under the gospel is associated with the laver bath under the law: the place of legal cleansings having been a figure of regeneration.

A very striking passage is found in Eph. 5:26, as rendered by the Emphatic and several other versions: "So that having purified her (the church) in the bath of water, he might sanctify her by the Word." The two successive works of grace are very clearly expressed here. "He might sanctify her by the Word." (See John 17:17.) Having previously purified her in the bath of water, he might sanctify her by the Word." Young's Bible Translation has it much the same,— "That he might sanctify it, having cleansed it with the bathing of the water in the sayings."

"That he might sanctify it, having cleansed it with the bathing of water in the Word."—Bible Union.

"That he might sanctify it, having cleansed it by the washing of water with the Word."—New Version.

It is rendered similarly by most all the translations we possess. How clearly this passage carries the mind back to the laver, where the priests were required to wash before entering the holy place. And how beautifully it shows the two-fold salvation of the new covenant; first, the washing of regeneration; second, entire sanctification.

But when the tabernacle was supplanted by the temple a still more significant figure takes the place of the laver. It was a large reservoir, and rested upon twelve molten oxen, three facing each way. These oxen, as other scriptures clearly intimate, represented God's ministers. See 1 Cor. 9:9. As the sea rested upon the oxen, so the ministers of the gospel bear the water of life to all men. As their heads faced east, west, north and south, so the messengers of Christ go in all directions.

There are other beautiful points of analogy we cannot now set forth in this lesson. The laver and sea represented the gospel, and their place of location in the tabernacle and temple represented the point conversion, as souls enter the greater and more perfect tabernacle, the church of the living God.

—D. S. Warner.

Our Inheritance

We find the definition to the word **inherit** means a natural gift. To the word **earnest** we find the definition means a pledge. And we read in Eph. 1:13, 14, "In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth: the Gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that Holy Spirit of promise, which is the **earnest** of our inheritance, until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory."

"Who hath also sealed us and given the earnest of the spirit in our hearts." 2 Cor. 5:5. From the definition of inheritance and earnest and the foregoing

scriptures, we learn that God's people have an earnest of inheritance here in this life; which is the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is the earnest or pledge of our inheritance.

So we should be very careful not to grieve the Holy Spirit of God whereby we are sealed unto the day of redemption. Eph. 4:30.

Jesus said, "If I go away, I will come again and receive you unto myself, that where I am there ye may be also." John 14:3.

Corruption doth not inherit incorruption. We must put off these mortal bodies. 1 Cor. 15:50. "Behold we shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound and we shall be changed, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible.

"For this corruptible must put on incorruption and this mortal must put on immortality." 1 Cor. 15:51-53.

Eternal life is our final reward or inheritance. And we have this life here; but while we are in these mortal bodies and subject to temptation we are liable to forfeit, or lose it.

"The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit that we are the children of God: and if children then heirs; heirs of God and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together." Rom. 8:16, 17. And read on down to the 22 verse and he says "the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now and not only they but ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to-wit the redemption of our body."

"Be thou faithful unto death and I will give thee a crown of life." Rev. 2:10. Amen.

—Mrs. Frank Brant.

A Solemn Warning

In the 11th Psalm and the 3rd verse we read: "Consider and hear me, O Lord my God: lighten mine eyes, lest I sleep the sleep of death." This is just one of the many solemn warnings we find in the precious old Bible which the Lord gave us from heaven so that we might know His way and His will. God loves us and all through His precious Word He warns us against yielding to temptations which are but traps and snares set by the devil to catch our feet and cause us to fall, and dishonor God—

Yield not to temptation for yielding is sin,
Each victory will help you some other to win
Fight manfully onward, dark passions subdue
Look ever to Jesus; He'll carry you through.

Several times in the Bible we read: "**Be not deceived.**" Carelessness and indifference is deceiving more people than any other thing that the devil has devised to ruin man and cause him to lose his soul which Jesus purchased with His own innocent blood. No doubt some saints are careless about their praying. God has faithfully warned us along this line. How long

and how often should we pray? We will let the Bible answer. Read Luke 18:1, Luke 21:36, 1 Thess. 5:17, James 5:16-17. If we fail to pray earnestly our prayers will all be in vain. Also let us be sure that we have clean hands and pure hearts when we come before the Lord in prayer. Isa. 1:15. We are commanded to watch and pray, and then pray till we pray. Amen.

Carelessness will cause our love to wax cold. Jesus said: "What I say unto you I say to all watch." We are commanded to be vigilant which means attentive to discover and avoid danger. Read the last half of the 6th Proverb beginning with the 23rd verse and notice in particular the 27th and 28th verses. Read the 18th verse of the 16th chapter of St. Luke. Jesus said: "Whosoever putteth away his wife and marrieth another committeth adultery: and whosoever marrieth her that is put away from her husband committeth adultery." Be not deceived God is not mocked. Now let us notice what Jesus tells us in the 24th chapter of Matt, verses 11, 12, 13 and 24: "And many false prophets shall rise and shall deceive many and because iniquity shall abound the love of many shall wax cold." And then he makes it clear that only those who prove faithful unto the end will be saved. Again we repeat: "Be not deceived." In the 2nd chapter of Revelation Jesus commended the church at Ephesus for the many good things they had and were doing and yet he said: "I have somewhat against thee because thou hast left thy first love." This was something they would have to repent of or else all their light would be taken away. No doubt there are many who are self satisfied who would be startled if God would let them see themselves as He sees them. Be not deceived.

Now last but not least we want to refer to a great event which is taking place right now. We go to the 20th chapter of Revelation and quote the 9th verse: "And they went upon the breadth of the earth, and compassed the camp of the saints about and the beloved city [the church] and fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them." And now the question, Who are they that have formed this circle around God's little holy remnant with a purpose to destroy all who will stand for the right and dare to be true? Revelation 16:13 we read: "And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs come out of the mouth of the dragon [paganism] and out of the mouth of the Beast [Roman Catholicism] and out of the mouth of the false prophet." [Protestantism]. These three with their allies are they who have formed a circle around God's true people. Any of the saints who are wide awake can see that this circle is being drawn tighter and tighter all the time. Communism the mightiest force the enemy has in his control now is infiltrating into the sect churches and will go along with them to strengthen this circle around the camp of the saints and the beloved city. About two years ago in Indiana I was told by a well informed sect minister that lots of communist were becoming members of the denominations (sects) and they will work through these man-made churches to

carry on their hellish work against God's true church. This mighty army that has encompassed the camp of the saints has every facility that modern science has brought about to carry on their deadly work and broadcast it all over the face of the earth. False teachings are covering the whole earth like great rivers; they are over-flowing their banks covering land and sea. The press and the radio through the enemy's worldly-wise preachers are bringing to pass this prophecy: "And they went up on the breadth of the earth, and compassed the camp of the saints about: and the beloved city: and fire came down from God out of heaven and devoured them."

Dear saints, let us not be deceived. Let us be faithful and pray, O God lighten mine eyes lest I sleep the sleep of death. For us to be deceived means to be eternally lost. The battle of Armageddon is raging now and will get hotter and hotter till God rains fire and brimstone on the wicked to destroy them. Dear saints let us be watchful and careful and pray always that we may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass and to stand before the Son of man.

Your brother who is much burdened for the saints in general,
Bro. George W. Stephenson,
Gerty, Okla.

Was the Devil Ever in Heaven?

Part 1.

By Ostis B. Wilson

In Isaiah 14:12 it speaks of Lucifer falling from heaven, etc. and makes mention of his being "cut down to the ground" who DIDST weaken the nations.

To begin in the middle of a thought always does violence to the thought and causes one to miss the proper meaning. The thought here of which this 12th verse is only a part begins with the 4th verse of this chapter and continues through the 23rd verse.

The 4th verse says: "That thou shalt take up this proverb against the king of Babylon, and say, . . . , etc." This makes it clear that the remarks made here refer to the king of Babylon and to no other. The thoughts concerning the proverb against the king of Babylon are continuous from this 4th verse through the 23rd verse. I request anyone who does not agree with this interpretation of this scripture to show where the line of thought changes and the remarks are directed to another person other than the king of Babylon. The 4th verse introduces the proverb against the king of Babylon and continues through the proceeding verses to tell of his violent acts in the earth against other nations and peoples for which the judgments of God are pronounced upon him and on in the 22nd verse he mentions judgments against Babylon which shows clearly that that subject is still under consideration.

Now a direct look at this 12th verse which mentions Lucifer who is said to have fallen from heaven as being cut down to the ground who DIDST weaken the nations. This then was some judgment upon him
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EDITORIALS

While these Editorials are being written a company of us are in Calif. holding meetings. The company consists of Bro. and Sis. Hyrum Ray, Bro. Egbert Allen and myself. At present we are in a revival meeting with the Glendale congregation in northeast Los Angeles. The meeting began on Wednesday the first day of March and this is the tenth day of the meeting. The interest has been good from the beginning. The meeting house has been well filled each night and sometimes crowded with folks. The Lord has given heart-searching messages with much freedom in deliverance and some have been at the altar for help. The meeting may go on ten days longer and if so we look for a breaking through and a harvest of souls. The saints at San Bernardino, Calif. are expecting us there next and then we have promised to have meeting with the Los Angeles congregation. We are anxious to do all we can to get the light of the Gospel to men and to use all that He puts in our hearts and hands to the Glory of God. Pray for us when you pray.



The apostle Peter when filled with the Holy Ghost said unto the rulers and elders of the people when speaking of Christ, "For there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved." Acts 4:12.

To be saved one must first be convicted by the Spirit of God that he is a sinner or one who is transgressing God's laws and grieving his Father heart—earning the wages of death and damnation. Through this enlightened knowledge Godly sorrow will be worked into his heart by the convicting Spirit of God. If he believes that God is, and that He is a rewarder of those that diligently seek Him (Heb. 11:6) he will confess his sins to God and ask him to have mercy on him, forgive him, and accepting the blood of Christ as an atonement for his sins he will find that God is faithful to forgive and blot out all his transgressions which will bring peace from heaven to his soul. This will be the beginning of a new life from the throne of God for him. As he prays to God He will give him grace, power and wisdom to walk soberly, righteously and Godly in this present world. Old things will have passed away and behold all things have become new. Now he is God's obedient child with His blessings and love bestowed upon him. Godly sorrow and conviction is gone, being replaced by God with righteousness, peace and joy. David says, "Great peace have they that love thy law."—In Isaiah the 32nd chapter and 17th verse we read, "And the work of righteousness shall be peace; and the effect of righteousness quietness and assurance forever. And my people shall dwell in a peaceable habitation, and in sure dwellings, and in quiet resting places."

It is not so with the wicked and Christ rejecters for we read in Isaiah 57:20, "But the wicked are like the troubled sea, when it cannot rest, whose waters cast up mire and dirt. There is no peace saith my God, to the wicked."

Every man has been given power to choose for himself. He can choose Christ in life and live or he can choose to reject Him and be without peace in this life and according to the words of Jesus in John 5:29 in the end be resurrected to damnation. Dear sinner friend, I entreat you to choose Christ and live, O why will you die in your sins? If you die in your sins where Christ is you cannot come. John 8:24.

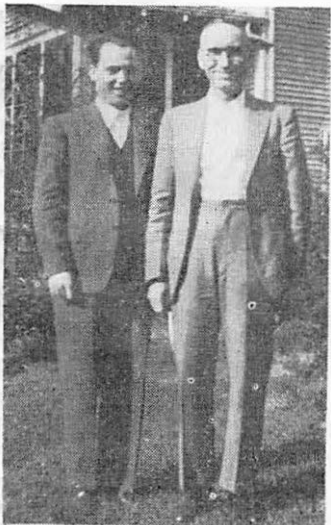
If there ever was a time or day when many are crying, here is Christ or there is Christ it certainly is at this present time. In Matt. 24:23 we read, "Then if any man shall say unto you, Lo here is Christ or there, believe it not. For there shall arise false Christs and false prophets; and shall show great signs and wonders."

The world today is filled up with false Christs and false prophets deceiving and being deceived, wearing sheep's clothing and deceiving many. Some are crying one thing and some another. Wicked spirits under the guise of being of Christ binding precious souls for eternity's night—putting light as darkness and darkness as light, and deceiving souls into following them.

The true ministers of God are teaching the unadulterated gospel of Christ which is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth. They are not seeking men to follow them but to get them attached to the living resurrected Christ. If they can get them attached to Christ and follow Him, they will have sweet fellowship together.

"Workers Together"

"We then, as workers together with him, beseech you also that ye receive not the grace of God in vain." 2 Cor. 6:1 It is a beautiful thought to think of the people of God as one large family. Each child of God has a particular place in the body of Christ, and each one has a special work to do, yet all are dependent upon each other. Included in this issue of Faith & Victory are some pictures of workers in God's great harvest-field.



Shown in this picture: Left, Ostis B. Wilson, Jr. Right, Fred Pruitt, editor. For almost three weeks Bro. Pruitt with a company of others has been engaged in revival meeting at the Glendale congregation in Calif. Bro. & Sis. Ostis Wilson in co-operation with other ministers are laboring there. Let us pray earnestly that there will be a great revival, and that much lasting good will be done not only in this congregation but in other places where the workers plan to labor before returning home.



Bro. and Sister Egbert Allen of Deepwater, Mo. are shown in this picture. However, she is not with him on this trip. Many times they travel alone in the gospel work preaching at different places wherever the Lord opens the door. She is of great assistance to him in searching out and reading scriptures for him while he preaches. As workers together, let us also pray that many souls will see the Light of the Gospel through the efforts of these servants of His to bring the lost to Christ. Let us not only pray but heed the Spirit's call and then we will be—

Ready to speak, ready to warn,

Ready o'er souls to yearn;

Ready in life, ready in death,

Ready for His return.

Included in this company of workers are Bro. Hyrum and Sis. Geneva Ray. It is their car in which the ministers are traveling. Sister Geneva is usually engaged in the print shop—assisting in preparing manuscript for this paper and children's paper, The Beautiful Way. Also in setting type on linotype machine. At this time they are both helping in other places in the Master's vineyard.



Report of Workers in Print Shop

Readers of Faith and Victory may be sure that there was plenty of work to be done by those workers who remained at home to publish this issue.

Pictured here is Sister Mary A.



Pruitt, wife of the editor, who is kept busy to an even greater extent with the affairs of the office and home in the absence of Bro. Pruitt. She is assisted by Miss Lois Whipple, Miss Dora Lela Sorrell, Kenneth Flynn and Harvey Johnson. For this edition responsibility of publication was shared by Lawrence Pruitt and Willie Murphey. Byron Pruitt, a grandson of the editor, helped set type after school. We also feel that the readers who have been faithful to help with their prayers and means are "workers together with him" for "Blessed are ye that sow beside all waters, that send forth thither the feet of the ox and the ass." Isa. 32:20

AN EXPLANATION

I wish to make a little explanation concerning the article inserted in the March "Faith and Victory" paper entitled, "Can we lose Sanctification, and yet remain justified".

First, I wish to say that we took this article from a "Gospel Trumpet" paper, which was printed in the year of 1895 while Bro. Warner was editor.

Since the article was printed and sent forth we were fasting and praying one day and the teaching of this article was upon our mind and the Spirit made us feel that we should make some explanation of it.

With all due respect to the writer, as we believe that he was sincere and had a real desire to help precious needy souls, we wish to say that it could be that his expression of a sanctified soul, who had done some grievous thing through lack of knowledge, had dropped back to a justified state might not be Biblical.

The Spirit makes us feel that one who had grieved the Spirit when in a sanctified state through lack of knowledge, would only merely weaken their power and would be humbled down until God could teach them his way more perfectly. As far as their feelings and power would be concerned, it might not seem to be any more than one in a justified state; but to say that they had dropped back into a justified state with the roots of carnality in the soul (which is the condition of a justified person) I hardly think could be Biblical for in that case they certainly would forfeit their sanctification and the infilling of the Holy Spirit and also justification.

For one to grieve the Spirit through lack of understanding and knowledge and then continue on indifferent and ride over God's chastisements and not be earnest in seeking his will and ways and to do them would soon leave him with no God in his soul. It is sad, but it is true, that many high professors are in that state today. You cannot go back to those things and put on and do what you have been delivered from with out defiling the soul. (Editor)

EASTER ALL DAY SERVICES

The saints at Guthrie will have their all-day services on Easter Sunday, April 9th, with dinner on the grounds and the ordinances observed in the afternoon. Some will want to be baptized on that day.

OREGON CAMPMEETING

The State Campmeeting at Jefferson, Oregon will be held this year from June 9th till June the 18th inclusive. Particulars later.

MEETING AT BOLEY, OKLA.

The April meeting of the Church of God at Boley, Oklahoma will convene April 14 and continue through the 23rd if the Lord wills. We earnestly desire the prayers of the saints everywhere that the Lord will anoint for this meeting and send people to hear Him out of His Word. We are praying for a glorious meeting and that many souls will be saved. A hearty welcome is extended to all who come. Your Bro. in Christ, M. J. Phillips.

Popular Religion

Popular religion today, as it always has been down through the annals of time, is simply the religion of the god of this world, brought forth by Satan for the delusion and damnation of souls. The Word says, "Woe unto you when all men speak well of you; for so did their fathers to the false prophets." These false prophets were the popular preachers of their day and generation, receiving the laurels and applause of the popular churches or denominations, believing themselves to be, beyond a doubt, the true God. While God's true prophets and followers were being persecuted, put to shame and death for disturbing their society by warning them to flee from the wrath to come.

Popular religion was false in the days of Christ. Its members (the Pharisees) and its preachers (the scribes) Christ denounced as hypocrites (false professors) and sentenced them to hell. They persecuted Jesus all his life, and finally led him to dark Gethsemane, where they put him on a cross.

Popular religion, though claiming to be orthodox and true, slaughtered over 60,000,000 of God's humble saints, until the valley of Piedmont flowed like a river with their blood, even since the days of Jesus Christ, under charge that they were fanatics, heretics, come-outers, and disturbers of the church. Popular religion has always fought the truth, and persecuted those that measured their lives by it.

I believe that each one of God's true ministers today must be consecrated to go to the stake, for as times are waxing worse and worse, many of us may suffer a martyr's death. There is just one reason why some of us already who are out in this beautiful evening light preaching the word of God in its fulness, have not suffered death by crooked and popular professors. It is the protection of the laws of our land.

Feelings of bitterness, and revengeful spirits are almost as great today as in all the annals of history. Today the harlot daughters of Babylon are all athirst for our blood, and would love to have God's true holiness people wiped out of existence. Their cry is, as it always was, "They are tearing down our churches, disturbing our religious societies! Away with them! away with them!!" Brethren, when I look into the word of God, I find that the persecution question is forever settled: "Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus, shall suffer persecution." 2 Tim. 3:12.

The truth is, these persecutions are really indispensable as a means of God's grace to his true saints. Hence, we should hail them as real blessings in disguise, and rejoice. We want to never let it be forgotten that in the hour of peril and distress and persecution, that the angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them. We find that all those old servants of God, who have long ago gone to their reward, such as Wycliffe, Huss, Luther, Tyndale, Wesley and others, who urged that all doctrines be brought to the test of the Bible, and renounced all other things which it condemned,

against these men persecutions raged with relentless fury by popular religionists (false professors); yet they ceased not to declare the truth in all the light God had given them. Different periods in the history of the church have each been marked by the development of some special truth, adapted to the necessities of the saints of God at that time. Every new truth has made its way against hatred and opposition. Those who were blessed with its light were tempted and tried. We, to whom God has revealed this evening light, dare not withhold it from the people. God commands us to present this last invitation to every creature. We cannot remain silent while perishing souls are at stake. We, as Christ's ambassadors, have nothing to do with consequences. We must leave the results with God. But oh, how sweet to hear the words of Jesus through the thickest of the fight, "My grace is sufficient." We are commanded to cry aloud and spare not: "Lift up thy voice like a trumpet and show my people their transgression, and the house of Jacob their sins." Isa. 58:1.

By God's help we will cry out on all false holiness spurious sanctification, popular religion, and all the works of the devil, and lift up the standard of Bible holiness or sanctification that makes us all one in Christ. "Blessed are ye when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and say all manner of evil against you falsely for my sake. Rejoice, and be exceeding glad; for great is your reward in heaven." Matt. 5:11, 12.

—G. Tufts, Jr.

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SEEK AND SEARCH DILIGENTLY

The following scriptures provoke thoughtful and serious consideration.

"Ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart." Jer. 29:13.

"But without faith it is impossible to please Him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him." Heb. 11:6.

"But if from thence thou shalt seek the LORD thy God, thou shalt find him, if thou seek him with all thy heart and with all thy soul." Deut. 4:29.

"Now set your heart and your soul to seek the LORD your God." 1 Chron. 22:19.

A GOOD EXAMPLE

The birds always hold their morning worship before breakfast. They begin the praises of God before they can see to hunt their morning meal.

—D. S. Warner

Obituaries

Eddie M. Miles was born in Oswego, Kansas, August 2, 1882 and departed this life February 10, 1950.

At the age of eight years he, with his parents, moved to Kiowa, Kansas. After living there a few years the family moved to the State of Oklahoma and settled in Alfalfa County where he spent the rest of his childhood days.

In the year of 1912 he moved to Jennings, Oklahoma. There he met and was married to Mrs. Angeline King the same year.

Early in life he professed a hope in Christ and united with Mount Olive Baptist Church of Jennings, Oklahoma, and there worshipped until hearing the evening light truth of the Church of God which he accepted and was saved with the saints and there remained until departing this life.

Brother Miles was faithful in the work of the Lord, was very active in praying for the sick, and through his prayers many people were helped and healed. In his latter days he was called to the ministry, and was very successful in demonstrating his charts to the people and many were benefitted.

He was always kind to every one, thus making friends wherever he went. Also, he was a lover of songs and through the help of the Lord he was able to compose several.

Brother Miles became ill more than a year ago. Through his illness he was always kind and patient, also firm and true to his trust in God, never resorting to earthly aid, but trusted the dear Lord firm until the end. Some of his last words were, "I am going to trust the Lord until the end."

He leaves to mourn his departure Sister A. M. Miles and daughter, three nephews, one niece, other relatives, and many friends.

Funeral was conducted by Bro. U. Phillips. Texts: Psa. 39: 46; Psa. 40: 1-3 and 23:1-4. Assisted by Bros. Crawley, Barton and Pruitt. Burial at Silver City cemetery.

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Sister Sallie Bowens was born about the year of 1845 and departed this life February 13, 1950, being one of the oldest citizens of this state. Her parents were Ben and Julia Park who lived in Sedalia, Mo. at the time of her birth.

She was married to Mr. Berry Boyd in the state of Texas about the year of 1870. To this union were born four boys. Mr. Boyd having preceded her in death, she was later married to Mr. Bowens. To this union were born four boys and two girls.

She was saved and joined the Methodist Church in early life. She came to Oklahoma with her family and settled near Boley in the year of 1912 where she united

with the Church of God and lived a faithful saint of God the rest of her life. She moved to Okmulgee in 1922.

She leaves four sons, one daughter, a host of grand children, great grand children and relatives and friends to mourn their loss.

Funeral services were conducted by Bro. G. W. Mc-Millan. Text: Ecl. 3:2. Her body was laid to rest in the Boley Cemetery.

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Paul James Baumgartner, son of Jacob and Rosie Baumgartner, was born November 26, 1887 and departed from this life February 21, 1950, at the age of 62 years. He had been well and working to the point of his death which resulted from a heart attack.

The early years of his life were spent on a farm near Berne, Indiana. On April 9, 1913 he was united in marriage to Hulda Victoria Andrews, to which union were born three children: Ralph, Goldie and Dale.

The majority of his married life was spent in Chattanooga, Ohio, where for many years he owned and operated the sawmill until recently when he sold the mill but continued to manage it under the ownership of his brother-in-law.

A devout student of the Scriptures and a fervent Christian he had for many years been active in the work of the Church, serving faithfully in several capacities. Because of his firm faith in God, he was often called upon to pray for the sick and also was healed many times himself. His life and testimony was always an exponent of the truth which he loved. During his life he wrote several gospel tracts and articles, preached many sermons, taught Sunday School classes and always supported the Lord's work faithfully by his prayers, interest, presence and material means. His life of faith, his splendid Christian spirit, and his devotion to God's cause were greatly appreciated by all who knew him.

Those surviving are: his wife, Mrs. Hulda Baumgartner; his sons, Ralph of Willshire, Ohio and Dale who is living with his mother; one daughter, Mrs. Wayne Francis of Van Wert, Ohio; his mother-in-law, Mrs. Sophie Andrews; two brothers, Lou of Geneva, Indiana and Samuel of Hammond, Louisiana; one sister, Mrs. William Andrews of Geneva, Indiana; five grandchildren and eleven nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were from the Church of God, Willshire, Ohio, with the pastor, Herbert I. Schumm officiating, assisted by Dwight R. McCurdy, Decatur, Indiana and Frank Butler of Roanoke, Indiana.

His body was laid to rest in the MRE cemetery, west of Berne, Indiana.

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Wilson Lester Joiner, born July 26, 1878, passed from this life February 25, 1950, age 71 years and one day less than seven months. He was married to Leila Williamson and to this union were born eight children, two of whom preceded him in death, leaving four sons and two daughters, his faithful wife, nine grandchildren, besides many other relatives and friends to mourn his passing. But we feel confident that this is heaven's gain, for he lived a faithful saintly life preceding his death, being converted something like nine years ago. He was a faithful attendant at our services and when he saw the end nearing he was ready and we have never witnessed a more precious passing than his. He seemed so calm, confident, with such blessed assurance that the Lord was with him and had a place in heaven for him. The struggle in death did not last long. Before his conversion about nine years ago his health was very poor and

seemed his days were few but after he gave his heart to the Lord he was also healed, which brought to our minds Hezekiah's experience of the Lord adding some years to his life. Also in his last sickness he felt the end was near which made us think of Paul's experience in 2 Tim. 4: 6-8. We believe that often the Lord reveals to his children the approaching end which only brings peace and happiness to the soul. Praise His dear name! So, we thank God that our dear brother passed to a higher plane than this to join the saints of all ages, and we only feel like saying, "Rest on, our brother." May each of us have fought a good fight when the end comes.

Funeral conducted by saint ministers and his body laid to rest in the saints' cemetery at Oak Grove, a few miles out of Loranger, La. Scripture texts, Isa. 38: 1-5; 2 Tim. 4: 6-8; 1 Cor. 15: 42-58; 1 Thess. 4: 13.

—Mrs. Katherine Key.

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Rebecca Jane (Triplet) Roach was born near Long-lane, Mo. August 12, 1857, and departed this life Feb-6, 1950 at Muskogee, Okla. at the home of her daughter. Age 93 years.

She was united in marriage to William T. Roach who preceded her in death 35 years ago. To this union six children were born, three of whom are deceased.

She and her husband accepted the truth of the Church of God in 1892 under the preaching of Bro. George E. Bolds and company at Bennett Springs, Brice, Mo. She always loved the saints and gave of her means for the support of the gospel work, and would always ask the saints to have prayer with her when they came to see her.

She leaves to mourn her passing three daughters: Effie Hughes, Webb City, Mo.; Anna Woolman, Muskogee, Okla.; Maud Larman, Tonkawa, Okla.; a grand daughter who she raised, Lilly Graham, Webb City, Mo.; 20 grand children, 48 great grand children, and 13 great, great grand children.

The funeral was held at the Church of God in Nowata, Oklahoma, conducted by the pastor. Her body was laid to rest in a beautiful cemetery at Nowata.

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Bro. James Franklin Freeman was born March 31, 1876, and departed this life February 17, 1950. Age 73 years, 10 months and 14 days. He was united in marriage to Miss Lucinda Morris June 4, 1905. To this union were born eleven children. Four sons: Orville, Marvin, John and Earl of Springfield, Mo. Seven daughters: Mrs. Margaret Fravel, Mrs. Edna Blacksher and Mrs. Bertha Yoder of Springfield; Mrs. Mary Ramsey, Lebanon, Mo.; Mrs. Effie Griffith, St. Louis, Mo. and Mrs. Mae Belcher of Shawnee, Okla. One daughter, Viola Williams, preceded him in death. One brother, Ira Freeman, of Cabool, Mo.; a sister, Ida Woolridge, of Mountain Grove, Mo. and 29 grand children.

Besides the devoted wife and children, he leaves to mourn their loss a host of friends and other relatives.

Bro. Freeman gave his heart to God about 19 years ago. He had been bedfast for four years and suffered intensely at times, but was very patient through it all. He always enjoyed and looked forward to the saints and friends coming in to visit. He often asked for the song, "Tarry With Me" to be sung to him.

Funeral services were conducted by Bro. Darius Gibson and Bro. F. E. Doolittle. Scripture text: 2 Cor. 5: 1. The body was laid to rest at Liberty Cemetery, 12 miles east of Springfield, Mo.

Young People's Section

The Master

Tell me about the Master,
How he died to save my soul.
And arose again the third day,
That I may be made whole.

Tell me about the Master,
Of the hills he in loneliness trod,
When the tears and the blood of
his anguish,
Dropped down on Judea's sod.

Tell me about the Master,
Of the wrong he freely forgave,
Of his love and tender compassion,
Of his love that is mighty to save.

Yes, I know that whatever sorrow,
Pain or temptation befall,
The good Master has suffered,
And knoweth and pitieth all.

—Harvey Johnson

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The New Commandment

"A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another." John 13:34-35. God is calling for a real manifestation of this love one to another, dear young saints, and truly, as we get closer to Him, we should get closer to each other. I firmly believe that we, as children of God, are going to be drawn closer together, as a family, as time moves on.

Under the Mosaic Law they were commanded to love one another; but how much greater should our love be to each other. Bro. Paul says, (Romans 12:10) "Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love, in honor preferring one another." We see that it is a working love, and begins when we are born again. 1 Peter 1:22 tells us it is an unfeigned love, and that we love one another with a pure heart fervently. FERVENTLY! That doesn't mean part of the time. The fervent love overlooks faults and mistakes and makes us stand by one another in adversity. We are talking about saints! God help us to be just that. 1 Peter 4:8 is another good scripture to read on this subject.

Maybe we have fallen down a little in manifesting our love, in time past. Bro. Paul in 1 Thess. 5:26, 2 Cor. 13:12, and 1 Cor. 16:20, tells us to "Greet ye one another with an holy kiss." Brethren, our love for Christ, for the church and for the truth shows plainly—by our love to and for each other. We don't

show partiality because of color, either. Oh dear ones, God has been showing me that we must manifest that charity that God has given to us for each other; that the world may see and believe. Read St. John 17:21-23. How we ought to appreciate the saints! Let us be encouraged to live for God and stand for the truth. Amen. —J. Warner Forbes.

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IS IT WRONG TO ATTEND "GOOD MOVIES"?

John Wesley's mother advised her children that they should not only abstain from things forbidden, but also from all those which they found by experience served to diminish one's enjoyment of God. This is the ground for a Christian's reflection of the theater, the skating rink and other places of worldly amusement—they all tend to diminish one's enjoyment of God. The prohibition of such things works no hardship on those who have their minds and hearts set upon God. —Selected.

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Oklahoma City—Dear young saints of God. In Jesus' name I greet all of you. This leaves me still saved and with a settled decision to press forward for the Lord. I am thankful for His many blessings on me.

When my mother had the rheumatism in her arm, I prayed for the Lord to heal her and the next day she felt like going to work. I surely thank the Lord for answering prayer. Pray for mother that she will get saved.

Remember me in prayer.

Lillie M. Adams

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Oklahoma City—Dear young saints: Greetings to you in Jesus' name. I am encouraged more than ever to press the battle onward. I would like to tell that I came to God with a broken heart asking Him to forgive me of my sins, and He rolled the burden of sin away. The Lord has really been a blessing to me since I have been saved. Dear saints, I do desire your prayers that I will be true and faithful to God until my work here has been completed. Your brother in Christ, William Adams

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Crime and Sunday School

The criminal is the product of spiritual starvation. Someone failed miserably to bring him to know God, love Him, and serve Him. As a result, the criminal's mental attitudes and actions are guided by a selfish individualism. He has no respect for the law—he hates it. Moral traditions are subject to his scorn as he declares war on society.

Unfortunately, there are many in the United States today who flout the laws of both God and man. This is borne out by facts and figures in the possession of the FBI.

Criminals are not born. They are the products of neglect, the victims of indifference, the results of an age which has tossed morality in the junkyard,

Moral chaos and crime run hand in hand as they eagerly attempt to destroy peace, order, and happiness. If we are to get down to fundamentals in approaching the problem of crime, it is necessary to build the spiritual structure of the child at the cradle. This responsibility rests initially with the parents. The home must be the first great arena of teaching. In the final analysis, the child who fails to learn honesty, discipline, and respect for authority from his parents can quickly become exposed to the virus of crime.

The Sunday school is a citadel of real spiritual influences. Religion, to a boy or girl, becomes a reality based on love and not on fear. Youngsters come to know that God asks more than mere lip service to His commandments; that He asks us to live under His guidance and love.

More often than not the child is introduced to the Bible by a Sunday-school teacher. It is quite impossible to believe that progress along the road to righteous living may be accomplished without the guidance of the Bible. It is the source of spiritual food, the solution of life's problems, and the inspiration for Christian living.

"Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God" is a precept that must be followed by all if life is to have a meaning. Our forefathers believed in the inspired Word of God, and their religious faith and simple devotion produced a strong national character.

If we are to make progress in the fight against crime, make certain that the children of the nation attend Sunday school. It is difficult to understand why many mothers and fathers refuse to afford to their children the wholesome, healthful, character-building environment of the Sunday school.—Selected.

CORRESPONDENCE

Cuba—Dear Ones in the Lord: I often think to myself what a God-blessed woman I am, to be adopted into such a grand family. I think if people would only consider a while of the wondrous depth of God's love and the interest He has taken in us to give His Son so freely for us that we can have redemption through His blood and become joint heirs with Him, they would not take one step back from Him. Sometimes my heart is so overwhelmed with joy and thankfulness when I think of His goodness to me that I can't even express it in words. It is more than forty years since He so gloriously saved and sanctified my soul, and I have never seen or heard of any thing yet that I would exchange this blessed experience for, and every day it is sweeter to me. Amid disappointments and discouragements strewn around me it only drives me closer to my Lord.

The greatest desire of my heart is to see my loved ones saved. My husband once professed, but he has followed bad company and seems yet to cling to the way of the evil, more than the good. My eldest son is married and lives in Cayman. My second son was in Jacksonville, Florida, when I last heard from him. I think he is married also. My youngest son is in Havana trying to get a ship out to sea. We received letters from him last week. It burdens my soul at times when I think

how fast time is flying and they are so thoughtless concerning their soul's welfare, even when they are being talked and pleaded with. I have done my part and I can only leave the rest to the Lord.

I am living away in the country, quite far from any church assembly, and only an ox cart as conveyance to get out. Whenever the Lord moves me to get out I will follow. In the quiet and seclusion of my humble home, he teaches me many lessons. Please pray for me. I am not discouraged and I know my Lord is a God of impossibilities. He can open ways where there seems to be no ways.

Yours sincerely in His Worthy name—Rose Moxam

Oklahoma City—To the Dear Saints everywhere: I feel like writing my testimony for the Faith and Victory paper. Today leaves me saved and sanctified. I am writing this message so you all can see how the Lord blessed me. In 1949 during our two weeks meeting I went only one Sunday and two nights. The third night I took my bed and could not walk for two weeks. I held on to God and he wonderfully touched my body. I give him all the praise.

We called the ministers and they came and prayed for me. The Lord wonderfully heard and answered prayer. Bro. Phillips, Sister Davis, Bro. and Sister Lounds and husband agreed in prayer and the Lord answered prayer. I can walk now, thank the dear Lord.

I am so glad I found the Lord when I did. I see in the Word of God, that healing is the children's bread. I am so glad I can trust him for soul and body.

I found the Lord when I was young and have trusted him for my children and myself thirty-two years.

The Lord has healed snake bite and broken leg, so I find him all I need in this life. I do not mean to take any remedies. I am going to look to God to heal my body. He healed me of asthma about five years ago. So Saints let us stand true to God and say what we mean and stick to it. Do not preach healing and when the battle gets hot, run and get man's help and say God told you too. Just be true and say, "I just didn't have faith." By God's help and grace I mean to go all the way.

—Sister Manley Spears.

California—Dear saints of God, greetings in His dear name: I want to thank one and all for your prayers, and above all I want to thank the dear Lord for hearing and answering your prayers for me. I am so glad I can trust a God that can and will do what He says He will do if we trust Him. Oh I praise Him this morning for all He is to me.

I didn't go to see a doctor, as I knew God knew the trouble and He can heal anything. Some thought I might have a cancer, but that didn't bother me. If He didn't see fit to heal a cancer I would just die with one as with any thing else. We all have to die some time, and I am in His hands to do His will. Praise His dear name.

I still need your prayers, and continue to remember my unsaved loved ones also. May God bless all his dear children is my prayer. Your Sister in Christ,

—Alta Bonner

Texas—Greetings of love to all: I feel led of the dear Lord to send my testimony of the miracle he did for us when he healed our little girl of polio. Of course polio is a dreadful disease, but God has power over all, so we just need to trust Him without any fear or doubt.

Marilyn took sick one Sunday afternoon with high fever and her head hurting. She was very sick, and could hardly stand to be turned over or moved; seemed to be hurting all over. On Wednesday morning she tried to walk to the breakfast table, but could not—just fell in the floor. She continued this way until the next week. We didn't have a doctor, but just held on to God for her. On Saturday before she had been sick two weeks she showed her grandma how she could get up by herself and run across the porch. She dragged her left leg some, but God had blessed in such a wonderful way.

We live just across the road from the Baptist church, so people were afraid to come to church. They called the health doctor out here, and he came Sunday morning. She had been sick two weeks but was up and walking pretty good by herself. He wanted us to take her to a doctor to be examined. I told him I was trusting the Lord and He had already blessed us. Also told him that the Apostle Peter didn't go to a doctor or give medicine, but just said in the name of Lord to walk. He said we were not Peter or John, so husband took her on to the doctor here at Clarksville. They believed it was polio. The health doctor said he would pay the bus fare for husband to take her to Dallas to a specialist. Husband said if it was polio he was going to leave her up there. We went, as I thought if they were going to take her any way I would go to be with her as long as I could. I promised the Lord I would testify to it if He would cause her not to have it. The specialist examined her thoroughly and pronounced it polio but completely healed of the germ. Praise God, and how I did thank Him.

They were afraid her leg would never develop right and advised husband to have her put in another hospital for treatment of her leg. We did, and that is where I failed God. I held on to the child as long as I could, but finally had to walk off and let her cry herself down. It was terrible, poor little thing. We do need to be strong in the dear Lord and see Him always.

They kept her eight weeks. She improved those first two weeks at home much more than in the eight while at the hospital. We give God the praise for turning her out of that place. Most cases were transferred from one hospital to another, and some without the parents' knowledge of it. She was to have gone back in about two weeks but God did not allow her to be taken back. No, I was not Peter, Paul or John or any of them, but we are serving the same God they did and He is just the "same yesterday, today and forever." She doesn't limp very much—just somewhat clumsy. May the dear Lord bless this testimony to His glory. —Sister Essie Moore.

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Ohio—Dear saints of God: I am writing a few lines to tell what God has done for me. I hurt my foot and went in for prayer to the saints at the "Printshop." About three days later my foot began to get better. I also thank Him for the many times He has answered prayer for me. I am thankful the Lord ever saved my soul from sin. This earth holds no pleasures that I would accept in exchange for salvation.

Pray for me that I might be able to win souls for Jesus by the life that I live. —Ethel Mohr.

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Guthrie, Okla.—Dear sister in Christ: Thank God I am well and still living for Him. I had a very bad cold last Saturday and Sunday, but just kept praying. It came to my mind, "Go wash your face." I went to the kitchen and washed, and God healed me instantly.

Praise His name. He works in mysterious ways His love to perform. I intend to live for Him.

I read Anna Marie's testimony. God healed me of the same kind of arm ailment. I can use my arm normally now. Praise the Lord.

The first time I was ever healed was when I had a bad case of appendicitis. Mother went to prayer meeting at Ripley, Oklahoma at that time years ago, and she and the Oldhams had prayer for me. I was not saved then, but God had mercy on me. I felt His healing power steal over my body from my head to my feet and all pain left immediately. God healed me and I have never had it since. He has healed me of so many things since then, and I expect to live for Him always.

Your sister in Christ,

—Martha Winch.

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Ohio—Greetings to all the dear saints scattered abroad: I feel it would be to the glory of God to tell of the wonderful healing that was wrought by His hand in our home.

This year on January the third our youngest daughter and I received ptomaine poison by eating ham that had been left over in an aluminum boiler. My husband had also eaten some of it. My daughter and I were very sick, and it seemed almost sick unto death. We trusted in the Lord strictly, and called for the elder of the Church, Sister Jones. Bro. and Sister Jones came at once, prayed several times, and anointed us according to His Word, and praise His dear name, He healed us every whit. The next day we were all able to eat. We did not have to go on a diet and "diet" out the poison. God healed us, and husband went to work the next day. I raise His name forever. I am so much encourage to live faithful and trust in God. Truly God has a few saints in Akron that trust the Lord like the Bible reads.

I am sure there is nothing too hard for the Lord to do. He has healed us and our children so many times. One of my daughters was healed of a head hemorrhoid and acute indigestion. I was healed of high blood pressure in the very last stage. Let us hold fast to faith without wavering. Pray for me.

Your sister in the One Body,

—Dueallie Jackson.

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California—Dear Bro. and Sister Pruitt, workers and saints scattered abroad: Greetings in the name we love so well. I do love my Lord more than I am able to say, and so glad He knows how true it is.

I do hope you are all enjoying good health and prosperity in your souls. I am glad to report victory over the enemy of our souls. Oh, what a Savior we have! Why wouldn't every one want to love Him? He is so merciful to mankind, not willing that any should perish. I am glad my Savior lets me share in His love for the lost. They sure need his pity and love, and He loved us when we were so lost and far away from Him. I am so glad I yielded to Him when my heart was young and tender. Now it seems people's hearts are so hardened that they just don't seem interested or concerned about where they will be in eternity. Oh, if they only knew! But God will leave them without excuse. I feel more stirred in my soul than heretofore for service for the Lord, to do my best for Him. Sometimes we think we have done our best, but meditating over it we find we could do better, so I am pressing as never before, digging deep, running hard, and listening close for my Savior's voice and to the Word of God. I want to know how to treat my brothers and sisters and fellow-travelers. Oh, this is a careful life, and we will pass this way

only once. I find such a pleasure in allowing the dear Lord to have His way in my life; my desires I yield to Him. I want what He wants me to have, and I fear to want what He would not be pleased for me to have. His way surely is best for me. I mean to live closer to Him. It seemed the Apostle John was always close up to Jesus and he was spoken of as the "one whom Jesus loved." That did not mean He loved John more than all the rest, but it is our privilege to not only love Him but love Him much—not merely to follow Him, but follow Him very close (not afar off). Oh, for a closer walk with Him!

Be sure to pray for me that I may be faithful to God and in all my service to Him and my fellow-man.

Yours, to serve in His name, —Georgia V. Morton.

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Standing in the Gap

"And I sought for a man among them, that should make up the hedge, and stand in the gap." (Ezekiel 22:30) Years ago, when I was just a little girl, I learned that to stand in the gap means far more than play.

Back in those days our fields, pastures, and orchards were surrounded with zigzag rail fences, with but few gates. When it was necessary to go from one field to another, a way could be easily made by laying down a gap. Beginning at one of these zigzag corners, laying the top rail back to one side, the next rail to the opposite, back and forth to the last ground rail, we soon had a gap opened that a loaded wagon could easily go through.

There was much hauling to be done, to and from the fields. It was always my task to stand in the gap. Especially was I glad when the time came for hauling loads where a gap had to be made between the orchard and the pasture.

When I was called to come to stand in the gap, I got my little box containing a small rag doll, a needle, thread, scissors, and scraps of cloth, in one hand and a long stick in the other (my weapon to drive back the cattle). Away I ran, thinking I would have hours of time to sew for dollie. But the cattle in that pasture soon found there was a gap in the fence, and were determined to go through; so I had a job on hand, and very little time to play. I would drive them away and back they would come.

Yes, standing in the gap means far more than play. If there ever was a time when we needed to call on God with all our hearts, it is now. The enemy is breaking through and destroying souls as never before.

Oh, fathers, mothers, and Christians, **awake, awake, awake**, and look around you. Can you not see that you have just been playing on the job? How much time do you spend in prayer and reading God's Word? How many folk have you spoken to, or prayed with, or even handed a tract, showing them the way of salvation, or giving them a word of encouragement in the hard places—pointing them to God, and not to some momentary pleasure that soon passes away?

Mothers, where is your greatest interest? Is it in keeping everything just so so, and your little ones

looking nice (which is perfectly all right in its place)? Are you more interested in their appearance than in their spiritual welfare? Look at the wrecked homes—boys and girls drinking, smoking, and cursing. Oh God, have mercy on our homes.

The enemy of souls is always on the job, watching for a chance to break through. And who knows where he will strike next? It may be in your own home.

If you are in a satisfied state, without a burden for the lost, there is something wrong. Get on your knees before God, confess your coldness, repent, get right with God, and ask Him to awaken you to the need of prayer, and to give you a burdened heart; then take your stand in the gap.

In order that we may drive back the enemy, God has given us a weapon (prayer) and no power on earth can take it from us or hinder us from using it at any time or place. He has also given us many precious promises that will stand forever, that never, never will be broken or changed.

We know that God is; we know that He is a rewarder. We know it by observation. We know it by experience. We know it by His Word (Heb. 11:6).

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Two Pictures

Taken from "The Hidden Life"

By C. E. Orr

The Christian is dead. "Life only comes through death. "He that loveth his life shall lose it; and he that hateth his life in this world shall keep it unto life eternal." John 12:25.

To die is to give up the world, sin, and self, and yield to God. Then you shall live. Christ will give you life.

You see two men driving by in a carriage. They look very much the same to you. You see the physical being and flesh and blood is alike; but their moral being may be different and spiritually speaking, one is dead; the other alive. One has eternal life and the other eternal death. The one is a sinner and the other a saint.

Picture I

Let me give you a panoramic view of the natural, sinful life of a human race. See a company of dancers in the brilliantly-lighted ball-room. See the gamblers at their crafty work. See the inebriate at the saloon counter drinking down the fiery liquid. That horrid scene yonder is a young woman of lost virtue seeking to wreck the lives of young men. That yonder is a secret order hall, where heart appalling oaths are taken, where men practice abominations and where God is blasphemed. Take a look at the pride and revelry of the world: the cold, proud formalism of sectarian worship. See the sect professors in their church fair, their festival bazaar, and their money making and pleasure-affording amusements. See the spectators at the prize fight; at the wrestling match; at the horse race; at the football, baseball and basket-ball games. See the cursers and the swearers, the chewers and the smokers, the jesters and the

jokers. Hear the vulgar, ungodly stories, the slang, the idle words. See the cheating and the stealing, the false vows and broken promises. See the young lady dressing in her profusion of laces and ribbons and jewels. (And Jezebel parlors today). See the jealousies, the envyings, the strife, the confusion, the hatred and the malice. See the young in their misguided courtship. See the abomination of the theater. See the women of the world, decked with jewels and finery and paints. . . . (Jezebel's paint). Look at the quarreling, the fighting, the murders, the divorces, the illegal marriages, the adulteries, etc.

Look this picture over carefully from top to bottom and from side to side, and include every sin that is not mentioned herein. See the heart-beat of a worldly sensual life. To such a life a saint is dead, dead, DEAD. This is what the apostle meant when he said, "Ye are dead."

Picture II

Allow me now to give you a panoramic view of the secret, hidden life that the christian lives. You see a woman retire to the quiet of her closet. She engages in prayer to God. She tells him of her trials and burdens of life. He comforts her by his grace and sheds over her soul a peace and joy that makes the place seem like the gateway to heaven. She there receives food and strength for the divine life in her soul.

Yonder under a tree is a man in prayer. He has come to the fountain of life to drink. This is foolishness to the man of the world, but there the Christian drinks. He feels life fresh from the throne of God reanimating his spirit, and he says, "I know my Redeemer liveth." Oh, the blessedness of communion with God! The soul tastes of the sweets of heaven. Nothing on earth can equal it. The pleasures of earth fade away; heaven draws nearer. The eye of faith is looking into the glory world. The man of the world knows nothing of the sweet tastes of heavenly glories that the Christian has while in secret prayer.

In another place you see a family gathered around the fireside reading the Bible and conversing about heavenly things. The father is telling the children of the crucified One—that he loves us and went to heaven to prepare a bright mansion for us to live in forever. See the expression of hope in their faces. Ah! do not tell me that any pleasure on earth can be compared to the joys and the blessings of the family worship. There you see a plainly dressed young lady going with a message of love to a sick chamber. That group of young people you see yonder are talking of the excellencies of Christian virtue and the blessedness of saving grace.

In an upper room is a company of saints washing each other's feet and partaking of the bread and wine, and another is buried in baptism.

All this is a beautiful picture. Look it over. There is nothing in it the sinner loves. It is hidden life to him. It is life from above. It is life eternal. O blessed wonderful life.

"Garments of righteousness never go out of style."

WAS THE DEVIL EVER IN HEAVEN?

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for something he had done before this came to pass. Could it then refer to the devil? Could he have weakened the nations while he was still in heaven and then later been cast out of heaven for having weakened the nations? Could he have done any evil work in the earth while he was still a pure angel in heaven? Of course not.

But on the other hand the king of Babylon did do these things and became so exalted in his heart that he said he had done all these things with his own hand. The Babylonish Kingdom was the first universal kingdom that history records and her king subdued and weakened and brought under subjection all other nations.

The 4th chapter of Daniel, verses 12 and 13, will throw much light on this 12th chapter of Isaiah. In verses 10 to 16 is given a vision that Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon had. Let us read it: "Thus were the visions of mine head in my bed; I saw, and behold a tree in the midst of the earth, and the height thereof was great. The tree grew, and was strong, and the height thereof reached unto heaven, and the sight thereof to the end of all the earth: The leaves thereof were fair, and the fruit thereof much, and in it was meat for all: the beast of the field had shadow under it, and the fowls of the heaven dwelt in the boughs thereof, and all flesh was fed of it. I saw in the visions of my head upon my bed, and, behold, a watcher and an holy one came down from heaven; He cried aloud, and said thus, Hew down the tree, and cut off his branches, shade off his leaves, and scatter his fruit: let the beasts get away from under it, and the fowls from his branches: Nevertheless leave the stump of his roots in the earth, even with a band of iron and brass, in the tender grass of the field; and let it be wet with the dew of heaven, and let his portion be with the beasts in the grass of the earth: Let his heart be changed from man's, and let a beast's heart be given unto him; and let seven times pass over him."

In the 19th verse Daniel begins to interpret his vision to him and refers to the tree, etc. and in the 22nd verse he says: "It is thou, O king, that art grown and become strong; for thy greatness is grown, and reacheth unto heaven, and thy dominion to the end of the earth".

This corresponds exactly with the 13th verse of the 14th chapter of Isaiah which reads: "For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God, etc." Nebuchadnezzar was proud in heart and said the same thing in different words in the 30th verse of the 4th Chap. of Daniel after he had subjected all the kingdoms of the world to himself. Listen to him. "The king spake and said, Is not this great Babylon, that I have built for the house of the kingdom by the might of MY power, and for the honour of MY majesty."

In the 25th verse of Daniel 4th chapter, Daniel proclaims unto the king what is the decree of the

most High concerning him. "That they shall drive thee from men, and thy dwelling shall be with the beasts of the field, and they shall make thee to eat grass as oxen, and they shall wet thee with the dew of heaven, and seven times shall pass over thee, till thou know that the most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whosoever he will".

In verses 31 through 33 we find that this judgment actually came on Nebuchadnezzar and just how serious it was because that in his heart he was lifted up with pride and exalted himself in his heart even unto heaven and to the exclusion of the God of heaven and did not acknowledge him but said he had done all this with HIS OWN HAND, etc.

Thus he fell from heaven (the exalted position he held and attributed unto himself in his heart) and was cut down to earth and humiliated beyond any other man we have any record of.

Luke 10:17-20

"And the seventy returned again with joy, saying, Lord, even the devils are subject unto us through thy name.

"And he said unto them, I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven.

"Behold, I give you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you.

"Notwithstanding in this rejoice not, that the spirits are subject unto you; but rather rejoice, because your names are written in heaven".

Please bear in mind that all of this was done and said in connection with the disciples of Christ and their work. Therefore this could not refer to the devil being cast out of the eternal heaven where God dwells because he did not just at this time show up in the earth. He showed up in the Garden of Eden in the form of the serpent. He came along in Job's time and was operating all along from Adam and Eve's time on down.

These disciples of the Lord had been out on a mission for him and they had been able through his name to cast out devils out of people's hearts who were possessed with them. It is in this connection that Jesus made this statement. Satan had taken a very exalted place and had dared to intrude into the hearts of men which had been made for God only. Through the power of Christ and his gospel he was defeated and dethroned and cast out of his exalted place in human hearts and cast down from the high esteem in which he had been held by those whom he had deceived and possessed.

Heaven is a term which may be and often is used to denote an exalted position or high place as well as to denote the habitation of God and the eternal dwelling place of his saints.

Take for instance the statement of Jesus in Luke 15:15: "And thou, Capernaum, which art exalted to heaven, etc." We know for sure that that city of Capernaum never actually got up to heaven but Jesus referred to their pride and being lifted up in heart and mind and pronounced judgment upon them for it.

The Bible refers to the third heaven. This was an experience related by the apostle Paul in the 12th

chapter of 2nd Cor. verses 1-4. In verse 2 he refers to one being caught up to the 3rd heaven. Then in verse 4 he says "How that he was caught up to Paradise." This identifies the 3rd heaven with Paradise and that is not yet the place of God's abode because in Luke 23:43 Jesus said to the penitent thief who was crucified with him "Today shalt thou be with me in paradise." Jesus, then, went into paradise on the day of his death but after his resurrection the 3rd day following he said to Mary in John 20:17 "Touch me not; for I am not yet ascended to my Father". He had been to paradise but he had not been to his father at that time.

Now the Bible speaks explicitly of three heavens and from the foregoing conclusion it seems there must be yet at least a fourth heaven which is the abode of God.

1. There is the aerial heaven that surrounds this earth in which are the clouds as well as the sun, moon and stars, etc. This is what is referred to in Gen. 1:1 "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth."

2. Then there is the ecclesiastical or spiritual heaven referred to in Eph. 2:6 "And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus." There are several other references in the scriptures to the heavenly places in Christ, etc.

3. The third heaven or paradise which is referred to in 2 Cor. 12:1-4.

To understand this properly furnishes us the key to the proper interpretation to many scriptures which would be very confusing in connection with other scriptures if we do not understand this point and think that every time heaven is used in the Bible it refers only to the abode of God.

2 Peter 2:4

"For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell, and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment;"

Angel is a term which also refers to more than one class of beings. There are the celestial beings which dwell with God in heaven and are referred to as the "angels of heaven", "angels in heaven", angels of God, etc. Then the term "angel" is also used in reference to a minister, messenger, or servant of God.

Let us look at Rev. 2:20 "The mystery of the seven stars which thou sawest in my right hand, and the seven golden candlesticks. The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches" Then in the 2nd Chap. of Rev. the messages to the seven churches begin and we note in verses 1, 8, 12 and 18 and in chapter 3 verses 1, 7 and 14 we find that the message to each individual church is addressed to the angel of that church. That would mean the minister or overseer there in that congregation.

It is in this sense that the term "angel" is used in 2 Pet. 2:4 and we find in the scriptures that many of the ministers or servants of God departed from the faith, fell from their own steadfastness, lost their estate and were lost in the end because of their sin.

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THE CHURCH SUFFERING AND TRIUMPHANT

April 2, 1950

Printed Portion.....1 Peter 4:12, 13.

1 Peter 4:12. Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happen unto you:

13. But rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings; that, when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

We who are true Christians are fighting a great warfare. We fight hard battles and win great victories as is suggested by the subject of the lesson today. Some people get the mistaken idea that when we become Christians that all will be smooth sailing. They don't realize that when we become Christians we have enlisted in the army of the Lord and that there is lots of hard fighting to do. Our business as soldiers for the Lord is to invade the devil's territory and to persuade his subjects to forsake him and come over on the Lord's side and naturally the enemy will put up a fight to keep his subjects under his control. Paul, in his second letter to Timothy, exhorts us to be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus and continues by saying, "Thou therefore endure hardness as a good soldier of Jesus Christ." How well did Paul realize the conflict of the Christian life as he came to the end of the way. We hear him say, "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith." God's Holy Word clearly portrays the trials and triumphs that accompany the true Christian life. We are fighting in the army of the Lord and though dangers thickly round our path way lie, we shall never faint nor fear. For the victory is near as we're fighting in the army of the Lord. Jesus is our mighty Captain and He is the head of the Church (his body) and he is leading us thru trials and triumphs on to certain victory.

Memory Verse: I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing. 2 Tim. 4:7, 8.

Practical Truth: We who are true saints are glad to suffer for Jesus' sake for if there is no cross there will be no crown.

THE POWER OF THE RESURRECTION

April 9, 1950

Printed Portion.....1 Cor. 15:1-8, 20, 21, 57, 58.

1 Cor. 15:1. Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand;

2. By which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain.

3. For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures;

4. And that he was buried, and that he arose again the third day according to the Scriptures:

5. And that he was seen of Cephas, then of the twelve:

6. After that he was seen of above five hundred brethren at once; of whom the greater part remain unto this present, but some are fallen asleep.

7. After that, he was seen of James; then of all the apostles.

8. And last of all he was seen of me also, as of one born out of due time.

20. But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept.

21. For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead.

57. But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

58. Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.

Memory Verse: But if the spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his spirit that dwelleth in you. Rom. 8:11.

Practical Truth We have hope of an eternal home in heaven because Jesus died and arose from the dead.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

In today's lesson we have the glad tidings of our risen Lord. His resurrection was announced by a great earth quake as the angels descended from heaven and rolled the stone away that sealed his tomb and they said, "Why seek ye the living among the dead? He is not here, He is risen." This was the mighty act of God, that opened the way of salvation to the whole world. No more comforting words were ever spoken, (Listen). "He is not here, He is risen." What a bright happy day it is for a sinner when he comes to the resurrected Christ with a broken heart and a contrite spirit and his dead soul is quickened by the mighty power of God and he hears Jesus say, "Thy sins are forgiven thee." It is then that he has passed the first resurrection and his name is recorded in the Lamb's book of life in heaven, for on such the second death has no power. Oh happy day!

The only hope we have beyond the grave is in the fact that Christ arose from the dead and he became the first fruits of them that slept and as Paul said, "If in this life only we have hope in Christ we are of all men most miserable." But Christ did burst the tomb asunder and he came out of the grave conqueror of death, hell and the grave, and because He lives we shall live also. Jesus said, "I am he that liveth and was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore." Amen.

AMOS THE PROPHET AND HIS PROGRAM

April 16, 1950

Printed Portion.....Amos 7:7-15; 8:1-3.

Amos 7:7. Thus he shewed me: and, behold, the Lord stood upon a wall made by a plumbline, with a plumbline in his hand.

8. And the Lord said unto me, Amos, what seest thou? And I said, A plumbline. Then said the Lord, Behold, I will set a plumbline in the midst of my people Israel: I will not again pass by them any more:

9. And the high places of Isaac shall be desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste; and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword.

10. Then Amaziah the priest of Bethel sent to Jeroboam king of Israel, saying, Amos hath conspired against thee in the midst of the house of Israel: the land is not able to bear all his words.

11. For thus Amos saith, Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel shall surely be led away captive out of their own land.

12. Also Amaziah said unto Amos, O thou seer, go, flee thee away into the land of Judah, and there eat bread and prophesy there:

13. But prophesy not again any more at Bethel: for it is the king's chapel, and it is the king's court.

14. Then answered Amos, and said to Amaziah, I was no prophet, neither was I a prophet's son; but I was an herdsman, and a gatherer of sycamore fruit:

15. And the Lord took me as I followed the flock, and the Lord said unto me, Go, prophesy unto my people Israel.

8:1. Thus hath the Lord God shewed unto me: and behold a basket of summer fruit.

2. And he said, Amos, what seest thou? And I said, A basket of summer fruit. Then said the Lord unto me, The end is come upon my people of Israel; I will not again pass by them any more.

3. And the songs of the temple shall be howlings in that day, saith the Lord God: there shall be many dead bodies in every place; they shall cast them forth with silence.

Memory Verse: O that thou had hearkened to my commandments: then had thy peace been as a river and thy righteousness as the waves of the sea. Isa. 48:18

Practical Truth: What would we do without Jesus?

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

Amos was one of the minor prophets but he was much used of God. None of his kin were or had been prophets. Amos was a shepherd and a gatherer of fruit and no doubt he never had a thought of being a mouth piece for God, yet he obeyed God and performed that which he gave him to do and he faithfully warned God's people of the impending danger of turning away and forsaking God. They had a form of Godliness but they left God out and no doubt today there are lots of people who have a religious program of their own but they leave God out and go on to certain destruction just as Israel was going to destruction when God sent his faithful prophet, Amos, and warn them to turn back to God or he would utterly forsake them. In the devotional reading for today's lesson we get a picture of those who have let temporal things creep in their lives until they have lost out with God or lost God out of their lives. Then when they are awakened to realize their desolate condition they find themselves miserable with out the joy of God's salvation. Like David, they will cry, "Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation."

AMOS ATTACKS SOCIAL INJUSTICE

April 23, 1950

Printed Portion.....Amos 4:1, 2.

Amos 4:1. Hear this word, ye kine of Bashan, that are in the mountain of Samaria, which oppress the poor, which crush the needy, which say to their masters, Bring, and let us drink.

2. The Lord God hath sworn by his holiness, that lo, the days shall come upon you, that he will take you away with hooks, and your posterity with fishhooks.

Memory Verse: And every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things. Now they do it to

obtain a corruptible crown but we an incorruptible. 1 Cor. 9:25.

Practical Truth: We should never give way to lusts but let God have his way.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

We notice that today's lesson is called a temperance lesson. But it is a sad mistake when we use the word temperance in connection with use of alcoholic beverage, poison tobacco, narcotics or any of the bad habits people get into. Total abstinence is the only word that is safe for us to use when we consider any bad habits as Paul instructs us to abstain from ALL appearance of evil. We are to be temperate in the things that are lawful and right for us to use. God's word warns us against over-indulgence in all we are allowed to do. Read Proverbs 23, first and second verses. Paul instructs us like this, "Whether therefore ye eat or drink or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God." Just don't do or say anything unless it is done or said to the glory of God. The true Christian should purpose in his heart to please God in all he does.

Indolence is another thing that we should totally abstain from. God has no place in his kingdom for lazy people. We should always be busy for God. The enemy is always busy trying to tear down what we build. Woe to them that are at ease in Zion (the Church). If we will give the Master the best we have then he will give us the best he has. We should always want the best that God has for us. Not in a selfish way but that we may use it to glorify Him.

AMOS TEACHES ABOUT WORSHIP

April 30, 1950

Printed Portion.....Amos 4:4.

Amos 4:4. Come to Bethel, and transgress; at Gilgal multiply transgression; and bring your sacrifices every morning, and your tithes after three years;

Memory Verse: God is a spirit and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.

Practical Truth: We must love God with all our heart and soul and worship Him in the beauty of holiness.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

True worship is an act of paying divine honor to God, a feeling of respect and reverence to the Creator of the universe. We must worship the Lord in spirit and in truth for the Father seeketh such to worship him. We must have the fear of God in our hearts, as we read in our precious old Bible. Stand in awe and sin not.

In the printed portion of the lesson today we see how the heart of our loving heavenly Father was grieved by the shallow worship his people were offering him. How he pleaded with them to come back to him with all their heart and give him their whole hearted service. No man can serve two masters. The enemy is not worried about how much we serve or worship God, if we will serve him just a little. If we give the devil just a little of our time, he will bring his deadening influence over our soul. God will be much displeased with us and no doubt he will have somewhat against us for leaving our first love as we read in the 2nd chapter of Rev. God is merciful and longsuffering, but he will finally cast us off if we continue to follow him afar off. Remember old St. Peter, how he denied the Lord because he was following him afar off.