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Watch Your Lamp

I started out with a lamp shining bright;
'Twas full of oil and gave great light.
I was so troubled and busy from morning 'til night,
When I looked for my lamp 'twas a pitiful sight.
The flickering flame was so weak and so low,
My lamp failed to shew me which way to go.

Friend, have you ever been out on a real dark night,
Without the help of one ray of light,
Nothing to show you your way about?
You'll begin looking for some way out—
To call for some help is the very first thought.
Sometime seems your efforts are all for nought.
You've probably guessed what I have in mind,
There's a friend at hand you can always find.

Just sit down and think what you've done;
Tell your story to Jesus, God's holy Son.
First thing you know you'll begin to see light;
'Tis God's love on hand to take you out of your plight.
He'll reach down through the darkest night,
Give you oil for your lamp to furnish you light.

Now be careful when your lamp's shining bright;
'Tis God's oil of grace that makes your light.
We must have a fresh supply every day,
To always be able to see the Way. —Ersa Carrick

HUMILITY

"God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble."—James 4:6.

"Yea, all of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble. Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time."—1 Pet. 5:5b, 6.

A spirit of pride is one of the most dangerous and deadly spirits that the enemy has imposed upon humanity. It likely has caused the destruction of more souls than any other sin, because of its deceitfulness.

The spirit of pride has an unchecked reign in the hearts of those who make no profession of godliness, and its fruits are very much in evidence in their dress and manner of conduct. But it works in a more subtle way among the professed children of God, and is not so easily detected. They know that the Bible teaches plainness of dress, so they "cut down the tree" but leave the roots in their hearts, which constantly give them trouble and keep them from having the victory that they desire. Notice again the above Scriptures. God gives grace to the humble. If you are lacking in grace, then according to this Scripture the lack can be traced to a lack of humility. Advancement, increase, a forward move, is heard from every obedient heart. But all who desire an increase in the power of God, will greatly miss their expectation unless they first humble themselves under his mighty hand. And when all such get where they can be trusted, God will exalt them in due time, or just as soon as they are prepared to receive an increase. May the God of love enable every honest soul to comprehend that, "The fear of the Lord is the instruction of wisdom; and before honor is humility." Prov. 15:33.

When a person is giving place to the spirit of pride it often causes him to have an exalted opinion of his own virtues and a critical attitude toward the faults of others. When he gets into this dreadful self-exalted position he can offer much instruction as to how others should do; but when someone endeavors to give him some needed admonition, you will see self-justification coming to the front, after which he does not feel like even saying, Praise the Lord, or even Amen, when someone else prays or preaches. To all such let me say, you have not yet attained to the standard of the Old Testament justification, much less New Testament sanctification. David said, "Let the righteous smite me; it shall be a kindness, and let him reprove me; it shall be an excellent oil, which shall not break my head." Psa. 141:5. If an admonition or reproof breaks your head, insomuch that you get back at the one who does the reproving or causes you to act in any way that would not be to the glory of God, you had better get down before God and get

salvation. Oh, in Jesus' name get down, down into the depth of humility! Your soul and thousands of others are at stake. You are nothing; then why let the devil get you filled with an exalted opinion of yourself? But you complain, "They did not reprove me in the Bible way. That is what hurts me." Now there the deceitfulness of a proud spirit is at work. Be honest and "speak the truth in your heart." Are you really hurt because the other party disobeyed the Bible? Nay; if so, you would not act as you do. You don't want to admit it, but you are using that alibi to bind up your wounded pride.

Professed ministers sometimes wonder why they cannot preach like someone else, or have an experience like others. Let me tell you, that you have advanced just as far as God can trust you. There are those who if God does give them some liberty in preaching, and after services someone is heard to remark, "Was not that a good sermon?" they are raised several degrees in their own estimation in a moment's time. And often we hear such statements as these, "Did I not pour it onto them, though?" "I tell you I opened their eyes." "Don't you think I done well?" "How did you like that sermon any way?" and the next time they undertake to preach they are just as dead spiritually as can be. Then after meeting they begin to ask, "Well, I wonder what was the matter with the meeting tonight?" Let God Almighty tell you what the trouble is: "Whoever exalteth himself shall be abased." Luke 14:11. You get yourself in the way of God, he cannot trust you. You took to yourself the praise; you were not a fit temple for the power of God to dwell in. You became proud of your vain self; God knew you afar off. What you need is the real baptism of fire which if you do get will destroy that carnal self.

Humility is a most excellent grace. Through it the soul is transformed, and every barrier taken away, preparing the soul to receive the faith of God. It is one of the constituent principles of salvation. It was what characterized the lovely Lamb of God, and is just as essentially requisite now to complete our salvation as it was for Christ to be a perfect Savior. When Christ performed any good work he did not go forth sounding a trumpet, and calling the attention of people, that he might have glory of men, but he says the hypocrites do thus. Mat. 6:2. So let all beware that they be not tainted with hypocrisy. "Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, long-suffering." Col. 3:12, and God will exalt you in due time. —W. H. R.

—o0o— REFUGE

"And the Lord spake unto Moses . . . command the children of Israel that they give unto the Levites of the inheritance of their possession cities to dwell in, . . . And among the cities which ye shall give unto the Levites there shall be six cities for refuge, which ye shall appoint for the manslayer." Num. 35:1, 2, 6.

Under the law a brother or near kinsman of a slain person was permitted to kill the slayer. It was written, "At the hands of every man's brother will I require the life of man. Whoso sheddeth man's blood, by man shall his blood be shed." The brother of the slain person allowed no time to elapse before setting forth to avenge the death on the manslayer, even if the killing had been accidental; so by Divine command these cities were appointed for the protection of the slayer until he could have a fair trial. There were six cities suitably situated so people in all parts of the country could be protected. The roads leading to them were kept in good condition and distinguished from other roads so the one who was fleeing for refuge need not get on the wrong road and perish. Any one could flee thither—children of Israel, or a stranger or so-journer among them—but each one must flee for himself immediately and without loitering on the way or death would come to him. He had to remain in the city to be safe.

This is a type of the case of lost humanity. God's law says, "The soul that sinneth, it shall die," Sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death," "Death hath passed upon all men for that all have sinned." The sinner, with a sense of guilt, is as the slayer rushing in terror from the angry kinsman. Strong adversaries pursue him. God's law and justice demand his death, and Satan claims the sinning soul as his. Whither shall he flee for refuge? As God provided cities of refuge then, so he has provided a refuge for doomed souls. "God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." Jesus Christ is the Refuge appointed by God for the sinner. All kindreds, nations, and tongues are invited to seek refuge in him and live. "Him that cometh unto me I will in no wise cast out." "Whosoever will may come." Multitudes have sought and found refuge in Him and "yet there is room."

As the manslayer had conditions to meet before he was safe, even so the sinner has conditions to meet. He must run to the Refuge for himself; he cannot depend upon the salvation of another to carry him through. He must get on the right road, which is well marked and kept in good condition—Mark 1:15; Acts 2:38; Rom. 5:1, 2; Matt. 7:13, 14; John 14:6; Isa. 35:8-10; John 10:1; etc.—so no one need be deceived if he takes God's directions and not man's. (Broader and easier roads are built by men to substitute refuges—church joining, good works, morality, etc.—but God terms them "refuge of lies." Isa. 28:15, 17. They cannot shield the soul from death.) He must be prompt. NOW is God's accepted time. "Today if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts." He must put forth an earnest effort. "And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with ALL your heart." "Lay aside every weight," "give diligence," "fight the good fight of faith." Then he must remain in the Refuge. "As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him."

When safe within the Refuge, the soul can sing:

"I've found a refuge now from every sorrow,
Joy everlasting and sweet;
I see this world with all its sinful follies
Conquered at my feet.
"Oh, blessed thought my sins are gone!
I lean on Jesus' breast,
And while the storm without is madly raging,
I have perfect rest."

"There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh but after the Spirit."

Because of the awful calamities that are coming upon the earth, its inhabitants, fearing that they are being faced with complete annihilation, are crying, "Where can we find a refuge?" They are concerned about physical and material safety, but being carnally-minded, are unable to detect the true cause for their unrest and anxiety. Their doomed souls are crying for a place of refuge, but they are too earthly-minded to understand the language of their souls. All who have "fled to the City of their refuge" and are abiding "under the shadow of the Almighty" are not panicky because of present earthly conditions. The Lord said not to fear him who could kill the body and then could do no more. "In the fear of the Lord is strong confidence; and his children shall have a place of refuge." Prov. 14:26. "The eternal God is thy refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms." Deut. 33:27. Praise God! What greater refuge could one desire? The poet wrote: "Since His arms are underneath me, **Soul** and **body** are at rest." And all the inhabitants of the City of Refuge say, "Amen."

—G. R.

"To The Unknown God"

"For as I passed by, and beheld your devotions, I found an altar with this inscription. TO THE UNKNOWN GOD. Whom therefore ye ignorantly worship, him declare I unto you." Acts 17:23.

Just as truly might an inscription be put up in our day, addressed to the unknown God in a very essential sense, as it was in Paul's day, when, on coming into the city of Athens, he was so moved at seeing them steeped in idolatry and spiritual ignorance. It is truly because God is unknown in the affairs of men today, that there is so much evil in the world.

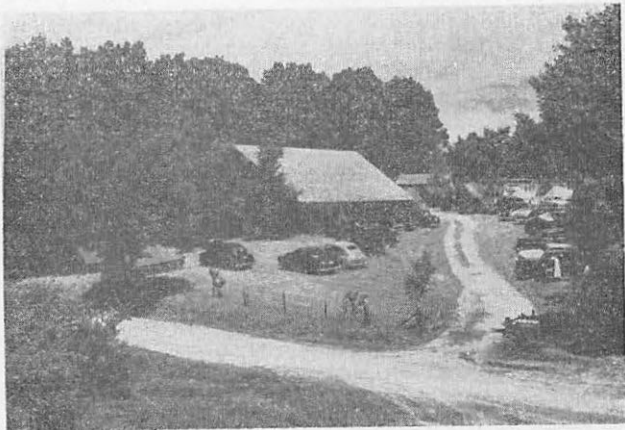
The disgusting and endless political corruption; the crookedness in men's dealings one with another; the scheming to get money; men's killing their fellow men by the million to gratify selfish ambition and conquest; the robbery, the murder, the theft, the adultery and abounding evils on every hand, are all because God is unknown in their midst.

And the thing most to be deplored is that slimy, hideous spirit of Satan which he imposes on men in religious circles, deceiving mankind and causing God to be unknown, practically, to the religious world. But thanks to the same and only God, he is not unknown to everybody. Paul declared Him then, and some are able to discern and declare him in this remote day, when faith in Christ is so waning on the

earth (Luke 18:8).

We can begin to know Him if we look for him in the following places: Luke 13:3—"Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish." Luke 15:18—"I will arise and go to my father, and will say unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and before thee, and am no more worthy to be called thy son; make me as one of thy hired servants." John 3:3-7—"Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God . . ." Heb. 12:14—"Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord." Titus 2:11, 12—"For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world." Prov. 28:13—"He that covereth his sins shall not prosper, but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy." The reason men speak of the unknown God is because they want to go on in their sins. It is time to get acquainted with God. Christ died to reconcile us to Him. "Acquaint now thyself with him, and be at peace."—Job 22:21. "If any man will do his will he shall KNOW of the doctrine"—the whole truth, as it is found in the Bible unaltered by the meddling hands of men; and this will make men acquainted with God (John 7:17).

—J. H. P.



The Monark Springs Camp Ground, July, 1950

ASSEMBLY MEETING NOTICE

Lord willing, the Oregon assembly will be held on the saints' ground at Jefferson, Oregon, November 24 to December 3 this year. God is blessing his work here. We have homes and cabins to care for all who come and we desire all saints and lovers of truth to come feeling that God in his love and mercy is going to bless with rich blessings as we worship at his feet. All saints pray with us that God by his Spirit direct the ministers here of his choosing, and that he in might and power hold any false or hindering thing that might work in. We love to obey him and see the wonderful working of his mighty power. All pray and all come who can, all will be cared for.

Anyone wishing further information write to Sis. Emma Busch, Scio, Oregon; Noah White or Sam Wilson of Jefferson, Oregon.

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Editorials

It is truly a joy in our heart to know that the government of the church is upon the shoulders of the Lord (Isa. 9:6) and we saved folks are just members in his body which is functioning in the world to the glory of God and that the Spirit of God in each member and divine love of God dwelling in each soul causes them to be melted and compacted together. The Holy Spirit works so systematically and cleverly that it automatically throws off souls that become contaminated and takes in any soul that humbles himself and is washed in the blood of the Lamb.

The campmeetings this summer prove the effectual working of his body, for there is truly no schism in the live body of Christ. Each member works together with God and the whole body edifies itself in love. In 1 Cor. 12:14, Paul says, "For the body is not one member, but many." And in the 20th verse of the same chapter, he says, "But now are they many members, yet but one body." 27th verse, "Now ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular." In Eph. 2:20, it is written concerning His blood-washed saints, "And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone; in whom all [not just a part] the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord: In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit." Eph. 4:14, "That we hence forth be no more children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive; but speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ: From whom the whole body fitly joined together [not apart] and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love." In Eph. 5:30, we read, "For we are members of his body, of his flesh, and of his bones." This makes all the true members closely knitted together with Him. Yea, we are close kin and are joint heirs with Christ, if so be that we suffer with him that we might be glorified together.

The campmeeting of the saints seemed to be especially good and edifying this year, and there is no division in the true holiness body of Christ, for they are a blood-purchased and blood-washed people; they are an exclusive and an inclusive body of people—excluding all unsaved and including all truly saved people—a body of people who are not of the world any more than Christ and his disciples were of the world. Paul wrote (Gal. 6:14), "God forbid that I should glory save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world." Yes, dear saints, we are the spiritual body of Christ, the church of the living God which is the pillar and ground of the truth, and it is not God's will that any of his sheep go astray and be penned up with the goats that will be on the left hand in that Judgment Day; but the call of God is,

"Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins." (Rev. 18:4).

According to reports which we have heard, the Boley, Okla. campmeeting was precious blessed of the Lord; also the Midway, La. campmeeting was honored of God and quite a number of souls were saved. Those who attended the Dover, Okla. meeting report that it was a blessed meeting and the Word went forth with power and authority from heaven. Several ministers were there from California. It seems that there is more precious oneness among the true saints than has been usually manifested. No doubt this is because some of the preeminence seekers, fault finders, and discord sowers have been automatically thrown off and the love of God is flowing more freely from heart to heart. It is needful that the true holiness body of Christ be rooted and grounded in God more than ever, for perilous times are upon us as the old Pagan power, which is anti-Christ and anti-God, called in Rev. 12:14 "The Devil and Satan," is now loose for a short season. We read in Rev. 20:2 where this old serpent which is called the Devil and Satan would be bound for a thousand years. The third verse states that when the thousand years were fulfilled, he would be loosed for a little season. He is loose now under the cloak of Communism, and has captured Russia and is sweeping in other nations. Our own nation is saturated with the seed of it until we, too, will feel its poison fangs. Our boys are already giving their lives to check its onward flow; but it cannot be stopped by carnal warfare, for this anti-God and anti-Christ pagan power, which is called the Devil and Satan, has old Beelzebub the arch fiend of hell as its commander and he is a spirit as God is a spirit, and he will keep coming, spreading, and growing until the little "Holy Remnant," the saints of God, the Holy City, will be compassed about, and God will send fire from heaven and consume them. The saints will be caught up to meet the Lord in the air and the judgment will set and all mankind will meet their doom. Read about this in Rev. 20:9, and then on to the end of the chapter.

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On the 25th of August, Bro. Kenneth Flynn and I went to Plymouth, Ind. to help Bro. Egbert Allen and Bro. Shirrell in a tent meeting. There were some precious saints in that place, and the meeting moved on with much rejoicing among the saints. Some were saved in the meeting and others were sanctified, and the Lord proved his power in healing quite a number that were sick in body or in different ways were afflicted. On Saturday and Sundays the saints from different places came in and it was a glorious assembly. Some who have been separated from the saints rejoiced and were made glad when they heard the old time truth preached.

After the second Sunday of the meeting, we felt led of the Lord to go into other parts of Indiana and over into Ohio and do some work for the Lord. On Monday evening we met with the saints at Muncie, Ind. where Sister Brown is pastor. The Lord gave us a precious service there. It was a source of pleas-

ure to meet with the saints at that place. From there we went to Anderson, Ind. and held services there on Tuesday evening. God blessed the services and we enjoyed the fellowship of the saints. We stayed in the home of Bro. Grover Martin. He is anxious for a work to be started there for the Lord, and is earnestly doing what he can. If some clean settled minister could go there I believe that God would gather together a body of precious souls and a congregation could be raised up after God's own heart, to function to his glory.

From Anderson, we went to Dayton, Ohio and began meeting there on Wednesday night, which lasted until Sunday night. While we were there, Bros. Key, Bedsole, and Salvatore came from the Jumbo, W. Va. meeting. The meeting at Dayton was well attended and the interest was good. Most of the preaching was to the saints to settle and establish them for the things that are coming upon the earth. The saints do not need to fear the devil and what he might do, but they do need to be so settled in God that they will not recant when the Pagan power of infidelity is raging under the cloak of Communism, and is slaying some of the righteous, but will stand true to God and overcome by their testimony and the blood of the Lamb. We can read in the 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th, and 17th chapters of John and see how the Lord spoke and encouraged the disciples before he was to be crucified and exhorted them to keep believing on him and promised them that he would come again. The saints today need the same exhortation to continue strong in God and not be moved by the threatenings of the satanic powers cloaked under religion or otherwise.

We returned to Plymouth, Ind. and met there with the brethren on Monday, then continued our journey homeward in the afternoon. Bros. Bedsole and Salvatore came with us as far as Webb City and Joplin, Mo. We arrived home on Wednesday morning and found an abundance of work at the office to do. We are satisfied wherever he chooses for us to be. If we know our own heart, to know his will is to do it. Pray for us and the printing work. It means much for the work to be supplied in every phase, and it takes wisdom from God to know how to meet the many problems involved in a faith work like this. Thanks be unto God who always causes us to triumph through Christ our Lord. The devil and his agents are doing all they possibly can to injure or to destroy the printing work, for he does hate for the definite truth of God's Word to go forth in its purity and cleanness.

Sister Katherine Key, who has been with the little flock in Minneapolis, Minn. for a month or more, writes that they need a pastor there and they are praying that God will send one to help them fight the fight of faith in that large city. They have rented a hall where they have regular services, and they have two rooms in the back where a pastor and his wife could live and save having to pay high rent. Any one interested, first write to Sister Benson before going there. Her address is 2919 Buchanan St., N. E. Minneapolis, Minn.

School Books Needed

If anyone has any good religious books for children which could be used in a school for children that the saints in Orland, California are having, they would be greatly appreciated. Sister Faith Embly felt led of the Lord to teach this school, which was much needed so the saints' children can be taught by a teacher who is saved, and all the other things of the world be left out. The Lord has blessed since its start, but extra reading books are needed; also maps, set of Encyclopedias, dictionaries, and other text books. If you have any that are not in use, please mail them to: Faith Embly, P. O. Box 364, in care of A. Daniels, Orland, Calif.

Let us remember this work in our prayers, and if we have any of the Lord's money that we feel led to send, it will be used to God's glory there. —Marie Miles

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Bring Forth Fruits

No man with a plow, and looking back,
For heaven is fit. (Luke 9:62).
Come, break up your fallow ground, (Jer. 4:3).
Why do ye idly sit?
He that soweth the good seed
The Son of man doth know (Matt. 13:37).
The tares are from the evil one—
He longs for them to grow (Matt. 13:39).
He that goeth forth and weepeth (Psa. 126:6).
In the heat and cold,
Shall doubtless come rejoicing
Bearing a hundred fold (Luke 8:8).
Every valley shall be exalted,
Every hill shall be made low;
The rough ways shall be made smooth
With righteousness here below.
He who unto death remains faithful,
Shall then receive a bright crown.

—Sister Roberta Reese

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Part of a Letter on Insurance

Dear Brother:—In answer to your letter, I would say, the whole tenor of the Word of God is against a child of God having his life insured in a worldly company, to secure his family against want.

First, the Word says, "Be not unequally yoked together with unbelievers." 2 Cor. 6:14. This text forbids membership in a sect or secret order; and equally forbids joining into a partnership or any mutual standing arrangement with sinners, so as to be in compact with them for worldly ends. Every scripture which teaches us to trust in God for all things we need in life virtually forbids us to trust an Insurance Co. and pay the Lord's money into the same continually, to insure our families against want. God says, "I will be a father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters." In this relation he assumes the responsibility of caring for us, feeding and clothing us and ours.

And he places himself under the same obligations by promise. "Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which to day is, and tomorrow is cast into the oven, shall he not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith? Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed? (For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things. But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you. Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof." Matt. 6:30-34. This word of the Lord is directly against your insurance policy. It takes thought for the future, what your family shall eat, etc., after you are dead and gone. In this you do as the world who know not God, as the Gentiles—sinners—who seek after these things. But our Father knoweth that we have need of these things. We have a better Father than sinners have; hence we need not seek after what they do. It is written, "In everything by prayer and supplication, make your requests known unto God." And, "Our God will supply all your needs." And is he not also the God of the widow and fatherless? Now to join an Insurance Co. to guard against want in your family is practical unbelief of those precious words. It dishonors God before the whole world, and virtually says, his promises cannot be relied upon. It is going to Egypt for help, instead of the Lord. In effect it says that a company of sinners can be trusted with the future wants of your family better than our heavenly Father. "He that giveth to the poor lendeth to the Lord." "Give, and it shall be given to you again, good measure." But the insurance policy says, "It is not safe to trust in the Lord, and put your spare means into his treasure; he may not repay when under future wants. Better pay it into the hands of sinners, then you are sure to get it out again."

If it is wrong to take thought for the morrow, is it not more so to take thought for the time to come after you are dead? God wants us to live for him in the present moment; do with our might what our hands find to do today, and trust God for the morrow. "Trust in the Lord and dwell in the land—holiness—and verily thou shalt be fed."

The insurance business is against the principles of a holy life unto God, because it is binding yourself for life under an agreement to pay continually from year to year, either a certain amount or as assessments demand. So it puts the Lord's means under bonds to the world. We are acquainted with one unsaved friend who carried policies in two companies. In the course of a number of years paid out perhaps not less than a thousand dollars. Finally one company or society broke up, and after awhile his assessments in the other company became so frequent and heavy he got tired of carrying it and threw it up; and so all those hard earnings of years were lost. Better lay up all your spare money in the one old and

only reliable Insurance Co., the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. His capital, the universe, his faithfulness unto the clouds; his policy, "All things are yours," and, "No good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly." Amen.

It is true we must labor faithfully with our hands in our several callings. But with all that, "God giveth the increase," and it is of his bounty that we are fed.

It is also true that we must more or less deal with sinners, but we need not join ourselves to them nor be yoked up with them. Therefore, "seek first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness, and all these—earthly—things shall be added unto you."

—A brother

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A True Minister of God

A minister who is true to God, to himself, and to his fellowmen will have many spiritual battles to fight. To the unlearned in spiritual warfare and to the world it will often seem that he is whipped out or put to shame; but like the great warrior Paul, he will be encouraged by the Spirit of God to exclaim (or have it in his soul), "Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us." And he will be persuaded, like Paul, that neither death nor life, nor satanic angels, nor principalities nor powers, things present nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord. You will find this truth in the latter part of the eighth chapter of Romans.

Paul understood what it meant to be a warrior in the ecclesiastical heavens, for he fought for Satan and with his gang before his conversion, and after he was converted to God he immediately began to war against the same evil forces of which he was formerly a part, and when he was finishing up his warfare and was ready for his departure, he said, "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith." 2 Tim. 4:7. Paul knew perfectly well what the evil forces consisted of, and in the 6th chapter of Ephesians he exhorted the brethren to "put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places." Yes, my dear brethren, we who are true ministers of God, living in true holiness, will have war with the forces of evil in this present world and a large part of these forces are working under a cloak of religion. The devil will make it easy for you to become worldly-minded and cause you to let down and float along with the religious hosts all about us, and keep you asleep, making you think you are on the road to heaven. He is very wiley and beguiling in his ways. Brethren, let us be willing to keep on the spot for God, and in the gentleness and kindness of God expose the enemy's hiding places, and pull the cover off him all we can, that honest

souls may escape out of his webbs of destruction.

In Jer. 48:10, we read, "Cursed be he that doeth the work of the Lord deceitfully, and cursed be he that keepeth back his sword from blood." In Ezek. 9:1, it is written, "Cause them that have charge of the City to draw near [The ones in charge of the Holy City would be His true ministers] even every man with his destroying weapon in his hand. And behold six men came from the way of the higher gate, which lieth toward the north, and every man a SLAUGHTER WEAPON in his hand." This took place in literal Israel in a literal sense, but it is typical of our spiritual warfare today.

In Eph. 6:17, Paul named the spiritual armour of God's children, "And take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God." The Word of God is a slaughter weapon in the hand of His true ministers; and if it is used correctly by the true ministers of God, it will kill and make alive. Those who reject it will be destroyed in their souls, and those who receive it and embrace it will be made alive in Christ Jesus. As Paul also teaches us in 2 Cor. 2:16, "To the one we are the savour of death unto death; and to the other the savour of life unto life."

When the sword of the Spirit is being used skillfully by God's true ministers, the enemy will squirm and fight through his subjects, showing the bitterness of their souls, in evil speaking and slander, and will often attack your character to lower the estimate of the people in your sincerity and bring reproach upon you if possible. Brethren, do not waver when the battle is raging, but hold your ground, and when you have done all that God shows you to do, stand, having your loins girded about with truth, be sober, put on the breastplate of faith and love; and for an helmet the hope of salvation. Paul said (2 Cor. 4:8) "We are troubled on every side, yet not distressed; we are perplexed but not in despair; persecuted but not forsaken; cast down but not destroyed. Always bearing about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life of the Lord Jesus Christ might be made manifest in our body."

In following our captain Jesus Christ in this warfare, we will some times be called upon to do strange things; for instance, read what Peter did by speaking the words that the Holy Spirit put in his mouth, recorded in the fifth chapter of Acts. He spoke and the man Ananias fell down dead, and when his wife came in, who was agreed with her husband in the evil, he spoke and she also fell down dead. Paul and Silas were in the Philippian jail bound, and their feet were fastened in the stocks with their backs bleeding, and in the middle of the night they prayed and sang praises unto God, and the prisoners heard them. God sent an earthquake and the foundations of the prison were shaken. The doors were opened and every one's bands were loosed. Read this in Acts 16. Herod, who killed James and put Peter in jail with the thought of killing him was smitten by the angel of God, and he was eaten of worms and gave up the ghost.

The true minister of God has a charge from God to carry out, which, if carried out faithfully, will make him a spectacle unto the world where honest souls can see Jesus and by faith be saved. We read in Ezekiel the third chapter that the servant of the Lord is to hear the word of God from his mouth and give them warning from him. They are to warn the wicked that the wrath of God is upon them (John 3:36) and that they will surely die and be in hell fire and torment unless they repent and turn unto righteousness. They are also to warn the righteous that they sin not, with a penalty attached if they do not warn them, their blood will be required at the hands of the minister. You will find some more of this teaching in the 18th chapter of Ezekiel, and the 33rd chapter.

Let us turn to Acts the 20th chapter and see what the apostle Paul said, beginning at verse 22. In the 27th verse he said, "For I have not shunned to declare unto you all the counsel of God." Then he gave an exhortation to the pastors or overseers of flocks: "Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he has purchased with his own blood." He goes on to tell of wolves entering among them and not sparing the flock, saying also that some of their own number would arise speaking perverse things to draw away disciples after them. Yes, the true minister has a charge from heaven that he dare not shrink from nor be unfaithful in lest he be found guilty before God and condemned. Paul said, "I keep under my body and bring it under subjection, lest . . . I myself be a castaway."

A multiplied number of grievous wolves, who are working under religious cloaks in these days, would enter in and not spare the flock if the pastors would become unfaithful in keeping them out; and they would work in confusion among the innocent and cause distress and loss of souls. Wolves in sheep's clothing are cunning and crafty and work in slimy ways to deceive and destroy. By reading the first part of Revelation, we find that God held the ministers of the seven churches of Asia responsible for the flock. To the minister of the church at Thyatira he said he had some things against him because he suffered "that woman Jezebel which calleth herself a prophetess, to teach and to seduce my servants." Yes, there is a great responsibility resting upon the true minister to keep out wolves in sheep's clothing, and to keep out false teachers and those preachers who have backslidden in heart and are filled with their own ways, who lift up themselves and draw away disciples after them and get them separated from the body of Christ to destroy their souls. Satan would love to have the sacred pulpit open so he could do his dirty work without molestation, and mix things up with all the sects and creeds of men that the exclusive and inclusive church of God could never be seen functioning in the world. The true pastor, if he is faithful, will be taking the humble place as the just suffering for the unjust and

will be long-suffering, bearing and forbearing and will often be classed by the unlearned as a compromiser or a coward, and at other times be classed as cruel and fanatic. But all this he will have to suffer if he faithfully does the will of God. Over twenty-five years ago the Lord burdened me for the congregation here at Guthrie, and in those years we have had many varying experiences and fights with the devil and his agents to protect the flock from wolves and false teachers and preachers. The assembly of the church was held each year during the holidays and the State Campmeeting has been held for many summers, and at these meetings and gatherings, false preachers and wolves love to come and do their deceitful work. Many times the Lord has helped us to keep them away by warning them in advance, and at other times we would have the unpleasant task of asking them not to take the pulpit. And because of this faithfulness to the flock we have received much backbiting and pouring out of their bitterness in one way and another and have been reviled, lied upon and slandered, threatened to be brought up before court by religious prophets and by the rulers of the darkness of this world; but none of these things move me, for I know in whom I have believed and I am confident that He will keep that which I have committed unto Him against that day. We respected the will and pleasure of God above all the praise and honor of men. All true pastors and ministers will, and do, have these same experiences. It would be a sin before God to allow a false prophet to vomit out his deceitful doctrines upon the clean, innocent, blood-washed children of God and cause confusion and distress among them.

Yes, dear fellow ministers, we are in a spiritual war in the ecclesiastical heavens, right here in this world, and the forces of evil are multiplying and the battle will wax stronger and fiercer as we near the coming of the Lord. Let us be faithful at our post of duty and not be a Jonah and suffer the rebukes of heaven. When Jonah got in the whale's belly, he became humble and learned some things. He said, "They that observe lying vanities forsake their own mercy." This statement is true today. Let us take heed unto ourselves and to all the flock, over the which the Lord has made us overseers, to feed the church of God which he has purchased with his own blood. It takes the judgments of God to bring the church out in the clear and it will take the judgments of God continued against Babylon and all the many harlot daughters together with all the host of false prophets and teachers whose wisdom is from beneath and is earthly, sensual and devilish, to keep the body of Christ, the church, clean and functioning in this world separate from all the rubbish and the unclean and hateful birds that inhabit worldly religions of different types and shades. I repeat, that the true minister of God has the greatest responsibility upon him of any living being in this world. He is in the world, but not of the world. Jesus prayed that we should not be taken out of the world, but that we be kept from the evil (John 17:15).—F. Pruitt

Young People's Section

Have Faith

When you know you're guilty
And are steeped in sin,
Place your faith in Jesus,
Let him enter in.

Though your sins are many,
He will cleanse, I know;
If in faith you ask him,
He'll make you white as snow.

Trust in Christ the Saviour,
He will always care;
Never doubt his promise,
Go to him in prayer.
—Harvey Johnson.

Reading the Bible

Dear young Christians, you have entered into a true relationship to Christ. His presence is to you a reality. His peace is your consolation, and his joy is your strength. There is a gracious inflow of the life of Christ into your soul that makes you feel that you belong to heaven more than to earth. You have the taste of the love of God and such a consciousness in your heart of His indwelling that you feel like no power can ever separate you from him. This is a blessed experience, but let me tell you in all seriousness that your keeping this experience is all in your hands. God will help you keep it. He wants to help you keep it, but there is something for you to do. You must work out your salvation. You need have no tormenting fear about your losing this precious relationship with Jesus; you can keep it. God has his part in keeping and his part is done right along every moment you do your part. You want to know the secret of being kept, let me whisper it to your inmost soul, "Daily hide the Word of God in your heart."

We want to speak briefly to you of eight secrets of hiding God's Word in the heart. First: It is the secret of abiding in him. Second: It is the secret of prayer. Third: It is the secret of peace. Fourth: It is the secret of purity. Fifth: It is the secret of strength. Sixth: It is the secret of perception. Seventh: It is the secret of guidance. Eighth: It is the secret of spiritual growth.

In conclusion, let me say a word about how to read the Bible. Upon taking up the book to read, lift your heart to God for a moment imploring the enlightenment of the Holy Spirit. Yield the whole heart to God; open the door wide that the truth might enter in. Meditate on each text. Is it a warning? If so, do I heed it? Is it a command? If so, do I obey it?

Is it a promise? If so, do I believe it and fully rely upon it? Does it teach some heart experience? If so, do I enjoy the experience? As you close your Bible, again breathe an earnest prayer that the Holy Spirit will enable you to reproduce the truth you have read in your life today. It is the careful practicing of the Word that fixes it deep in the heart.

—C. E. Orr, "Youth Instruction"

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Okla.—Greetings to you in Jesus' dear name.—I'm thankful the Lord has saved and sanctified me. He is surely precious to me. I am glad that I got sanctified when I did. I started not to go for sanctification and said I have plenty of time to get sanctified. Sunday night I prayed and asked the Lord to put such a burden on my heart that the devil couldn't tell me not to go to the altar. I am glad that I got saved when I did for if I had waited I probably would have had a harder time getting saved.

Your sister in Christ,

Lilly M. Adams.

Don't Think It Smart

Don't think it smart, my little lad,
To form a habit that is bad
Because it's practiced by the throng
That takes no thought for right or wrong;
But stop and think that what you do
Will have direct effect on you,
And out in future days and years
The wrong will bring you bitter tears.

Don't think it smart, my little lad,
To follow custom, fashion, fad,
That says it's nice to chew and smoke,
Or drink, or tell a smutty joke;
That it is fine to be a sport,
Though evil things you have to court;
But keep in mind and truly know
You'll have to reap the seed you sow.

Don't think it smart, my little lad,
To even follow your own dad
In anything that isn't right,
Although he seems a man of might,
For many dads don't follow God,
Nor go the way good men have trod;
Therefore, to follow as they lead,
Their sons could not in life succeed.

Don't think it smart, my little lad,
But quite deplorable and sad,
To start in early life in sin,
And thus in doing so begin
The wrong career, which you'll bewail,
Somewhere along your rugged trail,
And maybe end in dark despair,
Beyond the reach of God through prayer

It's only manly to be good,
And nobly live, as all men should;
To cherish honesty and truth
In days of childhood and of youth;
To walk uprightly and be clean,
Nor yield to anything that's mean;
Yes, follow God in ev'ry plan,
And be in life and soul a man.

—W. E. I.

—o— Adoration

Adoration—The act of worship; deep reverence. To adore—To worship as divine; to honor highly; to love intensely.—Webster.

As recorded in the Gospels, a number of times adoration was manifested toward Christ, and each time it was rebuked by others. At one time he was reclining in the house of the Pharisee, who had invited him to dinner. While reclining at the table, a woman in the town who was a sinner, when she learned that Jesus was at the table in the house of the Pharisee, brought in an alabaster flask of perfume and stood behind him at his feet, in tears. As her tears began to wet his feet, she wiped them with the hair of her head, pressed kisses on them, and anointed them with the perfume.

What love, what adoration, from a sinner of the city! She had learned to appreciate her Lord, and reverence him. This is a glimpse of that which will fill heaven—all the redeemed will adore their Lord, their Saviour, their King. The spirit of chiding one another for reverence and adoration will be left behind. I wonder, if in heaven those great holes will be in his hands and feet as a constant reminder of his great suffering for us? It is enough to make all the redeemed weep before him.

Ah, that sinners could see themselves in need of a great Savior and come to Him as she did. How he had to rebuke the Pharisee for his disdain of her! Whether our sins are great, or whether they are few, it makes no difference with him. A few will take one to hell, unless forgiven. How sweetly he said to her, "Your sins are forgiven." Luke 7:36-50.

Then there was another woman, Mary, the sister of Martha and Lazarus. "Then Mary, taking a pound of expensive perfume, real nard, anointed the feet of Jesus and wiped his feet with her hair, till the house was filled with the scent of the perfume." John 12:1-3. This was at the home of Lazarus, after his resurrection from the grave. She had anointed Jesus for His burial, yet here he had to rebuke his disciples for finding fault with her. What waste to anoint the Saviour! It was hard for man to learn the lesson of adoration. Then Jesus said, "Let her alone, let her keep what she has for the day of my burial. You have always the poor beside you, but you have not always me." "Next day the great mass of people who had come up for the festival heard that Jesus was entering Jerusalem, and taking palm-branches, they went out to meet him, shouting, Hosanna! Blessed be he who comes in the Lord's name, the King of

Israel! And Jesus came across a young ass and seated himself on it; as it is written, Fear not, daughter of Sion; here is your King coming, seated on an ass' colt." John 12. Here again he received adoration, but the Pharisees were angry even to have to hear him praised. But Jesus told them that if they held their peace, even the stones would cry out in praise.

Yes, and we have the case of Mary, sitting at the feet of Jesus, and learning from him the wonderful truths that he alone could disclose to her. So absorbed was she in her instructor that she thought little of anything else. But Martha here tries to take her away from the Lord with the excuse to help her in serving. Many times when God is getting control of a soul, other duties are forced upon them, just to hinder the close connection between them and their Lord. Jesus wants nothing to come between him and his redeemed. The more we love and reverence our Lord, the better it is for us, both now and here after. Reverence and adoration will be the atmosphere of heaven. If this is so, it is well to begin to praise and glorify our Lord while we have life and breath. This is worshiping God in spirit and in truth.

The redeemed have a cause for praising God. The unsaved have no song of praise in their hearts. They may outwardly sing of praise, but the heart does not well up with the glory of God. The heart and soul must be in it to have a hearing in heaven. "Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life." Prov. 4:23. I. E. Kriebel.

—::— Obituaries

Nellie May Hepler Campbell was born at Cameron, Idaho January 22, 1888 and departed this life near Los Angeles, California July 27, 1950 at the age of 62 years, 6 months, 5 days. In the year 1921 she was married to Jack Campbell who is now deceased. She leaves to mourn her passing, two brothers, Columbia Hepler of Hubbard, Ore. and Dallas Hepler of Southwick, Idaho; two nephews, one niece and a host of friends and saints who loved her dearly. She will be greatly missed by the dear saints who will long remember her many deeds of kindness and sacrifice for them.

Although she spent years of suffering and much pain in body, her greatest delight was to be of service to the saints, never complaining of her own suffering. Sister Campbell accepted this precious truth when a young woman and loved it to the end. During the last few months her suffering was severe and she was sorely tested but her faith was steadfast trusting the Lord completely to the end. Oh, how we miss her from our midst, but our loss is her eternal gain.

Funeral services were held in the saints' chapel in Los Angeles, conducted by I. D. Stover and Isaac Chandler. Text 2 Timothy 4:7. She was laid to rest beside her parents in the Mausoleum in Memorial Park, Compton, California.

Brother Bowen of Chicago, Ill. passed away August 12th, 1950. He was 84 years, 6 months, and 8 days old. He was a great example to the flock there. He loved the Lord with all his heart and showed it by trusting Him to the end. He was quite sick, but never took one thing to relieve the pain, and never had a doctor.

IS YOUR WISDOM FROM EARTH OR HEAVEN?

"If ye have bitter envying and strife in your hearts, glory not, and lie not against the truth. This wisdom descendeth not from above, but is earthly, sensual, devilish. For where envying and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work. But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be entreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy. And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace of them that make peace." James 3:14-18.

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An Answer to a Pamphlet Entitled, "Darkness for Light or New Light Doctrines Exposed"

Recently we received through the mail the above tract, and feel that it is the work of the devil trying to destroy the unity of God's people.

First, I have never heard Bro. Pruitt or any of the saints profess to have "New Light," but have heard and do know that we can receive more light on the Word of God. "But the path of the just is as the shining light that shineth more and more unto the perfect day." Prov. 4:18.

We feel like warning all who may receive this tract against it. It is the work of the devil and the seed of malice, hatred, and discord.

In quoting Prov. 6:16-19 the writer or writers of this tract seem to want to take the emphasis off the seventh thing which the Lord said he hated and was an abomination unto him; namely, "sowing discord among the brethren." No doubt the reason for this is that this is the chief thing that the writer of the tract is guilty of. We feel sure that the writer of Proverbs had special reason for putting emphasis on the seventh, since it was mentioned in the 14th verse, and since the seventh was not named with the first six; then He says, "Yea, seven are an abomination unto Him." Surely this is a special warning to those who are found guilty of the seventh. "Therefore shall his calamity come quickly, suddenly shall he be broken without remedy." 15th verse.

Considering Matt. 21:44: When a sinner becomes convicted of, and is sorry for his sins, he falls upon the Rock, which is Christ, and is broken. He obtains forgiveness for his sins. He is washed and made clean. Later on, as he meets with temptation and trials he feels the need of more power with God. Through receiving light from God's Word and revelation through the Holy Spirit he seeks for sanctification, laying his all on the altar, holding nothing in reserve. God, seeing the earnestness and sincerity of his heart, sends the Holy Spirit to take up His abode in his heart. Read St. John 14:11; Eph. 3:17. When we become sanctified we have yielded our all to the Lord. We become as clay in the hands of the Potter. The Rock in the form of the Holy Spirit falls upon us and we lose our identity, just as the object that has been ground into powder can no longer be

identified as the same object. The old man and his deeds are crucified or put to death. We have put on the new man which is created after the image of him who created him. In the experience of sanctification we continue to grow in grace and knowledge of the truth. Read Rom. 1:1-5; 1 Pet. 2:2; 2 Pet. 3:18. We also have battles to fight, same as the Israelites did after they entered the Canaan land.

The writer of the above mentioned tract evidently has never experienced this second and last work of grace, since he hasn't received the knowledge of the truth which is given by the Holy Spirit, who is our teacher. He accuses the publisher of "Faith and Victory" of putting out false doctrine; but we have failed to find this so. On the other hand, we find the Scriptures uphold the truth contained in Bro. Pruitt's writings.

Quoting Malachi 3:2, 3: "For he is like a refiner's fire and like fuller's soap; And he shall sit as a refiner and purifier of silver and he shall purify the sons of Levi and purge them as gold and silver that they may offer unto the Lord an offering in righteousness." In olden days before modern machinery and methods were used in purifying silver and gold, the heat was applied to the pot of ore, and a man sat to watch it and as the impurities, dross, slag, etc., came to the surface, it was skimmed off and cast aside. When the metal became so clear that the man could see his image reflected in it without being marred, he knew the metal was purified.

Jesus sits today as the purifier to purify the sons of Levi. He permits the fiery trials, tests, and afflictions to come to us to try us and to prove us; and through the work of the fire of the Holy Spirit, flaws and imperfections come to the surface and are purged. The apostle Peter could see this truth when he wrote, "That the trial of your faith being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honor and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ." 1 Pet. 1:7. Also read 1 Peter 4:12. B. E. Warren saw this precious truth and wrote about it in one of his songs, "Fiery Darts," No. 316 in Select Hymns song book.

"In the heated furnace, Father, let me stay,
Precious gold refining purge the dross away;

Till thy glorious image is reflected there
Till the costly jewels of thy grace I wear.

We thank God for Bro. Warner. He was one of the leaders in the "Restoration of Truth," and publisher of the Gospel Trumpet paper, which since Bro. Warner's death has gone down in defeat and has become one of the harlot daughters of Babylon. But God does not want us to stop on light which He has given someone else. Luther, Wesley, Calvin, and other reformers were men used of God to lead people out of darkness. Many stopped on the light they had and refused to walk in more when it came. We see these kind of people in the stagnant pools of sectism and formality today, or trying to live on an experience received forty-five or fifty years ago, which has become frayed and worn and patched and will not hold up when the test comes.

In reading some of the Gospel Trumpet papers printed around the year 1900, we noticed that there were a few things that the saints did not have light on. For instance, one thing was a writing on the 11th chapter of 1 Corinthians, teaching that the woman's covering was the veil. The saints today teach this to be her hair. "But if a woman have long hair it is a glory to her: for her hair is given her for a covering." 15th verse.

While it is true that we, the saints, are made kings and priests unto God, we feel that Bro. Pruitt's teaching on Rev. 16:12 is not in error. The general understanding we have on this scripture is that King Cyrus of Persia's invasion of Babylon was accomplished through the fact that he succeeded in diverting the waters of the River Euphrates and the river was "dried up," which permitted the armies of King Cyrus to overthrow Babylon. It was during the reign of King Cyrus that the children of Israel were permitted to return to their own land and rebuild Jerusalem. This typifies the return of the children of God in this evening light reformation, from spiritual Babylon to Zion, which is the true church of God. However, the River Euphrates once formed the north east border of Israel under King David and Solomon, and was a natural barrier to the kings of the East, who were idol worshipers and enemies of Israel. The river was the source of life to the people and living things along its banks, and provided the people with water, irrigation, and transportation. Just so, the water of the river of life that flows from the throne of God is spiritual life to our souls. When this water is dried up it opens the way for the enemy of our souls to come in and take possession of the land. It is this drying up of the life-giving waters from the throne of God that is opening the way for the "Kings of the East" in these last days. All the isms, ites, and idol worshipers of spiritual Babylon are arrayed together against the people of God.

Just a word about getting things out of Babylon: God used Babylon at one time, she was a golden cup in the hands of God. Just as God had men such as Daniel, Ezra, and many others in literal Babylon, He had men in spiritual Babylon. God used men of Babylon to translate the Bible from the Hebrew and Greek language. If we fail to take the definitions of the Greek and Hebrew words as they have given them, we will have to say our former teachings were vain, and have nothing left to stand upon. I am sure that Bro. Warner and others of the early ministers frequently consulted the commentaries and Bible dictionaries of these early writers as well as looking to God to lead them in coming to the proper light and knowledge of historical facts and meaning of some of the Hebrew and Greek words used in the Bible. Usually back in Bible times when a name was given someone or some object, the name had a meaning. For instance, "Peter" meant stone or rock. By knowing the proper meaning of Bible words, it helps us to arrive at the proper interpretation of the Scriptures. But now Babylon is fallen and become the habitation of devils and the hold of every fowl spirit and a cage

of every unclean and hateful bird. The call now is, and has been since the year 1880, to "Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues." Rev. 18:4.

We want to say in conclusion that we have full confidence in Bro. Pruitt. We feel like he is laying down his life for the gospel. The work that he is doing is a great work and much good is being accomplished through his efforts. The work at Guthrie has been built through personal self-sacrifice on his part, and also the family. Bro. Pruitt has been seeing some of the results of his labors for the past few years. God is giving him souls for his hire.

The devil cannot stand to see the work of God prosper, so he is doing all he can in these last days to cause the saints to lose confidence in each other and their spiritual leaders. Brother and sister, let us not be found guilty of causing division or disunity among the people of God. We have been with Bro. Pruitt at different times and in different meetings, and we have always found him to be just the opposite of being puffed up. During the campmeeting here at Hammond, La., he only took the pulpit thrice during the whole ten days, and when he preached, he preached the truth with the power of God through the Spirit. Dear saints, don't be deceived and led away by these false accusations.

This writing has not been solicited by any one. While reading the tract under consideration, we felt that it was prompted by the wrong spirit and have been burdened for several days to answer it.

"Behold, I come quickly, hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown." Rev. 3:11.

Your brother in Christ, Max F. Williamson

CORRESPONDENCE

Gerty, Okla.—Dear saints of God and all lovers of the truth, Greetings in Jesus' name:—I wish to testify to what I know concerning the Pollock young men who were at the campmeeting and handed out the booklet filled with slander. They came into my room (The oldest one did most of the talking), and seeing the U. S. Flag on a post card tacked on the wall, said, "What is that?" I replied, "The stars and stripes." They made light of it and our "capitalistic system of government," as they called it. In plain words they declared that the Russian government was much better than ours in the U. S. If they are not communistic, they surely lean strongly that way. They claim to have fellowship with the saints in general, but when they were here I asked them if there was any one of the saint ministers they had confidence in and their reply was, "Not one of them." According to that, they would not have any fellowship.

—George W. Stephenson

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Kans.—To the dear saints scattered abroad:—I am so glad I can say I am still saved and walking in the light of God. He is everything to me and I would not take anything for my journey on this side of the grave. It is my delight to know the Lord in these perilous times. He carried me out in California and kept me saved and took care of me in many wonderful ways. I learned many precious lessons, more wisdom and knowledge. I heard many wonderful messages. I am in Wichita on a rest and soon will be returning to California.

The dear Lord heard and answered prayer in behalf of the flood in Wichita. It was flooding all around us but we saints prayed and the Lord didn't let it come nigh our dwellings. I mean to proclaim his doing among the people. Praise his holy name. They were moving the people out of their houses just 3 or 4 blocks from us. I mean to serve and praise him as long as I live. For he is a very present help in times of need and a refuge in trouble. I am a living witness of that. Pray much for me that I keep humble at the feet of Jesus.

He also healed my body of a weakness I had had a long time. I take everything to God in prayer, the little things as well as the big things and he bears them all away. Your sister in the one body, Sis. Laura B. Nichols.

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Pa.—Dear friends in Christ,—Greetings in Jesus' precious name. I thought I would write my testimony to tell what Jesus has done for me. About a week ago I had trouble with my leg, a blue spot was coming on which was painful. I prayed and it left, also another one is leaving. Last spring I had the flu for three weeks and I was anointed and prayed for and God healed me. Praise the Lord. He is so precious to me and by his help I expect to keep faithful to him. Your Christian friend,

Twila Campbell, Elimsport, Pa.

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Voting

Can a man go to the poles and vote to the glory of God? Would it be right to do so?

Answer: All voting in the elections of this world is below the plane of Bible holiness. We are not of the world even as Christ is not of the world. John 17: 14. And like Christ, we accept what favors, and endure what wrongs, governments bestow upon us, without complaint; pray for them in authority, but do not help to run the affairs of this world. However a person may sincerely think it is a duty to vote, consequently not sin in doing so. It would not be sin to him nor should we regard it as absolutely a sin for any one to do so, it not being directly forbidden. But the soul that walks with Christ in holiness simply has no inclinations in that direction.—Gospel Trumpet, August, 22, 1895.

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Sentence Sermon

If your preacher don't feed you and can shake down only a little bark and a few dead leaves, don't grab, shake your own tree.—Copied.

If the saints would shake their own tree more, they would get a lot of truth they are missing.—G. S.

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We Reap What We Sow

He that soweth to the flesh
Shall corruption reap;
He that soweth to the Spirit
Shall life everlasting keep (Gal. 6:8).
—Roberta Reese.

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SLANDER

Slander moves in vicious circles,
Seemingly without an end,

And is like all slimy reptiles
As a thing without a friend.
He or she who spreads a story,
That should not have been unloosed,
May be certain in the future
It will sure come home to roost.—Copied

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Loving Lord

Loving Lord, oh, so dear,
Keep me ever near to Thee.
Let me walk in the path Thou hast trod,
Guide my steps in the way
Where Thy light ever shines,
Precious Son of the great living God.
Lead me on, Saviour mine,
In Thy great love divine,
Keep me true, Lord, to you, all the way.
Loving Lord, Thou dost care
For each one in your fold;
By thy grace I'll live for Thee every day.

Loving Lord, take my heart,
Make it pure for thy use—
Out of it are the issues of Life;
Keep my thoughts stayed on Thee,
Let no evil come in,
Fill my heart with a deep humility.
Let me go where I know
I can take you with me;
Changeless Lord, Thou art ever the same.
Every word that I speak,
Every act I perform,
May it all glorify Thy dear name.

Loving Lord, pure and sweet,
Let me learn at Thy feet,
Teach me truths that are food for my soul.
Purge away all the dross,
Help me carry the cross
That will help me to heaven, my goal.
Help me be all you'd have me to be.

—Virginia Elwell.

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BIBLE STUDY

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WHAT IS CHRISTIAN LIVING?

October 1, 1950

Printed Portion.....Matthew 5:13-16, 20; Philippians 1:27-30; 1 Thessalonians 5:15-23; James 1:22, 26-27.

Matt. 5:13. Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted? it is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men.

14. Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid.

15. Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house.

16. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

20. For I say unto you, That except your righteousness shall exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven.

Phil. 1:27. Only let your conversation be as it becometh the gospel of Christ: that whether I come and see you, or else be absent, I may hear of your affairs, that ye stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel;

28. And in nothing terrified by your adversaries: which is to them an evident token of perdition, but to you of salvation, and that of God.

29. For unto you it is given in the behalf of Christ, not only to believe on him, but also to suffer for his sake;

30. Having the same conflict which ye saw in me, and now hear to be in me.

1 Thes. 5:15. See that none render evil for evil unto any man; but ever follow that which is good, both among yourselves and to all men.

16. Rejoice evermore.

17. Pray without ceasing.

18. In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.

19. Quench not the Spirit.

20. Despise not prophesyings.

21. Prove all things; hold fast that which is good.

22. Abstain from all appearance of evil.

23. And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

James 1:22. But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.

26. If any man among you seem to be religious, and bridleth not his tongue, but deceiveth his own heart, this man's religion is vain.

27. Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world.

Memory Verse: The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life and he that winneth souls is wise. Proverbs 11:30.

Practical Truth: Our business as saints is to show the lost what clean Christian living is.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

Christian living is something we can see, hear and feel. Christian living is fruit bearing as we read in Prov. 11:30. The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life and the purpose of Christian living is to win souls to Christ. For he that winneth souls is wise. We must show sinners how to live a Christian life. We do this by bearing the fruit of the righteous. The fruit of the righteous or the fruit of the spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance. Hungry souls will feed on the fruit of the fruit bearing Christians. We will please the Lord when we bear much fruit.

Then we read in the Bible these instructions: we that are strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak. The fruit we bear will feed hungry souls so they too can be strong. Then it will be fulfilled what Jesus said, "Blessed

are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness for they shall be filled." So we who are strong (or in other words who are fruit bearing Christians) can see how much the Lord is depending on us to feed poor hungry souls. Jesus said, "Ye are the salt of the earth." Salt seasons food and makes it good and palatable. Then Jesus said, "Ye are the light of the world." In other words we are the light bearers. Jesus is the light in us and our life is the globe through which the light shines. If we would lead poor lost souls to Christ we must let our lights (Christ in us) shine by clean Christian living.

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PERSONAL COMMITMENT TO JESUS CHRIST

October 8, 1950

Printed Portion.....Matthew 16:24-25; Mark 1:16-20;
Philippians 1:19-26.

Matt. 16:24. Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me.

25. For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it.

Mark 1:16. Now as he walked by the sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and Andrew his brother casting a net into the sea: for they were fishers.

17. And Jesus said unto them, Come ye after me, and I will make you to become fishers of men.

18. And straightway they forsook their nets, and followed him.

19. And when he had gone a little farther thence, he saw James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother, who also were in the ship mending their nets.

20. And straightway he called them: and they left their father Zebedee in the ship with the hired servants, and went after him.

Phil. 1:19. For I know that this shall turn to my salvation through your prayer, and the supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ,

20. According to my earnest expectation and my hope, that in nothing I shall be ashamed, but that with all boldness, as always, so now also Christ shall be magnified in my body, whether it be by life, or by death.

21. For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.

22. But if I live in the flesh, this is the fruit of my labour: yet what I shall choose I wot not.

23. For I am in a strait betwixt two, having a desire to depart, and to be with Christ; which is far better:

24. Nevertheless to abide in the flesh is more needful for you.

25. And having this confidence, I know that I shall abide and continue with you all for your furtherance and joy of faith;

26. That your rejoicing may be more abundant in Jesus Christ for me by my coming to you again.

Memory Verse: If ye abide in me and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will and it shall be done unto you. John 15:7.

Practical Truth: With out Jesus we can do nothing.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

Salvation is a personal matter between each one of us and the Lord. We must put ourselves, both soul and body into his hands if we would follow him. Just make a commitment of ourselves both soul and body and all that we have into his hands. There is no other way to live a suc-

cessful life for Jesus said, "Without me ye can do nothing". Then we think of Paul's words, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." How true it is, without Jesus we can do nothing.

In the fourth chapter of James we read, "Submit (or commit) yourselves therefore to God." Then we will have power to resist the devil and he will flee from us. When we draw nigh to God, he will draw nigh to us. If we would make heaven our home we must make our personal commitment to him who is able to keep us from falling and to present us faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy. When we make a commitment of ourselves to the Lord then we are a lamp and Jesus in us is the light and the Holy Spirit is the oil in our vessels. So we can understand that unless we are connected up to the power house of heaven we can not shine for God. When Jesus was ready to leave this earth and go back to the Father he left these comforting words with his disciples, "All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth."

USING THE BIBLE

October 15, 1950

Printed Portion.....Psalm 19:7-11; Acts 8:26-35.

Psalm 19:7. The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple.

8. The statutes of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart: the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes.

9. The fear of the Lord is clean, enduring for ever: the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

10. More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold: sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb.

11. More over by them is thy servant warned: and in keeping of them there is great reward.

Acts 8:26. And the angel of the Lord spake unto Philip, saying, Arise, and go toward the south unto the way that goeth down from Jerusalem unto Gaza, which is desert.

27. And he arose and went: and, behold, a man of Ethiopia, an eunuch of great authority under Candace queen of the Ethiopians, who had the charge of all her treasure, and had come to Jerusalem for to worship,

28. Was returning, and sitting in his chariot read Esaias the prophet.

29. Then the Spirit said unto Philip, Go near, and join thyself to this chariot.

30. And Philip ran thither to him, and heard him read the prophet Esaias, and said, Understandest thou what thou readest?

31. And he said, How can I, except some man should guide me? And he desired Philip that he would come up and sit with him.

32. The place of the scripture which he read was this, He was led as a sheep to the slaughter; and like a lamb dumb before his shearer, so opened he not his mouth:

33. In his humiliation his judgment was taken away: and who shall declare his generation? for his life is taken from the earth.

34. And the eunuch answered Philip, and said, I pray thee, of whom speaketh the prophet this? of himself, or of some other man?

35. Then Philip opened his mouth, and began at the same scripture, and preached unto him Jesus.

Memory Verse: Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. 2 Timothy 2:15.

Practical Truth: The Bible is a gold mine of wealth to all those who take time to dig deep into it. Luke 6:47-48.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

It is remarkable to know how few people know how to use the Bible to get from it what the Lord wants us to have. Jesus said, "Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free." We must study to shew ourselves approved unto God and then rightly divide the word of truth. The Bible is very confusing to our understanding if we fail to get it rightly divided. As we read the Bible we should have a strong desire to know just what it teaches. We should ask the Lord to open our understanding because it is very important that we know what the Bible teaches. If we will be honest with God as we study his word he will give us understanding so we will know what his word teaches.

It is good to study the Bible by subjects, one subject at a time and then learn to retain what we read. The Psalmist talking to the Lord said, "Thy word have I hid in my heart that I might not sin against thee." When we read God's word and learn how to store it up in our hearts it will give us power to live pure, clean holy lives. It will safe guard us from the devil's snares and traps. Too often the Bible is left laying around in our home neglected but the Bible in our homes will do us no good if we fail to read and study it with an honest heart. Too often it is like this: "Mother, I have found an old dusty thing high on the shelf, just look." "Why that's a Bible, Tommy dear. Be careful that is God's book." "God's book! then Mother before we lose it we better send it back to God, for you know we never use it."

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GROWING THROUGH PRAYER

October 22, 1950

Printed Portion.....Matthew 6:9-13; Luke 11:9-13; Philippians 1:3-11.

Matt. 6:9. After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.

10. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.

11. Give us this day our daily bread.

12. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

13. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory for ever. Amen.

Luke 11:9. And I say unto you, Ask, and it shall be given you; seek and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you.

10. For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.

11. If a son shall ask bread of any of you that is a father, will he give him a stone? or if he ask a fish, will he for a fish give him a serpent?

12. Or if he shall ask an egg, will he offer him a scorpion?

13. If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?

Phil. 1:3. I thank my God upon every remembrance of you,

4. Always in every prayer of mine for you all making request with joy,

5. For your fellowship in the gospel for the first day until now;

6. Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ:

7. Even as it is meet for me to think this of you all, because I have you in my heart; inasmuch as both in my bonds, and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel, ye all are partakers of my grace.

8. For God is my record, how greatly I long after you all in the bowels of Jesus Christ.

9. And this I pray, that your love may abound yet more and more in knowledge and in all judgment;

10. That ye may approve things that are excellent; that ye may be sincere and without offence till the day of Christ;

11. Being filled with the fruits of righteousness, which are by Jesus Christ, unto the glory and praise of God.

Memory Verse: Pray without ceasing. In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you. 1 Thessalonians 5:17-18.

Practical Truth: As sunshine and rain cause plants to grow so earnest prayer and honest study will cause us to grow in the Lord.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

In 2 Peter 3:18 we are instructed to grow in grace and the knowledge of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Prayer and the study of God's word go hand in hand. We are bound to grow and get bigger in the Lord when we pray earnestly and study to show ourselves approved unto God. We grow as we learn more about God. As we study God's word with honest hearts and pray earnestly for understanding, then we grow through the knowledge we get of God. In Hosea 4:6 we read, "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children." We must be diligent in study and prayer lest we be weighed in the balances and found wanting.

Think what it will mean if we spend our whole life with a Bible in our home and then be lost because we neglect to study it and pray. We are warned, "How shall we escape if we neglect so great salvation." Neglect and carelessness will cause thousands of souls to miss heaven. When heaven is missed there is just one more place to go and we all know what that is. In Jude verse 24 we read, "Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy." This can never be done if we fail to pray earnestly and study the precious old Book with an honest heart.

GROWING THROUGH READING AND MEDITATION

October 29, 1950

Printed Portion. Acts 17:10-12; Philippians 4:8-9;

1 Timothy 4:12-16; 2 Timothy 2:15; 4:13.

Acts 17:10. And the brethren immediately sent away Paul and Silas by night unto Berea: who coming thither went into the synagogue of the Jews.

11. These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so.

12. Therefore many of them believed; also of honourable women which were Greeks, and of men, not a few.

Phil. 4:8. Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.

9. Those things, which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, do: and the God of peace shall be with you.

1 Tim. 4:12. Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity.

13. Till I come, give attendance to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine.

14. Neglect not the gift that is in thee, which was given thee by prophecy, with the laying on of the hands of the presbytery.

15. Meditate upon these things; give thyself wholly to them; that thy profiting may appear to all.

16. Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them: for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee.

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

4:13. The cloke that I left at Troas with Carpus, when thou comest, bring with thee, and the books, but especially the parchments.

Memory Verse: Wherefore do ye spend your money for that which is not bread and your labour for that which satisfieth not, hearken diligently unto me and eat that which is good and let your soul delight itself in fatness. Isaiah 55:2.

Practical Truth: Jesus is the bread which came down from heaven which we may eat and live forever. Amen.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

The subject of this lesson brings our minds to words of Jesus found in St. John 6:63, "The words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life." When we eat well and digest our food then our bodies will grow. Then when we feast on God's word and digest it, our soul or spirit will grow in the Lord. Now let us turn to Psalm 119. We read here that God's word is sweeter than honey and the honeycomb moreover by them is thy servant warned: and in keeping of them there is great reward. Now listen to Job 23:12, "I have esteemed the words of his (God's) mouth more than my necessary food." In Psalm 1 we learn that to meditate on the law or words of God makes us like a tree planted by the rivers of water and we will bring forth our fruit in season and whatsoever we do it shall prosper. Amen.

If we would live a successful Christian life we must take time to be alone with God to study and meditate on his precious holy word. The most profitable time we spend is when we take time out to be alone with God in prayer and meditation. Like we read in Acts 17:10-11, we should never be quick to answer. But we should look into God's word and weigh the matter well before we come to a conclusion. Think of all the good things the Lord offers us through his word. Jesus said, "I am the bread of life."

G. S.