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Behold the Lamb

Behold the Lamb, the Son of God,
Hanging on the tree;
He became a curse in our stead,
And died for you and me.

The blood ran down his tender brow,
Flowed from his hands and feet;
He agonized upon the cross,
Our salvation to complete.

"Father, forgive them; My God, my God,"
Upon the cross he cried—
And while the Romans stood around,
He languished there and died.

Ere long they pierced his holy side,
The blood flowed full and free;
The cleansing fount was opened wide
That we might ransomed be.

They took his body from the cross—
Israel's rejected King—
And placed it in a new made tomb
Where never man had lain.

"The third day I shall rise again,"
The Jews had heard him say.
The tomb was sealed, a watch was set
To guard it night and day.

In early morn what do we see?
About the break of day,
A shining one from heaven came
And rolled the stone away.

Triumphantly the Saviour rose
And came forth from the grave,
The Resurrection and the Life—
His power alone can save.
—Ulysses Phillips

Instruments of Righteousness

"Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God." Rom. 6:13.

What a precious thought there is in this verse: yield "your members as instruments of righteousness unto God." Our members would be our bodies, our minds, and our souls. Do we have all yielded to God? Are we pliable in the Potter's hands? Is he molding us into the vessel that he wants us to be, or are we wanting to help with the molding? These are serious thoughts for the child of God. God cannot use us if there is any unwillingness; we must have an eternal "yes" in our hearts to all the will of God.

A man takes a hoe and cuts a patch of weeds. Another man comes along and says, "It looks like you have been doing a lot of work." The man answers, "Yes, I have a good hoe here and it is sharp, and I can do lots of work."

The hoe was the instrument that was used to cut the weeds, but who caused the hoe to cut the weeds? The man. Can you not see it? Let us be a willing instrument in God's hands. All he asks of us is to be willing. Then he can work through us to his glory. Jesus will be lifted up if we let him work through us, and much can be accomplished in the work of the Lord. In John 12:32 Jesus says, "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me." We lift Jesus up by just being an instrument in His hands. Go as he tells us to go, speak as he tells us to speak. Then he wants us to wait until he tells us. The hoe did not cut any weeds until the man picked it up and started using it. We would not be an instrument if we moved without being moved by God. There is a precious truth in this if we seek God and let him help us to see it.

One time the Lord asked me to do something for him. It really startled me, as it seemed so big; and oh, I felt so helpless and unqualified. And I cried unto the Lord, "Lord, you know I can't do that, and furthermore, I don't even have the strength to do it." (as I began to shake then). But God so comfortingly

spoke to my soul and brought Scriptures to my mind, making me to know that all he wanted was my willingness and he would do the rest. He promised to give me strength; he promised to work through me, therefore I didn't need to feel that I should be qualified. And as I began to say, "Yes, Lord," the blessings began to come and strength came. I moved and did what he asked. He so blessed me in doing what he asked me to do that ever since I have praised God that I can be an instrument through which he can work. Just to be a hoe in God's hands, to be used in whatever field he sees fit. Your blood-washed sister, Mrs. Marie Miles

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Vain Religion

For some time I have been impressed to write to you on a subject that I feel we all need to take very seriously—namely the subject of talking too much.

The Bible tells us the tongue is a little member, but also a fire, and a world of iniquity. It is an unruly evil and full of deadly poison. (Please read the third chapter of James.) James 1:26 says, "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."

I understand from these, and other Scriptures, that we use our tongue according to what we have in our hearts. If our hearts are full of God's love, we will automatically speak words of kindness, truth, and love; for "out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh." We might do wonderful things, go out any hour, day or night, to pray for the sick; we might give our last penny to some needy person; we might travel far and near to preach to lost souls, yet if we bridle not our tongues, our religion is vain.

I one time lived neighbor to a minister and his wife. They had known and taught the truth for more than thirty-five years. I have heard that dear mother say she did the best she could in rearing her children, and had prayed all she knew how to pray that they would all be saved. I have also been in that home when this minister and his wife were saying things against some of the saints to some of their unsaved children. They very often made that grave mistake. I personally pleaded with them that even if such things were true, to please not repeat them, especially to the unsaved, but they kept talking, and even went so far as to tell some things that were not true. They instilled bitterness and hatred into the hearts of their unsaved children, causing them to lose confidence in the saints. This minister and wife later became reconciled to the other saints, but the damage had been done. The children have not only quit going to meeting, but do not have confidence in the saints or even in the parents, and are going farther and farther in sin. I have heard these children speak with bitterness and regret, and to this day they wonder where to go or what to do about their souls. They were taught against sect churches, and worldliness, yet because of those who failed to bridle their

tongues, they have a question in their hearts, could their parents have taught them wrong? They are confused and discouraged; yet these same parents wonder why their prayers are not answered, why their children are not saved.

I used this one family as an illustration, but how many more have made that same sad mistake? Dear ones, don't think the Scriptures are for someone else. Apply them to your own heart. They are for you and you and you. Study that 26th verse of the 1st chapter of James. Let us talk less and pray more. If we cannot say something good about someone, let us just keep still.

I realize there are some differences that need to be discussed and settled; but God's word tells you how to go about doing it. He gives discernment to some, but there is a great difference in talking and praying things out with a brother who might have erred, and in criticizing him openly to the unsaved without giving the brother a chance to correct his mistakes. It is better that a mill stone be hung around our neck and we be cast into the sea, than for us to crush or hurt a weak brother or sister. If they have deliberately erred from the truth and will not be reconciled according to God's rules, then is plenty of time to warn against them; but for the sake of all concerned, do not in any case make uncomely remarks to the unsaved. May God help each one to bridle your tongue lest your religion be vain. —A Reader.

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Fundamental Truths

God's Word instructs us: "Awake to righteousness and sin not; for some have not the knowledge of God: I speak this to your shame." 1 Cor. 15:34.

"There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape that ye may be able to bear it." 1 Cor. 10:13. We need to look to God for a way of escape instead of getting self in the way and doing things contrary to God's will and Word. He wants us to present our bodies a living sacrifice. "Looking diligently lest any man fail of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble you, and thereby many be defiled." Heb. 12:15.

Dear ones, it is high time for us to awake out of sleep, for now is our salvation nearer than when we first believed if we have yielded ourselves to God. If we haven't yielded ourselves to God, but are professing to follow him, we are making God out a liar. We are serving a God that cannot lie. Friends, if you cannot stand for someone to walk up and slap you down (or persecute in other ways that would be humiliating, such as talking about you or spitting in your face) and still keep the love of God in your heart and a forgiving and peaceful attitude toward your persecutor, you should either quit professing to be a follower of Christ or get on your knees and make things right with God; for a sin-you-must religion will not carry you to heaven. "The wrath of man

worketh not the righteousness of God." The Word says, "As he [Jesus] is, so are we in this world" 1 Jno. 4:17. We read that Jesus "did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth: when he was reviled, reviled not again; when he suffered, he threatened not; but committed himself to him that judgeth righteously." 1 Peter 2:22, 23. Only the pure in heart shall see God. We must have our hearts pure at all times.

I desire the prayers of all praying people, that I might be found of him in peace at the appearing of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Essie Moore.

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The First and Second Coming of Christ

Two comings of Christ are plainly taught in the Bible.

His first coming was to save the world, or whosoever would believe upon him and accept him as their Saviour. His second and last coming will be to judge the world.

His first coming was prophesied of ages before he came: and so also is his second coming.

His first coming was in a very humble manner, as we read in Luke, "And she [Mary] brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn." Luke 2:7. Then the angel appeared to the shepherds as they kept watch over their flocks and said, "Fear not, for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord." Lk. 2:8-11.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved." John 3:16, 17. The world was already condemned. The law of Moses was given as a restraint to sin. It was added because of transgression till the seed (Christ) should come (Gal. 3:16-19). The law was our school-master to bring us to Christ, that we might be justified by faith; "Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved." Acts 4:12.

Christ came to do what the law could not do; he came to save his people from their sins. Matt. 1:21.

Before Christ came there were a few righteous people because they believed in God; not because they kept the law. Since Jesus died upon the cross, and until he comes again, we are in a day of grace (favor) a day of love (mercy), a day of salvation, when whosoever will may come to God through Jesus Christ, and be saved.

After Jesus had finished his work here upon earth and just before he ascended back to his heavenly Father, he gave the great commission to his disciples to go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature, saying, "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved: but he that believeth not shall be damned." Mark 16:15, 16. "It pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that

believe." 1 Cor. 1:21. "And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come." Matt. 24:14. This is why time is prolonged and Jesus tarries.

"The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, [his promise to come] as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance." 2 Peter 3:9. He hath long patience and is waiting for the precious fruit of the earth (the salvation of souls) James 5:7. Only God will know when the earth is reaped; when the last soul that will has turned to him. As long as there is a peep in the shell, or a moving of the wing, or an opening of the mouth (Isa. 10:14), the Lord will patiently wait for some one to carry the glad message of salvation to that soul.

He hath spoken unto us in these last days by his Son (Heb. 1:1), and Jesus says, "The words that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day." John 12:48. We who live in this gospel age will be judged by the New Testament, God's revealed will through his Son. Those who lived under the law and before the coming of Christ will be judged by the law of the Old Testament, and their conscience (Rev. 20:12; Rom. 2:12, 16).

As Jesus ascended up to heaven and a cloud received him out of their sight, the voice of the angel said unto them that watched, "Why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven." Acts 1:11.

"Behold, he cometh with clouds, and every eye shall see him." Rev. 1:7; Matt. 24:30.

"And many false prophets shall arise and shall deceive many" Matt. 24:11. "And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold. But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved." Matt. 24:12, 13. "Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh." Matt. 24:44. Sister Cora Brant

True Holiness

Text: Ephesians 4:24

Be particular in reading God's holy Bible, and be very particular to do what it says, that we may be a holy people, or nation, and be ready for a holy heaven, where dwells a holy God with all his holy angels. 1 Peter 1:15, 16; 2 Peter 1:21; Matt. 25:31; 1 Pet. 2:9. God expects us to live holy all the days of our lives while we are here in this present world. Luke 1:73-75; Titus 2:11-14.

People say, "All we can do is to do the best we can"; but God gives the TRUE HOLINESS Christian power to live the life he asks of him. And then he tells us very clearly what he does require of us. Micah 6:8, "He hath shewed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?" So let us test our lives by the HOLY BIBLE. —C. W.

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With no subscription price, the postage per month on five thousand papers would be fifty dollars. With the second class rating, the postage on five thousand papers is only six dollars per mo. In a year's time this would be a big saving for the saints. When Jesus fed the multitude with the few little loaves and fishes he was careful to tell the disciples to "Gather up the fragments that remain, that nothing be lost." John 6:12. In Proverbs 18:9 we read, "He also that is slothful in his work is brother to him that is a great waster." In Romans 12:11 Paul exhorts the saints, "Not slothful in business." When the paper is sent out with such a small subscription price it means quite a large free gift to needy souls every month and those of the saints who are giving of their substance can be assured that we are not slothful in business in the use of their means in sending forth the true holiness gospel by the printed page.

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The apostle Peter, writing of God's promises, says that He has given us "exceeding great and precious

promises." 2 Peter 1:4. Most of us no doubt have friends and acquaintances in whom, if they would make us a promise, we would have all confidence that they would make good their promise if they possibly could. God's promises to us ought to be of greater worth and much more to be depended upon than any man's promise, no matter how honest the man seems to be. Many times men are sincere in their promises, but circumstances may surround them in such a way that it becomes impossible for them to fulfill their promises. But with God it is absolutely impossible for circumstances to so surround him or us that he cannot fulfill his promises, providing we keep yielded to him in a pliable manner.

In Psalm 37:4, we read, "Delight thyself also in the Lord; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart." You will notice that the "shall" of God is back of this promise, and he will not fail any soul that will gladly and willingly delight himself in the Lord. Many people desire God to heal them, but by failing to delight themselves in the Lord, they keep God from fulfilling his promise and healing them.

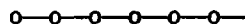
Just recently we had a problem here in the printing work which we desired the Lord to work out. From a natural stand-point it looked like it could not be done as others who were worldly-minded were in authority and had to be softened up and their minds changed before I could have the desire of my heart. We held the matter before the Lord for two months and did and made every move about it that God made us clear to do; and just yesterday the thing broke through and God did more than I had desired and asked for. Glory to His name! It is impossible for God to fail if we will faithfully keep our covenant with him.

Peter makes it very plain to us in Acts 5:32, that God gives the Holy Ghost (or Holy Spirit) to them that obey Him. Many today have become powerless and void of the Holy Spirit because they have failed and are failing to faithfully obey him. Whatever your soul's condition may be, it is not the fault of God. His promises are exceedingly great and precious and sure to every faithful soul. Sometimes it happens that the enemy has so weakened one's faith and belief in God that he cannot receive what he needs from God. I have seen some go to the altar to get saved. They would repent over and over and cry and take on in a great way, but until they really believed that God had fulfilled his promises to them they would have no assurance in the soul of his forgiveness. "There is joy and peace in believing." Rom. 15:13. It could be that way in getting our healing. At one time, the apostles cried out to the Lord, "Lord, increase our faith!" I believe that many today need an increase of faith and belief in the promises of God.

God has promised the gifts to his ministers, but we see a lack of this among them, and many of the gifts are not in manifestation as they should be. In Eph. 4:8 we read, "When he ascended upon high, he led captivity (Satan) captive, and gave gifts unto men." Satan cannot hinder you from using any gift that God has bestowed upon you, for he is bound by our faith and belief in the promises of God.

I have been much encouraged by a recent letter received from Bro. E. M. Zinn of Bellflower, Calif. He said that he was seeking God for the gift of divine healing and that God had promised it to him if he would qualify. He felt he could qualify and was endeavoring to do it, and even in the letter he told of a recent healing that the Lord had done. I believe that more of the ministers need to desire the gifts of the Spirit and humble down until they could be trusted of God to use the gift to his glory. It seems to me that the body of working ministers today are getting in better shape for God to use them as they cease from any fault-finding, surmising, and envy, and let God fill their clay houses with his divine love, which is the "More Excellent Way." Generally speaking, those who find the most fault in others have the greatest need in their own souls. Often Satan will make someone who has a good supply of zeal and self-conceit and little of Christ in his soul think that he has the gift of discernment; but when it is summed up and uncovered it is found to be envy, surmising, and selfish ends which prompt their conclusions.

If folks get the genuine gifts of God, they will need to humble down more and more in repentance and get rid of all envy, self-conceit, emulations, strife, back-biting, surmising, and discord-sowing, and look to God to be filled with the divine love which will prompt an unselfish service for the Lord and in behalf of precious souls.



As a warning to us who are in the clear light of the gospel, I wish to give you an example of others who at one time had light and true holiness in their hearts as we do, but have gradually received blindness until now they seem to have the "blind staggers" and have staggered into a "coming together" of Reverends, and D. D's. from different denominations—great men of earth, who have formed a company to edit and send forth another religious paper called, "The Protestant World." One of the promoters of this company hails from Anderson, Ind. Paul says, "For if I build again the things which I destroyed, I make myself a transgressor." Gal. 2:18.

The words that Jesus spoke, recorded in Matt. 6:23, are still true and many in these days need to take heed to his words which read thus, "If therefore the light that is in thee be darkness, how great is that darkness."

Saints who cease to love the crucified way, the self-denying route, receive delusions from the Lord and are likely to fall in with almost any kind of a religious scheme the devil may hatch up. Jesus also said (Matt. 24:28), "For whosoever the carcass is, there will the eagles be gathered together." When one loses God out of his heart by digression or otherwise, he becomes a "spiritual carcass," and the eagles or foul spirits gather to feast on them and to play God to them.

If you want to know more about the "Great Red Dragon" and his slimy work in these latter days, you should send and get the new book entitled, "The Great Sacrifice." This was a message delivered at the Mon-

ark Springs, Mo. National Campmeeting last summer, recorded by a recording machine while it was being delivered under the anointing of the Holy Spirit. Each and every saint should have one of these 32-page books for themselves and some for their friends. It tells about the awful slaughter of souls which is going on in these, the last of the last days, and of the mighty swarm of foul spirits that are feasting on the multitude of carcasses now in evidence everywhere. The instruction in this book will uncover Satan's work and help you to keep out of his clever snares and pitfalls set for your feet. Satan has transformed himself into an "angel of light" and preaches righteousness and holiness to deceive and destroy souls. Brethren, let us make no peace with the devil. Send for these books today and give your soul a treat of good sound truth. They are free for the asking.

Obituaries

Bro. E. M. Wood, who has for a number of years been numbered among the saints of Webb City, and Neosho, Mo. passed to his reward Jan. 3, 1951 at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Ida Horne, Fallon, Nev.

He had been born in Waverly, Ill., June 22, 1859, residing there and in Colorado most of his life. He was ninety-one years of age and was in good health up to the last six weeks of his life—for his extraordinary health, he often expressed his gratitude to the Lord.

Besides his daughter, he leaves one son, Elmer Wood at Salida, Colo., ten grandchildren, 21 great grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren.

In his tract, "How God Saved an Awful Sinner," Bro. Wood tells how he was saved from a life of sin when past fifty years of age after searching in vain through Spiritualism, Hypnotism, New Thoughtism, Infidelism, and all other isms he could find for something that would satisfy the longing of his unsaved soul.

Graveside services were conducted by Marion Emrick of the Church of God.

Sister Lela Willie Bailey passed away at her home in Hammond, La. Jan. 4, 1951. She had been afflicted in body for some time. The Lord at different times had come to her rescue and healed her and gave her relief from suffering. Upon rising about seven o'clock in the morning, her husband found she had passed away sometime in the early hours of the morning. Her testimony was that she was ready to go. Many times in her suffering she asked the Lord to take her home. She lacked just a few days of being fifty-five years old.

Sister Bailey leaves behind, her husband Pearce Bailey, two young boys, Edgar and Pearce, jr., five married daughters and other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were conducted by M. F. Williamson, assisted by L. G. Butler at the Willie Cemetery northeast of Hammond. Scripture texts used were: Job 14:14; 19:25, 26; John 5:25, 28, 29; and Rev. 20:6.

Anna Matilda Iverson was born Sept. 3, 1889 at the Iverson Ranch near Chatsworth, Calif.; departed this life Jan. 12, 1951. On Dec. 16, 1913 she was united in marriage with Lee Foss. After her marriage she lived three years in North Dakota. The remainder of her life was spent at Chatsworth, having lived thirty years in the home where she passed away. Though there were no children born to this union, she had a great love for children and moth-

ered several children. From earliest childhood she was associated with the saints, but much of the time she did not get to attend services, due to the distance she lived from the regular meeting places. She testified in her last illness that she had been seeking God for a closer walk with Him and that she felt that God had been helping her, and that she only felt love and good will in her heart toward all mankind.

Besides her husband, Lee Foss, she leaves three brothers, Carl, Joe, and Aaron, all of Chatsworth; and one sister, Mrs. Cenna Baker of Congo Park, Calif.; a number of nieces; nephews; other relatives; and many saints and friends in the community where she spent the most of her life. Funeral service conducted by O. B. Wilson.

Clara Alta Carter, born August 20, 1882, departed this life Jan. 26, 1951 at her home in Petaluma, Calif. On June 14, 1911 she was united in marriage with John Bonner, to which union five children were born.

Sister Bonner gave her heart and life to the Lord a number of years ago, and though she has been isolated from the saints and the regular services most all of that time, yet she stood true and staunch for the Lord and truth. Her testimony during the last days of her illness was so bright and so definite that it was real inspiring and encouraging. As we sat by her bedside the last number of hours and saw life slowly and gently ebbing away without a struggle, and thought how definite was her testimony of God's presence, we were made to realize the fulfillment of the word of God which says, "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints."

Brother and sister Bonner have been faithful to attend almost all of the campmeetings and assembly meetings in California and Oregon, and were always there for the first service and stayed for the last; so her presence at these meetings will be greatly missed by all; but we are comforted with the thought of knowing she has fought the last battle and gained the last and final victory and is at rest in the Lord.

Survivors are her beloved husband; one son, Alvin of Rodeo, Calif.; three daughters, Veronica Morris of Willits, Calif., Beatrice Phillips of Richmond, Calif., and Clara Walker of Albany, Calif.; one brother, Adella Carter of Santa Rosa, Calif.; thirteen grandchildren; nieces; nephews; and many friends.

Funeral service was conducted by Opal B. Wilson at Petaluma, with burial at Berkeley, Calif.

Dora Estella Banks was born Sept. 30, 1884 at Springfield, Mo. and departed this life Feb. 7, 1951 at her home in Pomona, Calif.; age 66 years 4 months, and 7 days.

She was married to Amon J. Fortner April 26, 1902, and to this union seven children were born, two daughters and five sons, all of whom are living: Earl N., Cletus L., and Fred M. Fortner and Mrs. Daisy Hottinger of Pomona; Roy A. Fortner of Alhambra, Calif.; Mrs. Fern Stubblefield of Shawnee, Okla.; and Herbert G. Fortner of Claremont, Calif. Besides her children, she leaves her husband, A. J. Fortner; one sister, Mrs. Willa Forster of Pomona; 20 grandchildren; one great-grand child; and a host of friends.

She was converted over 38 years ago in the Church of God and attended services regularly as long as she was able. But after a long illness God saw fit to take her to himself. Many times she gave the testimony that she was ready to go. She was a devoted mother and wife, and a good neighbor to all she knew, doing the many things that will never be forgotten. She will be missed by her loved ones and acquaintances, but our loss is heaven's gain.

Funeral services were conducted by Ostis B. Wilson, assisted by Sister Marie Miles. Text: Psa. 116:15. Interment at Evergreen Cemetery.

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EASTER SUNDAY SERVICES

As has been our custom in the past, the saints at Guthrie will have all day meeting on Easter Sunday, March 25th, 1951, Lord willing. Preaching service in the morning at eleven o'clock, basket dinner in the dining hall at 12:30, ordinance services of the Lord's Supper and Feet Washing at 2:30 p. m. The ordinance of baptism will be administered to qualified candidates. We extend a hearty welcome to all saints and others to meet with us on Easter Sunday. Your presence will be appreciated.

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CAMPMEETING NOTICE

Sister Minnie Brown, pastor of the Church of God at Muncie, Ind. has been led of the Lord to make preparations for a campmeeting at Muncie this coming summer. Ministers and other saints whom she has informed about the matter, generally speaking, are in one accord about the meeting being at Muncie, as they think it is the right place for a campmeeting in that state, and they will back her up with their prayers and means, and in other ways for a meeting to be held there and led by and controlled by the Holy Spirit.

The date set for the meeting is Friday, July 13th, and it is to run over two Sundays, or for ten days. All lovers of the truth that can, are expected to attend this meeting, and all who need help in soul or body are invited to hear the old-time gospel preached in the power and demonstration of the Spirit. Ministers who are out of joint with God and the working body of his ministers need not expect pulpit privileges.

This meeting will be run on the free-will offering plan, and all whom the Lord directs to do so may send their offerings to Sister Minnie Brown for preparing equipment for the meeting. Her address is R. 6, Muncie, Ind. Meals will be served free and all are welcome to attend and enjoy the ten days of meeting with the children of God, on or near chapel grounds, 1637 W. 14th St.

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NATIONAL CAMPMEETING NOTICE

The annual National Campmeeting of the Church of God will be held, Lord willing, on the camp ground at Neosho (Monark Springs), Missouri, July 20 to 29, 1951, followed by two-day ministers' meeting on July 30th and 31st.

If anyone owning lots or cabins on the national camp ground desires to sell them, please inform the undersigned as soon as possible. Several saints desire to buy lots and cabins.—L. D. Pruitt, Secy.-treas.
1116 W. Wash., Guthrie, Okla.

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NOTICE TO SOUTHERN SAINTS

La.—To the saints in the south:—I feel led of the Lord to write a little concerning this "General Southern Camp Ground," that it belongs to all the saints in the South; but only those living nearby fully understand how much money it takes to keep it in repair. Hence, the two congregations, here and at Oak Grove (13 miles from Hammond) have been supplying most of the finance to keep it up. We would so much like for others in the south to feel their share of the responsibility, and the Lord would reward you in return. The work of the Lord must be kept going, and

if the saints do not keep up the camp grounds here and there we cannot have camp meetings any more, which would indeed deprive us of the grand privilege of meeting with saints from abroad at our annual meetings. The brethren now are trying to get finance together to finish repairing a building on the camp ground, and other things are badly needed. I know the Lord supplies some how, but it is through his saints and honest sinners. It has been some while since anything has been put through this means of correspondence "Faith and Victory" paper on this line; but I believe when you saints see this need you will respond. That is the confidence I have in His people, and it would be such an encouragement to the saints here and at Oak Grove to know that someone else is helping lift the load. Thanks for any consideration and help, and with Christian love to all, I am, only your servant in the Lord,
Katherine Key, Box 370, Hammond, La.

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Kansas—Greetings in the name of the Lord. This leaves me well and much encouraged to keep pressing on.

We, the saints in Wichita, are still planning our building and the Lord is helping us along very much. We have purchased some of the material and are ready to begin laying blocks. We are looking to God to undertake for the weather and in supplying material and labor. The material we have bought has run our funds very low. We shall be thankful to hear from those of you who plan to help us. The wiring and plumbing will be high, and if the Lord doesn't have a block layer somewhere, we shall have to hire one. We are praying to the Lord to help us out, and ask an interest in all your prayers. We feel the Lord surely has money and laborers for this worthy purpose. We wish to thank those who have given, and pray God's blessings on each one. Bro. H. Martin of Anthony, Kans. has let us use his truck to haul material, which has been a great saving, and many neighbors and friends have helped us.

We are having house to house prayer meetings and the interest has been good. The healing power of God has been manifested, for which we are thankful.

Bro. Lewis Williams, 1750 N. Madison, Wichita, Kans.

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PRAYER REQUEST

Oregon—Dear Bro. Pruitt,—I have felt the leadings of the Lord to write and have you publish a request in "Faith and Victory" paper for all the saints to be agreed in fasting and prayer the 2nd Sunday in March for the complete healing of our boy Paul who is confined at the State Hospital in Salem. We know God can do this. He has healed us many times of different afflictions.

Brother and Sister Geo. W. Galloway

EASTER FOLDERS

Easter Folders, Scripture-text, "Sunshine Line," ten lovely colored folders with envelopes to match in a beautiful box, 60 cents per box post paid. We have a good supply in stock at present. Order today.

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Will It Pay To Become A Christian?

LUKE 14:28-30.

THE COST.

ALL. Luke 14:33; Phil. 3:7-9.

This Includes:

All ungodliness. Titus 2:11, 12.

Your ways. Isa. 55:7.

Worldly amusements and pleasure. 1 Jno. 2:15, 16

Worldly conformity. Rom. 12:1, 2.

Your good name and reputation. James 4:4;
Luke 21:17; 6:22.

Your best friends. Matt. 10:35-38.

Your life. Luke 14:26.

Confess your sins to God. 1 John 1:9.

Settle up with your fellow men.

Confess wherein you have wronged them. Prov.
28:13.

Forgive even your worst enemies. Matt. 6:14, 15.
Be reconciled. Matt. 5:23, 24.

Make restitution to the extent of your ability and
opportunity. Ezek. 33:15.

THE RECOMPENSE.

In This Life:

More than has entered the heart of man. 1 Cor.
2:9, 10.

An hundredfold. Mark 10:28-30.

A load of benefits. Ps. 68:19.

All good things. Ps. 84:11.

In The Future:

Eternal life. Mark 10:30.

An eternal home. 2 Cor. 5:1.

An incorruptible inheritance. 1 Pet. 1:3-5.

CONCLUSION.

Joshua 24:15.

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Preach Sound Doctrine

"I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom; preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine. For the time will come [It is here now.] when they will not endure SOUND DOCTRINE; but AFTER THEIR OWN LUSTS shall they heap to themselves [their church] teachers, having itching ears [desire to hear it]; and they shall turn away their ears [will not listen] from the truth and shall be turned unto fables [falsehoods]" 2 Tim. 4:1-4.

Paul's warning to Timothy to preach the Word and "watch in all things" was a warning for him not to compromise by believing or preaching any other doctrine than what he had been taught. Read 2 Tim. 3rd chapter to get a full understanding of this subject; and notice very carefully the first eight verses, and you can see that such men are professors of religion, having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof; "from such turn away."

In Paul's epistle to the Galatians (1:8, 9), he said, "But though we, or an angel from heaven preach any other gospel unto you than that we have preached unto you, let him be accursed. As we said before, so say I again, IF ANY MAN preach any other gospel unto you than that you have received, let him be accursed." Then in the 10th verse he says, "For do I persuade men, or God? or do I seek to please men or God? for if I pleased men [sinful men] I should not be a servant of Christ." Please read the rest of this chapter, Gal. 1:11-24-on.

Many preachers in these last days are very care-

ful to preach in a way that will please the worldly, sinful, carnal-minded people and get them to profess salvation without a real godly sorrow for sin that worketh repentance unto salvation. False prophets are very careful to stress their church doctrines, such as eternal security—once-saved-always-saved regardless of the sins you commit after you believed. For (they teach) all will sin more or less until death; sanctified at death, not in this life; etc. They will twist many plain Scriptures, such as the 7th chapter of Romans, which shows the condition of a man under the law, and apply it to mean a man that is under grace. Also Paul, in Eph. 2nd chapter, is trying to show the difference between the law and the gospel, and that they were saved by grace instead of by works under the law. Therefore the Gentiles that had been aliens from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers from the covenant of promise, having no hope and without God in the world, were made nigh [now, not after death] by the blood of Christ, making peace by breaking down the middle wall of partition between them (the Jew and Gentile) "therefore making peace, abolishing the enmity, the law of commandments contained in ordinances; that through him [Christ] they [Jew and Gentile] both have access by ONE SPIRIT unto the Father," making them fellow citizens with the saints and of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone, in whom (Christ) all the building (not part of it) fitly (according to God's plan) framed together (not apart) groweth unto an holy (not unholy) temple in the Lord. In whom ye also are (present tense) builded together (not apart) for an habitation of God through the Spirit. Read 1 Cor. 4:16. Viz. in this present world, God dwells in his temple not made with hands, his church, the body of Christ. "Ye [all true believers] are the body of Christ and members in particular." 1 Cor. 12:27.

In conclusion I say that sound, heaven-sent, Holy Spirit, Bible doctrine can only be preached and practiced by a man (or woman) that has been convicted, converted, and saved from all sin (not part) and sins, been set apart or placed (His gift) in the church by the Holy Spirit just as it pleases God, not man. Read 1 Cor. 12th chapter. Every Spirit-filled and Spirit-led minister will preach and practice (live it) sound gospel doctrine, the Word that will save sinners from their sins, not in their sins, as some preach it. And all such converts will bear the fruits of the Spirit (Gal 5:22-25), if they abide in the Vine. Read John 15:4, 5. Satan is just as deceptive now as he was in the garden of Eden where he preached his "no danger" sermon to Eve. He is deceiving many poor sinners by his crafty, seducing, sin-you-will doctrine. "Shall we (saved people) continue in sin that grace may abound? God forbid." Rom. 6:1, 2. Answer please.

False teachers with all their converts will be greatly surprised when they go to the Judgment. They teach that they will not be judged. Read the 7th and 25th chapters of Matt. Beware of FALSE PROPHETS.

—C. S. Wyatt

Young People's Section

The Little Things

Help me to do the little things,
 Dear Lord, to thee I pray;
 That I may help some troubled soul
 Along life's weary way.
 I have no millions to bestow,
 No noble place to fill,
 But surely there is something, Lord,
 If I but seek thy will.

When He was here, our blessed Lord,
 And o'er the sands did tread,
 He had no wealth, nor millions, nay—
 No place to lay his head.
 But meek and lowly was his life,
 Full of compassion, too—
 His deeds of love and kindness great
 Will live the whole world through.

"Give me the roses while I live,"
 We often hear them say.
 "I cannot enjoy them when I'm gone,
 Nor hear nice things you say."
 It's now, their hearts grow weary;
 It's now, their trials they face:
 A kind word, deed, or letter now
 May help them win their race.

A hearty smile and a hand-shake
 Can mean so much sometimes
 To a heart with a heavy burden
 Who's trying HARD to "climb."
 A prayer in the secret closet
 For the lost of all mankind,
 May save a soul from destruction
 And help him Christ to find.

A beautiful life I want to live,
 For I want the world to see
 The life of our blessed Saviour,
 Being lived again in me.
 So help me, Lord, as in this life
 I travel day by day,
 To do the little things I can
 In a kind and loving way.

Armilda Abbott.

Okla.—Dear young people and all saints scattered abroad:—Greetings of love in Jesus' dear name. May the love of God and the fellowship of his suffering be yours today. I am very much encouraged in the Lord and have enjoyed the fellowship of his Spirit in my life in the past and I am looking forward to greater blessings from him in the years to come. The Lord is my hope and my salvation, of whom then shall I be afraid?

I have enjoyed so much the testimonies in the paper and have surely felt the Lord had used the writers. They

were just what I needed and each one contained special inspiration to me, some to reprove and others to encourage. I would that the Lord had more whom he could use. My burden has been that more souls would be brought into the kingdom of God. We are in a world of trouble and full of perplexity until men's hearts are truly failing them for fear as they look at those things that must needs come to pass. Let us take heed and watch and pray lest the enemy come as an angel of light and over-take us as a thief in the night. So many are carried away with the cares of life and are forgetting the innermost being—the soul—giving place to the enemy by neglecting in reading, praying, giving, and visiting those that are in afflictions; and so find, often too late, that they are without oil in the vessel.

Pray for me. The Lord has been talking to me on many lines, showing me deeper depths. I am growing every day, moment by moment, and I find his will and way grows sweeter than it was the day before.

Dear friends, if there is one who reads this who does not have clearness in your soul, if you knew the pleasures and enjoyment I receive from the Saviour, you too surely would make him yours today.

I desire to let the saints know at this time concerning the condition of one of my sister's children. She is a blue baby and stands in need of all the prayers of the saints. We felt led to get her and bring her to the assembly meeting last Christmas. She was anointed and prayed for. The Lord has answered prayer. She has been improving and we are much encouraged that He will bring her thru and make her a normal child. Pray also for the mother. She has many burdens and very much opposition. The Lord has grace sufficient; his Word declares it so. May God's great grace and love be with you. Inez Eck

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Calif.—Dear young saints,—Greetings of love in the precious and holy name of Jesus. I am happy to say I still have the victory in my soul and am determined to go all the way with the Lord.

For some time I have felt like writing my testimony, but the devil seemed to always have me doing so many things that it seemed I never have time. But tonight I am playing a trick on the devil, for I am taking time to write.

I am happy to say I still have the victory in my soul over the old devil. I have no desire to turn back. No matter how the devil may try us, we are still determined to go on all the way.

I feel like telling how the devil has tried to discourage me since I have been saved this time. I say "this time," as I have been saved before; but this past summer at Monark Springs meeting I settled it once and for all.

About a week after I was saved the first thing the devil tried to make me discouraged by telling me I wasn't saved. But one morning I prayed until I had the victory over that. Then the devil saw he couldn't make me discouraged that way, so he has tried another way after we came home from campmeeting.

The devil started jumping on me and making me sick. Just a few weeks after we were home some way I slipped a vertebra out of place in the small of my back. We prayed for it and for awhile it got some easier, but it was so sore I couldn't stand to have anything touch it. But we kept holding onto the Lord and when He saw fit, he

put it in place and it hasn't been out since. Praise the dear Lord. Now nobody can tell me the Lord can't put dislocated bones in place, for I know he can.

After that, the devil would make me sick first one way and then another. We would pray and get the victory over it, and for a little while feel fine, then here something else would come. After awhile I got pretty discouraged, but Mother and Daddy would encourage me and tell me that it was for my good and not be discouraged. But one Sunday afternoon I was sitting in one of the chairs in the front room and it seemed as if I couldn't take any more, and this song came to me: "Stand by the Cross, Soldier, Stand." My faith and strength was renewed. Isn't it wonderful the way the Lord will help us out every time we are in need?

I was just thinking how close to death's door I was a few weeks ago. In the middle of the night I woke up very sick. I was sick at my stomach and had a bad nervous chill. But the Lord instantly touched me.

Dear saints, it really pays us to be ready at all times, for we never know what time the Lord will see fit to call us. I have thought how many times someone is snatched into eternity without a moment's notice. Dear young people, it never pays to put off salvation.

I have thought how the devil has tried so hard to make me discouraged by making me sick. He would say, "See it is no use for you to be saved. See how much you've been sick since you got saved. Just think, you are so young and sick so much." But this evening I thank and praise the Lord for saving me when he did. The devil has only made me draw closer to the Lord; for I see how important it is to be in close touch with God at all times, and not have to be going around having to fix and clear things up to be able to get in touch with God. For some times we need God in a moment's notice, and if we had a lot of things to do before we could call on him, by the time we do call on him it might be too late.

So saints, pray for me that I will always have my line clear at all times to be able to get in touch with God.

Your sister in Christ,

Esther Poulos.

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Mo.—Dear young saints,—Greetings in the precious name of our dear Saviour! He means so much to his dear children. I surely do want to live closely to the Lord all the days of my life, and, by his help, I mean to. I am encouraged in the Lord. He has done so much for me. I am not worthy of all his many blessings.

I am still in school. It seems sometimes that I can't stand the persecutions that I get at school; but the Lord surely gives his trusting children grace for these trials. Sometimes, too, I just feel like giving up, but then I realize there is nothing to turn to. Then I think of the heavenly home in heaven that the dear Lord has promised his children, if they only trust him to the end. I would rather get a few tests and trials here in this world and gain a home in heaven than to turn back to the things of this old world. It has only the devil and his works to offer.

I surely do want the prayers of God's children, that I will live a closer life. With Christian love, your sister in the one body,

Shirley Allen

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Kansas—Dear young saints,—I felt impressed to write my testimony and tell how the Lord has blessed me in so many ways. Truly the Lord is so good to each and every one of us. I feel so very unworthy of all his blessings.

I am only in the seventh grade, but I have plenty of tests and trials. Some of the children make fun of me, but, praise the dear Lord, it encourages me more than ever to live for the Lord each time they say something.

It makes me feel so good that the children that say things every once in a while can tell a difference in my life and the others.

The other morning while at school I got very sick. I got permission to leave the room. When I was out of the room I had prayer and the Lord wonderfully healed me. Thank the Lord! It is truly marvellous how the Lord does heal.

I need your prayers very much that the Lord will keep giving me grace to stand through all the tests and trials. I also have a soul on my mind that I desire very much to see saved. I feel that this person will not be with us much longer. Pray for me.

Your sister in Christ,

Janice Beisly

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Mo.—Dear saints,—Greetings in the name of our dear Saviour who gave his precious life that we may be saved.

Tonight I felt impressed to send my testimony, and I know the Lord wants us to obey him. I am so thankful for salvation, and so glad I was reared and taught the Bible way, and now I am doing it. The Lord is so merciful unto us that we can never cease to praise him.

I am sending in a request for prayer for my aunt who is not saved and has a serious affliction on her body. Pray that she will be saved before it is too late.

I am encouraged to live for the Lord all my life and want to grow stronger and be a bright and shining light in this dark, sin-cursed world, that I may be a help in bringing precious souls to the Saviour. I desire your prayers.

Christian love,

Viola Irvin

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NATIONAL YOUNG PEOPLE'S MEETING

The young people of Bakersfield and other congregations feel led to have Young People's Meeting all day once a month, beginning March 25th, and afterward the fourth Sunday of each month. We feel led to have it in Bakersfield, Calif. since it is centrally located among the different congregations of California. We extend a hearty welcome to all the young and old everywhere.

Hazel Blackwell.

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Before You Marry

"Can two walk together, except they be agreed?"

Stop and think! Do you expect to be a Christian? Are you a Christian now? What do you think the marriage you contemplate will add to your possible usefulness as a Christian?

This message is a personal one. If the nature of things did not demand reserve as far as the outspoken expression of my feeling on this subject is concerned, I should love to take groups of young people and analyze the reason that we should not be "unequally yoked together with unbelievers" (2 Cor. 6:14). This could not be done because I have a dear husband who would give his life for me and who is the kindest, most thoughtful of men. It would break his heart to have me express to anyone that there is anything lacking in our marriage.

It was the most unkind thing I could have done to him to marry him. Had I been living in communion with the Lord when I met him, I would have limited my acquaintance to a helpful friendship. But

I had allowed a bitterness to creep in and rob me of my fellowship with Christ. I had to find my way back to the cross where joy and peace abide. This I have done, and the mercy that has received me into service again is beyond my comprehension.

Beginning On a Wrong Foundation

How subtle are the wiles of Satan! He made someone care for me and me care for him—one who knew the things of grace enough to converse and to sense what would offend my sensibility. But to know saving grace and place God first in a life is a far different matter.

I was not an outspoken sinner at that time. The world looked upon me as a Christian. I knew in myself that I was not living a Spirit-guided life. It was then I gave myself in marriage to my unselfish husband. When he had learned to love me, it seemed to me most cruel to break our engagement, although I did attempt to, knowing our marriage hardly could be blessed of the Lord. When I saw the pain this effort caused, I seemed like a criminal to have awakened so deep a love then to refuse to give it the natural culmination.

I told my fiance how I felt about it, and he insisted that not one bit of religious freedom should be taken from me in our marriage. I mentioned that we had always had family worship in our home and that I was used to asking the blessing on my food audibly at home. I added that these things I felt were a part of a Christian home which I would miss and would feel wrong in omitting. Had he been a blood-washed Christian, I would never have needed to urge for those matters. They simply would be understood. Giving was a habit from my earliest childhood, and as I wanted to be sure I should not have that question to settle after our marriage, we talked it over freely.

How It Worked Out

All this was agreed upon, and I thought my future husband was very near to saving grace. The fact was he was very much in love with me and was willing to make any concession necessary to keep me for himself. I wonder now sometimes whether he was fully conscious of the things he assented to then, not knowing how vital they were to me. Oh, I wonder whether he realized, but just thought I could be talked out of those observances when I saw how devoted he would be in other things. At any rate, when it came to the actual doing of those things, I was conscious that these practices looked foolish to him. Giving not only looked foolish; it was an outrage to expect a person who had to work hard for an income to give part of it away. Now it was different. We were married and building up our home. The people I enjoyed were distasteful to my husband, and my convictions were so strong on many subjects that I could go only part way in friendship with people with whom he would have enjoyed cultivating a friendship.

I go to church services most of the time alone, and he finds an excuse to stay at home or to do something else. Not always; he often goes with me, but

I know it is a concession. If there is no seemingly good reason that he should not go, he usually will attend, but I know it is only because he wants to please me. When we come home, perhaps the service has been one of deep inspiration, although not of an especially intellectual tone. I have been blessed; he has been bored. And I wonder whether he will resent going the next time.

The matter of family worship has been indeed one of delicacy. It was hard to have to take the lead. My father had always done that. But that was nothing to seeing my husband smile an apology when an unsaved friend was present overnight one time. I was so heartsick then and many times that finally I decided to have my devotions alone and to allow him to decide on his own relationship with the Lord. I thought I just would not mention anything religious to him. This I tried and found there was no balm to heal when the tests came. I could not keep my own nerves in control, and his temper became cruel. We both acknowledged that we had to have help from the Lord to make our home life run smoothly. While I have to take the responsibility for it, there now never seems to be a resentment to the family worship or the grace at meals. But I know of no words to express how I long to feel that my husband and I am one in our hopes and aspirations.

Incomplete Fellowship

There are times when he seems really to enjoy seeing me accomplish things in the service of the Lord, but it is a matter of being proud of me rather than thankful with me for the opportunity of serving the Saviour.

There are many things in common, and we try to find them and make as little of our differences as possible. I am grateful, oh, so grateful that grace has enabled us to love one another enough to adjust ourselves, but I do not congratulate myself on being a blessing to my husband except as infinite mercy may reach his heart and draw him to the Lord.

Yes, he has had occasion to know many times that I feel a hunger for spiritual companionship, but he thinks he is so much ahead of many husbands whom we know that I should be thankful. I am sure that the hurt of parting even after our engagement would have been small compared to the hurt of trying to adjust two divergent souls to a common interest, each one hiding his deepest longing lest the expression of them bring up discussion uncovering wounds that are trying to heal.

Indeed, I know there is grace to take me through to the eternal city, but my influence with young people has been hindered greatly by my example in disobeying the command about unequal yoking together. And my opportunity to serve the Lord is limited continually by the need of being fair to my husband's right to have his share of happiness and choices. There is continually the problem of how I am to be consistent in my loyalty to my husband and to my Lord.

Before you marry—stop and think! —Sel.

Fervency

"Whosoever keeps God's commandments," says the apostle John, "in him is the love of God perfected." This implies most clearly that those who do not keep God's commandments are not perfected in love. There is such a thing as loving in word and tongue, and not in deed and in truth. We are commanded to be "fervent in spirit." Apollos, "being fervent in the Spirit, spake and taught diligently the things of the Lord." See Acts 18:25. The word fervent is translated from the Greek term *zeo*, and means to boil, to be hot. In Latin it is *fervens* and *fervo*, to be hot and to swell with heat; to swarm as bees whose motion resembles the boiling of water.

In the religious world today there is much deadness, coldness, etc. The love of many is waxing cold. To serve God acceptably is to be fervent in spirit. The apostle Paul was charged with being mad, but he was only fervent in spirit. We are commanded to love one another with a pure heart fervently. We are to love with a love that is warm; a love that makes itself felt by its ardor.

John Bunyan tells us of the threats Satan made to rob him of the warmth of love. "You are very hot now," Satan said, "but I will cool you; this flame shall not last always. Many have been as hot as you for a spirt [a short time], but I have quenched their zeal."

"But I will watch," replied Bunyan, "I will take care not to lose my love."

"Though you do," Satan answered, "I will be too hard for you; I will cool you insensibly, by degrees, by little and little. What care I though I be seven years in chilling your heart if I can do it at last? A continual rocking of the cradle will lull the baby to sleep. I will ply it close. I will have my end accomplished. Though you be burning hot at present, I can pull you from this fire. I will have you cold before it be long."

Satan is making greater effort today to lull souls to sleep than ever before, and it is alarming to see how well he is succeeding. Under his opiates of worldliness, the love of many is growing cold. Many are losing their first love. May God awaken slumbering souls! You can abound more and more in love; you can become more spiritual; your soul can glow and quiver in the intense heat of God's love. Some one has asked, "How can I keep myself in the fervor of love?" The Bible answers the question. By praying in the Holy Ghost. See Jude 20, 21. It is by the spiritual prayers that the soul is fed and made to glow with heaven's love. Recently I was thrown for a time among a number of cold-hearted professors of religion. My soul cried to the Lord, "Fill me, O God, more and more with the fulness of thy love, that my example may beget love in others."

It is only the fervent in spirit that can walk with God. Those whose hearts are aflame with love and devotion can go hand in hand with him. The lukewarm can not walk with him. He would rather not have you in his company at all if you can not be fervent in spirit and love. —C. E. Orr "Hidden Life."

Consider the Lilies

"Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin: and yet I say unto you, that even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these." Matt. 6:28, 29.

If we look at a lily closely, we learn it is very beautiful, but transitory. We are like flowers or grass which grows. In the morning it flourisheth and groweth up; and in the evening it is cut down and withereth. "So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom" (Psa. 90).

"Whose adorning let it not be that outward adorning . . . but let it be the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price." 1 Pet. 3:3, 4.

Solomon asked God for an understanding heart, and because he asked not for long life nor riches, God granted that which he had not asked, both riches and honor (1 Kings 3:13). The queen of Sheba came to see Solomon, and she said, "It was a true report that I heard in my own land . . . of thy wisdom. But the half was not told me." 1 Kings 10:7. Jesus referred to her recognition of earthly values and said, "Behold, a greater than Solomon is here." "The fear [reverence] of the Lord, that is wisdom." Job 28:28.

Solomon gave his heart to seek and search out by wisdom concerning all things that are done under heaven, and he said, "All is vanity and vexation of spirit." Eccl. 1:13, 14. "I said in mine heart, Go to now, I will prove thee with mirth, therefore enjoy pleasure: and, behold, this also is vanity. I said of laughter, It is mad: and of mirth, What doeth it? I sought in mine heart to give myself unto wine . . . and to lay hold on folly . . . and whatsoever mine eyes desired I kept not from them. . . and I turned myself to wisdom, and madness, and folly. . . Then I saw that wisdom excelleth folly, as far as light excelleth darkness." Eccl. 2.

King Solomon loved many strange women and his wines turned away his heart after idols, and his heart was not perfect with God, wherefore the Lord said, "I will surely rend the kingdom from thee." Sin is degrading. "Righteousness exalteth a nation; but sin is a reproach to any people." Prov. 14:35. Consider the lilies. Let thy garments be always white. "For unto her is granted that she [the church] should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white, for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints." —Roberta Reese

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Calif.—Greetings in Jesus dear name. My soul is filled with joy of salvation and the wonderful things the Lord is doing for me. A few days ago I was trimming an orange tree. It came to me so forcibly how people so many times say, I will do so and so, and fail to do what they say. So many times it is spoken that way among the saints. When we say we will do this or that and don't do it, there is a broken link. We should stop and weigh our words before we speak and be sure and do what we

say we will. We are the most blessed people in all the world. The world reads our lives. If we do not do what we say or explain the reason why, the world looks upon us as not being true. John 14:15, Jesus said, If you love me, keep my commandments.

—Andy Rudd.

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Ill.—Dear saints,—I feel the Lord would have me tell how he saved my baby daughter from death a few weeks ago. She had had pneumonia and it settled in her bowels, causing inflammation and diarrhea. She was eight months old and weighed 16 pounds before being sick. For three days she refused food, and when she did eat she couldn't keep it down. She lost weight to 9 lbs., just a little above her birth weight, and her mouth dried out until her lips would crack and bleed. She had seven blood transfusions and nothing helped her. The doctor gave her only a few hours to live. He said nothing more could be done, and if God didn't heal her, she would die. I knew that God would heal her, but I had to get to the place where I could say in my heart, "Take her, Lord, if it is thy will." It took some time to be able to say it and really mean it. The Lord healed her. There can never be any doubt of that. A change came over her that all could see, and from that night on she laughed and played and is always so happy. She has gained back to 13 lbs. and 3 ozs. now and eats well. Through all her suffering she never cried. She was always so sweet and trusting. I can never thank the Lord enough for all he has done for us, and my prayer is for him to help me be a good mother to the little darling he let me keep.

I have been told that the same trouble our baby had has been the cause of a lot of deaths to babies this past winter.

Remember me in your prayers. Mrs. Ernest Faith.

(Editor's Note: Though it is not the Bible teaching nor the standard of the church to put our bodies into the hands of doctors until they have done all they can and then turn to the Lord, yet the above testimony shows the love and mercy of God to his human creatures in such a way that we feel it is to the glory of God to print it. There is a case in the Bible of a woman who had spent all her living on earthly physicians, but they could not help her, then she turned to the Lord and was healed. We believe that after coming into contact with such a wonderful Physician who could heal without the aid of remedies, she took her afflictions directly to Him after that. We hope and pray that this dear one who has received this great blessing from the hands of the Lord, will be filled with such faith and gratitude that she will put full trust in the Lord in the future, without resorting to medical aid. Read James 5:14, and 15.)

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Mo.—Greetings to all in the precious name of Jesus our Saviour. I truly praise the Lord for his marvelous goodness to me. I still continue to enjoy the blessings of God in all ways and thank him for all things. I am glad to report victory in my soul for my healing in answer to many prayers that went up to God for me. What a mighty God we serve! I thank Him for the privilege of calling on him in time of need and for the good sincere brothers and sisters who were concerned enough to take our needs to God in prayer. I am glad God still has a remnant standing firm in these days. What a blessing comes to my heart. He will hear us call. His presence and power is always available to those who put their trust in him. My prayers go out for all the dear readers and you who are doing the great work of the Lord. Remember me in prayer.

Mrs. Hattie Munden

Mo.—To the dear saints everywhere,—Greetings in Jesus' dear name. A few weeks ago I sent in a request for prayer. I am glad I can say the dear Lord has wonderfully blessed me. I had an awful cough, and it seemed as though I was afflicted in almost every part of my body, but, thank the dear Lord, he has delivered me till I feel much better, but still need your prayers as I am weak.

A few days ago my stomach began to pain and cramp severely. I began to call on the Lord and told him he would have to help me right then and take the pains and cramping out. Immediately they began to go away and I was easy in a few minutes. I do thank the dear Lord for what he does for me. I am glad we have One on whom we can depend for both soul and body. Praise His name, he is so good to us. Sometimes I have to wait on him, but want this to be done and am willing to wait.

I thank you dear ones for your prayers. Still pray for me that I may gain strength.

—Nancy Sweezee

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Ariz.—To the saints scattered abroad, I send greetings,—I am yet saved and encouraged as never before to go all the way with Jesus. There is nothing in this dark and evil world to go back to and I realize the prize is at the end.

I have been afflicted with a very bad cough, so I promised the Lord I would testify through the "Faith and Victory" paper if he would heal my body. He heard and answered prayer in my behalf, for which I give him all the thanks and praise. He also healed the children's bodies of coughs and colds. Please remember me in your prayers, also my unsaved family. Yours in Him, Bertha Slaughter

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Miss.—Dear readers of "Faith and Victory,"—This leaves me still under affliction, but much better. First of all I want to request prayer for complete healing and that I might be led of the Holy Spirit to what the Lord wants me to do. I have been suffering for three weeks with something like gall bladder trouble and ulcerated stomach (or cancer, I don't know which). I don't know what it is, but the Lord knows and can heal.

I have been trusting the Lord for ten years and have been sick many times and the Lord carried me through. I want all the saints to pray for me. Pray that I might hold out to the end.

Your blood-washed brother, D. P. Heidelberg

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Ore.—I greet all the dear children of God through the "Faith and Victory" paper. I want to thank the Lord this morning for salvation and victory in my soul. The Lord is very precious to me and means more to me than everything else in this life. He heals me when I am sick; He supplies all my needs—maybe not all my wants, but ALL my needs, praise his name.

I have been having trouble with my eyes over two years. I have been prayed for and anointed and prayed for, but seemed to get worse instead of better. But a little over two weeks ago I asked for prayer in prayer meeting (And I had told the Lord before if he would heal them I would send in my testimony to the "Faith and Victory.") and when we got up from prayer the Lord had cleared up my eyes till I could see as clearly as before this trouble. The enemy has tried me some, but I still feel the Lord has heard prayer. But like Job of old, "Though he slay me, yet will I trust him."

He has healed me many times in the past two years. He has healed me of sciatic rheumatism when I was so bad I couldn't get around at all. I do thank Him for all his dealings with me. I know his way is best, and so far as I know, I have all committed to him.

About a year ago there was a great burden on my heart about the work of the Lord here. There was no minister here at the time and some of the few saints that were here were talking of moving away, so I was really calling on the Lord for help. In the night the Lord brought this precious Scripture to me, found in Psa. 46:7 and 11. "The Lord of hosts is with us, the God of Jacob is our refuge." That surely caused me to praise his dear name. Only my youngest daughter Marie and I are saved in the home, so pray for us. Your sister in Christ, Emma Busch.

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Tenn.—Dear saints—Last night something was wrong with my right side and the pain was so severe I thought my time had come. I told the Lord if he would relieve me or heal me I would send my testimony to the "Faith and Victory" paper. In less than two minutes I was easy and I slept like a baby. Thank our God forever! What a mighty God we serve! My wife and I both need healing. Pray for us.

Lord willing, we will start meeting here Sunday night. Pray that God will give us a good meeting and save souls. God bless you all. Your humble brother, Colonel Pendleton

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Mich.—Dear saints of God,—I wish to express myself all to the glory of God, how wonderfully he has kept me in his love and has enabled me to live for him.

It has been twelve years since my companion has gone to her Maker. I made a promise to her and the Lord, and He has sustained me with grace from heaven. Many times he has answered prayer, and has led me on to better spiritual pastures.

I lived up to all the light I had received in the "Gospel Trumpet." I paid my vows and paid tithes but could not be satisfied for the Bread of Life. Oh, how I craved spiritual food. I attended their campmeetings, but all I got was visiting. I thought their campmeeting in Anderson would be the place to go to get spiritual food, but I found only husks. Most of their interest was in raising a large amount of money. Oh, how the crowd shouted as the money came in! The good Lord knew what I needed and showed me a place where I could be supplied with spiritual food.

One day I received a little paper published at Guthrie, Okla. Being interested, I read the editorials and some testimonies. It sounded to me as those olden days when Bro. Warner used to preach and there were a lot of good testimonies. Oh, how my heart craved for more of that kind of gospel. I reread it and then sent money to subscribe for it. When I first noticed their campmeeting notice, I made up my mind to investigate.

When I arrived there (Monark Springs) only one man was there who knew me. He introduced me to all the brethren. Oh, how good it seemed. I heard "Praise the Lord" all over the grounds. Young folks in groups were singing good religious songs. O, how my heart enjoyed this. It seemed to me that even the atmosphere was holy. I enjoyed every minute of the meeting. One day was set aside for fasting, and the ordinance of Feet Washing was observed. How solemn and how real it all was! They also had baptizing. O, how glorious and how real this is to a real child of God!

The last night of this meeting was glorious. Most of the preachers had left us, however the community cars arrived and we had a good testimony meeting until late at night. The last song was "God be with you till we meet again." It was very appropriate.

I stayed until Monday morning. Bro. Barton kindly brought another brother and me back to Neosho (5 mi.). During the trip to Neosho Bro. Barton wanted to know

how I enjoyed the meeting. Naturally I asked him how much he was in arrears, since there was a large crowd and it incurred quite an expense. He answered that they had eight or ten bushels of vegetables left over to take to the campmeeting in Oklahoma and about \$100 to the good. I thanked God for it. To my knowledge there were no ushers around with baskets taking up money. I had given only what the Lord told me to give. I included a little extra when I ordered my tent and cot, also handed the cooks another bill so someone else could eat who had no money.

The next year I went to the Guthrie campmeeting.

Dear saints, please remember me in your prayers, as I need them every day. May the good Lord bless and keep you all. Amen J. C. Wauchek

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Okla.—Dear saints—Greetings to all in the name of Jesus. The Lord impressed me to send my testimony. I am isolated here, have no way to meet the saints, but I'm still pressing on all the way. My husband stays sick, can't see, and he wants me to stay at home. But through faith, and if the Lord wills and makes a way, I will try to attend some of the campmeetings this summer.

Your sister in the name of the Lord, Sallie Davis.

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LOVE

"Love is of God . . . he that loveth not knoweth not God, for God is love." 1 John 4:7b, 8. I love God because He first loved me. "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you." John 15:13, 14. "And this commandment have we from him, That he who loveth God love his brother also." 1 John 4:21. Dear ones, if the love of God is in our hearts, we can love even our enemies. The love of God means something to those who have it. There is an impelling force about love, and when we have it, it will cause us to do things to manifest that love. Jesus loved; and because he loved, he died on the cross for us. So let us be busy workers for the Lord. We have no time to lose; for he has done so much for us. People of God everywhere, let us live so consecrated to God that our lives will shine so brightly to the world that we will help draw poor lost souls to God. Let us endeavor to please Him in everything we do and everything we say. Great happiness is found in living for the Lord. He saves, sanctifies, keeps, and gives power to reign over sin in this present world. Who wouldn't serve such a God as this?

Thank God, I am saved and sanctified and love everybody. I am encouraged to follow Jesus.

Your sister, Salissa Griffin

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THE JERUSALEM ROAD

March 4, 1951

Printed Portion.....Mark 10:35-45.

Mark 10:35. And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, come unto him, saying, Master, we would that thou shouldest do for us whatsoever we shall desire.

36. And he said unto them, What would ye that I should do for you?

37. They said unto him, Grant unto us that we may sit, one on thy right hand, and the other on thy left hand, in thy glory.

38. But Jesus said unto them, Ye know not what ye ask: can ye drink of the cup that I drink of? and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?

39. And they said unto him, We can. And Jesus said unto them, Ye shall indeed drink of the cup that I drink of; and with the baptism that I am baptized withal shall ye be baptized:

40. But to sit on my right hand and on my left hand is not mine to give; but it shall be given to them for whom it is prepared.

41. And when the ten heard it, they began to be much displeased with James and John.

42. But Jesus called them to him, and saith unto them, Ye know that they which are accounted to rule over the Gentiles exercise lordship over them, and their great ones exercise authority upon them.

43. But so shall it not be among you: but whosoever will be great among you, shall be your minister:

44. And whosoever of you will be the chiefest, shall be servant of all.

45. For even the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.

Memory Verse: But Jerusalem which is above is free which is the mother of us all. Gal. 4:26

Practical Truth: There is no salvation outside the new Jerusalem which is the true Church of God. There is just one way to the pearly gate.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

Jerusalem was brought into existence as a type of the true church or the kingdom of God and was the center of true religious activity all through the Old Testament. It is first mentioned in Gen. 14:18 where the name of Melchizedek is spoken of as king of Salem the priest of the most high God. It was founded in peace so the road to Jerusalem means the road to peace. Through the Old Testament it is called City of David, City of God, City of the great King, City of Truth, The Holy City, Holy Mountain, Zion, etc. In the old Bible time Jerusalem was the place where all the people went to meet God and have their worship and observe their feast days. Jerusalem was a sacred place to the Jews.

In Luke 16:16 we read, "The law and the prophets were until John: since that time the kingdom of God (the new Jerusalem) is preached, and every man presseth into it." The law was our school master to bring us to Christ,

so when Jesus came and brought the glad tidings of salvation and made the perfect sacrifice of himself to put away sin and come forth from the grave the mighty conqueror he fulfilled the law and ushered in the day of grace. The new Jerusalem came down out of heaven from God. Rev. 21:10. So the new Jerusalem is the true Church of God to which we must come and through which we make heaven our eternal home.

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JESUS ASSERTS HIS AUTHORITY

March 11, 1951

Printed Portion.....Mark 11:11, 15-19; 12:28-31.

Mark 11:11. And Jesus entered into Jerusalem, and into the temple: and when he had looked round about upon all things, and now the eventide was come, he went out into Bethany with the twelve.

15. And they come to Jerusalem: and Jesus went into the temple, and began to cast out them that sold and bought in the temple, and overthrew the tables of the moneychangers, and the seats of them that sold doves;

16. And would not suffer that any man should carry any vessel through the temple.

17. And he taught, saying unto them, Is it not written. My house shall be called of all nations the house of prayer? but ye have made it a den of thieves.

18. And the scribes and chief priests heard it, and sought how they might destroy him: for they feared him, because all the people was astonished at his doctrine.

19. And when even was come, he went out of the city.

Mark 12:28. And one of the scribes came, and having heard them reasoning together, and perceiving that he had answered them well, asked him, Which is the first commandment of all?

29. And Jesus answered him, The first of all the commandments is, Hear, O Israel; The Lord our God is one Lord.

30. And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment.

31. And the second is like, namely this, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. There is none other commandment greater than these.

Memory Verse: And hath given him authority to execute judgment also, because he is the Son of man. John 5:27.

Practical Truth: It is safe for us to always recognize the authority of our Lord Jesus.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

"The earth is the Lord's, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein" and all things were created by him, and for him. So we see he has the authority to do as he pleases with what belongs to him. His Father's house was a house of prayer and the traders had made it a den of thieves so he had perfect authority to drive them all out. Jesus also has authority over all unclean spirits to cast them out. He has a perfect right to do as he pleases with what belongs to him and we must remember that the whole earth and all that is on it belongs to him. God will always do his best for us if we will do all we can to please him. He has prepared a beautiful home for us for eternity if we will let him have his way with us. But if we won't let him have his way with us then he has a perfect right and authority to cut

us off. "Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God." If we will obey this scripture God will have no occasion for cutting us off. With all the authority Jesus has he always does the right thing, that which is for our good and his glory. When he spoke, he spoke as one having authority not as the scribes.

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JESUS FACES DEATH

March 18, 1951

Printed Portion.....Mark 14:22-26, 32-36.

Mark 14:22. And as they did eat, Jesus took bread, and blessed, and brake it, and gave to them, and said, Take, eat: this is my body.

23. And he took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them: and they all drank of it.

24. And he said unto them, This is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many.

25. Verily I say unto you, I will drink no more of the fruit of the vine, until that day that I drink it new in the kingdom of God.

26. And when they had sung an hymn, they went out into the mount of Olives.

32. And they came to a place which was named Gethsemane: and he saith to his disciples, Sit ye here, while I shall pray.

33. And he taketh with him Peter and James and John, and began to be sore amazed, and to be very heavy;

34. And saith unto them, My soul is exceeding sorrowful unto death: tarry ye here, and watch.

35. And he went forward a little, and fell on the ground, and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him.

36. And he said, Abba, Father, all things are possible unto thee; take away this cup from me: nevertheless not what I will, but what thou wilt.

Memory Verse: But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him and with his stripes we are healed. Isaiah 53:5.

Practical Truth: If we love the Lord we will obey him, for he died for us.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

When Jesus had finished his ministry on earth he began with calmness and resignation to prepare for his departure. He knew that he must die or his coming to this sinful world would be in vain. In Gethsemane he dedicated himself to be his Father's sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. With calmness he faced this terrible ordeal. As he kneeled in the garden before him came the judgment hall with their spitting and mockery, the crown of thorns, the reeking cross, the silent grave yet he gave himself into the hands of wicked men who were to impose all of this terrible ordeal on him. When he was accused of the Jews it is said that he opened not his mouth.

In the 17th chapter of John we have recorded the beautiful prayer which was so unselfish. It was offered for us whom he came to save. He prayed so earnestly that we all might be ONE as he and his Father were one. The night before he was crucified he instituted the Lord's supper and the ordinance of feet washing and he said, "This do in remembrance of me" Paul said, "As oft as ye eat this bread and drink this cup ye do shew forth the Lord's death till he come." Jesus said, "If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them." Jesus set us these wonderful examples that we should follow in his steps.

THROUGH DEATH TO LIFE

March 25, 1951

Printed Portion.....Mark 15:33-37; 16:1-7.

Mark 15:33. And when the sixth hour was come, there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour.

34. And at the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani? which is, being interpreted, My God, My God, why hast thou forsaken me?

35. And some of them that stood by, when they heard it, said, Behold he calleth Elias.

36. And one ran and filled a sponge full of vinegar, and put it on a reed, and gave him to drink, saying, Let alone; let us see whether Elias will come to take him down.

37. And Jesus cried with a loud voice, and gave up the ghost.

Mark 16:1. And when the sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome, had bought sweet spices, that they might come and anoint him.

2. And very early in the morning the first day of the week, they came unto the sepulchre at the rising of the sun.

3. And they said among themselves, Who shall roll us away the stone from the door of the sepulchre?

4. And when they looked, they saw that the stone was rolled away: for it was very great.

5. And entering into the sepulchre, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, clothed in a long white garment; and they were affrighted.

6. And he saith unto them, Be not affrighted: Ye seek Jesus of Nazareth, which was crucified: he is risen; he is not here: behold the place where they laid him.

7. But go your way, tell his disciples and Peter that he goeth before you into Galilee: there shall ye see him: as he said unto you.

Memory Verse: I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death. Rev. 1:18.

Practical Truth: Only in the resurrection of Christ do we have hope of eternal life.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

Why seek ye the living among the dead? He is not here but is risen. Jesus came forth from the grave the mightiest conqueror this world has ever known. Jesus was taken by wicked hands and crucified and was buried, whom God raised up from the dead having loosed the pains of death because it was not possible that he should be holden of it. But now is Christ risen from the dead and become the first fruits of them that slept. Jesus said, "Therefore doth my Father love me, because I lay down my life, that I might take it again. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again." John 10:17-18. All of God's plans concerning salvation for poor lost souls depended on Christ's resurrection from the dead. If Christ had not come forth from the grave then all would have been lost.

There was no power that could hold him after he had served his time in the grave. Early the third day God sent an angel from the glory world to roll the stone from our Saviour's tomb and Christ came forth. He was mighty in that he had power to conquer death, hell, and the grave. What wonderful words his disciples heard when they came to the grave that morning, "He is not here: for he is risen, as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay."

G. S.