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Death

As I knelt before my Saviour,
A secret he whispered to me;
But he forbade me not the telling,
So I'll tell it now to thee.

When God made a beautiful garden
And placed his people within,
'Twas fit for eternal dwelling
'Till the devil brought in sin.

God said this mortal body
Must surely return to earth;
But if we are saved in Jesus,
To us 'tis not a curse.

The earth no longer is fit
With all its sorrows today,
To dwell here on forever,
So he made a better way.

Then death is surely a blessing
To waft us to eternal joy,
For in God's wondrous Heaven
Sin's blight can never annoy.

Yes, death is only a blessing
Unto the children of men,
So those who love their Saviour
Can leave this world of sin.

Mrs. Harvey Johnson

Let Us Live Closer

Often the remark is made, "We live away beneath our privileges." or "My desire is to live closer to the Lord." Dear ones, we do not HAVE to live beneath our privileges and we CAN walk closer and closer each day with our loving Lord.

The Word teaches us that if we follow the Lord, we must DENY ourselves, take up our cross and follow Him. We know that the way of the cross is a way of sacrifice and self denial. We must keep close to God to use these privileges he has for us, and the way to keep close to him is to deny self. Therefore

if we desire to be nearer to him, we must deny self more and more, day by day. Paul said he died daily. There are opportunities in our daily lives for us to deny ourselves and to do for others, if we will only look for them, thus an opportunity to draw closer to our precious Jesus.

The closer we get to Him the more of His precious love we have in our hearts, which causes us to love one another more. Romans 5:5 speaks of the love of God shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost, His Spirit. The true love of God DOES SHED ABROAD. That kind of love cannot be shut up in our hearts, but it reaches out causing us to love one another, EVEN as He loved us, and to love ALL men, even our enemies.

There are many ways we can deny ourselves. Jesus teaches strongly against being covetous, as he realized the great danger of getting our hearts on material things. In his preaching (Luke 12:16) he told about the rich man who planned to tear down his barns and build greater ones to hold his store of plenty. The principle of this lesson was that he was not satisfied with food and raiment day by day, but was reaching out to store up for the future. He was selfish and covetous, laying up treasures on earth. His heart was centered on material things. Jesus said, "Where your treasures are, there will your heart be also" (Luke 12:34).

I think now of the rich young ruler (Luke 18: 18-30) who came to Jesus inquiring what he should do to inherit eternal life. When Jesus told him to sell all that he had and to distribute to the poor, he went away very sorrowful. Then Jesus said, "How hardly shall they that have riches enter into the kingdom of God!" When his disciples heard this, they said, "WHO then can be saved?" Now, WHY did they ask that question? I am sure Jesus did not have reference only to the people we might classify as rich. Generally when we think of rich people, we think of millions of dollars. No, if that was what he meant, the disciples would not have wondered WHO then can be saved.

Dear reader, there are MANY rich people today. Let us look into God's word and see WHO is rich in God's sight. (Luke 16:19-31). There was a certain

rich man which was clothed in purple and fine linen and fared sumptuously every day." How many people today then are rich—having fine clothing and faring sumptuously every day? Many people can go to their clothes closet where there is a wide selection of clothing to choose from. Better to enter into their SECRET closet and seek God earnestly for a closer walk. Many people can set a fine table three times a day. Better to deny self a little and share with others. (Luke 6:24, 25), "But WOE unto you that are rich! for ye have received your consolation. WOE unto you that are full! for ye shall hunger . . ." There was Lazarus, the poor beggar who lay at the rich man's gate, desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from his table. No doubt, many times the rich man saw Lazarus lying there right at his gate. Yes, he saw him, but he did not look on him with love, pity, and compassion, for he did not possess the love of God in his heart. (1 John 3:17, 18), "But whoso hath this world's goods and seeth his brother have need and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him? My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue, but in DEED and TRUTH."

The enemy will cause people to think that what they possess is their own. How very careful we should be and be on our guard so the devil cannot slip in such an attitude of coolness and just a little feeling of being independent. What we have is NOT our own if we are God's. There are poor and needy ones among us. How do we look on them? What is our attitude toward them? Do we realize that just the way we feel toward them is exactly the way we feel toward Christ? Do we realize that in just the measure we manifest our love to them shows just how much we love Christ? What ever we do to the least of these, we do unto Christ. (James 1:27) "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." This kind of a visit does not mean a friendly chat or such as that, just thinking we must go see them, etc. That is not the way Jesus visits us! When He "comes to see us," in sweet communion, he imparts to us a blessing for our souls. Just so, when we visit those afflicted or in need of any kind, we should impart to them as we are able. Jesus teaches us to have care one for another, and the real love of God in our hearts makes us to SEE those in need and to share with them whatever we have, though it may be just a little. Jesus blesses a little and it is much! He blessed the loaves and fishes and fed the multitude. Perhaps there are times when we see a need and say we have nothing to give. Then would be a good time to look around and see if there isn't something we could sell and give to the poor. (Luke 12:33) "Sell that ye have and give alms." We can make sacrifices and deny ourselves in order to have something to give to one in need, thus draw closer to God and be greatly blessed in our souls. It is a wonderful privilege to deny ourselves and sacrifice for others.

In the 13th chapter of Matthew, Jesus, when teaching the parable of the sower, speaks of the deceitfulness of riches. No doubt many of the people who are rich in God's sight do not realize it, are not aware of it, thus are deceived. Jesus says riches are deceitful, which means people will be deceived by them. 1 Tim. 6:17-19 warns those who are rich in this world not to be high minded nor to trust in uncertain riches, but to TRUST in the living God, to do good, be rich in good works, READY to distribute, WILLING to communicate. This is laying up treasures in heaven. (James 4:17) "Therefore, to him that knoweth to do good and doeth it not, to him it is sin." No sin can enter into heaven!

God's people do not covet this world's goods, but do covet earnestly the spiritual gifts. We need these wonderful gifts of faith, wisdom, knowledge, discernment, miracles of healings, etc. The 12th chapter of 1 Corinthians is a beautiful chapter for us to live. It teaches us, as the body of Christ, how to care for our members. When one member suffers all the members suffer with it. We have need of one another. Verses 22 and 23 bring out how those members of the body which seem to be more feeble are necessary. And those we think to be less honorable, upon whom we bestow more abundant honor. There are poor needy ones for us to help and to comfort by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God. Our hands would not care for one foot and leave the other neglected and uncared for. We do all we can to care for our own body, to protect it and care for it, so we do to the other members of our body in Christ. It means much to love one another even as Christ loved us, but he tells us to DO IT. And the way to have that love in our hearts is to keep close to God where he can pour his divine love thru us to others. Let us take up our cross and press with all our strength and might.

—A saint

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Parable of the Talents

"For the kingdom of heaven is as a man traveling into a far country, who called his own servants, and delivered unto them his goods. And unto one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one; to every man according to his several ability: and straightway took his journey. Then he that had received the five talents went and traded with the same, and made them other five talents. And likewise he that had received two, he also gained other two. But he that had received one went and digged in the earth, and hid his lord's money. After a long time the lord of those servants cometh, and reckoneth with them. And so he that had received five talents came and brought other five talents, saying, Lord, thou deliveredst unto me five talents: behold, I have gained beside them five talents more. His lord said unto him, Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord. He also that had received two talents came and said, Lord, thou deliveredst unto me two talents:

behold, I have gained two other talents beside them. His lord said unto him, Well done, good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord. Then he which had received the one talent came and said, Lord, I—" Matt. 25:14-24a.

We notice there is a difference in the way the one talent man addressed his lord from the way the five talented, and the two talented men did. The two addressed their Lord thus, "Lord, thou deliveredst unto me," giving honor to their lord for what he had entrusted to them. But the one talent man addressed his lord in an accusing way: "Lord, I knew thee that thou art an hard man, reaping where thou hast not sown, and gathering where thou hast not strawed: And I was afraid, and went and hid thy talent in the earth: lo, thou hast that is thine."

His lord answered and said unto him, "Thou wicked and slothful servant, thou knewest that I reap where I sowed not, and gather where I have not strawed: Thou oughtest therefore to have put my money to the exchangers, and then at my coming I should have received mine own with usury. Take therefore the talent from him, and give it unto him which hath ten talents. For unto every one that hath shall be given, and he shall have abundance: but from him that hath not shall be taken away even that which he hath. And cast ye the unprofitable servant into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth." Matt. 25:24b-30.

We find by studying the parable of the talents, that the Lord will reward those who busy themselves about the affairs of the kingdom of God, those servants who toil and labor for him. He does not ask the impossible, but only reasonable service (Rom. 12:1).

We also notice that these were all servants. They were supposed to be in the employ of their lord; but the one which received one talent appears to have belonged to those who render eye service (Col. 3:22) and therefore was not faithful. A faithful servant will continue to labor when his lord is absent, so to speak. Such are called good and faithful. They are profitable and trust worthy and are a pleasure to their employers. These often are rewarded with bonuses and such plus their regular pay. But the question often arises, Is there a chance for the one talent man to win or succeed? We might ask another question: What caused the man in our lesson to fail?

First, he deemed his lord to be a hard and unjust man. This was a delusion because he had been faithfully considered according to his ability (Rom. 8:12; Matt. 25:15). Second, he was fearful. He said, "I was afraid." His fears were ungrounded. We find his lord was compassionate and did not lay upon him a task that he did not have the ability to perform; and being the servant of a faithful man, he had no need to fear (Isa. 35:4). Third, he became inactive. He went and hid his lord's money, took it out of circulation—a thing that will work hardship and disaster to any business. No business can suc-

ceed when its workable funds are invested in frozen assets which cannot be put to exchange.

Paul charged Timothy to "stir up the gift of God, which is in thee" (2 Tim. 1:6) and again in 1 Tim. 4:14, "Neglect not the gift that is in thee." "Why stand ye all the day idle?" There is plenty of work to be done. It is not a one man's job. Everyone can do something and God expects service of all his servants, for we are all workers together with him. Those who fail to stir up themselves and become slothful, dilatory, and stagnant will not only lose their reward, but will also be cast into outer darkness and be punished for their unfaithfulness. Do not think for a moment that there is nothing that you can do. Neither think, "If I can not do some great thing, I will not do any thing." If you can utter one statement, or do one little deed that can be passed on to the benefit of one precious soul, God will add his blessing. Think of the little captive maid that said to her mistress: "Would God my lord were with the prophet that is in Samaria: for he would recover him of his leprosy." Few words though they were that came from the heart of this little maid, but what tremendous results followed them.

Naaman wanted to do some great thing, but was persuaded by his servants to do the humble biddings of the prophet: just go down and "dip thyself seven times in Jordan." There was the blessing; he received his healing.

Jesus has said, "Go work in my vineyard. Whatever is right I will pay." Sometimes when one has done his best for God, he may hear someone make a discouraging remark about his efforts. Such experiences are very trying. It would be much better if such ones would have the same Spirit that Aquila and Priscilla had, who after hearing Apollos speak in the synagogue (boldly, so far as he had been instructed), took him unto them and expounded unto him the way of God more perfectly. (Acts 18:26).

In consideration of the above, we say the question, "Can the one talent man succeed?" can be answered in the affirmative. Some one has said, "I can not do all things; but what I can do, God helping me, I will do." "Stir up the gift that is in thee." "Fight the good fight of faith."

—Ulysses Phillips

My Desire

Help me, Lord, to be true,
And never turn thee away;
Listening to thy voice,
And thy precious Word obey.

Help me, Lord, to press on,
I ask in Jesus' name;
Help me, Lord, to stand firm,
If I am pulled in twain.

I want to be found, Lord,
Like the dear saints of old,
Taking Jesus as my guide,
And for Him be more bold. —E. M.

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Pray for the wife of J. Bunyon Smith who has a crippled foot and can hardly walk. He also desires the Lord to give him a gospel tent.

Editorials

This July "Faith and Victory" paper will be a larger edition than usual in numbers because there will be no paper printed and sent out for August, and anyone wanting extra copies to use should let us know. As usual, we will send out the Bible Lessons for August. The Lord willing, the "Faith and Victory" paper will be printed and sent out again in September. We will be praying that all of our readers will keep encouraged in the Lord and will try to attend some of the campmeetings this summer. Most of us here in the printing work will be attending some of the campmeetings, or work for the Lord in other ways. We are determined, by the grace and help of God to do all we can to get the gospel to souls while he keeps life in this body. A soul is an exceedingly valuable thing in the sight of God, also in the sight of those who possess His Spirit. Jesus says a soul is worth more than all the world, and exclaimed, "What shall a man give in exchange for his soul." Matt. 16:26.

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"For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." Rom. 6:23. By continuing in sin, unbelief, and the world, one will earn the wages of eternal death in torment and misery; but you cannot earn eternal life, for it is a free gift from God. When you confess your sins, repent, believe, and surrender to God, the gift of God will be given to you freely; and as you yield to Him, His life in you will cause you to do righteous acts and deeds, and after you have done all, you are to count yourself an unprofitable servant, for you have only done what is your duty to do (Luke 17:10). If folks could get to the place where they could realize this truth and begin to act upon it, it would take the puff out of a lot of professors in the world today.

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It seems that unsaved human beings and even saints are quite apt in passing exaggerated judgment on others. For instance, some will go into a congregation of God's saints and perhaps will see a few high school young people that are struggling along in an up and down experience and some others that may be very weak in the faith that are not measured up to what they call the standard, and then will go among others and speak in this manner, "You can't tell that congregation from the world." And they have a lot of other things to say that should not be said. In doing this, they do not seem to realize that they are aiding the enemy in discouraging saints and making them believe that everything has gone to the world and the devil.

I have observed that wherever there is a congregation of any size, you will find some weak and faltering ones and others that put so little value on salvation that they will cater to worldly ways, and it may take a long time for the pastor to get to them the needed help. They cause him many heart aches and burdens, and those who are so ready to criticize and speak exaggerating things only add to his already burdened heart. A pastor has every soul in the

congregation on his heart and does not want to see one soul lost, and is bearing and suffering and waiting on God for a change in those weak and faltering souls. He does not want them to be discouraged and driven away.

If the leaders of a congregation are clean in spirit, saintly in dress and not conforming to the world, and the Word is preached and practiced and the truth held up to the congregation in the Spirit of Christ, prompted by the divine love of God in the heart, the majority of the congregation are alive in Christ with a good testimony for the Lord, it would be unfair and unjust to speak of that congregation as one which cannot be distinguished from the world. I have also observed that most of those that talk so much about congregations not being up to par are those that have had very little, if any, experience in pastoring a congregation, especially a congregation of any size.

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Someone has sent us the tract entitled, "George Washington's Vision," and asked if we would print some for them. Years ago we printed this tract and sent it out to the public. After looking over this one and considering its contents, we could not feel clear in our souls to print it. The thought came to me that someone has tampered with this printed statement. In one place I noticed where someone added and made it appear that Christ would come at the end of the time spoken of in the vision as related. George Washington may have had a vision in similarity to this one, and he may not have had. In some of this vision, as it is fixed up at present, it does not seem clear with prophecies and revelation altogether, while in some parts it seems real good.

There are books in circulation which are represented to the public as being authentic concerning the times when Jesus was here in his ministry. They are quite fascinating unless you discover some of the questionable teaching. I knew a preacher one time who had been reading the book that was written about the boyhood days of Jesus and he thought it was just as true as the Bible. He would quote from it in his preaching. There is no doubt in my mind but that this book is just a fixed-up story; but this preacher could not be convinced of it at all. I told him that it could not be true, for the inspired Word of God tells us that when Jesus turned the water into wine it was the beginning of his miracles (John 2:11), and if the Lord had been doing miracles from a young boy up to that time, all would have known of him and they would not have been surprised and astounded at the mighty miracles he performed. In the fiction book of his boyhood days the following tale is related: Jesus and some other boys were on the creek making birds out of mud and setting them upon a limb of a tree. His father came and saw them in the mud and was scolding them for it and Jesus waved his hand at the mud birds and they all flew away. Again, some boys were getting eggs out of a bird's nest in a brush pile (or similar circumstances) and a snake bit one of the boys. His hand was swelling and hurting. They came to where Jesus was and he went

back with them where the snake was, which bit him, and made the snake suck the poison out of his hand.

Books and tracts of this sort are often used by the enemy to confuse souls and get them into false ways. We all certainly need to walk circumspectly before God in these perilous times.

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An editor of a little paper that comes here to the printing office was asked the question by one of his readers: "Do you believe that the blood will literally flow to the horses' bridles as spoken of in Revelation 14:19, 20?" His answer was, "Yes, I believe this will be fulfilled literally."

Just think a moment. The Scripture referred to above in the 19th chapter of Revelation says, "The wine press was trodden without the city, and blood came out of the winepress, even unto the horse bridles by the space of a thousand and six hundred furlongs." A furlong is one eighth of a mile, so 1600 furlongs would amount to two hundred miles. Just think of human blood five feet deep for the space of two hundred miles. This editor tells his readers that "God tells us that two hundred million men will be under arms in the great battle of Armageddon." He does not say where such a Scripture is located in the Bible. It seems strange that men who pass themselves off as God's ministering servants are not able to see that this is symbolic language and is not to be interpreted literally. Let us look into this subject a little and see what the Scriptures are really teaching.

Verse 19: "And the angel thrust in his sickle into the earth, and gathered the vine of the earth, and cast it into the great winepress of the wrath of God." Angels symbolize God's true ministers, which are termed reapers. And the sickle represents the Word of God, which they use. It says, "and gathered the vine of the earth." The vine of the earth is typical of lost and rebellious souls. God's people are branches in the vine of heaven (John 15:1). The winepress of the wrath of God represents the means by which he destroys souls that rebel and refuse Him and His spiritual government in the world. They are spiritually slaughtered as thousands upon thousands were literally destroyed in olden times because they rebelled against God and became idle worshipers, and for this cause the anger of God was kindled against them. Those that were slain before Christ's coming in a literal sense typify the awful slaughter of souls which are slain spiritually in this idol-worshiping age of professing Christians. The blood running to the horses' bridles symbolizes this awful slaughter of souls that is going on today. The Battle of Armageddon is a spiritual battle or war which is raging at present in the ecclesiastical heavens, and a multitude of souls are being slain by the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God. That old red dragon power is loose for a season before the earth is burned up and the judgment sets. Spiritually blind leaders cannot see this because such things are spiritually discerned. The weapons that are being invented today to kill and destroy life in literal war, which are most destructive, just burn up human bodies and not

so much blood flows. The Armageddon battle or war is a battle in these days in the ecclesiastical heavens, which is truth against error. When great spiritual forces are changing in the ecclesiastical heavens, there is generally upheavals in the earth and war literally. In this day when the red dragon power is forcing its way to rule, we have also literal war. Thus we have that horrible war going on in Korea, and it will spread and grow greater (if not from that source or place, it will break out in another) as the force of evil becomes stronger. It is fortified now under the word Communism. There are multitudes of men and women in America who are communists and do not own up to it. The enemy has them so blinded and deceived that they hardly know it themselves. The bulk of the professed Christians in our country are unbelievers in heart, and were Jesus Christ to appear as he did literally at his first coming, they would be ready to crucify him even as the religious people did then. This country is due to be overthrown by Communism and the persecuted saints will be driven here and there, some slain and others imprisoned until the end will come as it is prophesied of in Rev. 20:9, "And they went upon the breadth of the earth, and compassed the camp of the saints about, and the beloved city: [God's family or church] and fire came down from God out of heaven and devoured them." The remnant of the saints which is left will be victorious at the last. "And the devil that deceived them [this red dragon power working under the name of Communism] was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast [Catholicism] and the false prophet [sectism] are, and shall be tormented day and night forever and forever." Then the Scripture goes on to tell about the Judgment, which is a clean and just judgment for all, as represented by the white throne.

In the 14th verse we read, "And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death." Death and hell could represent Satan or Beelzebub, as he is the author of death and hell. But listen to the next verse: "And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast in the lake of fire." Just think of it. All men and women that are lined up and are fighting in the battle of Armageddon against the despised saints will be cast into the brimstone and fire with the old dragon power, the beast, and the false prophet, and will be tormented day and night forever and forever.

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La.—Dear Bro. Pruitt,—Greetings in Jesus' dear name. We had meeting at Fayette, Ala., and could see some good results. One seemed to deepen down in the Lord, one claimed sanctification, and two were baptised. Then we went to Norris, Tenn. and visited Bro. Lemonds. Bro. Lemonds was real sick but the Lord blessed him in answer to prayer. He was doing a little better the last I heard. We had a few nights meeting at Knoxville but couldn't see much good that was accomplished. Of course that is in the hands of the Lord. Then we had meeting near Greenville, Tenn. where two souls sought the Lord. We have calls for other meetings but suppose they will have to wait until camp meeting is over. Ray Key.

Campmeeting Notices

Again we wish to urge all who are interested in their souls and the souls of others to make a special effort to attend campmeetings. Following is a list of campmeetings yet to convene this summer, Lord willing. Meals are served free at the campmeetings as the Lord supplies through saints and friends. Gifts of fresh and canned fruits and vegetables are appreciated. All camp meetings will be run on free-will offering plan.

HAMMOND, LOUISIANA. Date: June 29-July 8. Location: south of town. Good taxi service from Greyhound bus station and I. C. Railroad. If possible, bring your bed linens, including ticks and towels. Address: Ray Key, Box 370, or Max Williamson, Hammond, La.

MUNCIE, INDIANA. Date: July 13-21. Location: on or near the church of God chapel grounds 1617 W. 14th St. This is a new field and the saints there need the prayers and cooperation of all saints and lovers of the truth. They have rented large tents (small ones could not be secured) and will divide them with canvas. Men will sleep in one and women in another. Sleeping space will be \$3.00. Notify sister Brown as soon as you can if you want sleeping space. All who can should bring straw ticks. Straw will be furnished. Bring your sheets and pillows. Do not stay away if you do not have tent money, for God will provide in that case. Please bring your "Evening Light" song books.

For particulars write sister Minnie Brown, R. 6, Muncie, Indiana.

MONARK SPRINGS (Neosho, Missouri) NATIONAL Camp Meeting and Ministers Meeting. Date: July 20-29. Location: About five miles east of Neosho. Inquire in Neosho for Monark Springs. Monark Springs is not a Post Office nor a rail road station. Those traveling by bus or train should come to Neosho and take a taxi to the camp ground, or phone some of the saints through the Monark Springs grocery store to come after you. Highways 71 and 60 pass through Neosho, and all-weather roads lead to the camp ground.

This is a national meeting and saints everywhere should feel it their responsibility to support it and attend if possible. The Lord has poured out his rich blessings in past years at this place, and we are looking forward to another heavenly meeting.

All who can should bring their bedding (for very cold nights), sheets, pillows, wash pan, etc. Bedding, sheets and pillows have been donated to this camp ground, but there is not enough to accommodate the crowds. It should be left for those who come from a distance and cannot conveniently bring bedding. Also, bring your straw ticks.

The tents will rent for \$5.00 each, and steel cots \$1.00 each (including a mattress as long as they last). Space in dormitories and cots for individuals will be \$2.50. Let none stay away from the meeting who are unable to pay. Quarters will be provided. If you want a tent and cot, please send your order with money to Sam Barton, 2264 N. Columbia Place, Tulsa, Okla. by July 10th. Bro. and sister Barton are the business managers. Please send offerings for the meeting direct to them.

Bro. Barton is not well in body and needs help to get the tents up and the grounds in readiness for the meeting. Anyone who can go a few days early to help him, please write and let him know as soon as possible.

The campmeeting will be followed by a two-day ministers' meeting on July 30th and 31st.

GUTHRIE, OKLA. STATE CAMPMEETING. Date: August 3-12. Location: in the 600 block of W. Warner. The Lord has blessed us with a large dining hall, in which meals will be served free as the Lord supplies. Sleeping quarters for women above the new dining hall and for men in the old dining hall. The saints also open up their homes to care for those who come. There is no charge for sleeping space. Bring towels, sheets, and pillows.

This is a state campmeeting, so the saints at Guthrie earnestly desire the prayers, support, and cooperation of the other congregations in Oklahoma, as well as those who attend from other states. Come and be agreed that this will be the best campmeeting ever held on these grounds because of the presence of God.

For information write to O. C. Porter, 511, East Springer, Guthrie, Okla.

BAKERSFIELD, CALIFORNIA. Date: Aug. 10-19. Location: 501 South Brown St.

We extend a hearty welcome to all to attend this meeting. Arrangements will be made to take care of those that come from a distance. For further information write J. A. Harris, 615 So. Haley St., phone 33805; or Frances Blackwell, 501 Monticello St., Phone 32731.

Bro. Isaac Chandler, Pastor

BOLEY, OKLA. Date: August 17-26. Location: north of the Boley High School campus. Come prepared to help take care of yourself as much as possible, as we are having much expense improving the camp ground. Bring your bedding, sheets, ticking, towels and other needed things for camping. All are invited. Come praying and trusting our heavenly Father for a glorious meeting. For further information write: Sister Salissa Griffin, Bro. C. A. Wallace, or M. J. Phillips, Boley, Okla.

MIDWAY, LA. (Post Office, Jena, La.) Date: Aug. 17-26. Location: 1 mi. west of Jena. Bus transportation to Jena. Cab service to camp ground, or call 828F12. Address: Willard Esters, Box 757, Jena, or Ruth Murphy Box 824, Jena, La.

When you plan to attend the different campmeetings be sure to ask the Lord if he would have you attend this one. The saints here are few in number and greatly appreciate the help of others.

CALIF. STATE CAMPMEETING of the church of God will convene on the saints' camp ground in Los Angeles August 24 to Sept. 2, Lord willing.

This will be the third camp meeting on these grounds. Both of the previous meetings have been greatly blessed of the Lord and have been rich in spiritual blessings and benefits. Also the power of the Lord has been present to heal the sick in body.

We are expecting the same God who has been present to bless so richly in former years to be present this year, also, to save, sanctify, heal, and confirm and establish the souls of the saints in the faith.

Also, we are expecting the same complete, soul-saving gospel and wholesome truth to be preached in demonstration of the Holy Spirit and power by Spirit-filled ministers whom God shall send.

We urge all saints and everyone interested in the truth and work of God throughout the west to prepare to attend this meeting. The presence of saints and ministers from the east will also be appreciated.

In as far as possible we would appreciate everyone who wants a tent or cots or to share a tent with others, etc. to let us know as far ahead as possible. It helps much in

the planning. However, if your plans are not definite before hand so you can do this and it works out for you to come right on the last at time for the meeting to begin, come right on and some provisions will be made for you.

The campground is located at 12312 Osborne Place, Pacoima, Calif. You may address correspondence to I. D. Stover, 611 E. 10th St., Pomona, Calif., J. P. Sims, 11111 Compton Ave., Los Angeles, Calif., or O. B. Wilson, c. o. Church of God Camp Ground, 12312 Osborne Place, Pacoima, Calif. Pacoima is a suburb of Los Angeles, located between Burbank and San Fernando. Be seeing you at the camp meeting.

—O. B. Wilson.

DOVER, OKLA. Date: August 31 to September 9. Location: chapel ground one mile north and 2½ east of Dover. Please write ahead if you desire to be met at Dover, for there is no telephone service. Bring your blankets and other things which you will need at a campmeeting. Address: Ulysses Phillips or Henry Caldwell, Dover, Okla.

SOUTH CHARLESTON, W. Va. Date: Aug. 24 to September 2nd. Location at the chapel on 10th and F St. Plenty of trailer and parking space. All who can bring cots and bedding.

We desire the prayers of all the saints. Agree with us that God will send the ministers of his choosing, ones that will not fail to declare the whole counsel of God without fear or favor to man. This is our second camp meeting here in South Charleston. We invite all lovers of the truth to come and all that need help in soul and body. The saints will do all they can to take care of those who come. This is practically a new field and we feel that much good will be done, as all here have a mind to work. Address: Mrs. Olive Keene 1328½ Frame St., Charleston, W. Va. or Mrs. T. L. Spaur, 151½ 10th Ave., South Charleston, W. Va.

Obituaries

Luevincent Lee, second son of Joseph and Annie Lee, of Hennessey, Okla. was born at Lawrence, Kans., March 27, 1890, and passed away at the home of Mrs. Hassie Washington, Los Angeles, Calif., March 21, 1951 at the age of 60 years, 11 months and 24 days. He was reared on a farm near Okeene. In 1909 he was married to Miss Lizzie Brown of Lawton, Okla., and ten years later, on August 19, 1919 he was united in marriage with Miss Nellie Brown, of Lyons, Kans.

In September 1928, at a camp meeting in Hennessey he was saved and baptized. He lived for the Lord for a few months then fell away from the faith. He was blind for years, yet found a home in California. For a time he was an inmate of the Grace Sanitarium. Still blind, he was released six years ago. He made friends everywhere and stayed with some of them, where, under the sunshine of freedom and better care, his heart softened. In his last few letters home he seemed to have returned to his God. He said he was happy and that the Lord was taking good care of him.

He leaves to mourn his passing, his parents, his wife, Nellie of Pasadena, Calif.; three sisters, Mrs. Ethel K. Miles of the home in Hennessey; Mrs. Bessie L. Gordon and Mrs. M. Agnes Williams, both of Okeene, other relatives and friends in California and Oklahoma.

Funeral services were conducted by Bro. Lewis Williams of Wichita, Kans. assisted by Bro. Ulysses Phillips of Dover, and Sister Ada Davis, of Hennessey. Text. Job 30:23. Interment was made in the Parvin Cemetery southeast of Okeene.

Mary Ellen Wilson, wife of W. M. Wilson, pioneer minister in the Church of God, departed this life May 24, 1951 at the age of 78, near Prairie Grove, Ark. Her husband preceded her in death several years ago.

She leaves to mourn her loss, three sons, W. D. Wilson of New Mexico, Harry J. Wilson of Compton, Calif., and Jack Wilson of Prairie Grove, Ark.; four daughters, Mrs. A. B. Kronig of Belen, N. M., Mrs. Mattie Cox of Hanford, Calif., Mrs. Daisy Tyree and Mrs. Mary Brockman of Prairie Grove, Ark.; 17 grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren, 5 sisters, Mrs. Lizzie Cronester of Amarillo, Tex., Mrs. Dora Parrick and Mrs. Maggie Parrick of Canadian, Tex., Mrs. Julia Steel of Sapulpa, Okla. and Mrs. Opal Carson of Colo., also 5 step-children and many other relatives and friends who will miss her much.

She was saved and embraced the truth as taught by the Church of God in this reformation when she was about the age of 23 and died in the faith. Funeral services were conducted by Bro. Sam Barton of Tulsa, Okla., assisted by Bro. Charles Smith. Her body was laid to rest in the cemetery near Lincoln, Arkansas.

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BOOKS WANTED

If any one has the book, "The Birth of a Reformation, or Life and Labors of D. S. Warner," please write to Bro. Egbert Allen, Deepwater, Mo., if you will sell it. He is also interested in securing other old Gospel Trumpet books, printed in the early part of the reformation.

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The Way That Seemeth Right

La.—Dear Saints abroad, greetings in the precious name of our dear Lord,—I thank the dear Lord for salvation and the many blessings I have received from him. I have felt like writing to the saints thru the "Faith and Victory" paper for some few days, and this is my opportunity. I want to testify for God to what He revealed to me a few days ago concerning the way that seems right unto a man. You can find it recorded in Proverbs 14:12 and Proverbs 16:25.

The Word says there is a way that seems right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death. I have thought on this some and never could get satisfied about it until a few days ago. I knew there were many ways of deception; but my mind has been dwelling on the words "a way" which signifies one way that seems right which is not right. While reading this verse of scripture, I noticed in the latter part of the verse it says, "the end thereof are the ways of death."

The Lord revealed to me that to join the church of your choice is the way that seemeth right unto a man, and there are many of them (churches so-called) which makes them the ways of death. Oh, how glad I was when the Lord spoke to my soul and gave me the understanding that I now have on this passage of scripture. I would be glad if every so-called church member could get the revelation of this passage of Scripture. I never was satisfied about this until a few days ago. I was talking to a man about the things of God, and He said, "It doesn't make any difference what church you belong to, they are all working for the same place." Then the Lord spoke to me, and said, "That is the way that seemeth right

unto a man, and because there are so many kinds of so-called churches it makes them the ways of death."

This is serious, my dear reader, but it is true. Be sure to take special notice of this verse of Scripture. It says, "There is a way that seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death." I pray God to help those that do not have the revelation of this passage of Scripture to get their spiritual eyes and ears and heart open to what God wants you to have. God wants people to come to the knowledge of the truth. "Thy word is truth." Romans 10:1-3 will verify what I am trying to get you to see. Paul said, "Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is that they might be saved. For I bear them record that they have a zeal of God but not according to knowledge. For they, being ignorant of God's righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God."

Jesus tells us in the 7th chapter of Matthew, verse 13, "Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction and many there be which go in thereat: because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it." He knew there would be many crooked gates which he called the gates of hell, and he was warning us of them when he said, "Enter ye in at the strait gate," signifying the one strait gate or way. I feel like writing this for the encouragement of the saints and readers of the "Faith and Victory." Know more about God and his Word and what God requires of you. May God bless every one who reads this to know God, know his Word, know his way aside from all the ways which man has made for you to enter. Yours for God's way, the true way, the only way.

—J. S. Green.

Look To Jesus

Are you down-hearted? or discouraged? Have you come to your wit's end? Listen, dear child of God, this is what God says: "Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee: yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness." We are never in a better place than when we realize our utter dependence upon God, for there is nothing that ever comes to any of God's children but what his love has allowed it. (Romans 8:28). We, therefore, need to settle it once and for all down deep in our soul that as long as we obey him we will have nothing come to us but that which he already knows is best for us. And Job 23:10 says, "When he hath tried me, I shall come forth as gold." In case you have done wrong, the Lord is "ready to forgive." Ps. 86:5. "The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy." Ps. 103:8. "If we confess our sins he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." 1 John 1:9. So cheer up, for there is "All joy and peace in believing." Rom. 15:13. Keep humble before God every day. Isa. 57:15; 66:2. Only Jesus satisfies.

—C. H. Weir.

Young People's Section

Serve On

When we falter, let us take the blame,
For God is surely always the same.
Yes, we'll have trials and heartaches, too,
But God can help us and guide us through.

We'll have to serve Him, if Him we do please.
It will even take much time on our knees.
But let's serve and trust Him all the way,
So we'll have His approval in that great day.

—Clarice Nichols.

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A Lost Child

A CHILD IS LOST! Whose child? Where? When was it lost? The news is flashed far and near, and it carries sadness and concern to all who hear it. Every effort possible is offered to help find or rescue this lost child who is away in crags and mountains, exposed and a prey to dangers there. Every heart is beating with hope to find it. Its parents, no doubt, have collapsed with grief.

As the Lord revealed this vision to me, I pondered on the darkness of this world and the superstition and smoke of deception and the millions who are on their way to eternity's shore. I thought and asked myself the question: Am I doing what I can to help find this lost child? I thought again: Is every Christian mother and father putting forth as desperate an effort to rescue their child from a burning hell as they would from the lost state in the woods? Or are they so living and adorning the doctrine that their lives will be so filled with the power of God that the mighty search light from heaven will shine into the dark region of sin that some lost child will be found?

Whether young or old, if you are in sin, you are some mother's lost child. Let us take this seriously and ask God's help.

—E. V. Phillips

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Mo.—Dear young saints,—I'm very thankful this evening for the Lord's great blessings and by the grace of God I will endeavor to tell you what the Lord has done for me this past week. Sunday morning, May 27th I was very sick. I went to bed immediately after dinner but didn't seem to get any better. Sunday night I vomited 4 or 5 times and slept very little. I couldn't keep anything on my stomach, therefore I was weak. Monday and Tuesday I was still sick with my stomach hurting almost constantly. On Wednesday the Lord healed me completely. I was weak from the lack of food but have gained strength rapidly. The Lord has healed me many times before and I'm not afraid to trust him for the future. There are only a few saints here but the Lord hasn't forgotten us. Remember us in prayer that we'll keep true and not forget the Lord. Your sister in the Lord, Sybilla Miller.

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Oklahoma.—Dear saints,—Greetings of Christian love in the precious name of Jesus. I'm happy in the Lord and

very much encouraged to go all the way with him. I thank the Lord so much for his mercy unto me and his precious saints and their labors and efforts in our behalf. I feel it to the glory of God to tell of God's special love and mercy to me and my loved ones. We had never known the truth except an uncle by marriage and he was far from it until about eighteen months ago when he and my aunt got saved. My aunt and I had been very close so they got under a burden for my soul. The devil tried to discourage them as I was so proud and wretched but she kept the burden and I finally went to meeting. The Lord saved me the first night. Praise his holy name! He truly means all this world to me. The saints got under a burden for a meeting down home, about thirty-five miles from here and the Lord wonderfully blessed and he has saved 14 of my loved ones. None of us had ever known of the truth. Some professed but the Lord brought them out into the light. My brother-in-law allowed the devil to take him back in that horrible pit so please pray for him.

I thank the Lord so much for the precious saints here and their many sacrifices in getting my loved ones here to meeting. I thank the Lord too for Sis. Dorothy Barton for her special efforts and encouragement to us. We are still looking to the Lord to heal her.

The 27th chapter of Psalms and the first verse means so much to me. Truly the Lord is my all in all. I desire a closer walk with Him. I have laid down all I know to lay down to run this race. I desire your earnest prayers that I be the mother to my little girl God would have me to be. Your sister in Christ, Frances Perkins.

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The Truth

It has been said truly that the less of God we have the more of human machinery and church government we will try to set up.

In the first century, the church without the ecclesiastical machinery took the civilized world for God. Then they lost God and the Holy Ghost leadership from their hearts, and set up a machine in its place. What happened? Nothing from the spiritual standpoint but a let-down and collapse. We look around us today and we can see this human machinery set up. Every saint of God should stop and think before he enters these places that are called churches. Oh! how we should thank God for the truth.

I would like to warn the saints of God concerning E. Stanley Jones' books, or in other words, his views.

On Dec. 12, 1950 at the Prichard Hotel in Huntington, W. Va. in the course of his remarks, he was asked about the difference of opinion regarding baptism. His answer was to this effect: Those who desire to sprinkle, let them sprinkle; those who desire to pour, let them pour; and those who desire to immerse, let them immerse." Friends, it is time for the saints of God to stay away from the so-called "church of God" that teaches from Mr. E. Stanley Jones' books or his views. If he believes in the church of God doctrine, why does he not come in the truth? Here is one of the statements that he made: "None of us has the

truth." (Let Mr. E. S. Jones speak for himself. Praise the Lord for the OLD TIME TRUTH).

What was the warning that Paul gave us in Eph. 4:14? "That we henceforth 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." And Paul said in 2 Tim. 4:3, 4, "For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears:" In verse 4, "And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables."

And what did Jesus say unto the multitudes concerning John? ". . . What went ye out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken with the wind?"

Every child of God must stay with "thus saith the Lord" and not be a "reed shaken with the wind."

Paul made it very plain what every saint of God should do in 2 Tim. 2:15, "Study to shew thyself approved unto God [not to man] a workman that needeth not to be ashamed. Rightly dividing the word of truth." We have a lot of so-called preachers that do not rightly divide the word of truth. They seem to think the word "dividing" means to destroy the word of truth (Read 2 Tim. 3:16, 17).

O! how God's people should study and be a light unto the world (to the unsaved). Jesus said in Matt. 5:14, "Ye [YOU] are the light of the world, [O! how dark the world is in sin!] a city that is set on a hill cannot be hid."

We cannot be for Christ and the world at the same time, and we can never hide our light. So let us—ALL the saints of God—let our light shine so the world can see that we have the truth. And a saint of God should never let a day pass without praying for the gospel workers and God's ministers, and also for those who need healing for the body or soul. And I do need the prayers of God's saints. (Rom. 8:39).

Bro. William D. Summers

Are You Married to Christ?

In the 22nd chapter of Matthew is a beautiful parable illustrating the work of God among men.

In the second verse the Lord says, "The kingdom of heaven [which denotes the church or family of God] is like unto a certain king [God] which made a marriage for his son [Jesus]." Those who get saved and accept the covenant of God are considered married to the Lord. Stronger vows could not be made by any man or woman in a literal sense than those which they make when being united in literal or human marriage.

In Isa. 54:5, the prophet (Isaiah prophesied in Old Testament times, but is called the "gospel prophet" because he had so much to say concerning the work of Christ.), having a revelation of this gospel day, said, "For thy maker is thine husband: the Lord of hosts is his name." Again in 62:4 we read, "Thou shalt no more be termed forsaken; neither shall thy land [His tillage, his redeemed people] any more be termed desolate: but thou shalt be called Hephzibah

[a name signifying, "My delight in her"—Smith's Bible dictionary] and thy land Beulah [married]: for the Lord delighteth in thee, and thy land shall be married." The word "land" refers to the hearts of his people, or his people as a whole. We read in Luke the 8th chapter where this is brought out in a parable about the sower that went forth to sow. In the 11th verse it says, "The seed is the Word of God." In the third chapter of 1 Corinthians where Paul is speaking of himself being a planter and Apollos one that watered, he also said (9th verse), "For we are laborers together with God: ye are God's husbandry, ye are God's building," meaning the saints of God, His redeemed people.

Paul makes it exceedingly plain that we are married to the Lord when saved in the first of the seventh chapter of Romans wherein he is comparing the law to a dead husband and Christ to a present living husband. He said in the fourth verse, "Wherefore, my brethren [redeemed souls] ye also are become dead to the law by the body of Christ [or by being in the body of Christ] that ye should be married to another, even to him who is raised from the dead, that we should bring forth fruit unto God." Jesus referred to himself as the Bridegroom in Matt. 9:15. Webster's dictionary says that bridegroom means a man newly married or about to be married. Jesus was at that time a Bridegroom about to be married. In his preaching he said, "The kingdom of God is at hand." On the day of Pentecost the Spirit of Christ, which Jesus called "another Comforter, even the Spirit of truth" (John 14:16, 17), came into the hearts of the disciples and they were married to him, spiritually speaking, and manifested it literally as they gave themselves wholly over to him.

Now let us return to Matt. 22:3, "And sent his servants [His ministers] to call them that were bidden to the wedding: and they would not come." The Jews were the ones who were bidden, for Jesus said, "I am not sent but unto the lost sheep of the house of Israel" Matt. 15:24. When Jesus sent out the twelve, he said, "Go not in the way of the Gentiles, and to any city of the Samaritans enter ye not. But go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." Matthew 10:5, 6.

Verse 4, "Again, he sent forth other servants to call them that were bidden to the wedding:" and they would not come. This second call came to the Jews after the day of Pentecost, for he said, "Behold, I have prepared my dinner: my oxen and my fatlings are killed, and all things are ready: come unto the marriage." In the 6th verse it says, "And the remnant took his servants, and entreated them spitefully, and slew them." King Herod killed James and when he saw it pleased the Jews he caught Peter and put him into prison intending to take him out and slay him, but God delivered him out of their hands. Steven made a strong appeal to the leaders of the Jewish sects and they were stirred against him. He continued to speak the truth and told them that they were resisting the Holy Ghost as their fathers did, and he laid the slaying of the Lord upon them. Then they

became enraged at him and gnashed upon him with their teeth. They cast him out of the city and stoned him to death. When Paul preached the gospel to the Jews, he was also stoned, beaten, and imprisoned. Finally it came to this (Acts 13:46), "Then Paul and Barnabas waxed bold, and said, It was necessary that the Word of God should first have been spoken to you: but seeing ye put it from you, and judge yourselves unworthy of everlasting life, lo, we turn to the Gentiles." We can see by these Scriptures that the sixth verse of this chapter was literally fulfilled.

Verse 7: "But when the King heard thereof, he was wroth: and sent forth his armies, and destroyed those murderers, and burned up their city." This was literally fulfilled less than forty years from that date when the Roman General Titus surrounded the city of Jerusalem and held them in on every side. Eleven hundred thousand Jews were slain and starved to death. He broke down the three walls of the city and leveled the temple to the ground, also many other portions of the city, burning it with fire. The Jews were scattered into all nations. It is a terrible thing to come under the wrath of God.

Verse 8: "But they which were bidden were not worthy." In the ninth verse we are told that he sent out another call and told them to go into the highways "and as many as ye shall find, bid to the marriage." This was the call to the Gentiles.

Verse 10, "So those servants went out into the highways, and gathered together all as many as they found, both bad and good: and the wedding was furnished with guests." We understand by the words, "bad and good," he meant that some they found were morally good and some morally bad; but spiritually speaking, both kinds had to be cleansed by the blood and made clean in order to have on the robe of righteousness in order to be a guest at the marriage supper.

In the parable of the Prodigal Son, when the father brought the prodigal boy to the house and had the best robe brought forth and put on him, it represented the sanctified state, showing that he was then righteous. And they killed the fatted calf and ate and were merry (Luke 15:22, 23).

Revelation 19:7 reads, in part, 'the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready.' Then the following verse (8th) tells us, "And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints." We see by this that the wedding garment was of linen, clean and white, which represents a clean and sinless soul. Souls in this condition are the only ones who are feasting at the wedding supper today, the only ones whom God, the King, recognizes as his—those who have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb, those who have received His Spirit and have become members in His body, which is the church. He then inhabits them and feeds their souls on his flesh, and they drink his blood, feast their souls on the good things prepared for the wedding guests that have on linen garments clean and white.

When the King came in he found one not having

on a wedding garment. This was one, no doubt, who had got his garment so soiled and spotted by the world and had so defiled his garment that the King would not recognize it any more as a wedding garment. This soul was weighed in the balance and found wanting. The King told the servants to bind him hand and foot and take him away and cast him into outer darkness, "there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth." Following this account, in verse 14, some words were spoken by the Saviour which ought to stir every saint's heart to a close and diligent walk with God. It reads thus: "For many are called, but few are chosen."

Dear saints, if we do not keep our garments unspotted from the world (for we are now called to follow in his steps) we will not be chosen to dwell with Him in eternity, but will be cast out into outer darkness where there is weeping, wailing, and gnashing of teeth.

In the first chapter of Isaiah we read that the willing and obedient shall eat the good of the land; but they that rebel and refuse shall be destroyed with the sword. In John 6:51 we read, "I am the living bread which came down from heaven: if any man eat of this bread, he shall live forever: and the bread which I shall give is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world." Dear soul, give up your life of this world and receive his life and eat his flesh and drink his blood. Jesus said (verse 53), "I say unto you, Except ye eat of the flesh of the Son of man, and drink his blood, ye have no life [eternal] in you." Verse 63: "It is the Spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing; the words that I speak unto you, they are Spirit and they are life." If we have the Spirit of Christ in us and are obedient to his words, we will be feasting at the marriage supper and our souls will be fat and flourishing in the courts of our God.

—Fred Pruitt.

CORRESPONDENCE

Wichita, Kans.—Dear Bro. Pruitt:—Holy greetings to you in Jesus' name. Today finds us encouraged to press on for Jesus and fight the good fight of faith. The Lord keeps us encouraged in supplying our needs for the building. We received \$150.00 for this month on the building, for which we are very thankful and pray God's blessings on the givers. We have all the stones laid and are ready for the top to be put on. We are asking the Lord to send us carpenters to help with that work, and asking the Lord to supply the needs. He knows that is one of the needs. We are looking to him for everything, as he is our helper and without him we can do nothing. All are well here and encouraged to press on for Jesus. Pray for us, and may God bless you all in the printing work, is our prayer. That is all the report I can give at this time concerning the building. Bro. Lewis Williams.

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Mo.—Dear saints of God,—Greetings of love in Jesus' sweet name, who shed his precious blood for all. This finds me much encouraged to go all the way with our blessed Savior. He is still our helper and physician. I promised him I would write my testimony if he would heal our daughter, Sybilla. He has wonderfully touched her body and healed her completely. She took real sick, vomiting and her stomach hurting bad on Sunday. We

prayed for her but she was still bad on Monday. She couldn't keep anything she would eat or drink in her stomach. We were praying for her and believed God would heal her. I wrote to you dear ones for prayer and also wrote to Sis. Marler. After I put the cards in the mail box she was getting better. The next day she was well. I am thanking and praising God for his goodness unto us. We think she had food poisoning. I told husband, if we had been trusting doctors and medicine we would have rushed her to the hospital, and she would have had a long sick spell, maybe never would have gotten well. We can truly give the Lord all the praise for healing her as we didn't give her anything or use any remedies. I wish every one could trust the dear Lord for healing. My father and our son are suffering now in the hospitals because they will not trust the dear Lord. Please pray earnestly for them, that the dear Lord will have mercy upon them. I long for them to turn to the Lord with their whole heart, soul and body, committing all unto Him, who is able to do all things.

I want to thank the dear saints for their prayers in our behalf. I want to thank the young saints whom I met at Guthrie and requested their prayers, that the dear Lord has heard and answered so wonderfully. Please continue to pray for us as we feel the need of leaning upon our dear Lord more and more in these perilous times. May God bless all the saints every where and keep each one pressing on is the prayer of my heart. Effie Miller.

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Mo.—Greetings to the dear saints everywhere in Jesus' name. I am writing a few lines to tell what the dear Lord is doing for me. He blesses me every day and gives me grace to follow him and do his will the best I can. I have trials and afflictions but he helps me bear them when I call on his dear name believing with all my heart. I had a bad spell with what I call sinus trouble and my nose and throat stopped up until I couldn't get my breath, swallow, or speak. My husband wanted me to take something and I shook my head no and in a few minutes I could get my breath. I have no one here to call on but God and I am so thankful I can depend on him. Praise his dear name. If it wasn't for him and you dear ones to help me pray I don't know what I would do when these afflictions come. Please remember me in your prayers. A sister in the Lord, Nancy Sweeza.

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Kans.—Dear saints,—I am thankful to the Lord for salvation and for healing me. In 1945 he healed me of an injured heart muscle and last summer of a nervous heart, and many other times he has healed me. This winter I had some kind of liver or gall trouble and couldn't eat anything much for so long. I lost a lot of weight. I told the dear Lord if he would heal me I'd write my testimony. Praise his name, I haven't been bothered with it for a long time. He can do all above what we ask or think and is just the same today as he was when here on earth. I have an ear affliction that I do not have victory over yet. I desire that all the saints agree in prayer with me for it. Please pray for the healing of a little girl's eyesight which is very poor and it is so pitiful. I enjoy reading the "Faith and Victory" very much and enjoy the testimonies.

Yours in Christ, Nellie June.

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La.—To all the saints everywhere,—Greetings in Jesus' dear name. Since the time the terrible tragedy befell us March 6, 1951 I have written to most of the dear ones who helped us, trying to express our gratitude for the love and kindness shown us in our time of great need.

Several of the addresses have been misplaced so I take this means of thanking them and all the dear saints again. Words can't express our appreciation. It seemed we hardly had time to arrive here when the letters began coming in with tokens of love shown in money, cards and letters of encouragement. I was overwhelmed with tears of joy. I said I knew the saints loved us but didn't know it was so much. In such a time of sorrow I was burdened with the immense expense that had come our way and debts along with the loss of our "Buddy." The enemy had begun to burden my mind with the thoughts of "no home now, your baby taken, and deep in debt besides." I was suffering so much with pain. It is so wonderful to know that God's people do stick together and have the same love for one another that Jesus has for us. I have been neglectful in the past in showing my love as I ought. The enemy has burdened my mind with so much to hinder and only God understands. We realize that our loss is heaven's gain, although it is so lonsome without my darling boy who seemed to be more affectionate than the two children I have left. I know I can go to him and be where there will be no parting. By God's grace I mean to live true to Him and make it through to heaven. I am so thankful to be saved and privileged to raise my children up in the true Bible way. I am comforted to know my boy is safe in the arms of Jesus.

The amount we received was almost \$500. Our prayer is that God will reward all who helped and we pray God's richest blessings on one and all. I wish to add that God performed a miracle in my body for which I can never thank him enough. My left leg was badly fractured and the swelling and pain was so bad I thought it unbearable but the Lord answered prayer. He made me able to get here in the car with Sis. Key and the rest. After we arrived here and I lay down and began to relax I had more pain than ever. In the meantime the letters began coming in and as I read from each one that all the saints were praying I could feel God answer prayer at once. My leg began to get better. I told Sis. Key I could feel the splintered bone knitting where we knew it was fractured. It felt like a lot of splinters of glass pricking all through and I felt sure it was healing as the swelling kept going down and finally I could walk around. My right side was in bad shape at the same time and it seemed I couldn't move but the Lord undertook in every way. My head had been bothering me too. I would go blind for awhile and terrible noises constantly, especially at night and I couldn't rest. I'm so glad I trusted in God instead of man. Had I gone to a doctor as some unbelievers asked me to, I would have had my leg amputated, also lain in the hospital for a long time. "It's so good to trust in Jesus, Just to take Him at His word." We have learned the lesson God has for us. Some times he permits things to come our way to get us more deeply determined to follow Him. We feel sometimes that our cross is the heaviest of all to bear but God's word teaches that, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me."

We desire all the saints to keep us in remembrance when you pray. We want to truly be overcomers to the end. Pray that God will direct in every way and keep me humble and submissive to His will. Madelon Reynolds.

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N. M.—Dear saints,—I feel impressed to write my testimony to "Faith and Victory" paper. I feel I couldn't do without my little paper, it is a great encouragement to me. Two weeks ago my 12 year old daughter took sick. Different ones said it was rheumatic fever. I can truly say God has been a present help in time of need. I have

prayed night and day and now she is better but is very weak. Last night I woke up, she called and her back hurt cutting off her breath. After prayer she went to sleep. Praise his name! God has helped her that way all along. She was so bad she couldn't walk at all. I am thanking and praising Him for all he has done for her but desire your earnest prayers for her that she will be completely healed in every way and may God bless every one of you. I am so thankful we can trust God to the uttermost. Some thought we should take her to the hospital but I know God can do all thing for us. Pray for me that I will be true to God.

Mrs. T. T. Doolittle.

Mo.—Dear saints everywhere,—This leaves me much encouraged to live for the Lord. Praise his name! This is a wonderful life we have the privilege of living. I feel it would be to the glory of God to write my testimony this morning. My little boy was afflicted with a terrible cold and he would cough all night. The spells of coughing would be long and so hard until he would fight the air. I had no one to pray for him so I asked the Lord to heal through my prayers. (I am isolated from all saints.) Praise his name, he did heal. He allowed my faith to be tried for a few days but I can now say he is healed. He only coughed once during last night and then lightly. Praise his name.

This morning as I was going after a bucket of water a wasp stung me on the left hand. I looked and saw where it had stung, bringing the blood. Immediately the poison began to travel up my arm and the devil said, "it will go to your heart and you will die." Praise the Lord, I searched but could find nothing in my life to make me fear death. I just told the Lord to have his will and way. Satan would like for us to be fearful but if God is for us who can be against us. Certainly death has no fear for us. To go would be our gain. The Lord stopped the poison from going any further and now I have only a swelling in my hand in the region of the sting. Praise his name.

I thought how wonderful to be able to think of death and not have different things coming up to be repented of. It is a fearful thing to wait until you are facing death before yielding to the Lord. We need to accept him today before it's too late. Pray for me that I will ever have my all committed in the hands of the Lord. He is certainly precious to me. I get so much encouragement from the "Faith and Victory" paper. The testimonies and sermons are the only services I get to attend now and it's like being in the presence of the Lord to read them.

Your sister in the one true way, Mrs. Lavern Moles.

Is Communism Really Anti-Christian?

Communism, in the sense that we understand the word today in the world round about us, was anti-religious when it began to function in Russia. Communism has been opposed to religion all through its history. The main reason that the Communists oppose religion, and, in particular Christianity, is not so much because the church in Russia was corrupt, but because of economic considerations. True Christianity instills into the hearts of those born again in the blood of Jesus Christ, the idea of getting along with people (not with evil, however), and it makes believers able to bear hardships in life with the help of the Holy Spirit, and promises them a glorified existence in heaven because of Christ's merits. True Christians, thus, do not make good revolutionists

and good Communists. The Communist wants everyone to be dissatisfied with his condition. He plants in the minds of the poor a greedy desire to rob the rich. When we realize this, we see that the Communists must do away with religion if they wish to make Communists of people and if they wish to put their system into practice. They would have people be dependent on the dictator in Moscow rather than on God. Consequently Communists have always done their best to undermine religion. In many cases when they have the upper hand and they think the rest of the world cannot see what they do behind an 'iron curtain,' they actually slaughter Christian pastors, preachers, and teachers. This is not a thought from the dark ages, because this murder of Christians is going on at the very minute that you are reading this. It is very easy to document these statements with clear and cold facts.

Sometimes the party 'line' changes to suit certain conditions. Thus also it has happened, especially during the early part of the war when Russia needed lend-lease from the United States, that the party made an appearance of reviving religion in Russia.

Now this persecution of religion goes on today as it ever did. Just a short time back, in the summer of 1945, the Communist Convention in New York City called for the abolition of all religion. Estonians who escaped from Communist persecution of the Lutherans and other Christians in their homeland, set sail for the United States in the summer of 1946. Priests in Hungary, along with Christian youth organizations, were 'liquidated' in the middle of 1946.

The following paragraphs are quoted from leaders in international Communism. These quotations give the official attitude of the Communists toward religion. This same hatred of religion is found imbedded in literature which may be purchased from 'red' bookstores in America right at this very eleventh hour in which we live. It has not changed, and Christians should never be misled into thinking it has changed.

The Manifesto of the Communist Party by Marx and Engels is the bible of all Communists throughout the world. On page 29 it says: "Communism abolishes eternal truths, it abolishes all religion, and all morality." Lenin, who is so venerated by Communists that his mummy is enclosed in an expensive coffin and rests in Red Square in Moscow where the 'faithful' may worship, on Page 5 of his book, RELIGION, says: Atheism is an integral part of Marxism. Consequently, a class-conscious Marxist Party must carry on propaganda in favor of atheism." On Page 14 of the same book, he writes: "We must combat religion—this is the A. B. C. of all materialism, and consequently of Marxism. Hence, down with religion! Long live atheism! The dissemination of atheist views is our CHIEF task."

The Congressional Record, Vol. 1, pp. 1539-1540, also quotes Lenin, the 'Apostle Paul' of Communism, with the following: "Religion must be abolished. The best country is a godless country. If religion will pass out quietly our attitude will be one of be-

nevolent tolerance. But, if it resists, we will hasten its exit by violence proportionate to its resistance."

Lunacharsky, Commissar of Education in Moscow is also quoted in the same source with these words: We hate Christianity and Christians; even the best of them must be regarded as our worst enemies. They preach love of one's neighbor and mercy, which is contrary to our principles. Christianity is an obstacle to the revolution. Down with the love of one's neighbors. What we need is hatred. We must know how to hate; only thus, shall we conquer the universe."

Dictator Stalin is quoted in the Communist WORKER'S VOICE, published in Chicago as saying: "The party cannot be neutral towards religion and does conduct anti-religious propaganda against all and every religious prejudice. Have we suppressed the reactionary clergy? Yes, we have. The unfortunate thing is that it has not been completely liquidated."

The United States Government Report No. 2290, on Page 52 says: "The Communist Party and Soviet government have done everything in their power since 1917 to mock, destroy, and outlaw religion. Churches have been pulled down, or turned into clubs, religious shrines despoiled, burial grounds desecrated; and the clergy persecuted and slain. The denial of religious liberty and the wiping out of all religions are an important part of the communist program."

YES! the bold facts make us admit that Communism is truly anti-Christian and atheistic. Our beloved country is in the eleventh hour. The world is being overrun by red radicals; they are attempting to seize power in the United States. Only a return to genuine Christianity with Christ as God and Savior in the center of all our thoughts and actions can save this country and check the rising tide of atheism and radicalism in America. Pray God before it is too late! Shun any so-called Christian group such as the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, which is already undermined by radicals and atheists, and instead uphold Christ as your personal Saviour in body and soul. —Selected

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THE WORTH OF THE INDIVIDUAL

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Printed Portion.....Matthew 8:1-4; 18:1-6, 12-14.

Matt. 8:1. When he was come down from the mountain, great multitudes followed him.

2. And, behold, there came a leper and worshipped him, saying, Lord, if thou wilt, thou canst make me clean.

3. And Jesus put forth his hand, and touched him, saying, I will; be thou clean. And immediately his leprosy was cleansed.

4. And Jesus saith unto him, See thou tell no man; but go thy way, shew thyself to the priest, and offer the gift that Moses commanded, for a testimony unto them.

18:1. At the same time came the disciples unto Jesus, saying, Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?

2. And Jesus called a little child unto him, and set him in the midst of them,

3. And said, Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven.

4. Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

5. And whoso shall receive one such little child in my name receiveth me.

6. But whoso shall offend one of these little ones which believe in me, it were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and that he were drowned in the depth of the sea.

12. How think ye? if a man have an hundred sheep, and one of them be gone astray, doth he not leave the ninety and nine, and goeth into the mountains, and seeketh that which is gone astray?

13. And if so be that he find it, verily I say unto you, he rejoiceth more of that sheep, than of the ninety and nine which went not astray.

14. Even so it is not the will of your Father which is in heaven, that one of these little ones should perish.

Memory Verse: But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honor; that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man. Heb. 2:9.

Practical Truth: Every human being is of infinite worth because he is endowed with capacities akin to those possessed by God himself.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

It takes the humble and sincere to attract the mercies of Christ. The worth of the individual becomes sweet and attractive as humility takes first place and God shows his approval according to Isa. 57:15; 66:2, and in 1 Pet. 5:5. "God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble." The leper showed humility when he worshiped as he made his request. No one was supposed to touch a leper but Jesus showed his compassion and gave him a healing touch. Jesus used a little child as an example of humility to his disciples when they were seeking preferment. Their conception of Christ's kingdom was a literal kingdom on this earth to be set up at that time but Jesus told Nicodemus he was to be born of the Spirit to enter the kingdom of God (John 3:1-21). Their thinking to be preferred is like many today but God is still looking to find those who will humble themselves before him and will seek God until they find him. Jer. 29:13. The shepherd seeks the lost sheep until he finds it; so God searches out those who realize they are lost and shows a real concern for every individual which is worth more than all the world. He is not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance. God's people should be concerned and will be if they keep saved.

LIVING TOGETHER IN THE FAMILY

July 8, 1951

Printed Portion.....2 Timothy 1:3-6; 3:14-15;
Ephesians 5:22, 25; 6:1-4.

2 Tim. 1:3. I thank God, whom I serve from my forefathers with pure conscience, that without ceasing I have remembrance of thee in my prayers night and day;

4. Greatly desiring to see thee, being mindful of thy tears, that I may be filled with joy;

5. When I call to remembrance the unfeigned faith that is in thee, which dwelt first in thy grandmother Lois, and thy mother Eunice; and I am persuaded that in thee also.

6. Wherefore I put thee in remembrance that thou stir

up the gift of God, which is in thee by the putting on of my hands.

3:14. But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them:

15. And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

Eph. 5:22. Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord.

25. Husband's, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it;

Eph. 6:1. Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right.

2. Honor thy father and mother; which is the first commandment with promise;

3. That it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth.

4. And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

Memory Verse: Be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you. Eph. 4:32.

Practical Truth: Christian living in the home is essential to the favor of God and to the home's highest welfare.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

"And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you." The memory text gives us a fundamental principle for a home that shall endure and all shall live together for the mutual benefit of all in the home that live there. Our attitude toward one another in the home should be governed by the kind of love that God has toward us. God is longsuffering, merciful, gracious, kind, and tenderhearted toward us and he can give us that same regard for one another in the home. When God rules in each heart in the home there will be prayer for one another.

Paul was concerned for Timothy and gave him sound instruction to continue in the things which he had learned from the holy scriptures that were able to make him wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. Wives are enjoined to submit to their own husbands and the husbands to love their wives which is very good advice in these days. And children are to obey their parents in the Lord. Also the fathers are to bring up their children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. The ideal home is where every one is saved and if they are not all saved, pray for each to be saved.

SAFEGUARDING THE HOME

July 15, 1951

Printed Portion... Matthew 19:3-9; 1 Corinthians 13:4-7.

Matt. 19:3. The Pharisees also came unto him, tempting him, and saying unto him, Is it lawful for a man to put away his wife for every cause?

4. And he answered and said unto them, Have ye not read, that he which made them at the beginning made them male and female,

5. And said, For this cause shall a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife: and they twain shall be one flesh?

6. Wherefore they are no more twain, but one flesh. What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder.

7. They say unto him, Why did Moses then command to give a writing of divorcement, and to put her away?

8. And he saith unto them, Moses because of the hardness of your hearts suffered you to put away your wives: but from the beginning it was not so.

9. And I say unto you, Whosoever shall put away his wife, except it be for fornication, and shall marry another, committeth adultery: and whoso marrieth her which is put away, doth commit adultery.

1 Cor. 13:4. Charity suffereth long, and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up,

5. Doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil;

6. Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth;

7. Beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things.

Memory Verse: Love beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things. 1 Cor. 13:7. American revised version.

Practical Truth: Christian love, exercised by all in a home, will keep it from falling.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

Many, many homes are being wrecked these days and it is having a great influence upon our nation. The Pharisees in Christ's day asked the question that is still being asked, "Is it lawful for a man to put away his wife for every cause?" The answer Jesus gave at that time is still the only safeguard for a good home. Where family worship and private communion with God is going on each day, there will be a way found out of every difficulty that can arise in the home. Jer. 10:23 says, "It is not in man that walketh to direct his steps." But Psa. 37:23 says, "The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord." Therefore the home must have a firm hold upon God and when all the members of the home have the "divine nature" (2 Peter 1:4) they will stand together in all problems of life.

There are many things to guard against in the home: selfishness, pride, having ones own way, and not regarding the rights of others in the home. In the 13th chapter of 1 Cor. are some definite directions for an ideal home which if followed will give to each individual in the home the necessary requirements. Read Psa. 107 where they cried unto the Lord so many times and they were always delivered.

LIVING TOGETHER IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD

July 22, 1951

Printed Portion.....Romans 12:9-21; 13:8-10.

Rom. 12:9. Let love be without dissimulation. Abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good.

10. Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another;

11. Not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord;

12. Rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing instant in prayer;

13. Distributing to the necessity of saints; given to hospitality.

14. Bless them which persecute you: bless, and curse not.

15. Rejoice with them that do rejoice, and weep with them that weep.

16. Be of the same mind one toward another. Mind not high things, but condescend to men of low estate. Be not wise in your own conceits.

17. Recompense to no man evil for evil. Provide things honest in the sight of all men.

18. If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men.

19. Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord.

20. Therefore if thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink: for in so doing thou shalt heap coals of fire on his head.

21. Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good.

13:8. Owe no man anything, but to love one another: for he that loveth another hath fulfilled the law.

9. For this, Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not kill, Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not bear false witness, Thou shalt not covet; and if there be any other commandment, it is briefly comprehended in this saying, namely, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.

10. Love worketh no ill to his neighbor: therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

Memory Verse: Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me. Matt. 25:40.

Practical Truth: Kind, helpful living in one's neighborhood is one of the marks of true religion.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

To practice the instructions given in Rom. 12 and 13 and Matt. 25:31-46 and other like scriptures will make us good neighbors to all those with whom we come in contact. Since the Saviour said for us to love our neighbor as ourselves we can show it by preferring him when it comes to honor and giving him the best rather than take it to ourselves. God will always take care of us when we are generous toward our neighbor. Paul says our love should be without hypocrisy. Judas made a show of affection when he kissed Jesus in the garden. There are many today who would like to be thought of as real neighbors but inwardly the love is not there and sooner or later it manifests itself. We should do the best we can for our enemies as opportunity comes to feed him or take care of him when he is sick or in need. Overcome evil with good. Our greatest motive should be to live peaceably with all men and owe no man anything. The love of God filling the soul and having fervency in spirit will do more than anything else to promote good neighborliness. We must not give any one just cause for our good to be evil spoken of.

CHRISTIAN SOCIAL LIFE

July 29, 1951

Printed Portion. Romans 12:1-2; 1 Corinthians 8.

Rom. 12:1. I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

2. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

1 Cor. 8:1. Now as touching things offered unto idols, we know that we all have knowledge. Knowledge puffeth up, but charity edifieth.

2. And if any man think that he knoweth any thing, he knoweth nothing yet as he ought to know.

3. But if any man love God, the same is known of him.

4. As concerning therefore the eating of those things that are offered in sacrifice unto idols, we know that an idol is nothing in the world, and that there is none other God but one.

5. For though there be that are called gods, whether in heaven or in earth, (as there be gods many, and lords many,)

6. But to us there is but one God, the Father, of whom are all things, and we in him: and one Lord Jesus Christ, by whom are all things, and we by him.

7. Howbeit there is not in every man that knowledge: for some with conscience of the idol unto this hour eat it as a thing offered unto an idol; and their conscience being weak is defiled.

8. But meat commendeth us not to God: for neither, if we eat, are we the better; neither, if we eat not, are we the worse.

9. But take heed lest by any means this liberty of yours become a stumblingblock to them that are weak.

10. For if any man see thee which hast knowledge sit at meat in the idol's temple, shall not the conscience of him which is weak be emboldened to eat those things which are offered to idols;

11. And through thy knowledge shall the weak brother perish, for whom Christ died?

12. But when ye sin so against the brethren, and wound their weak conscience, ye sin against Christ.

13. Wherefore, if meat make my brother to offend, I will eat no flesh while the world standeth, lest I make my brother to offend.

Memory Verse: Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? 1 Cor. 3:16.

Practical Truth: In his social life a Christian should be influenced by his own obligations to God and by the probable effect of his example upon others.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

The very first verse in our lesson today gives us the key to Christian social life, our topic. As we present our bodies a living sacrifice and live a holy life as unto God we will find it a reasonable service and God can use us to his glory. We must not be conformed to this world because when the worldly things come into our hearts again after we have been saved, the love of God goes out. "If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him." 1 John 2:15. The 16th verse shows us what he means when he speaks of the world: "For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world."

Each individual has one or more temptations that hold him back from a consecrated life which must be overcome by the power of God. The social drink is one way in these days as every one wants to be sociable. The tempter says through some friend, "O come on take a drink and be sociable." Thus he has started and does not quit usually in his own strength. The longer sin of any kind is indulged in, the stronger the appetite for it becomes and only Jesus has the remedy that can take away the sin of the world. John 1:29. (Send for tract "The Power of the Name.")

C. W.

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CHRISTIAN PRINCIPLES IN EARNING A LIVING

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Printed Portion... Luke 12:13-21; 2 Thessalonians 3:7-10.

Luke 12:13. And one of the company said unto him, Master, speak to my brother, that he divide the inheritance with me.

14. And he said unto him, Man, who made me a judge or a divider over you?

15. And he said unto them, Take heed, and beware of covetousness: for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth.

16. And he spake a parable unto them, saying, The ground of a certain rich man brought forth plentifully:

17. And he thought within himself, saying, What shall I do, because I have no room where to bestow my fruits?

18. And he said, This will I do: I will pull down my barns and build greater; and there will I bestow all my fruits and my goods.

19. And I will say to my soul, Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease, eat, drink, and be merry.

20. But God said unto him, Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee: then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided?

21. So is he that layeth up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God.

2 Thess. 3:7. For yourselves know how ye ought to follow us: for we behaved not ourselves disorderly among you:

8. Neither did we eat any man's bread for nought; but wrought with labour and travail night and day, that we might not be chargeable to any of you:

9. Not because we have not power, but to make ourselves an ensample unto you to follow us.

10. For even when we were with you, this we commanded you, that if any would not work, neither should he eat.

Memory Verse: Take heed, and beware of covetousness: for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth. Luke 12:15.

Practical Truth: One should earn a living in such a way as to help others and win the approval of God.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

"Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God." 1 Cor. 10:31. The work we do should be for our own good, for the good of our fellow men, and the glory of God. We should seek the glory of God first according to Matt. 6:33, "And all these things shall be added." God blessed the man in the parable of our lesson with plenty. It is God that gives power to get wealth and all other things that he might humble us and prove us, to do us good in the latter end. Deut. 8:15-18. Now the trouble with this man was covetousness. He thought to keep it all for himself. He was not rich toward God. Jesus said, "Inasmuch as ye did it not to one of the least of these, ye did it not to me." Matt. 25:45. So God called him a fool. Many today are fretting over what they do not have and are not thankful for what they do have. The ideal is found in Col. 3:1-2, "Seek those things which are above; set your affection on things above." Paul was by trade a tentmaker and used it to make a living, at least part of the time, and said that he did not eat any man's bread for nought. (Send for tract "Be Clean" by C. E. Orr.)

THE CHRISTIAN'S USE OF MONEY AND GOODS

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Printed Portion... Matthew 25:14-15, 19-30.

Matt. 25:14. For the kingdom of heaven is as a man traveling into a far country, who called his own servants, and delivered unto them his goods.

15. And unto one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one; to every man according to his several ability; and straightway took his journey.

19. After a long time the lord of those servants cometh, and reckoneth with them.

20. And so he that had received five talents came and brought other five talents, saying, Lord, thou deliveredst unto me five talents: behold, I have gained beside them five talents more.

21. His lord said unto him, Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things, enter thou into the joy of thy lord.

22. He also that had received two talents came and said, Lord, thou deliveredst unto me two talents: behold, I have gained two other talents beside them.

23. His lord said unto him, Well done, good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord.

24. Then he which had received the one talent came and said, Lord, I knew thee that thou art an hard man, reaping where thou hast not sown, and gathering where thou hast strawed:

25. And I was afraid, and went and hid thy talent in the earth: lo, there thou hast that is thine.

26. His lord answered and said unto him, Thou wicked and slothful servant, thou knowest that I reap where I sowed not, and gather where I have not strawed:

27. Thou oughtest therefore to have put my money to the exchangers, and then at my coming I should have received mine own with usury.

28. Take therefore the talent from him, and give it unto him which hath ten talents.

29. For unto every one that hath shall be given, and he shall have abundance: but from him that hath not shall be taken away even that which he hath.

30. And cast ye the unprofitable servant into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

Memory Verse: Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them: for this is the law and the prophets. Matt. 7:12.

Practical Truth: Every person is responsible to God for the use he makes of his money and goods.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

According to the marginal reading in my Bible a talent was worth about 935 dollars, which would be 9,350 dollars he returned to his lord at the end of the long period of time. When Christ left this world at his ascension, he committed work to his servants according to their several ability. He is still giving work to all those who have a clean and holy life, "To every man severally as he will." 1 Cor. 12:11 and verse 18, "As it hath pleased him."

Since we are made in the likeness of God and all that we have and are belongs to him, does he not have a right to ask what he will of us? How can we withhold anything from him, saying in our heart it is our own? We are responsible to God for the use we make of what he gives us. God is fair to all, and each man in this parable was treated justly. The Lord knew the heart of the "slothful servant" and cast him into outer darkness because he was unprofitable. Don't let our possessions mas-

ter us but let us refer all to a wise heavenly Father who can direct us in the least as well as the greatest responsibility. Read James 5:1-5. Wrong use of wealth. Deut. 15: 7-11. Right use of wealth.

THE CHRISTIAN'S RESPECT FOR LAW

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Printed Portion..... Luke 20:19-26; 1 Peter 2:13-17.

Luke 20:19. And the chief priests and the scribes the same hour sought to lay hands on him; and they feared the people: for they perceived that he had spoken this parable against them.

20. And they watched him, and sent forth spies, which should feign themselves just men, that they might take hold of his words, that so they might deliver him unto the power and authority of the governor.

21. And they asked him, saying, Master, we know that thou sayest and teachest rightly, neither acceptest thou the person of any, but teachest the way of God truly:

22. Is it lawful for us to give tribute unto Caesar, or no?

23. But he perceived their craftiness and said unto them, Why tempt ye me?

24. Shew me a penny. Whose image and superscription hath it? They answered and said, Caesar's.

25. And he said unto them, Render therefore unto Caesar the things which be Caesar's, and unto God the things which be God's.

26. And they could not take hold of his words before the people: and they marvelled at his answer, and held their peace.

1 Peter 2:13. Submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake: whether it be to the king, as supreme;

14. Or unto governors, as unto them that are sent by him for the punishment of evildoers, and for the praise of them that do well.

15. For so is the will of God, that with well doing ye may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men:

16. As free, and not using your liberty for a cloke of maliciousness, but as the servants of God.

17. Honour all men. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honour the king.

Memory Verse: Render therefore unto Caesar the things which be Caesar's, and unto God the things which be God's. Luke 20:25.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

Over in the book of Judges we read of the Israelites. "Every man did that which was right in his own eyes." God wanted to be their ruler (8:23) but "they forsook the Lord God of their fathers" (2:12). The results were that they were forsaken of the Lord until they cried unto him in their trouble and then he had pity upon them and delivered them from those nations that he had allowed to correct them. We read the book of Judges and learn what may be expected when the law is disregarded and each one does what is right in his own eyes.

The Jews in the time of Christ were under the Roman government because they had appealed to them in their troubles 63 B. C. and had been given liberty to have their own ruler but that ruler was to be subject to the Roman governor. So when they asked Christ the question about giving tribute to Caesar he told them our memory selection. The penny they were to give back was worth 15 cents of our money today. We are to pray for all who are in authority, (1 Tim. 2:2) and be in subjection, (Rom. 13:1) and have a spirit of good will toward all, even our enemies. "Especially unto them who are of the household of faith." Gal. 6:10.

THE CHRISTIAN'S RESPONSIBILITY IN PUBLIC LIFE

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Printed Portion..... Matthew 5:13-16; 13:33;

Acts 5:25-29; 1 Peter 3:13-16.

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.

13:33. Another parable spake he unto them; The kingdom of heaven is like unto leaven, which a woman took, and hid in three measures of meal, till the whole was leavened.

Acts 5:25. Then came one and told them, saying, Behold, the men whom ye put in prison are standing in the temple, and teaching the people.

26. Then went the captain with the officers, and brought them without violence: for they feared the people, lest they should have been stoned.

27. And when they had brought them, they set them before the council, and the high priest asked them,

28. Saying, Did not we straitly command you that ye should not teach in this name? and, behold, ye have filled Jerusalem with your doctrine, and intend to bring this man's blood upon us.

29. Then Peter and the other apostles answered and said, We ought to obey God rather than men.

1 Peter 3:13. And who is he that will harm you, if ye be followers of that which is good?

14. But and if ye suffer for righteousness' sake, happy are ye: and be not afraid of their terror neither be troubled;

15. But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear:

16. Having a good conscience; that, whereas they speak evil of you, as of evildoers, they may be ashamed that falsely accuse your good conversation in Christ.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

We have in this lesson about the Christian being salt, a light, and leaven. Salt gives good flavor and preserves. According to chemists salt will not loose its saltiness without some other element entering in to spoil it. So it is with a Christian. As long as Christ is in the heart he gives out sweetness to this sinful, dark world. Col. 1:27. As a light he does not hide under a bushel basket but lets Christ shine out through him to others. The leaven is unseen in the bread but when it is in there for awhile you can see results as it begins to work.

The testimony of what God has done for our souls should be given at all times and let people know that we are living above sin by the power of Christ in our lives. In Acts 4:12-13 we find Peter and John showing all boldness in public life, giving out, "whereby we must be saved." Later in verse 29 prayer was made that they should speak the Word of God with boldness. Neither are we to lack for the right things to say at the right time for Christ himself said, "Settle it therefore in your hearts, not to meditate before what ye shall answer: for I will give you a mouth and wisdom, which all your adversaries shall not be able to gainsay or resist."

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