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The Pearl Of Great Price

Lay not up for yourselves treasures on earth
That are soon to vanish away,
But seek for the Pearl of Great Price up above,
And walk in the heavenly way.

For treasures laid up on earth doth corrupt,
And thieves often break through and steal;
But treasures laid up in that City so bright,
Doth glory hereafter reveal.

Fill not the desires of this fleshly old frame
That will soon go back to decay;
But walk each day in the Spirit divine,
That will lead you the sweet holy way.

Though trials will come and burdens you'll bear,
He said you would have them, you know.
His yoke will be easy, your sorrows He'll share,
He bore them, so free you can go.

When life here is ended and your race is run,
And you hear a sweet voice, "Do not fear,"
You'll shout the glad praises, see Jesus, the King,
And He'll wipe away every tear.

—Sister Wiggins

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"Come and Dine."

"Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over." *Psa. 23:5.*

One morning when I first awakened, the Lord brought the twenty-third Psalm to my mind, and I began to meditate upon it. When I got to this verse, I became lost in my meditations. The Lord began to bring precious thoughts to my mind and heart, and I rejoiced in them. Just to think and to know that right in the presence of our enemies, the Lord prepares a table for us!

And what do you think He would have on that table? It came to me in a vision, and I could almost

see the huge dishes piled high with the fruits of the Spirit (*Gal. 5:22, 23*).

While our enemies are saying cruel things to us or about us, and when we are being spitefully used or misunderstood, we just reach over and take a large helping of the dish of love. We then are able to love them. Then we take a large helping from the dish of peace and we are able to be peaceable. (*Rom. 12:18*, "If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men.") Then we take another big helping from the dish of longsuffering. And we will need to take a large helping of gentleness and goodness; then, of faith and joy, because in *James 1:2, 3* we read: "My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations: knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience." All we need to help us is on that large table that the LORD PREPARES for us in the presence of our enemies, or when the enemy of our souls comes in like a flood trying to discourage us.

And while we sit at this table that the Lord prepares, He anoints our heads with the oil of the Spirit and grace of the Lord, and our cup runs over. Praise the Lord! There is truly no lack to the child of God who will sit at the table of the Lord. And as we eat bountifully of the food that the Lord prepares for us, our souls become fat in the Lord. We become overcomers! Victory is ours! We are more than conquerors!

Oh, dear saints of God, let us realize our privileges in the Lord, and during the trial, just be encouraged to know that the Lord has prepared a table for us and we can eat all we want of the fruit of the Spirit that is on that table. All we need is on that table. Jesus said to the disciples, when he called them from their fishing to eat what he had prepared for them, "Come and dine." Today, the Lord has prepared a table before us in the presence of our enemies, and I can hear Jesus saying, "Come and dine."

—Marie Miles.

Yesterday He helped me,
Today I'll praise His name,
Because I know tomorrow
He'll help me just the same.

—Sel.

Discerning the Body of Christ

We are told in 1 Cor. 11:30 that there were many in the church at Corinth who were weak and sickly and many were sleeping (had died prematurely) for the reason that they had not discerned the Lord's body when partaking of the Lord's supper. They were told to examine themselves to see if they were worthy to partake of sacrament; and that if they partook of it unworthily, they would eat and drink damnation to themselves. So it is important to know what is understood by the Lord's body.

In the following chapter (12), Paul, writing to the church at Corinth, said: "Now ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular" (Verse 27). So it is the members of the church of God that constitute the body of the Lord. In order to become a member in that body, a person must be born again, get saved, and be added to the church by God (Acts 22:47).

When the church is in a normal condition, the members will have a care for each other inasmuch that "when one member suffers all the other members will suffer with it," just as members of the natural body have a care for each other. If one member gets injured and suffers, all the other members, being through the nervous system united, suffer with it, and all come to the relief of that member. Even so, in the spiritual body of Christ, when one member suffers in one way or another, all the other members suffer and will do all they can to relieve that one that suffers.

Then, too, God has set all the different members in the body in the place that pleases Him. "But now hath God set the members EVERY ONE OF THEM IN THE BODY as it hath pleased him" (verse 18). While it is true that God sets the members in the body, it is also true that each member must be a "worker together with God" to seek to find that place by diligent prayer and waiting on the Lord for guidance. If a member gets out of place, he is like a limb out of joint. If my middle finger got out of joint and would stick back instead of ahead where it should be, it would be better to have it amputated than to leave it that way if it could not be brought into its proper position, as it would be more of a hindrance than a help. So in the body of Christ (the church), if a member tries to function in a place where he was not called of God to work, it would be better if he were rejected and set aside if he could not be corrected.

Furthermore, the church must be a pure, clean body, free from sin and sinners. There must not be tolerated, those who profess to be saved and it is evident that they are not. In 1 Cor. 5:11, we are told to not keep company with any one who is called a brother (professing salvation) that is a fornicator, or covetous, or an idolater, or a drunkard, or an extortioner; "with such an one no not to eat." "Therefore put away from among yourselves that wicked person." Also in 2 Cor. 6:14-18 we are told to not be "unequally yoked together with unbelievers" and that we should "come out from among them and be separ-

ate." God's people are a separate and distinct people. They are "builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit" (Eph. 2:22). God's habitation or dwelling place must be holy and clean, free from sin and sinners.

In order to judge who the proper members are, there needs to be the gift of discernment functioning in the church. Some of what is termed the grosser sins may be detected without any special gift of discernment, but some are not so easily detected; as for instance, the sin of covetousness, which is termed idolatry and grouped right along with the sins of fornication and adultery, is not always so easy to detect. So the people of God need to pray and seek the Lord for the manifestation of this important gift, which God has placed in the church (verse 10).

So in order to properly partake of the Lord's Supper, it is important to examine one's self to see if he belongs to that pure and holy body of people that have such love and care for each other that "when one member suffers they all suffer with it," and that are zealous to purge themselves from false professors. —L. P. Petersen

The Proper Name

Let us look into the Word of God, the perfect law of liberty, the truth that was spoken by Jesus Christ and by the holy men of God, and find out the proper name of the church, the body of believers in Jesus, of whom it is written that he was God manifested in the flesh, being in the world but not of the world.

Christ and the church have been spoken of in symbolical language, with metaphors and analogies, by the prophets of God all down through the ages from the beginning of time.

We understand the word "Eve" carries the meaning of "life." Hence, when God pronounced a curse upon the serpent that deceived Eve, he said also that the seed of the woman would bruise the serpent's head. The seed of the woman was Christ, without a doubt. Read Gal. 3:16.

In Gen. 49:10, we read: "Unto Him [Shiloh or Christ] shall the gathering of the people be." In Eph. 1:22, 23, Paul speaks of the church being his body; also in Col. 1:24. In Eph. 5:25 and following verses, we read that Christ loved the church and gave himself for it. In Acts 20:28, we read, "Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood." It speaks plainly here that God purchased the church with his own blood. It is written in John 3:16 that God so loved the world (sinners) that he gave his Son. God gave his Son, his only begotten Son as a blood sacrifice and purchased the church. And we read in Eph. 2:19 of those who believe in Christ, "Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God; and are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ being the chief corner stone: in whom all the building

fity framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord: in whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit." You see plainly by this that God inhabits each member that is joined together in Christ, and they became the church or family of God. Jesus prayed for his disciples, who were the beginning of the church, thus (John 17:11, 12): "Holy Father, keep through thine own name those whom thou hast given me ["for they are thine. And all mine are thine" vss. 9, 10] that they may be one, as we are. While I was with them in the world, I kept them in thy name." Jesus makes it plain here that his followers and believers are to be kept in his Father's name, which is God.

The Apostle Paul affirms the words of Jesus by writing (Eph. 3:14, 15): "For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named." Some of the church or family of God have died and gone to heaven and others remain in the earth, or world, but they are not of the world; for the life in their soul is from heaven. They are born from above. -Paul, speaking to the brethren, said, "And ye are Christ's, and Christ is God's." 1 Cor. 3:23 and the 11th chapter of 1 Corinthians makes it more complete. We read in the third verse that the man is the head of the woman; Christ is the head of man; and God is the head of Christ.

The prophets of the old Testament often referred to the church as a kingdom, a city, a house, and as Mt. Zion; and this symbolical language is often used by the New Testament writers in referring to the church of God. In the New Testament, the body of believers in Christ is spoken of as being the church of God twelve times. Making a habit of calling the church by some other name besides the church of God would be dishonoring Christ and the apostles and making out yourself to be wiser than Jesus and Paul. We should honor Christ as the Bishop of our souls, the great Shepherd of the flock, and honor God as head of Christ, by calling the true believers in Christ "the church of God" as Jesus and Paul taught us to do by their sacred writings.

When we baptize converts in water, we should use the teaching that Jesus gave us, and baptize in the name of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; and teach them to observe all things that He commands us, keeping the true believers in His Father's name, which Paul says is "the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth." 1 Tim. 3:15. It is the pillar because the church of God holds up all the truth. Its creed includes the whole Bible from the beginning of Genesis to the end of Revelation.

The psalmist (Psalm 87) in symbolical language, refers to the church of God in our day: "Glorious things are spoken of thee, O City of God. Selah" (v. 3) The City of God means the church of God, of which we are inhabitants at this present time. Verse 5: "And of Zion [the church] it shall be said, this and that man was born in her: and the Highest himself shall establish her." One cannot join the church of

God like he does these man-made churches that are so numerous all about us today. One is born into her through repentance and belief in the atoning blood of Christ. And as that one keeps free from the world and all of its entanglements and joins nothing but Christ, he will naturally flow together with all others of the Lord's who are doing likewise. There is only one place in the Bible where we are exhorted or taught to join anything. That is found in Jeremiah 50:5: "They shall ask the way to Zion [the church of God] with their faces thitherward, saying, Come and let us join ourselves to the Lord in a perpetual covenant that shall not be forgotten." If you are one of his scattered and confused sheep and tangled up with men-made and organized churches, this call is to you to flee from such and join yourself to the Lord, and Him alone, in a perpetual covenant. The shepherds of the man-made churches have caused many precious souls to go astray. They have turned them away from their rightful, peaceful resting place, which is in Christ, in the church of the living God, which is the pillar and ground of the truth.

Verse 6: "The Lord shall count when he writeth up the people, that this man was born there. Selah." When you are truly born again of the Spirit, the Lord puts your name on his Book in heaven, and it is wrong for you to have it down on some man's book and have your name written in the earth. Read Jer. 17:13.

Now listen to what John the Revelator says when speaking of the Judgment Day. "And whosoever was not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire." Let us see to it that we have our names on the Book of Life in God's keeping, and not on some man's book that will burn up with the earth and all things therein. We can retain our name on His Book by living free from sin in this life and honoring Him by the proper name, Church of God.

—Fred Pruitt.

Jesus Will Help

When out in sin I wandered,
Satan I did obey;
But Jesus found and saved me
One glorious happy day.

The devil set a sect trap
And caught me in its snare;
And when God's help I needed
I could not find it there.

Unto the Lord I cried then:
O Lord, what shall I do?
He brought the saints unto me,
Who teach the way that's true.

I'm happy in the church now
The Lord built long ago,
And when some help I'm needing,
I know just where to go.

If you, my dear beloved,
Are bound by Satan's lies,
Turn quickly unto Jesus,
He every need supplies. —E. Miller

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We can walk with others in this world only as they walk with God. If they are determined to follow the ways of the world, our walk together ends abruptly. Amos 3:3, "Can two walk together, except they be agreed?"

Editorials

The summer campmeetings are now numbered with the things of the past, and the good that has been done in these meetings will move on and on. Many will be able to look back to these meetings and count from there the beginning of true happiness in this life when the burden of sin was rolled away by the power of God, and new life began in their souls.

This new life which God has brought into the soul from heaven is to be fed and nourished by prayer and the reading of God's Word, and strength will be imparted as we yield to him in practicing the truths of his Word. The Lord will not stay where he is not wanted, so we need to be watchful and prayerful in keeping our affections on things above where Christ sitteth at the right hand of God. He is now our High Priest, and we have a perfect right to come to him and tell him of our problems in life. He has promised to succor us and to sustain us by his grace.

Hebrews 4:14: "Seeing then that we have a great High Priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession." Let God's Word be real to you and continually depend on Him as a child would its earthly parents, realizing that you are unable to make it through this world without Him. This Scripture goes on to say, "For we have not an High Priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin." It is plain to see that he is looking down upon us with much compassion and pity, and he is expecting us to call upon him in every time of need so he can show himself strong in helping us out.

One thing we need to guard against is the tendency to grow self-sufficient; for we are taught in the Word, "Let him that thinketh he standeth, take heed lest he fall." God loves to see us with that child-like dependence upon him, for our life is now to be hid with Christ in God. We are no longer our own, for he has purchased us with his own blood. We should walk and act like redeemed children, lest we get under bondage to the enemy of our souls again. We are now representing the Lord, and should let him live in and through us day by day. He has conquered the devil, old Satan, and he will impart to us this conquering power as we in fervent prayer desire it. He has promised never to leave us nor forsake us. The only way that we can lose out with God is for us to forsake him, for he says in one place, "If you forsake me I will forsake you." Read what the prophet told Asa in 2 Chron. 15:2. When trials and tests in life come, then seek the Lord with all your heart, and keep pliable in His hand and he will work it out for you. We read in 1 Cor. 10:13, "There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it." We also have a comforting Scripture found in Rom 8:28: "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose."

We have nothing to fear or dread if we keep our bodies presented to him as a living sacrifice, putting our full faith and confidence in the living God.

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During a meeting here in Guthrie last January, Bro. Egbert Allen preached a message on "Christians and War." This was taken down in short hand by Sister Virginia Blais (now Bro. Clyde Lea's wife) while it was being spoken. We have recently put this in print. It made a 24-page booklet. Anyone who desires a copy of it may have it by asking for it.

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Under the law in the Jewish synagogues the women were not allowed to speak and to ask questions, but the men had this privilege. The Apostle Paul, writing to the Corinthian church where the women were causing confusion in asking questions and getting out of divine order, says, "God is not the author of confusion, but of peace as in all the churches of the saints. Let your women keep silent in the church for it is not permitted unto them to speak; but they are commanded to be under obedience, as also saith the law."

There are some who take these scriptures and endeavor to make them reach farther in meaning than Paul intended, and bind it on women that they are not to speak in any manner in the assembly of the saints. It is quite plain by these scriptures that the women are to be submissive, meek, and humble, and not try to usurp authority over the men where God has gifted men for his work. We find in Judges, chapter 4, where Deborah, a woman, was judge of Israel, and even went to the battle because Barak seemed to be afraid to go without her. Paul recommended some women quite highly as helpers in the gospel, and one woman as a servant of the church (a minister). The first message that Jesus sent to the apostles after his resurrection was by a woman. Peter said on the day of Pentecost (Acts 2:17), speaking of the Spirit, "I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy." There were some women among the 120 who received the Spirit on the Day of Pentecost. The evangelist, Philip, had four daughters which did prophesy. See Acts 21:9.

In 1 Cor. 11:5 the Apostle Paul tells us how a woman should appear when praying and prophesying. In 1 Cor. 14:3, is the Bible definition of the word "prophesy." It is speaking "unto men to edification, and exhortation, and comfort." •When God bestows the gift of prophecy upon a woman, she had better fulfill that calling and give out messages as God lays them upon her heart. Any man or woman that would forbid a woman's using the gift would be meddling with God's business and putting meaning on Paul's writings in a way to make out he was contradicting himself. Paul does not contradict himself if the Word is rightly divided.

The bitter must come before the sweet, and that also will make the sweet the sweeter.

A Teacher Needed

The saints at Pomona, Calif. are burdened for a school for our children. We are looking to the Lord to send a teacher. The Lord has blessed in the school at Orland and made it a success. The qualifications for a teacher are not strict.

We shall be pleased to hear from any, as led by His Holy Spirit, who are interested and have a burden for this work, a work of great need and service to the Lord.

For more information, write to Virginia Elwell, 1114 Kadota Ave., Pomona, Calif.

Obituaries

Our dear sister Claudine Orr ceased this life on earth, to begin life in her new home, June 13, 1951, after a prolonged illness of several months. Many times she spoke of the Home that was waiting for her and longed to go. To some it seemed hard at times to understand why she never questioned God's dealings with her, and many times after God had wonderfully touched her and given relief, she would say, "I am willing to go thru it again if God can be glorified."

Heaven was brought very near to us many times, as battle after battle was fought in that room, and our souls were inspired to live deeper, truer lives to God as she talked with us on the things God had revealed to her soul.

Sister Orr stood true and faithful to God all thru her suffering, with no thought of looking to any other source for help, even though at times her suffering was great.

One night while sitting alone with her and she had a very hard spell of suffering, we had been on our knees praying, seemingly without help. We arose and began to sing. She asked us to sing, "Jesus Lover of My Soul." As we sang,

"Other refuge have I none, hangs my helpless soul on thee,
Leave, oh leave me not alone, Still support and comfort me
All my trust on thee is stayed, All my help from Thee I
bring,
Cover my defenseless head With the shadow of thy wing."
The pain all eased away, the comfort of God came to our hearts and she went to sleep.

Funeral service conducted June 15th at Long Beach by writer, assisted by O. B. Wilson. —Opal B. Wilson.

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George Washington Galloway died Saturday morning September 1, 1951, at his home in Waterloo, Oregon. He was 72 years, 4 months, and 2 days old. He was born April 30, 1879 at Montgomery Ridge, Washington.

Bro. Galloway came to Oregon at the age of nine, and lived in various places in the Willamette Valley. He was married December 9, 1901, at Fall City, Ore. to Mamie Ann Murray. After his marriage, he lived in eastern Oregon until June, 1907, and in 1908 moved to Sand Lake in Tillamook County where he operated a dairy farm for forty years. He retired in 1948 and came to Waterloo to make his home. He was active in gospel work in the church of God, which faith he embraced almost a half century ago.

Survivors include his widow; four daughters, Mrs. Alta Edwards and Mrs. Clara Proctor both of Tillamook; Mrs. Mabel Craig, Cedar Mills, Mrs. Mary Metcalf, Waterloo; two sons, Ezra, Tillamook, and Paul, Salem; one brother, Will Galloway, Dallas; one sister, Mrs. Zorado Williams, Vancouver, Washington; 15 grandchildren, and 5 great-grandchildren, as well as other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were conducted by Bro. Sam Wilson and Bro. Clyde Lea at the Huston Funeral Home, Lebanon, Oregon. Text: Hebrews 9:27, "And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment"; Psalm 116:15, "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints"; Ezekiel 33:11, "... As I live, saith the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked" and other scriptures. Interment followed in the I. O. O. F. Cemetery, Tillamook, Oregon.

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CAMPMEETING REPORT

Greetings to the saints everywhere; and all others who may be interested in the work of God.

The Dover, Okla. Campmeeting, which was in session from August 31st to Sept. 9th, inclusive, has passed, and is now numbered with many other activities that have been. The meeting was not as well attended as it was last year, but the Lord was present to bless in each service, and there was joy in the camp as the Lord sent forth his Word on different lines. Truly our souls were edified, and we are much encouraged to press on for the promised prize.

In these last days it seems hard to get people to leave the paths of sin and take the narrow way. Two boys sought the Lord for needed grace, one for salvation, the other for the experience of sanctification. It was a joy to see them start in the service of the Lord in the days of their youth. There were others that said they wanted to be saved, but did not seem to have the will-power to come forward for prayer, or to break loose from the shackles of sin. Pray that they may decide for God before it is too late. The Lord also blessed in a temporal way. The expenses of the meeting were nicely met. Several were surprised to find that the Lord had blessed us with a pavilion under which to hold services instead of the tent we had used heretofore, which had become very much worn and delapidated. We do thank the Lord for this improvement, and pray God's blessings upon all those who made it possible by their prayers and contributions to bring this about. We express a hearty thanks to every one. There are some other necessary improvements yet to be made, and we are trusting the Lord will enable us to get them. We know he is able to do more than we can ask or think. May we exhort each one to be faithful to God, and to live a careful and sober and ready life in his sight. Amen.—U. Phillips and co-workers

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Report of Myrtle, Mo. Campmeeting

This was the first campmeeting held at Myrtle, Mo. Truly we can say it was a good meeting. There were about sixty saints at the meeting; and about ten ministers were here. The Lord blessed in the preaching of His Word.

Three souls were saved and five were baptized.

Saints went away very much encouraged and thought it would be good to have a campmeeting next year.

All the saints who are looking forward to attending this meeting next year should begin to pray and plan with the few saints here at Myrtle.

The saints here cannot express in words how we appreciated the kindness and help of each one in the meeting. Surely the Lord will reward each and every one.

—Saints at Myrtle.

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Kans.—Dear brother Pruitt,—Greetings in Jesus' dear name. We, the saints of Wichita are very thankful for how the saints have helped us out on the building and got us as far along as we are. We are putting in windows now, and have had two services in it, but it is far from

being a complete building. The plumbing and wiring are the problems most confronting us now. We have spent most of the money that has been given to us for material. Very little has been spent for labor, so we could get along as far as we are. However we are serving a mighty God and we know he is able to carry us through.

At the second service we had in the new building three little girls came and gave their hearts to the Lord. That encouraged our hearts so much. We ask an interest in your prayers that the angels in Heaven keep rejoicing on the account of souls giving their hearts to God and that the Holy Ghost might continue to bless our heart with pure Holy Ghost power to proclaim the word of God. We want to be an encouragement to all of God's people who are pressing forward in the work of God, as our time here is so short, let us redeem the time. I want to know I am doing my best at all times for the Lord, don't you?

Brother Lewis Williams.

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Oregon Assembly Meeting

Lord willing, the Oregon Assembly will be held this fall on the saints' camp ground at Jefferson, Ore., Nov. 23rd to December 2nd. All saints and lovers of the truth are urged to come. God has given us a number of cabins, and we can care for all who come. Pray with us that God direct the ministers and workers of his choosing to be here. God is prospering his work here, and we feel he has greater things in store for all who love and serve him. Pray on, all saints, and all come who can. Anyone expecting mail while here, if they will have it come in care of Box 41, can get it on Sundays.

Any wishing further information, write, Emma Busch, Scio, Ore. or Noah White or Sam Wilson, Jefferson, Ore.

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The Way Of Life

The road to heaven by Christ was made,
With heavenly truths the rails were laid.
From earth to heaven the line extends,
To life eternal where it ends.

All aboard send out the call:

This gospel road is free to all.

I am writing this to encourage someone to find the Bible way, as it is the only true way. "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." Matt. 7:13, 14.

The way to heaven is termed the **Way of Life**. Jer. 21:8, "And unto this people thou shalt say, Thus saith the Lord; Behold, I set before you the way of life. . ."

It is also called the **good way**. "See, I have set before thee this day life and good, and death and evil. I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live." Deut. 30:15, 19.

"Moreover as for me, God forbid that I should sin against the Lord in ceasing to pray for you: but I will teach you the good and right way." 1 Sam. 12:23. "I have chosen the way of truth." Psa. 119:30.

The Way of Holiness—"And an highway shall be

there, and a way, and it shall be called The way of holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it, but it shall be for those: the wayfaring men, though fools, shall not err therein. No lion shall be there, nor any ravenous beast shall go up thereon, it shall not be found there; but the redeemed shall walk there: and the ransomed of the Lord shall return and come to Zion with songs and everlasting joy upon their heads: they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away." Isa. 35:8-10.

The Way of Salvation—"The same followed Paul and us, and cried, saying, These men are the servants of the most High God, which shew unto us the way of salvation." Acts 16:17.

The Way of Peace—"Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you; not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid. Ye have heard how I said unto you, I go away, and come again unto you. If ye loved me, ye would rejoice, because I said, I go unto the Father: for my Father is greater than I." John 14:27, 28.

The Way of Light—"But the path of the just is as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day." Prov. 4:18.

Those that are in the way are free from sin. See Romans 6:22. They follow Christ's steps (1 Pet. 2:21, 22). They are righteous as God is righteous: "Whosoever abideth in Him sinneth not: whosoever sinneth hath not seen him, neither known him. Little children, let no man deceive you: he that doeth righteousness is righteous, even as he is righteous. . . . Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God." 1 John 3:6, 7, 9.

Then we ask, What is sin? "The thought of foolishness is sin." Prov. 24:9. "Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin." James 4:17. Turn to Gal. 5:19-21 and read what the works of the flesh (sin) are: "Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God." If we want to go to that eternal home God has prepared for the righteous, we must repent and turn away from all our sins, make all things right with God and our fellow-man. If we have done ought against another, we must obey Matt. 5:23, 24, "Go and be reconciled to thy brother and then come and offer thy gift" (yourself), to be saved and have a right to the tree of life. When you pray, you must forgive everyone, and if you have stolen, lied, or borne false witness, go and be reconciled to the one you have wronged. Make straight paths for your feet. Let the weak say, I'm strong.

Promises To Those in the Way

"Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee; because he trusteth in thee." Isa. 26:3.

They are kept from evil. 2 Thess. 3:3.

They are kept by power divine. 1 Pet. 1:4, 5.

They have everlasting life. Matt. 19:29.

They have a home in heaven. John 14:3.

They shall not be tempted above that they are able to bear. 1 Cor. 10:13.

Caution To The Righteous

Take heed lest ye fall. 1 Cor. 10:12.

Keep under your body. 1 Cor. 9:27.

Be not wise in your own conceits. Rom. 11:23.

Be not high-minded, but fear. Rom. 11:15-22.

"Every branch in me [Jesus, the true vine] that beareth not fruit, he taketh away: and every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit. Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you. Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me. If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you. Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples." John 15:1-9.

If you want to get saved, you must realize that you are a sinner in the sight of God and know that you are condemned unless you repent. Seek the Lord with all your heart. Confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus and believe with thy whole heart that God raised him (Jesus) from the dead for your redemption and thou shalt be saved. "For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed. For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him. For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved." Romans 10:9-13. So come thou with a poor broken heart, and the Lord will abundantly pardon and make a new creature of you, one that is fit for that heavenly home which He has promised to all who will repent, believe, and forsake sin.

I am praying that this will help someone to find the good Lord. The only way to find the true church is to be born from above, then we are in the true church that God pitched and not man. This is a great mystery to be made a new creature. "And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church, which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all." Eph. 1:22, 23.

Contend for the faith that was once delivered to the saints. "For without are dogs, and sorcerers, and whoremongers, and murderers, and idolaters, and whosoever loveth and maketh a lie. I Jesus have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in the churches. I am the root and offspring of David, and the bright and morning star. And the Spirit and the bride [church, or saved ones] say, Come. . . . And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely . . . And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take

away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book." Rev. 22:16-19.

PART II. THE WAY OF DEATH

The way to hell. Jer. 21:8.

The evil way. Prov. 10.

The wrong way. Prov. 8:36.

The way of lying. Ps. 119:29; Rev. 21:8.

The way of destruction. Rom. 3:16.

The way of trouble. "But the wicked are like the troubled sea that cannot rest, whose waters cast up mire and dirt." Isa. 57:20.

The way of darkness. John 3:19.

A hard way. Prov. 13:15.

Those on the way of death are in sin. All the devil offers is death. "The wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." Rom. 6:23.

Jesus said (John 10), "I am the door." "Verily, verily, I say unto you, he that entereth not by the door into the sheepfold, but climbeth up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber." We must come through Christ, the door. There is only one way to escape the way of death and to ever be where Jesus and the redeemed are, so come today while Jesus is calling. Tomorrow may be too late. Jesus said, "Now is the day of salvation."

Friends, you who are now sinners, I hope to meet you some day in heaven. But you must leave sin. Heaven is a holy place filled with glory and with grace; sin can never enter there. You may live in sin below, but you cannot enter there. So if at the Judgment bar, sinful spots your soul shall mar, you cannot enter there. Sinner friend, sit down and count the cost. Pay the price, so we can meet in that beautiful home above where Jesus is, and the redeemed shall praise him for redemption in eternity, is my earnest prayer.

—George Galloway

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Liberty To The Captives

A picture resembling that of Christ was behind American prisoners held by the Reds in Korea (News Week). Christ came to bring out the prisoners from the prison house (of sin) Isa. 42:7. He came to proclaim liberty to the captives and the opening of the prison to them that are bound. He was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him, and with his stripes we are healed. He was taken from prison and from judgment: he was cut off out of the land of the living. He was rich in heaven, yet for your sakes he became poor (came to earth) that ye through his poverty might be rich (2 Cor. 8:9).

Love is the fulfilling of the law. Rom. 13:10. Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. Lev. 19:18. The Lord is a spirit; and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty. 2 Cor. 3:17. For the Lord, he it is that brought us up out of the land of Egypt (type of sin) from the house of bondage. Josh. 24:17. Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherein Christ has made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of

bondage. Gal. 5:7. We have a strong city, salvation will God appoint for walls and bulwarks. Open ye the gates, that the righteous nation which keepeth the truth may enter in, for in the Lord is everlasting strength. Isa. 26:1-4.

—Roberta Reese

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The Mind Under The Blood

Are you troubled with your thoughts? Thoughts are bold and daring and strong and persistent. A scattered, distracted, wrongly-possessed mind is a calamity. The door of the mind needs to be guarded. Here are some things that should be guarded against; fear, passion, anxiety, doubt, trouble, slander, poverty, care. These visitors that come to disturb the mind are too many and too smart for us. They have no shame nor feeling. Kick them out and they are right back. Throw them out and they get right up and come in again. Lock the door and they every one have a master key.

But thank God, there is a way of deliverance from these tormenting spirits, things; and the way is through the precious blood of the Lamb once slain. I had had trouble with people. I had done all I was able and knew how to do. I was willing for all I saw to be God's will. Yet they would come to my mind every day and consume the whole day talking over in thought the old troubles, etc, etc. When my eyes opened from sleep, they had made an early start, and were on hand to torment, these old thoughts, these people in thought. All of them would come. I was helpless. I knew not what to do with them. And the Lord showed that door in Egypt with the blood sprinkled over and around it, into which no evil, tormenting spirit could come, and that I was just simply to be willing to commit my mind unto Him in helplessness and then claim and believe and see the blood of Christ over and around it just like that door, that room in Egypt. Soon their power was gone and they ceased; my mind was at rest, as I committed all to God and thought on the blood.

(Send for the tract from which the above is taken.)

—D. W. Griffin

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D-I-S-O-B-E-D-I-E-N-C-E

- D—Disputing God's Word (Mark 7:9).
- I—Interest Elsewhere (John 2:15).
- S—Shallow Bible Reading (2 Tim. 2:15).
- O—Offending Others (Matt. 18:6).
- B—Being Proud (Matt. 5:5).
- E—Envy (John 2:15).
- D—Discouragement (Col. 3:1-2).
- I—Indecision (Matt. 6:24).
- E—Erroneous Company (2 Cor. 6:14).
- N—Neglecting Personal Work (Luke 4:23).
- C—Carelessness (2 Tim. 2:15).
- E—Empty Prayer Life (1 Thess. 5:17).

"And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free. If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed." John 8:32, 36.

Young People's Section

Trust Him

Trust in God—He'll give you strength
For trials day by day.
His mighty power is any length,
He can help us all the way.

He'll take us through if we'll just pray
And trust Him hour by hour;
He always will our courage renew,
If we'll trust His mighty power.
—Clarice Nichols.

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Mo.—Dear saints,—Greetings of love in His dear name. I want to thank the Lord for saving my soul, and for what he means to me. I want to tell what the Lord has done for me. Last winter while killing a chicken I accidentally stepped on the ax and cut my foot to the bone. I only had to miss one day of school, and I had to walk almost a mile. The Lord healed it. In a few days you couldn't tell where the cut was. I still thank him for it. While I was at camp meeting this year I had a severe attack of appendicitis one morning. I was anointed and prayed for and the Lord healed me immediately. I had been sick about an hour. I haven't been bothered since. I thank the Lord for what he has done for me. I need your prayers that I'll always be true to the Lord.

Christian love, Ovie Campbell.

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Okla.—Greetings to you in Jesus' dear name.—I am saved, sanctified, and satisfied to follow the Lord all the way. Recently I had a severe headache. I prayed for it and it stopped hurting but started again when I was at the Boley camp meeting. One night it was hurting so badly that I had to go out of services. Truly the Lord did bless me. I learned a lot of things that I was weak on. Pray for me that I will be more watchful and prayerful at all times. A sister in Christ, Lilly Adams.

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Wanted At Once

Wanted now—workers—call at "God's Employment Office." Get full directions—men, women, girls, and boys who are fully equipped, ready to do the Master's bidding. He has work for everyone that is really born again, sanctified (set apart), ready to do whatever our Lord says to do. He will direct where to go and tell each one what you need to take along. Praise His holy name. We look! Behold the fields! We know there are calls from the far away fields; there are calls both near and far. Can we hear the call? Let us stop, listen, then think!

If we have loved ones who need our Lord (No doubt we all have) how would we feel if we knew there had never been a word spoken or written to that precious soul to come to Christ. Oh, dear ones, it comes right back to us. Do we fail to show dear lost sinners our love for them? May God help us.

Time swiftly passes by. Old age creeps on. We want to be busy. We ask God to send ministers and workers to where we live and we find many places where the full gospel has never been preached. In some places one or two ministers set up a work and seem to have a growing work, but they seem to work independent and do not make others free to cooperate. God has a free gospel. Whom Christ has set free are free indeed and where his Spirit is there is freedom. God wants consecrated, willing, and approved workers that can be ready to preach the Word in all its purity. God wants us all to have burning love in our hearts for souls. We find sometimes in some cases hard for us to have the love for a soul that knows the way and pretends to be living right and is ready to find fault with the saints when that one knows he is not living right. It means much to have heavenly wisdom to know how to deal with such souls. Thousands are going into eternity every moment. Oh, let us pray we will not have the blood of souls upon our hands. Let us all call upon God for his holy directions—and then obey every word. Amen. —Sel.

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If We Only Had Time

If we only had time thru the day's busy hours
To think of the sick and say it with flowers.

If we only had time to write friends we have known
Of our love as of old tho long years have flown.

If we only had time for a few words of cheer
To the one left bereft of a loved one so dear.

If we only had time for the helpless and old
In our mad strife for fame and our grasping for gold.

The world would be better and our own lives sublime
By doing for others, if we only had time.

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Mark 6:34

Too often we sigh and look WITHIN;
Jesus sighed and looked WITHOUT.
We sigh and look DOWN;
Jesus sighed and looked UP,
We sigh and look to earth;
Jesus sighed and looked to HEAVEN.
We sigh and look to MAN;
Jesus sighed and looked to God.

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Gods of medicine or gods of gold
Cannot help a dying soul;
There is a God in heaven we know
That can help a dying soul.—E. M.

Woman, the Downfall of Man

The woman whom God created and gave to Adam as a companion became his downfall, for she yielded to the serpent's persuasion, was deceived and transgressed the law of God. She gave to Adam of the fruit and he fell, thus the woman took the lead in bringing about soul death to the human race. They fell under bondage and subjection to Satan, the enemy of God. They were driven out of the Garden and lost their righteous estate. In Romans 5:12, we read, "Wherefore as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin: and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned." Such was the awful state of all men before Christ came, bled, and died upon Calvary's cross and set believers free from the curse that passed upon all men.

In 1 Timothy 2:14, we read, "And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived was in the transgression." In the next verse it reads, "Notwithstanding she shall be saved in [or through] child-bearing, if they continue in faith and charity and holiness with sobriety." Adam Clarke, in his comments on this verse of Scripture, says the Apostle Paul means that "she shall be saved by means, or through the instrumentality of child-bearing, or of bringing forth a child." Another recognized commentator puts it like this, "However, though Eve was first in the transgressing and brought forth death on herself, her husband, and all her posterity, the female sex shall be saved (equally with the male) through child-bearing; through bringing forth the Saviour: if they live in faith, and love, and chastity, with sobriety." According to the above quotations, we do not understand that she shall be saved from literal death in bearing of children, although God can do this; for we know that both good and bad women sometimes die in the bearing of children. The Apostle Paul was no doubt thinking of the seed of the woman that would bruise the serpent's head and save the souls of both women and men. The woman brought forth the Child Jesus, independent of man, as it is recorded in Luke 1:13, "And behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shall call his name Jesus." Then in verse 35, we read again, "The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: Therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God." So the woman who was in the transgression in the first Adam's case, and brought about death, has in the course of time, through her posterity, given birth to the Son of God, and in this way has brought salvation to the souls of both women and men, and brought true believers back into the Eden state from which they had fallen.

It seems that women have had a great influence over men either for good or for bad, and it is even so today. A nation begins to decay when the women go down. Consider our nation, that was at one time composed of God-fearing people, and women in a general sense kept their God-appointed places of caring for the home and rearing the children in the

admonition and fear of God. But they began to want to be like men in the world. They began to listen to the serpent again and receive of his lies. They wanted to go to the poles and vote like men. They called it, "Woman Suffrage." After a number of years of this longing carnal desire, the men became weak enough to allow it. In a short time she had a cigarette in her mouth, and now she can put on man's clothes and think it no abomination in the sight of God. Read Deut. 22:5. And in many other ways she has disgraced herself until she can walk the streets of our cities in almost a nude state. Among the majority, there is no more of that meek and quiet spirit, but in a general sense she has become brazen-faced and men seem to love to have it so. Our nation is in a fallen state and will reap bloody wars and final destruction.

There is a case in the 12th chapter of Numbers where a woman was desirous to have some of the governing power that God had bestowed upon Moses. She spoke in an envious way to Moses and God heard it and his wrath was kindled against her. And, behold, Miriam became leprous, white as snow. God is greatly displeased in women getting out of their place and leading men and nations to ruin.

Men often sin by yielding to women's influences. Nehemiah, in his book (13:26) says that Solomon, King of Israel, committed sin by taking women of other nations, and further says, "nevertheless, even him did outlandish women cause to sin." Turn with me to 1 Kings 11th chapter and let us read some about King Solomon's sin. This chapter begins by saying that Solomon loved many strange women and took unto him women of other nations when he knew that God had forbidden the doing of such. In the third verse it says he had seven hundred wives and three hundred concubines, and his wives turned away his heart. For it came to pass, when Solomon was old, that his wives turned away his heart after other gods. In the 9th verse it says, "And the Lord was angry with Solomon because his heart was turned from the Lord God of Israel." In the latter part of this chapter it records that Solomon slept with his fathers and was buried; and there is not a verse of Scripture to tell us that he had repented of his worshiping of other gods. Neither do we have a hint of it in any of his writings or the sacred writings of the prophets and apostles; so we conclude that he died a lost man; and that, because of outlandish women who led him to sin.

It does not say that he sinned because he had married many women, but because he married women of other nations and they led him into idol worship. David had many wives, but God seemed to wink at such as that; but when David took another man's wife, the wrath of God was kindled against him, and He had His servant to reprove him to his face. But David repented and was in favor with God again.

There were many things that God allowed people to do while they were under the curse of the sin nature, that he will not allow since Christ has come to take away the sin of the world. It was a common

thing for the Gentile nations to have more than one wife; also it was among the Jews, and many of them had a plurality of wives. In Acts 21:20 we read where many thousands of Jews believed, and they were all zealous of the law. This was written just five years before Paul was writing in 1 Timothy the third chapter, giving us the qualifications of a bishop or elder, who should be recognized or ordained as such. No doubt Jews kept believing who were zealous of the law and had more than one wife. He says, "A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife." There is no doubt that many of those Jews still held on to their wives, and Paul did not want one of them to be chosen or ordained as an elder. Paul knew that it was wrong under grace to live in that state, and was not holding them up as examples, but was bearing with them until they could be taught better and see the true light and walk in it.

I knew a minister who was upholding a man in his congregation as saved who was living with a second living companion, and he used this Scripture to justify himself in doing so; for he said that Paul said, "the husband of one wife." In this he was teaching that it was all right to live in double marriage and that one could be saved, but they were not allowed to be an ordained elder. The compromisers hold it that way, and now they have gone so far that they can ordain them and have them right in their pulpits and consider themselves pastors of flocks. If this minister who upheld the man in double marriage, had understood that Paul was bearing with those Jews who were zealous of the law and was holding onto their several wives, he would have known that Paul was not upholding double marriage in the sense that we have it today where a man has separated from his lawfully wedded wife and by the law of the land married another. This knowledge would have enabled him to know how to deal with this professor. God does not recognize a second woman as a wife under grace, but has positively said in Romans 7:3, "If while her husband liveth she be married to another man, she shall be called an adulteress." God looks upon one in that state as living in adultery, even though the law of the land recognizes her as a wife. Jesus told the woman at the well: "Thou hast had five husbands; and he whom thou now hast is not thy husband." According to the laws of the land, this woman had been married five times and the one she now lived with, she was not even married to him according to the law; therefore Jesus said unto her, "He is not thine husband." In the eyes of God this woman had been living in adultery with many men, as it is not probable that they all had freed her by death. She believed on the Lord and was forgiven, and went into the city to tell others about the Christ who had come. She could not go back to adultery and retain her favor with God. Adultery is a sin that God will forgive just the same as any other sin; but for one to retain forgiveness he must forsake it and walk in cleanness before God, and prove himself to be clean from all sin to make any progress and growth in grace and hold the confidence of the saints.

We warn the saints' children and all others to never allow yourself to get tangled up with divorced men or women or with any one who has a smear on their lives with adultery in any form. It is hard to erase from the minds of people some of these dark deeds of sin and adultery. Since Christ has come into our lives and has brought us back to the Eden state, he expects cleanness. We read in Eph. 5:26 where Paul is speaking of the true church, "That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the Word, that he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish."

—Fred Pruitt.

CORRESPONDENCE

Okla.—Dear brother and sister in Christ,—I believe the time has come when I should glorify God, in offering thanks to him by testifying of his goodness, and thanking him for friends in need, to whom we can go to fulfil our obedience to our Lord. Were it not for those that do obey Him, we could not receive his blessings. It is through His body, His church, that we have our working parts.

One time, according to the record of the Lord, there were ten men who were lepers. They had prayed to the Lord, in their affliction; and he had answered them by telling them what to do. They were told to "Go show yourselves unto the priests." And it came to pass that they went (which was obedience) and they were cleansed. Luke 17:12-20. One of them turned back to glorify God by offering thanks to Him.

So it is with elders (priests) of God today. We as Christians are commanded through the Holy Spirit, as given to James 5:14-16, "Is there any sick among you? Let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord, and the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up, and if he hath committed sins they shall be forgiven him." How wonderful to be able to obey the Lord in this simple manner. Sometimes people make this a spiritual application only, thus swinging the pendulum of God's balances too far one way. Dan. 5:27. Others will think of this as a command to be adhered to for physical benefits only, thus missing the Lord's manifold blessings.

Last April, I had a light stroke of paralysis, nothing much could be done for it, but for it to run its termination. My mind was much on the Spirit's command through the Apostle James. But the brethren, whom in past I had chosen to call "my church," do not follow the Lord in the practice of this command so I did not ask them to help me. I called upon brother and sister Pruitt, who are my neighbors and they assured me that they would be glad to assist me in obeying the Lord's command. They were so kind, responsive, and considerate in every respect. There were no unnecessary demonstrations, but quiet unquestionable obedience to the faith. Not since the day when I obeyed my Lord in baptism, have I experienced a joy and peace of mind in the Lord, which I received from Him through this experience.

This is why I wish to give this testimony, that it may be used to the glory of the Lord. In coming to God's elders (priests) as commanded, Jesus will heal the soul as well as the body. I feel I cannot glorify Jesus if I do not speak with a "loud voice," and thank him with this testimony to others, that they too may be benefited thereby.

When Jesus' disciples came to him, and asked him why he taught in parables, he told them it was given unto them to know the mysteries of heaven; but to the people it was not given. Mat. 13:11. "And all these things spoke Jesus unto the multitudes in parables; and with out a parable spake He not unto them." In this passage of Holy writ, Jesus is quoting from scripture of Isaiah 6:9. Again, John records Jesus as speaking from Esaias, (Isaiah) and he continues on to John 14:26, where He promises that the Holy Spirit will bring ALL THINGS, to their remembrance "whatever I have said unto you." Following his lead, we find ourselves obeying that form of doctrine, as it was delivered unto James.

The Apostle James was so full of the Holy Spirit, and so close to the Christ, that he reports the parables of the Lord almost word for word. He speaks of the works of Abraham; of the fig-tree and its fruit; of judgment to come; of the end of Job's affliction, and of all the prophets, as example unto us of their afflictions and patience. Then the record tells us in John 5:10, that we make God a liar when we do not believe the record He gave of his Son.

James said, "Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord." Simple, isn't it? Jesus answered a question one time by saying, "Which is easier to say? Thy sins be forgiven thee, or take up thy bed and walk?" Mrs. W. W. Wilson.

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La.—To the dear saints,—Greetings of love in Jesus' dear name. I am still thanking God for salvation, and deliverance from the evils of this world and Satan's grip.

I just feel like telling how the Lord saved a poor wretched sinner—just an awful sinner forgetting there was a God mighty in deeds and able to save to the uttermost. If only in earlier youth I had known this, things might have been different. Mother took me to Italy with her when four years old, and there I learned to love the Catholic church. I kneeled and prayed to different saints, lighting candles before them. I wanted those statues to deal kindly with me, for I felt that they had some kind of power either to save or to punish. I said in my heart more than once that I had no desire to die, and be cast into purgatory. That was the teaching of the priests and nuns, and I believed them, for I feared greatly to be cast into hell. I would say, "Mother, do you think that if I would go to mass, repeat my prayers and study the catechism, that I would go to heaven?" She would say, "Yes son, Jesus wants all the little children to go to heaven." But, she would go on to say, that if I went on disobeying and forgetting to pray, then there would be no choice but to be sent to a place of punishment until the prayers of the saints would some day take me out.

Oh, how I dreaded the idea of going to HELL, or even to a PURGATORY—a place of temporary sufferings. I regretted ever learning the meaning of those two terrible words—HELL and PURGATORY. It made me feel worried continually. The thought of missing heaven, if I did not learn my prayers and study the catechism, and stop telling things which were not so, made me want to go somewhere and cry out all my fears.

Mother would read me stories from the Catholic story book of saints. I knew the saints from the statues in different churches where we would go and kneel before them. They were sad stories, everyone of them. Then mother would lift up my heart by telling me they are all gone to heaven, and before going to sleep she would sing me a song about the little Lord Jesus. Such were the happy days spent with mother.

Mother died after that, a child's best friend, the best mother a little boy could ever have. It all happened so many years ago, and yet my mind travels back to the days when mother would scold me for not learning my prayers, and reading the catechism as I should. Even tho I did things that hurt her so, yet she loved me, and made over me like I was her little angel.

Mother now gone some few years, time came to make another change. The Lord came into my life to save me from my sins, and from the Catholic Church. My sister also got saved, and refused to go to the Roman church. This was too much for father, and pointing his finger to the door, demanded that I leave his home. No longer would I be a son. Oh, how my heart was broken. I agreed to go. Before leaving he tried to have me turn God down by offering a good paying job in his business, but this was not the longing of my heart. I must not be too lengthy about this, and besides, space is very precious. I want to say that as time went on these wounds began to heal. God was dealing very kindly and longsuffering, when he permitted us to come to camp meeting here in Hammond to meet the dear saints. I have now mothers in Israel, brothers and sisters whose arms of love reach out continually to give a helping hand, and a heavenly Father who will never leave us comfortless. Praise His dear name! Your brother "Saved by Grace," Salvatore.

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Mo.—Dear friends in Christ,—It has been some time since I have written to "Faith and Victory." I want to testify to the goodness and wonderful love of my precious Saviour. He has been, and is such a present help and comfort to me. I praise him for health, salvation, and for a determination to stay true to him at any cost. Praise his precious name. I thank him for all the blessings he has bestowed upon me. He healed me of a serious illness. I was not conscious for four days. I prayed God to heal me and truly stood on his promises. Others also remembered me in prayer. Praise his holy name. I thank him for all the blessings. I'm praising him today for health, salvation, and the determination to stay true. I truly praise him for all things. Remember me in prayer.

Mrs. Hattie Munden.

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Okla.—Dear saints,—Greetings in Jesus' dear name. We are still on the battlefield for the Lord. We mean to fight until the victory is won. We are serving a mighty God. The Lord has worked marvelously on my leg. He has put new flesh on. Praise his holy name. I am still not able to walk or stand but I am much better. We are surely thankful to the dear saints there and to God for your hospitality and prayers. All were deeply appreciated. Continue to pray. Yours in the Lord, Christine Warren.

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Calif.—Dear saints of God,—Psa. 68:19, "Blessed be the Lord, who daily loadeth us with benefits, even the God of our salvation. Selah." "And thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." 1 Cor. 15:57. I am praising the Lord for how he does shower his benefits upon us, and enables us to have victory in our souls through Him who redeemed us by his precious blood.

The Lord surely did bless in the camp meeting here, and I can never tell the good I received to my soul. About two weeks before camp meeting our children were exposed to the measles (the two weeks kind). Our five youngest children haven't had them, and at first I felt a keen disappointment at the thought of missing the meeting. After calling on the saints for an agreement in

prayer for God to have his way in the matter, I just committed it in his hands and continued to get ready to go, so we would be ready if He permitted us to go. Praise his holy name, none of the children took the measles and we were able to be in the meeting. I surely thank the Lord for the privilege of being there as I believe it was the best meeting I've ever been in. The presence of the Lord was so sweet and the out-pouring of his Spirit caused our hearts to rejoice.

I could never, never tell all the Lord has done for me. Greatest of all is that he has saved me and I expect to be kept in his love by the power of his Spirit. He has healed in our home many times, pneumonia, a broken arm, and oh, so many different illnesses and afflictions. Our baby boy, now 9 months old, was born with a frail little body, anemic, and delicate stomach. For some months it seemed the Lord might take him. At times due to weakness and sickness he could not control his eyes good, and one crossed much of the time. Then the dear Lord saw fit to touch his little body and now he is so fat and healthy, and his eyes normal. How we thank the dear Lord for his mercy and goodness to us. We have nine children and I realize the responsibility of their souls. Our oldest boy is not saved. Please pray for him. And pray for me that the Lord help me to teach and instruct them all in the way of the Lord. Three of them were saved and baptized at the meeting and I know it means much to guide them on. So do remember us, as the Spirit leads. My whole desire is to be all God wants me to be.

Christian love,

Virginia Elwell.

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La.—Dear saints,—Holy greetings to you. I feel like testifying to the glory of God. The Lord is so wonderful to me. He keeps me saved day after day. He heals my body and keeps me encouraged to live for him. A long time ago I almost lost my sight. Even the members of the family did not know how bad it was and I would not tell it for fear of discouragement, so I kept praying and requesting prayer and the Lord has blessed me. I know it was his goodness to me. I am not afraid to trust the Lord for everything. I have told him many things and I am just looking for it to come to pass. We have no need to doubt him. His promise is sure. Pray for me that I live true and be just what he wants me to be. I could not do without the Lord.

Sidonia Benjamin.

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Texas—Dear saints,—With God's help I want to tell what a wonderful miracle God has wrought in healing my body. I hope to encourage some to have more faith for healing. This was after years of suffering from various illness under the care of doctors, clinics, and hospitals, I was at death's door. My children realizing this sent out requests over Texas and other states for all who would to join with us in an agreement of prayer that God would heal me. I had been treated for cancer, tumors, ulcerated stomach, and an anemic condition. I was fed through the veins, and given electric treatments, by Md. Doctors, chiropractors, and masseurs. Finally they gave up and said that they had used every known remedy. All that human hands could do for me had been done. They all said, "if she ever gets well it will be a higher power."

Thank God he was watching over me. People call me the miracle case. God alone knows how I suffered for years but in his own time he healed me. I am so thankful he heard and answered prayer. I can sleep good and sit down at the table and enjoy a hearty meal without hurting me. Praise God.

In the stillness of the night God's spirit spoke to me in audible tones—"You are healed. You are healed." A complete calmness came over me. I repeated the words, "I am healed. I am HEALED." I had been helpless for a long time, having to be waited on. I had no strength at all, but at once I got up and walked all around in my room praising and thanking God over and over again. It was, oh, so wonderful. Oh! how happy I was. I felt like I was walking on air. I really had a foretaste of heaven. A beautiful light from heaven shown in a stream from above. God showed me things no tongue can tell. Some may call me fanatic. I am rejoicing and enjoying his presence. This healing took place in March 1951. People may call me Pentecost, Methodist, Church of God, Baptist or what else. This I know I am his child through all these tests and I mean to tell it at every suitable place until God takes me home. God heals the body as well as the soul, the same as in Bible times if we exercise faith. I often thank God for all who prayed for me. I mean to do all I can to encourage souls to trust God for both soul and body. One disease is no harder for the Lord to heal than the other. Let us all work harder to accomplish his will. Dear ones the days of miracles are not past (only to those who do not obey and believe.) Look up, have faith—trust in his words, ask and ye shall receive, knock and it shall be opened unto you. Never doubt, he will bring it to pass. Pray until the answer comes.

Mrs. Henry Grauke.

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Mo.—Greetings to all in Jesus' dear name.—I feel that it would please the dear Lord for me to write and tell what the Lord has done for me. I was taken with a pain and a catch in my hip and back. I got so I couldn't help myself and I began to call on the Lord. I told him I couldn't stand it much longer. It seemed as though he had left me as I couldn't feel his presence. I told him he had promised to not put more on me than I could bear and to come right now and rebuke all pain and catches and deliver me, so he came and the pains were all gone in a short time until I could rest. I give God all the praise and thank his dear name for what he does for me. I sent in a request a few weeks ago for prayer for my son, and I am thankful I can say he is up and able to work again. I do thank the dear Lord for what he has done for him. I thank you dear ones for your prayers. We have so much to thank the Lord for and I am so thankful he can hear and answer prayer when we depend on him and are willing for him to have his way with us. Please remember me and my family in your prayers.

Nancy Sweezee.

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Ore.—Dear sister Pruitt,—Your letters have been such a source of encouragement to me and I have felt your prayer too, for which I thank God, as they mean so much to an isolated one. My back, which has bothered me so much all summer, is better but not completely well and still bothers me a lot at times. I am trusting God for a complete healing.

I want to send in my testimony to give God the glory for hearing prayer in a wonderful manner. While in a store I laid my purse down for a moment and when I turned my back it was taken. I was filled with terror for a moment as all I had was in it, besides valuable papers. I told my son to pray and the clerks were looking all around when one told of a woman turning in my purse to her and it was up stairs. I went up and there it was. All my personal belongings were there, not one thing missing. It was a wonderful answer to prayer and I give God the praise for it. The lady had left her name that

found it and I sent her a thank you card and handkerchief. We are living in an evil world but I thank God there are some honest ones living yet too. The girls in the store told me that some purses were turned in that were lost, but many never were, so I knew God was surely watching over me. Yours in the faith, Sister Grace Jones.

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Mo.—Dear saints,—For the glory of God I feel I should give my testimony of a recent healing. I woke up one morning and noticed a red spot on my face, at the corner of my left eye. It was about the size of a dime. I wondered and supposed it might spread but it didn't, instead it began to grow something straight out from the middle of the red spot, near the size of a lead pencil and the shape of a newly trimmed pencil. It was a dark purple color. It looked so bad and showed so plain and was so conspicuous. I said to myself, "I believe I'll pinch part of it off with my finger nails." So I began doing that and it began to bleed. That scared me and I stopped. I continued to trust the Lord and pray, knowing he had never failed me after taking him as my physician for fifty years. I called sister Ersa Carrick of Webb City to pray for me. The next morning when I woke up, behold the thing was gone, red spot and all. I could hardly believe my own eyes. Not a sign of it could be seen. I never saw it again, a miracle indeed. To God be the glory. "And these signs shall follow them that believe." Mark 16:17-18. "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, today, and forever." "According to your faith, so be it unto you."

Many ministers teach that healing passed out with the death of the apostles but they can't prove it by the Bible. I recently read a long article in a popular religious paper by a minister, accompanied by his picture, who tried so hard to teach healing had passed out, but also acknowledged over and over that there was a lot of healing done now. I thought it was the most senseless thing I ever read. Wake up ministers, get out from under the deception of the devil, preach the whole truth and practice it. A lady once said to me, "I have no confidence in brother N—." I asked why? She replied, "he teaches divine healing, but I notice when his little girls get sick he sends for the doctor." We are commanded to "Study to shew ourselves approved unto God, rightly dividing the word." "Forever, O Lord, thy word is settled in heaven." Psa. 119:89. Read 1 Cor. 12:9-10. We see healing and miracles placed in the church with the other gifts. Remedies will weaken faith, condemnation will bind it, and unbelief will kill it. Mary L. Robinson.

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Calif.—Greetings of love to all of God's children.—I have felt I should send in my testimony. God has done so much for me, I can not praise him enough. I am rejoicing in my soul that I have such a God to help me in all of my needs. I often have sick spells but when the saints pray, God stops all pains. Thank God and the saints too. I never get tired or discouraged serving my God for I truly am trusting and obeying all Jesus commands, the best I can understand for I want to make Heaven at any cost. "I'm going on, I'm going on; Unto the final triumph I'm going on." My soul is happy. I never have thought of turning away from Jesus. I have trusted him in all things over 45 years and have had sick spells until it looked as if death were on me. The saints called on God and in a few minutes I was up and well. I have had no doctor nor any medicine all these years. God is my all in all. Praise him all ye people for his goodness to his obeying children. Your sister, Bonnie Wells.

My Bible and I

We've traveled together,
My Bible and I,
Through all kinds of weather,
With smile or with sigh;
In sorrow or sunshine,
In tempest or calm!
Thy friendship unchanging,
My lamp and my psalm.

We've traveled together,
My Bible and I,
When life had grown weary,
And death e'en was nigh!
But all through the darkness
Of mist or of wrong,
I found there a solace,
A prayer, and a song.

So now who shall part us,
My Bible and I?
Shall "isms" or "schisms,"
Or "new lights" who try?
Shall shadow for substance,
Or stone for good bread,
Supplant thy sound wisdom,
Give folly instead?

Ah, no, my dear Bible,
Exponent of light!
Thou sword of the spirit,
Put error to flight!
And still through life's journey
Until my last sigh,
We'll travel together,
My Bible and I.

—Selected by W. D. Summers

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ABRAHAM, GOD'S PIONEER

October 7, 1951

Printed Portion.....Genesis 12:1-9; 13:14-17.

Gen. 12:1. Now the Lord had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee:

2. And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing:

3. And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.

4. So Abram departed, as the Lord had spoken unto him; and Lot went with him: and Abram was seventy and five years old when he departed out of Haran.

5. And Abram took Sarai his wife, and Lot his brother's son, and all their substance that they had gathered, and the souls that they had gotten in Haran; and they went forth to go into the land of Canaan; and into the land of Canaan they came.

6. And Abram passed through the land unto the place of Sichem, unto the plain of Moreh. And the Canaanite was then in the land.

7. And the Lord appeared unto Abram, and said, Unto thy seed will I give this land: and there builded he an altar unto the Lord, who appeared unto him.

8. And he removed from thence unto a mountain on the east of Bethel and pitched his tent, having Bethel on the west, and Hai on the east: and there he builded an altar unto the Lord, and called upon the name of the Lord.

9. And Abram journeyed, going on still toward the south.

13:14. And the Lord said unto Abram, after that Lot was separated from him, Lift up now thine eyes, and look from the place where thou art northward, and southward, and eastward, and westward:

15. For all the land which thou seest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed for ever.

16. And I will make thy seed as the dust of the earth: so that if a man can number the dust of the earth, then shall thy seed also be numbered..

17. Arise, walk through the land in the length of it and in the breadth of it; for I will give it unto thee.

Memory Verse: He looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God. Heb.11:10.

Practical Truth: Every person who receives a call from God should whole-heartedly respond.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

There is no greater example of faith in Old Testament history than of faithful Abraham. "Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness." Gal. 3:6. When he left his native home in Ur of the Chaldees and Haran he took all his belongings with him. He never went back there. When we set our affections on things above let us not let our heart begin to long for the beggarly elements of the world again. Lot's wife looked back, and Jesus said "Remember Lot's Wife." Luke 17:32.

Verse 5 of our lesson says he started to go into the land of Canaan "and into the land of Canaan they came." When God speaks to us to do a thing let us do as faithful Abraham; finish the work he calls upon us to do. God told Abraham "I will bless thee,—and thou shalt be a blessing." As the Lord blesses us, we also can be a blessing to others as we give our testimony of what the Lord has done for our souls. God blessed Abraham with the riches of this world but his heart was not set on such things as we find in Heb. 11:10 that "He looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God." Salvation is being like God.

JACOB RECEIVES THE PROMISE

October 14, 1951

Printed Portion.....Genesis 28:10-22.

Gen. 28:10. And Jacob went out from Beersheba, and went toward Haran.

11. And he lighted upon a certain place, and tarried there all night, because the sun was set; and he took of the stones of that place, and put them for his pillows, and lay down in that place to sleep.

12. And he dreamed, and behold a ladder set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven: and behold the angels of God ascending and descending on it.

13. And, behold, the Lord stood above it, and said, I am the Lord God of Abraham thy father, and the God of Isaac: the land whereon thou liest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed;

14. And thy seed shall be as the dust of the earth, and thou shalt spread abroad to the west, and to the east, and to the north, and to the south: and in thee and in thy seed shall all the families of the earth be blessed.

15. And, behold, I am with thee, and will keep thee in all places whither thou goest, and will bring thee again into this land; for I will not leave thee, until I have done that which I have spoken to thee of.

16. And Jacob awaked out of his sleep, and he said, Surely the Lord is in this place; and I knew it not.

17. And he was afraid, and said, How dreadful is this place! this is none other but the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.

18. And Jacob rose up early in the morning, and took the stone that he had put for his pillows, and set it up for a pillar, and poured oil upon the top of it.

19. And he called the name of that place Bethel: but the name of that city was called Luz at the first.

20. And Jacob vowed a vow, saying, If God will be with me, and will keep me in this way that I go, and will give me bread to eat, and raiment to put on,

21. So that I come again to my father's house in peace; then shall the Lord be my God:

22. And this stone, which I have set for a pillar, shall be God's house: and of all that thou shalt give me I will surely give the tenth unto thee.

Memory Verse: Behold, I am with thee, and will keep thee in all places whither thou goest. Gen. 28:15.

Practical Truth: The promises of God are priceless, and for anyone to receive a definite promise from him is worth much.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

God has many ways to get honest souls to realize their utter dependence upon him. As long as Jacob was under the guidance of his mother at home God could not speak to him like he could when he was on a lonely journey to Haran and could not know what was before him. The place at the foot of the ladder became a dreadful place when he realized what he was before God. When we get to our "Wit's end" (Psa. 107:27) then we can say with Jeremiah (10:23) "O Lord, I know that the way of man is not in himself: it is not in man that walketh to direct his steps." In our loneliness is when God can talk to us and give us promises like he did Jacob here and it must have been a wonderful comfort to him that God told him that he would keep him in all his journeys and bring him back safely to his old home. As Jacob had a wonderful promise from God, so we are compassed about with many, many promises with a proviso that we do all that God commands us; over 33,000 promises in the Bible, so they say. A promise for every need, both temporal and spiritual. Jacob acted upon the promise that God gave him and yielded to God's training and showed himself tender-hearted toward God. Likewise the Christian is admonished, (Rom. 6:13) "Yield yourselves unto God."

JOSEPH'S PART IN GOD'S PLAN

October 21, 1951

Printed Portion.....Genesis 47:1-7; 50:18-24.

Gen. 47:1. Then Joseph came and told Pharaoh, and said, My father and my brethren, and their flocks, and their herds, and all that they have, are come out of the land of Canaan; and, behold, they are in the land of Goshen.

2. And he took some of his brethren, even five men,

and presented them unto Pharaoh,

3. And Pharaoh said unto his brethren, What is your occupation? And they said unto Pharaoh, Thy servants are shepherds, both we, and also our fathers.

4. They said moreover unto Pharaoh, For to sojourn in the land are we come; for thy servants have no pasture for their flocks; for the famine is sore in the land of Canaan: now therefore, we pray thee, let thy servants dwell in the land of Goshen.

5. And Pharaoh spake unto Joseph saying, Thy father and thy brethren are come unto thee.

6. The land of Egypt is before thee; in the best of the land make thy father and brethren to dwell; in the land of Goshen let them dwell: and if thou knowest any men of activity among them, then make them rulers over my cattle.

7. And Joseph brought in Jacob his father, and set him before Pharaoh: and Jacob blessed Pharaoh.

50:18. And his brethren also went and fell down before his face; and they said, Behold, we be thy servants.

19. And Joseph said unto them, Fear not: for am I in the place of God?

20. But as for you, ye thought evil against me; But God meant it unto good, to bring to pass, as it is this day, to save much people alive.

21. Now therefore fear ye not: I will nourish you, and your little ones. And he comforted them, and spake kindly unto them.

22. And Joseph dwelt in Egypt, he, and his father's house: and Joseph lived an hundred and ten years.

23. And Joseph saw Ephraim's children of the third generation: the children also of Machir the son of Manasseh were brought up upon Joseph's knees.

24. And Joseph said unto his brethren, I die: and God will surely visit you, and bring you out of this land unto the land which he sware to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

Memory Verse: We know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose. Romans 8:28.

Practical Truth: God can make the acts of men links in a chain of providence by which his purposes are carried out.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

The first mention of Joseph was when he was seventeen years old (ch. 37), when his father, Jacob loved him "More than all his children, because he was a son of his old age: and he made him a coat of many colours." This caused his brothers to envy and hate him. The dreams that God gave him increased their envy and hate until an opportune time came they sold him into the land of Egypt where he was trained in God's school for the great work that God had for him to do. He was put in prison for things he did not do. No matter what others thought of him, he was clean in the sight of God. So God can clean us up and then use us to his glory.

Joseph's answer to Pharaoh shows his humility and giving God the glory is worthy of special notice; "And Joseph answered Pharaoh, saying, It is not in me: God shall give Pharaoh an answer of peace." Gen. 41:16. God revealed things to Joseph so that he became ruler in the land of Egypt and when his brethren came to buy corn he showed his great heartedness in forgiving them of the wrong they had done him when he was innocent before God. (Note chapter 50:19-21). Joseph did not harbor grudges. Eph. 4:32. God never allows anything to come to us but his love is behind all his actions toward us.

THE HEBREWS IN SLAVERY

October 28, 1951

Printed Portion.....Exodus 1:7-14; 2:23-25.

Exo. 1:7. And the children of Israel were fruitful, and increased abundantly, and multiplied, and waxed exceeding mighty; and the land was filled with them.

8. Now there arose up a new king over Egypt, which knew not Joseph.

9. And he said unto his people, Behold, the people of the children of Israel are more and mightier than we:

10. Come on, let us deal wisely with them; lest they multiply, and it come to pass, that, when there falleth out any war, they join also unto our enemies, and fight against us, and so get them up out of the land.

11. Therefore they did set over them taskmasters to afflict them with their burdens. And they built for Pharaoh treasure cities, Pithom and Raamses.

12. But the more they afflicted them, the more they multiplied and grew. And they were grieved because of the children of Israel.

13. And the Egyptians made the children of Israel to serve with rigour:

14. And they made their lives bitter with hard bondage, in mortar, and in brick, and in all manner of service in the field: all their service, wherein they made them serve, was with rigour.

2:23. And it came to pass in process of time, that the king of Egypt died: and the children of Israel sighed by reason of the bondage, and they cried, and their cry came up unto God by reason of the bondage.

24. And God heard their groaning, and God remembered his covenant with Abraham, with Isaac, and with Jacob.

25. And God looked upon the children of Israel, and God had respect unto them.

Memory Verse: Be strong, fear not: behold, your God will come . . . and save you. Isaiah 35:4.

Practical Truth: God is not indifferent to the sufferings of men.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

Adversity is one of the means that God uses to bring out characteristics that would otherwise lie dormant. He allows things to come to us for our good. He says plainly why he let the Hebrews suffer in Deut. 8:16, "That he might humble thee, and that he might prove thee, to do thee good at thy latter end." It is through suffering that we gain as Christians. The worldling will not suffer, so God can get nothing to him. The Christian gets the needed training through suffering. The slavery of the Hebrews and the hard usage of the task masters was doing something for them they could not see in their trouble but it brought them to the place where they cried to God who raised up a deliverer, Moses, who would lead them out of all their distresses. God had promised them to bring them back into the land of Canaan but the time had been so long and the work they had to do in that hot climate was so rigorous that they began to despair of life but God remembered his promise to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob and Moses was born on time. God is never too late to deliver his trusting, believing children. He is always right on time. "For it is God which worketh in you to will and do of his good pleasure." Phil. 2:13.

C. W.