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Drop A Pebble In the Water

Drop a pebble in the water—just a splash, and it is gone;
But there are half a hundred ripples curling on, and on
and on;
Spreading, spreading, spreading from the center, flowing
on out to the sea;
But there's not a way of telling where the end is going to be.

Drop an unkind word or careless, in a minute it is gone;
But there are half a hundred ripples circling on, and on,
and on.

They are spreading, spreading, spreading from the center
as they go,
And there's not a way to stop them once you've started
them to flow.

Drop an unkind word or careless, in a minute you forget;
But there are little waves aflowing and there are ripples
circling yet.
And perhaps in some sad heart a mighty wave of tears
you've stirred
And disturbed a life that's happy when you dropped that
unkind word.

Drop a word of cheer and kindness, just a flash and it is
gone;
But there are half a hundred ripples circling on, and on,
and on,
Bearing hope and joy and comfort on each splashing, dash-
ing wave,
Till you'd not believe the volume of the one kind word you
gave.

Drop a word of cheer and kindness, in a minute you forget;
But there's gladness still a-swelling, and there's joy a-
circling yet.
And you've rolled a wave of comfort whose sweet music
can be heard
Over miles and miles of water just by dropping a kind
word.

—Anon.

Redemption Through His Blood

In Hebrews 7:25 we read, "Wherefore He [Christ] is able to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by Him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them."

The word "uttermost" carries the meaning of the highest and greatest degree, giving us the knowledge that man who is fully saved need have no doubt about it in the least, for he has come unto God through Christ who has given himself up into the hands of sinners as a perfect sacrifice before God and man and has brought to every believer a perfect salvation or deliverance from sin.

In Col 1:14 we read, "In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins." You will find nearly the same words in Eph. 1:7.

Redemption means, in a biblical sense, deliverance from sin and evil; for as Paul says in Romans 7:14, speaking of his condition when under the law in sin, that he was "carnal, sold under sin." A man in sin has sold himself to Satan by giving way to the lusts of the flesh in selfishness, greed, and worldly conformity, and often lying, stealing, drinking, gambling, committing adultery, practicing witchcraft (fortune telling and superstitions) together with open rebellion against light and knowledge of what God doth require of him in this life. People in this way sell out to the devil and become slaves to their master (Satan) and are in a state where it is impossible for them to save themselves from this condition of servitude. In this condition, their souls are lost and the wrath of God is upon them, the penalty of sin hanging over their heads is eternal death and destruction. For the wages of sin is death and destruction to the one who continues to abide therein; but the gift of God (Christ and salvation) is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. Read Romans 6:23. According to Isaiah 59:1, 2, his iniquities have separated him from God, and his sins have hid the face of God from him and God will not hear him nor favor him in that state.

What must a man do when he has himself separated from God in this sinful condition? The Bible plainly gives the answer. We shall give you the writ-

ten word of God that will give you a clear understanding as to how to get saved and be a possessor of this uttermost salvation which Christ has brought to man by His spotless and blameless blood sacrifice on Calvary's cross.

In Prov. 28:13, we read, "He that covereth his sins [will not confess them] shall not prosper [not be favored of God]: but whoso confesseth and forsaketh [quits] them shall have mercy." God will have mercy on one who confesses his sins and forsakes them, and He will forgive him.

In Isaiah 55:6, we read, "Seek ye the Lord while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near." He is near when he is convicting you of your sins. When you have knowledge in your soul that you are doing wrong and ought to turn from your sins and do right, then God is near. Call upon Him then in confession and repentance. He also says, "Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God for he will abundantly pardon." To abundantly pardon would be in harmony with having an uttermost salvation as you go on to perfection.

In 2 Cor. 6:10 Paul tells us that godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation. Godly sorrow is upon you when you become sorry and sad because you have sinned and rebelled against a just God and thereby have grieved Him away from you. In this state you could easily confess, repent, and ask God to forgive you. He says in His Word that he is faithful and just to forgive you and to cleanse you from all unrighteousness, 1 John 1:9. As you look to Jesus and believe on the blood sacrifice that he has made for you, the wrath of God will be lifted from you. Your sins and iniquities will be taken away and you will have peace with God through your believing on the Lord Jesus Christ.

In Romans 10:9, we read, "That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved." In Eph. 2:8, we read, "For by grace are ye saved, through faith [faith in the work that Christ has accomplished for you thru the sacrifice of His blood and his death]; and that not of your selves; it is the gift of God." You cannot save yourself; it is the gift of God (Christ) that saves your soul.

In conclusion, let us turn and read the record given of the thief on the cross, and see how he found favor with God. You will find it in Luke 23:39. It reads: "And one of the malefactors [a malefactor is a sinner and a criminal] which were hanged railed on him, saying, If thou be the Christ, save thyself and us." This man wanted to be saved, but did not humble his heart and confess his guilt, therefore Christ answered him not. Now listen to the one that found favor with the Lord in that agonizing hour. "But the other answering rebuked him, saying, Dost thou not fear God, seeing thou art in the same condemnation?" When one will not humble down before God in repentance and confession, he manifests a lack of reverence and godly fear. Notice now—"And we indeed

justly; for we receive the due reward of our deeds." Do you see the humility? Now notice this man's belief in Christ as an innocent man. The just was dying for the guilty and his blood being innocent he could atone for and save the guilty, for he had done no sin, but was bleeding and dying for us sinners who are absolutely unable to save ourselves. Hear the last words of this thief (sinner) "But this man hath done nothing amiss. And he said unto Jesus, Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom." The Lord forgave him and saved his soul right there. He said, "Today shalt thou be with me in Paradise."

Sinner friend, you can have the same assurance in your soul today if you will humble down before God in confession and repentance and believe on the Lord Jesus Christ as one that has by his blood sacrifice atoned for your sins, and now you are free from guilt and condemnation because Christ died in your stead and appeased the wrath of God which was upon you and has brought you and God your heavenly Father together. By his blood, you can have redemption from all your sins and be at peace with God and ready for heaven and immortal glory. —Fred Pruitt.

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Can We Today Have A Real Experience Of Jesus Christ?

Travel all over the world and you will find individuals who have received a new life through receiving into their hearts the Lord Jesus Christ. Men of all nationalities; of all conditions; high and low, rich and poor, educated and illiterate; of all temperaments; wise and foolish, impetuous and cautious, hopeful and despondent, pliable and obstinate, credulous and sceptical—all sorts and conditions of people have known what it is to pass "from death to life" by being "born again" by the power of God. Let us think it out together.

THE PEERLESS PERSON

In his moral supremacy, Jesus is universally acknowledged to stand absolutely alone. Mr. Newmark was nominally a Jew, but when in Japan, he started to read the New Testament. He says, "I was now face to face with the personality of Jesus Christ. His life charmed me. In the presence of His perfection I realized my own sinfulness." To his apostles, Jesus said, "You call me Master and Lord, and you say well, for so I am."

This One, so strong, so brave, so radiant with goodwill, so bold against wrong, so tender to the penitent and the helpless, so loyal to the will of God—this Incomparable Man acted and spoke with the clear, uniform consciousness of being more than man. He was utterly unlike the best of men in that He never confessed sin and never repented, but always pleased God. Spotless Himself, He laid bare to others their past history and inner life, and discovered the deepest need of the heart. Those who came to examine Him found Him examining them.

He was the Master of every situation. At His royal command disease fled. He calmed the storm

with a word. He replied instantly and finally to every question put to Him by friend or foe. On His own authority He spoke on the profoundest subjects with majestic assurance.

He makes claims which are in full accord with His whole life and character. What in anyone else would be accounted blasphemy or madness, seems quite natural as coming from Him. He is the Supreme Authority.

He declares Himself the Light of the world; the Bread of the Soul; the Judge of all men; the Omnipresent and Eternal One. He speaks of Himself as only God can speak. His "I" is the I of Deity. He is Emmanuel, God with us.

Why did He die? He taught, and His apostles taught, and everyone who has received Him knows that He died as Sin-bearer. Divine justice demanded the atonement: "love so amazing, so Divine," provided it. At Calvary the great victory was won over human sin and the power of darkness. The expiring Savior's cry "It is finished" was a shout of triumph. And He knew it would be all worth while.

CHRIST LIVES TODAY

When He entered the grave it was not as a subject, but as a Conqueror. His resurrection is as much a fact of history as His Crucifixion. The resurrection is the visible, tangible proof that the work He undertook as our Sin-Bearer was perfectly done. It broadcasts the Christian believer's acquittal, and guarantees his final victory. The resurrection establishes Christianity.

After Christ rose He stayed here for awhile in order to renew His commission to His apostles, and to encourage their faith in His unseen and spiritual presence. He then returned to the unseen world.

From the unseen world He continued to teach and direct His apostles by His Spirit. And all down the centuries He has been changing human hearts and lives. And, today, every true believer realizes that the Jesus of whom he reads in the New Testament is the same Divine Person whom he knows and loves and trusts as an actual, directing, energising Presence. The Christ of the Bible is the Christ of personal experience.

Only a Person can satisfy the heart. It is wonderful to have a Divine Friend Whom you can utterly trust, and to Whom you can give all your heart. To everyone who knows Him, the name of Jesus is a strain of heavenly music; He is 'Jesus', my Saviour, known, loved, worshipped, served and enjoyed."

It will be a wonderful moment in your life when you become acquainted with Jesus Christ for the first time. You may do it now.

God makes you an amazing offer. He offers you true and eternal wealth; pardon, a new life; power to enjoy Him; new hope and enthusiasm; the beginning of a real, inward character that pleases Him; assurance about the endless future. Do you want God's gift? You cannot have it apart from Christ. Do you want it enough to be willing to receive Him?

"I have no use for religion," said one, "but I do want that Christ you speak about." —Sel.

Our Words

We are told in Matt. 12:37, "By thy words thou shalt be justified and by thy words thou shalt be condemned." Then how careful we should be of our words.

The Bible gives much instruction concerning the governing of our words, and warnings concerning the wrong use of our words. We are told that a word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in pictures of silver. That sounds very good, doesn't it? Gold and silver are both very precious metals. To have our words sought for and appreciated like gold and silver would be very desirable. And surely we can have it so, if we give heed to the many admonitions and warnings given us in God's Word.

Too many people talk too much, and are very hasty with their words. They need to heed the admonition given in Ecclesiastes 5:2, "Let thy words be few," and "a fool's voice is known by the multitude of words." Verse 3.

Then we are told in Prov. 12:18, "There is that speaketh like the piercings of a sword: but the tongue of the wise is health." Who has not heard words that just pierced through the heart: and, oh, how it did hurt. And who has not heard the words of the wise that were health, so soothing and comforting?

"He that speaketh truth sheweth forth righteousness: but a false witness deceit." Prov. 12:17. Two persons can relate the same circumstance and it will appear different, because one speaks the truth and the other speaks deceitfully. There are times when silence is better than words. There was a time when Jesus answered nothing when he was being accused. Matt. 27:12; John 19:9.

We are told in Phil. 1:27 to let our conversation be as it becometh the gospel of Christ. Friend, professed saint, how is your conversation? Is it always becoming to the gospel of Christ? Does it harmonize with your profession? Would people that hear you talk judge that you were a Christian? Or would they wonder whether your mind and heart were pure or not?

"Fornication and all uncleanness or covetousness let it not be once named among you as becometh saints, neither filthiness nor foolish talking, nor jesting, which are not convenient: but rather giving of thanks." Eph. 5:3, 4.

"Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers." Eph. 4:29. The margin reads, "to edify, profitable."

Col. 4:6, "Let your speech be always with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man."

"But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear." 1 Pet. 3:15.

If we will always speak in meekness and fear (not the fear of man, but the fear of God), our words will be as health and not as piercing swords.

"Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer." —Cora Brant.

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When we think of the many thousands of precious souls that will read the contents of this paper, it causes a burden to settle down upon us that the gospel printed and sent forth will be simple and plain and to the point so the Holy Spirit can carry it to the hearts of men and women to the salvation of some souls and to the edification of all saints. When we think of the awfulness of a soul being lost and in the torments of a never-ending hell fire, it makes one anxious to strain every nerve and use willingly all that He may put in our hands to the saving of souls from sin. We feel as much so or more sold out to God than ever in life, and the things of this world have faded away. We do not want a thing in our possession only that which we can use to the glory of God. To live for God every day and hour is the greatest joy of our heart. We covet the favors and blessings of God more than any thing in this world. Our daily prayer is for God to increase His love in our heart and make us able to live in the "More excellent way," recorded in the 13th chapter of 1 Corinthians, and to have the testimony that Paul had when the hour of his departure was at hand. It reads: "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith." Our departure from this world will be a glorious hour if we fight the good fight of faith and keep that faith to the end.

There are a lot of rewards awaiting the faithful in Christ. Saints should be wise in spiritual things as the unjust servant was with the unrighteous mammon, and be zealously watching for opportunities to do good and use the things that God has put in their hands where it will return eternal profits. If you want your soul to flourish and be fat and rejoicing, resist a selfish life and seek only to live for Him who died for you. Paul saw a crown awaiting him, for he had striven with the powers of evil and sin in a lawful manner. Many are striving for glory today, but not in a lawful manner, not according to the Word of God; not walking in the footsteps of Jesus. Therefore there will be no crown for them. Many today claim to follow the Lord, but they have hate in their hearts and endorse wars by working in war plants, participate in the things of the world which is the enemy of God, dress in the fashions of the world, and have a life here in many different ways. All this Jesus would not do nor sanction. Such people are not striving in a lawful manner and will only reap disappointment in the end.

Jesus says in Luke 13:24, "Strive to enter in at the strait gate: for many, I say unto you, will seek to enter in, and shall not be able." If we do not strive in a lawful manner, we will not be able to enter in. "Great peace have they that love thy law, and nothing shall offend them." Psalm 119:165. The way of the cross and bearing the reproach of professors is not grievous nor hard if one truly loves His law. Paul teaches us that our life should be hid with Christ in God that when He appears we shall also appear with him in glory. According to this, a life not hid with Christ in God will not appear with the Lord in glory.

How sad it will be for those who presume on the mercies of God and do not yield to him inasmuch that his life will be on exhibition while they suffer shame and contempt in this time world.

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Through the mercies of God there has fallen into our hands a recording machine whereby we can record or take down the messages of truth in camp meetings and other places when God is using his ministering servants to preach the gospel under the anointing and unction of the Holy Spirit. In this way the good messages can be preserved and sent to others who are not able to meet in the saints' meetings, and their souls can feed on the good truths of His Word.

During the Assembly meeting here at Guthrie we had the privilege of recording twelve or fifteen of the rich messages that God gave to the ministers functioning in the meeting. These ministers did not know at the time how many people would listen to and enjoy their messages.

Since the meeting we have sent some of the spools of wire, on which messages are recorded, to Indiana, where they have enjoyed the messages. Some of them were sent to New Mexico to isolated saints, and some have been sent to Colorado. It is wonderful how God has provided to get these good messages of truth to so many precious souls. While the devil is using a lot of the modern inventions to spread his deception and evil works, God's people ought to be alert to use all they can to the glory of God in getting the true holiness doctrines to precious souls that are hungry for the things of God. Many are lost in sin that can be reached through the medium of the new inventions. I know of some that claim to be saints that would love to do away with the printed page in getting the truth to souls. It would certainly please the enemy to let him have the whole thing to use to keep all in deception and land their souls in the burning lake. The false prophets are so numerous and seem to have such control of the radio that it is almost impossible for a real Holy-Spirit-filled child of God to even have an opportunity to reach souls that way. Let us do all we can and in every way that God opens up to us to get the gospel to men and not be slothful in the business of God.

There may be others of our readers who would like to have some of these recorded spools for a week or ten days to hear and receive the truth of the God-sent messages in the Assembly meeting. Most of the spools are out at present, but we expect them to be returned soon.

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With this issue of the "Faith and Victory" paper, the three months subscriptions will expire. You will find a subscription blank in your paper so it will make it easy for you to subscribe for a year. The price for a year is only 25 cents. This price is only about one-fourth the price that it should be if this work were run on a commercial basis. By having such a small price the poor can also have the gospel preached to them. In fact, Jesus said in Luke 4:18, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me because he has anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor." In getting this gos-

pel to the poor we are doing what Jesus was called to do, and we are glad to serve Him in this blessed way. Those whom God has given the material things of this world He moves upon by his Spirit to send offerings to the work and thus the poor are supplied with the gospel and the love of God flows from one to the other as God has designed it to be. We are praying that a host of these three months subscribers will send in for a year's subscription. If any one does not feel that they can spare a quarter for the paper, just let us know that you want the paper for a year and we will send it on to you free, as some dear saints have sent in money for this purpose that all may have the gospel who want it.

We are anxious to send the paper to you, so please do not disappoint us, but let us know that you want it.

Prayer Requests

Will every Christian please pray earnestly that the Lord will put an everlasting stop to a certain trouble for me. Please pray that he will stop it and lighten the burden, for I've stood it, seems like, about as far as I can.

Now I want to say a few words to the young saints or anyone who is not fully established in the Lord. The first verse of the 12th chapter of Ecclesiastes especially refers to the young people. It says, "Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not nor the years draw nigh when thou shalt say I have no pleasure in them."

Dear ones, if we give our lives, from youth on, to the service and will of God, when we get to the end we can not look back and say our lives have been nothing but trouble, for God will not let it be so. He will allow some trials and tests, but they will work for our good. We can look back and see what a blessing we have received and thank Him for the test. He will make our lives sweet if we'll let Him have his way in them and follow his leadings. And when we come to the end of the way we can then be so glad and thankful that we have done his will. There'll be nothing to regret. —Mary Jones.

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Fla.—Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,—I once took your little paper, but I have wandered off and lost touch with you. I am again trusting the Lord and want to get back closer and closer that He may give me the desires of my heart. Please pray for me that I may be able to overcome sin and the devil, as he has been pressing me hard for the past few months.

I am looking for an elderly couple who are Christian and in need of a good place to live. I would like to have someone live with me. Or if you know of an old couple who wants a younger woman to live in the home with them, please write me, for I do so much want to make a change and live and be happy in the Lord Jesus Christ.

Your sister in Christ,

Bertie Smith

Notices

A number of saints are burdened concerning a need of Bro. Everett Hilbun's family. He is a minister in the church of God, giving his time to the spread of the gospel as the Lord leads. His wife and four children need a cow to provide nourishing food for them, but are not in a financial condition to buy the cow. Those whom the Lord moves on to help buy this cow can send your offerings to Mrs. Everett Hilbun, R. 4, Baton Rouge, La. God will reward you for love gifts to her in this need.

Oklahoma.—Dear saints,—Greetings in Jesus' precious name. I am still pressing on for the Lord.

We, the saints of Hoffman, have started raising funds to start building a dining hall. We will appreciate the help of all who feel led to help. We know the Lord is able to help us if we only count it so. Bro. C. C. Payne, Box 65, Hoffman, Oklahoma.

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Fallis, Okla.—Dear saints scattered abroad:—This leaves me still determined to go all the way with the Lord. I had the privilege of attending the Assembly meeting at Guthrie, and we surely had a good meeting from the first to the last. I am still feasting on the good things that I heard and have treasured them in my heart, and by God's help I mean to profit by them.

I thought it might be well to stir up your pure minds about the fan we sisters had decided to have installed in the ladies' dormitory at the 1951 camp meeting. The fan was bought, but hasn't been paid for. I believe if every one who stays in the dormitory (and anyone else who desires) will send \$2.00 we will have enough to pay for the fan. Send offerings to Geneva Ray, Faith Publishing House, 920 W. Mansur Ave., Guthrie, Okla. Be sure to state what it is for.

The Lord bless and keep you is my prayer.

Your sister in Christ, Maude Christ

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Sapulpa, Okla.—Dear children of God, greetings in the name of Jesus who died for us so that we might live for him. I have moved again. I am here with Charles Smith and his congregation. I will build a little room on the back of the meeting house here two miles out in the country. My new address is General Delivery, Sapulpa, Oklahoma.

—George W. Stephenson.

Obituaries

Brother Joe Patterson was born in Alabama and moved from there to Mayfield, Texas when a boy. In 1887 he married Mattie Sadler, to which union nine children were born. Later they moved to Vernon, Okla. He was a loving father and tried to make his family comfortable and happy. He became a Christian when quite young and heard the full gospel preached by Bro. G. W. Winn. He accepted it and gave up all to God and became a saint in this evening light and lived it thirty-three years, walking in all the light that God gave him.

After losing his first wife, he married Mrs. Bell Jarett, August 14, 1947. He leaves two daughters, Mrs. Mary Woods and Mrs. Dover Barnett of Okla. City; one son, B. P. Patterson of Oakland, Calif; 11 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and a number of relatives and friends.

Bro. Patterson was a lively member in the body of Christ, and the oldest member in Vernon, Okla.

Scripture text: Matt. 24:42; John 6:44. Funeral services by Bro. R. Walters.

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Sister Georgianna Stricklin, daughter of James and Susan Mitchell, was born in Covington, Tenn. Oct. 29, 1882, and departed this life Jan. 18, 1952 at Sand Springs, Okla.

Early in life she became a Christian. When she heard the saints preach the gospel in its fullness she accepted it and was saved the Bible way and was true till the Lord called her home.

Nov. 7, 1901 she was united in marriage to Joe Quellen to which union four children were born, three sons and one daughter. He passed away April 19, 1911, and later she

married W. E. Stricklin. One child was born to them, who preceded her in death. She was a faithful and loyal wife to her husband until he was called to his reward a few years ago. She leaves three sons, William Quellen of Hugo, Okla., Edward Quellen of Sand Springs, Okla., James Quellen of Colorado Springs, Colo.; and one daughter, Mrs. Mary Johnson of Boley, Okla.; two brothers; four step children; eight grandchildren; one great-grandchild; and a host of other relatives and friends and saints.

Funeral sermon by Bro. U. Phillips assisted by Bro. Sam Barton and Bro. Lewis Williams. Burial in Valley Grove Cemetery 6 miles east of Boley, Okla.

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Mrs. E. E. Ingham, born May 10, 1855, passed to her reward Jan. 11, 1952. She was of the church of God for forty years and died in the faith, in the home of her daughter, Mrs. M. C. Longwill at Loveland, Colo.

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Bro. Edward Hypolite Bahm was born April 9, 1888 and passed away January 20, 1952, aged 63 years, 8 months, and 11 days. He was united in marriage to Lillian Neal October 20, 1910. To this union eleven children were born. One (infant) preceded him in death. He is survived by his wife, and the children are: Cecil, Anzalea, Margaret, Mona, Marvin, Beatrice, Ralston, Vern, Lois, Edward, Jr.; and four grandchildren and many other relatives and friends.

Bro. Bahm heard the glorious truth of the gospel preached many years ago by the church of God ministers, and believed and accepted it, and was born again by the Spirit of God, which made him a new creature in Christ; proving by the life he afterward lived that "Old things had passed away and all things had become new." 2 Cor. 5:17. And he lived a devoted life unto the end.

He had been in declining health for some time; but was confined to his bed on Christmas day, from which he never recovered. As he neared the end he requested the saints to turn him loose and not to hold on for God to keep him here, saying that he was tired of this earth and was ready to go. He will be greatly missed in the community in which he lived, and especially do we miss him in our services; but we feel that our loss is his eternal gain.

Funeral services conducted by L. L. Perry, assisted by brother Ray Key and sister Lottie Joiner. Text used: Numbers 23:10, "Let me die the death of the righteous, and let my last end be like his." His body was laid to rest in the Neal Cemetery near his home.

MEETING NOTICES

SPRINGFIELD, MO.

There will be an all day meeting in Springfield, Mo. the first Sunday in March, followed by a revival. The ministers and saints of Springfield extend a hearty invitation to all, whoever the dear Lord impresses to stay and hold the revival. One or more ministers will be appreciated. Also, the saints here desire all day meeting the first Sunday of each month after. All come who can and all pray the good Lord give us a good meeting for His glory. Pastors Bro. and Sister John W. Wilson, 718 N. Kansas, Springfield, Mo.

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NEOSHO, MO.

The saints here at Neosho feel like it would be good and encouraging to us all to have all day meeting on the third Sunday of each month. We extend a welcome to all to come and be with us on each third Sunday and other meeting days, as the Lord may lead. Artie Bowers.

JEFFERSON, ORE.

Lord willing, the Oregon campmeeting will be held this year on the saints' grounds in Jefferson, June 20-29. Watch for a fuller announcement in the May paper.

On the third week-end of each month, the saints here have service on Saturday night and three services on Sunday with lunch on the grounds. Anyone passing who can plan to be with us in these services, will be welcome, and will be cared for. The saints are gathering from the different places around here, and God does richly bless.

Pray for us. Your servant in the Lord, Sam Wilson.
Box 41, Jefferson, Ore.

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LOS ANGELES, CALIF.

A revival meeting will begin March 12th and continue through March 30th or longer, Lord willing in the chapel on the saints' camp ground, 12312 Osborne Place, Pacoima, California. Osborne is between the towns of Sun Valley and San Fernando and the chapel is located between San Fernando Road and Glenoaks Blvd., near Hansen Dam and Basilone Homes project.

There will be services each night at 7:30, Sunday services at 11:00 a. m. and 7:30 p. m., Sunday school 9:45 a. m. and all day meeting Sunday, March 30th. All people of every nation, race, and creed are invited to attend.

This will be the first revival effort in this place and it is a new and large field, and the need is great. We desire the earnest prayers of all the saints scattered abroad concerning this meeting, that the Lord will send ministerial help and convict, save, and sanctify souls.

Bro. and Sister O. B. Wilson

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GUTHRIE, OKLA.

The saints at Guthrie, Oklahoma extend a hearty invitation to saints and friends everywhere to meet with them on Easter Sunday, April 13, 1952. Lord willing, there will be services in the morning, a basket dinner served in the dining hall, ordinance services (feet washing and the Lord's Supper and baptismal services if any one wants to be baptized) in the afternoon, and regular services again at night.

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His Coming Draweth Nigh

In first Timothy 2:1, 2, we read, "I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; For kings and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty."

We find here a duty that is upon all saved people. Truly, kings and rulers and those in authority are in great need of the prayers and supplications of the redeemed, who are living in this world but are not of the world. The rulers and law makers of our own country are in great straits as to what should be done to insure peace in our land. Their faces are gathering blackness as war clouds are hanging over the nation. Sin and wickedness is to be seen and known in the high seats of our government, and on down to the very lowest. The people of the nation are in a turmoil, one crying, "This is the thing to do," and another crying something else. None in number can be agreed as to what course to pursue.

The nation is now in a war in Korea, which they would like to get loose from but cannot. Young men, the prime of our nations on both sides, are being slain and slaughtered by the awful weapons of carnal warfare, and that, seemingly with no hope of gaining any permanent victory, as they dare not move against the enemy in any way to gain victory and have peace, because the powerful Russian nation is backing up Chinese armies. They are practically in war now with Russia, and yet Russia is sitting back watching the Americans spend themselves and bring bankruptcy to our country.

This nation of ours whose citizens once had much light and knowledge and much of the fear of God upon their souls, has become corrupted and is as a stench in the nostrils of God, while a great part of the citizens profess to love Him. In the majority of the professed churches, the people are so proud, vain, and worldly minded that God will not even smell in their assemblies. Many of them have a self-righteousness not to be equaled by the haughty Pharisees in the day of Christ. Uncle Sam (as this nation is called) needs to get down before God in humble repentance and confession; but he is too self-conceited, haughty and proud to do this, so he has brought and is bringing the wrath of a sin-avenging God upon the nation. Sometimes God uses one wicked nation to punish another.

Several years ago, while at the Monark Springs, Mo. campmeeting, I had been fasting and praying, and humbling down before God. He gave me a vision of conditions existing. In the vision I saw a long body of soldiers in uniform marching east, and it seemed to me at the time that they were going to Germany and Europe. As I looked and beheld this large army marching, I saw other young men coming from different states. As they came, they were in civilian clothes, but when they got to where this large army was marching their clothes changed to soldiers' uniforms and they too marched east with the others.

I told this vision at the camp meeting. No doubt many who were there remember my speaking about it and saying that it looked like war with Russia. Since that time the United States has been sending soldiers to Europe and east in Korea, and at present have a large army stationed in Europe and Korea, and they are still going there.

About two weeks ago I was in bed and it was near the break of day when the Lord gave me another vision. I saw the moon, a full moon, up in the sky, and it was dark. I called the attention of someone who was with me to it and we talked about it, wondering why the moon would be so dark. Presently, as we were looking at it there was a big irregular black spot which appeared just east of the moon. We wondered at the sight and became amazed. Suddenly it began to move toward the moon. It came crashing across the moon and left a big streak and blotted out the moon entirely. We gazed at it for awhile and then all disappeared. It was so vivid on my mind that I was greatly troubled about it as to what the meaning was of such a horrible sight. I mentioned it to the brethren that were here and told them that God undoubtedly wanted to get some truth to us by

such a scene. I wanted to know the interpretation of it.

We went into the living room for morning worship and I spoke of it again for it was so firmly fixed upon my mind, and I was wondering what it all meant. While we were having worship, the Lord brought the interpretation to my mind like this: The moon that was so dark represented this country in its dark spiritual and sinful condition. It once had light as moonlight in comparison to sunlight, but now that light has become darkness and has brought the wrath of God upon the nation. The black spot that appeared represented Russia and its converted countries, which was irregular in shape and exceedingly black, denoting their black spiritual condition also. But the horror of it was, it moved across the darkened moon that represented this country and the whole thing was inky blackness.

The prophecies of the Bible are true and all this is plainly prophesied in the sacred word of God if properly understood; but the spiritually blind leaders have the people as a whole blinded to the truth and they are rushing headlong into the devil's traps. There are more communists (which is a cover for atheism and infidelity) in this country than there were in Russia when their government was overthrown. And this nation is rapidly going communistic and being engulfed by that old dragon power which is spoken of in Revelation 12:9, "That old serpent, called the Devil and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world." He was cast out into the earth and his angels with him. In the 20th chapter of Revelation he is mentioned again. It says he was bound for a thousand years, a long period of time. Spiritually speaking, that old dragon power was bound and was not allowed to deceive the nations as he once did when he worked in the Roman Empire, which practically ruled the world at that time. He was put down and his authority, by the coming and work of Christ and his followers in the early morning church. In Rev. 20:3 it says he is to be loosed a little season, and he is now loose. He is again deceiving the nations. He has himself covered with a cloak of communism and is gradually undermining faith in God and is deceiving the nations. It is not hard to deceive them, for they do not have God in their souls, and most all are ripe to be deceived by evil powers and spirits.

The saints of God who retain Christ in their souls have nothing to fear, even though the Lord may allow some of us to be slain and killed, we will get into heaven all the sooner. When this satanic power gets so strong that it practically controls things, it will raise its voice up against the few saints that are standing true to God and use its power and authority to compass the camp of the saints about, and the beloved city (God's family) and fire will come down from heaven and devour them (Rev. 20:9). God will take care of his faithful saints, and when he sets fire to this old world and the wicked people, He will take us up above all of it, and we can be with Him forever. Blessed be the name of the Lamb of God who has washed our robes and made them white in his own blood.

In the 12th chapter of Revelation where it tells about the downfall of this wicked power that is called the old serpent, the Devil and Satan, we find in the 11th verse: "And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death." This is the only way that we will overcome him in these last days, is to keep under the blood of the Lamb, give out the word of our testimony, and love not our lives unto death. Let the saints fortify themselves in the blood and keep on the whole armour of God and testify with boldness that God rules and Jesus is our King and not this devilish power under the cloak of communism. If you do not get your soul in the condition that Paul testified to in Gal. 2:20 and keep in that state, you will go down in defeat when the pressure comes hard and your life is hanging in the balance.

We exhort the saints everywhere to prepare themselves for what is coming upon the earth. A mere profession will not stand in that day. You must have the real meek and humble life of Christ in the soul, fearing not man but God.

You will have to have the grace in your soul as the three Hebrew children had when they faced the King Nebuchadnezzar. He demanded them to worship the golden image, but they firmly told the king that they were not careful to answer him in the matter. In Daniel 3:17, we read what they said: "If it be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver us out of thine hand O king. But if not, be it known unto thee, O king, that we will not serve thy gods, nor worship the golden image which thou hast set up." It will take firmness for God on our part to stand and gain heaven in the coming days and years. —Fred Pruitt.

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Some Good Advice

Dear saints and friends, let us see to it that we get more down to business for the Lord in the year of 1952. Let this year be a year of jubilee for the saints. The world is getting worse and worse all the time. This is as it was in Noah's time, you can hardly get anyone saved. Satan is loose on earth and he is hard after the saints. Let us run with all our soul, heart, mind and strength. We have no time for anything else. Let us see to it that we talk less and pray more with all our hearts. When we are not praying let us be reading our Bibles. When we do talk, let our conversation be a holy one, dear saints, then we can feel more up-lifted and encouraged. The Lord will soon be here. In a few more days he is coming after the church without a spot or wrinkle.

Death is on his way for each of us, so let us live holy lives, and have pure hearts so death will be welcome at any time and we can stand before God with a clear heart and conscience. And He will welcome us: "Come in, faithful servant, and get your crown." And we will meet Him with a smile. "Be thou faithful unto death and I will give you a crown of life."

Your sister in Christ,

Lizzie Jordan

Young People's Section

Seeing Him Who Is Invisible

With my eyes upon the Saviour
 I can walk the sea of life,
 With its waves and billows 'round me,
 With its tempests, storms, and strife.
 Should I look upon another,
 Look at self, or turn my gaze
 On life's problems and temptations,
 I would sink beneath the waves.
 Saviour, let me walk beside Thee;
 Let me feel my hand in Thine;
 Let me know the joy of walking
 In Thy strength and not in mine.—Sel.

Calif.—Dear young saints everywhere,—I want to thank the Lord for what he is to me. I'm saved and really encouraged to live for God. I feel led to tell a few things the Lord has done for me.

Tuesday, January 23, I took a slight cold while I was in school. There were lots of children staying out of school at that time with the flu. Tuesday night I told mother I wasn't going to school the next day if I didn't feel any better. Wednesday my cold was a little worse but I could have gone to school. I felt sort of lazy-like so I didn't go to school. Thursday I felt about the same and didn't go to school. I slept just about all of that day. That evening my heart woke me up fluttering. I got relief from that but the next day my bones ached. Daddy asked me how I felt. I told him and he said, "Girl, you've got that old time flu." I have never been real sick in my life and Daddy sort of pets us when we are sick. I got so I rather liked the idea of his coming to me, asking me what I wanted from the store.

Saturday, Clarence and a few of the Stockton saints came through, on their way to Bakersfield. While they were at our place, I felt fine, but after they left, I went to sleep, but later was awakened by my heart again. I couldn't get any relief so I asked Daddy to pray for me. He prayed, and the Lord instantly heard and answered prayer, but Sunday it was bad again. Daddy prayed, but I didn't seem to get relief. I asked him to pray again, and he told me I just had to believe God. So I prayed and told God, I was going to lie down and just rely on his promise, because I did believe he was going to heal me. My heart bothered me a lot whenever I lay down, but I told God I was going to trust him. I lay down and God wonderfully blessed me. That night I rested well.

Monday, I stayed in bed all day. I got so, I couldn't stand to lie on my stomach. That night it seemed as if my heart would stop. I couldn't lie down, and yet it made me tired to sit up. I called Daddy and told him to pray for me. He called all of the children in the room, and told them to be quiet he was going to pray for me. I told them all to pray for me. They prayed but I didn't seem to get relief. Daddy told me to believe God, and I said I would. I lay back on the pillow and just told God I was going to trust him. After a while my heart started beating more smoothly. Wednesday night I had Daddy to pray that God would give me more faith and patience. I believed God was going to heal me, but I wanted more patience to wait on him, and faith to trust him no matter

how bad my heart seemed to get. He prayed that way and God heard and answered prayer in my behalf.

For the next three days my health continued much the same, at times better and then worse again. My tonsils started to hurt but the Lord touched them. Friday night I picked up the Bible and asked God to help me turn to a scripture that would help me. I opened my Bible and it fell right open to James where he was talking about faith. The scripture that reads "Faith without works is dead." I had an idea what it meant, but I wasn't sure. I asked Daddy about it and he told me.

This morning I'm a lot better. I really praise God for it. I really learned a lot during this sickness. One thing I learned was, try to resist small feelings when you're not real sick, and another thing was to have more faith in God. Also, this brought me closer to the Lord. Pray much for me. I would like to hear from the young saints that can write to me. Your letters are encouraging.

Margaret Trotter, 319 Atchison, Fresno 6, Calif.

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Mo.—Dear loved ones of God,—I thank the Lord for what he has done for me. I have been having some trials and tests. Each one we have makes us stronger for the next one. I'm thankful we have a God that we can trust for everything, both soul and body. I have been having some trouble with my nose bleeding. I would like for all the saints to remember me in prayer.

Your brother in Christ,

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Okla.—Dear saints,—Greetings to you in Jesus' dear name. I am saved and much encouraged to follow the Lord all the way. I feel led to tell what the Lord has done for me. I felt bad all day Friday. My mother thought I was taking the flu. The next morning I got up and felt better. I didn't give up, but kept calling on the Lord to completely heal me and my prayer was answered. The Lord completely healed me. Praise the Lord! Pray for me that I will live the life before my schoolmates all the times, and that I may be found doing the things he desires me to do. Yours in Christ, Lilly Mae Adams.

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Mo.—Dear young saints,—Greetings in the name of the dear Lord. This finds me still pressing the battle on. The Lord surely has been good to me. I promised the Lord that I would write my testimony, if he would heal me of my bad cold. The next day it got better, and the next day it was all gone. I thank the dear Lord for what he has done for me. I could never praise him enough for what he means to me.

I have a brother that is facing the army and he isn't saved. Pray that he will get saved, and won't have to go. Pray for me that I will be a help to some poor soul.

Christian love,

Wanda Atnip.

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Kans.—Dear ones in the Lord,—Greetings to all in the name of Jesus. I truly love Him today and my whole desire is to follow him ever with unfaltering steps. I am so thankful that the Lord has promised that "my grace is sufficient for thee." I think of that scripture so often when in tests and trials. Oh, I thank the Lord for the blessings of salvation!

The Lord has certainly been good to us this past year. He saw fit to heal my body of a bad case of eczema, for

which I thank my Heavenly Father from the depths of my heart. My husband has broken his ankle two times in the last six months and the Lord has healed him both times. Thank the Lord! I wrote my testimony about a year and a half ago, to the healing of my body. I felt that if I would just go ahead and testify to the healing that the Lord would complete it. The Lord didn't see fit to do so though. From that time until last June, when the Lord healed me, I learned many precious lessons. One lesson that I remember so clearly is "Rejoice in the Lord always: and again I say, Rejoice." (Phil. 4:4.) I learned that I had to rejoice in my affliction. How the Lord helped me to be able to rejoice with him! Many, many nights after that time of learning, I would awaken scratching my hands and just digging at them. My husband would try to hold my hands apart to keep me from scratching them, but the itching was so intense that my strength was unbelievably great. Water-like secretion would be standing in beads and sometimes just a solid mass all over the backs of my hands and fingers. But through all those stormy winds and rains, the Lord and I stood firm. The Lord was upholding me or I would have fallen. Thank the Lord for his love. "And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock." (Matt. 7:25.) It was only through the longsuffering of the Heavenly Father that my foundation is on the Rock. I can see, as I look over the picture of my past life, how the Lord has been so kind and so longsuffering with me. "The Lord is not slack concerning his promise as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance." (2 Peter 3:9) The Lord has been that very way toward me, and I truly thank him for it.

We thank the Lord, too, for the way he is blessing brother and sister Lawrence Allen's little boy, Norman. We heard that a few weeks ago he fell, and not a bone was broken. We know it was only the Lord for his body has been sorely afflicted in that way.

I desire the prayers of all the saints that I will grow more and more in the Lord and deepen down more in him.
Your sister in Christ, Marilyn Eck.

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Mo.—Dear young people,—I want to thank the Lord for salvation and sanctification. I have never sent my testimony to the "Faith and Victory" paper. When I would think about it the enemy would have me discouraged or make me think I couldn't write anything. But I can thank the Lord for health and strength and for the many other blessings he gives me. I am glad we can trust him for everything, little things as well as big things. I just want to trust him more and more. The enemy tries to discourage every way he can but the Lord can give victory. Satan tries every way he can to keep me from reading the Bible and praying but I have found that it pays to take time. We can't live spiritually without it, just as we can't live without breath. So dear ones, don't ever neglect it. Pray for me that I will grow stronger in the Lord each day.

"Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;
Earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away,
Change and decay in all around I see;
Oh, Thou who changest not, abide with me!"

Eva Lou Sorrell.

He that loveth little prayeth little, but he that loveth much prayeth much.—Augustine.

Communism Vs. Christianity

When the Pilgrims came to the shores of America, their first act was to kiss the soil of the new land with a prayer of thanksgiving to God.

Through nearly three centuries America has been a God-fearing nation. The Constitution of the United States was born in prayer. Nearly every one of the great American universities was founded by men who loved God and served Him.

In contrast, on May 5, 1818 in the city of Treves, Germany, Karl Marx, the prophet of communism was born. As a young man, Marx issued the flaming Communist Manifesto which was to become the bible of the proletariat everywhere. Said Marx, "Let the governing classes tremble before the communistic revolution." Thus was born communism with its hatred for God and for the rights of free men.

There you have it . . . in today's world it is either communism or Christianity. Christianity teaches the immortality of the soul, the fact of God, the Saviourhood of Christ and the authenticity of the Holy Scriptures. But communism cries out against "the treacherous influences of such myths and illusions."

But America, beware! Beware of communism . . . yes! but let us fear also outright godlessness. At this moment materialistic godlessness is eating its way into the vitals of the American way of life. Take a look at the following:

Godlessness in our government—It has been proved that murderous gangs control politics in high government places. Men who promote prostitution, gambling, and murder are actually linked with local and national politics.

Godlessness in our schools—The trend away from God in our nation's public school systems has increased so tremendously in the past decade that pupils who express belief in a Supreme Being are actually looked down upon. Our boys and girls of today are the men and women of tomorrow. How godless will the next generation be if atheism continues to be upheld as a standard in America's schools?

Godlessness in our industry—Gold has replaced God in the minds and hearts of labor and management. For the average individual, pleasure has replaced purpose . . . there seems to be absolutely no thought of God and of His commandments. Men and women indulge in lives of sin and pleasure.

Godlessness in churches—Like a Trojan horse, godlessness is fast taking over in many American churches today. Into the church has come worldliness followed by a denial of the fundamental truths of Scripture. Pastors actually preach that Jesus was not the God-man—simply a good man. They deny His atoning death for sin, His resurrection, and salvation by faith in His shed blood. A social religion, designed to please the unconverted and carnal mind, has been substituted for a virile Christianity.

Yes, it's godless Russia vs. godless America! America can no longer boast that she is a Christian nation. Sin is rampant on every hand. Let us acknowledge the fact that we have forgotten God . . . as a nation and as individuals.

A nation is no greater than the individuals that form it. There is only one way out. It is not through alliances or armed might—it is only through repentance of individuals in the sight of a holy God and a calling upon Him for mercy and salvation through His Son whom He sent to be the Saviour from sin.

Friend, it is either Christ or chaos. Yes, the living Lord Jesus Christ alone has the answer to all the issues of the life of the individual and of our nation. "Neither is there salvation in any other; for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved . . . But as many as received Him [Christ, individually], to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name" (Acts 4:12, John 1:12).

"God . . . now commandeth all men everywhere to repent: because He hath appointed a day, in the which He will judge the world in righteousness by that Man [Christ Jesus] whom He hath ordained . . . He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him" (Acts 17:30, 31; John 3:36).

—C. H. Dennis

CORRESPONDENCE

Ark.—Dear precious saints,—I'm sending greetings to all in Jesus' dear name. The Lord has pressed me to send in my testimony. I grasped the faith of God in 1928. I have held to it every day since I was converted. The Lord has had mercy on me all the time. I have not taken a dose of medicine, since getting saved, nor used any salves of any kind, although I have come in contact with many difficulties and sickness of different kinds to try to break my faith in God. The Lord says, "I am with thee always," so I have nothing to doubt. I am alone but I look to God for everything. There are no born again souls in this community.

In October I had blood poison in my right leg between my knee and ankle. It got so bad that I lost my mind some. They said I was praying all the time. They took me to the hospital. The doctor wasn't there, so a nurse told them that I was almost gone, so you see they were scared. When I came to my mind I said, "Fred, I am not going back to the hospital." He said, "Mother, what will we do?" I said "Let us pray and send for the saints to pray. God will heal me if we can pray the prayer of faith." I kept praying and Fred prayed for God to heal me. To my great joy the Lord was glorified and my leg got easy. The poison was gone. In three weeks I was well from all of my weakness. I shouted and gave God the praise. I did my house work. While sick I fasted and didn't get hungry any of the time. It scared Fred. He said, "Mother, if you don't eat you will die." I told him that I would eat when the Lord healed me.

After I had been up two weeks I took a headache. It was a cold catarrh that I have had for forty years in my head, from exposure every winter. It put me back in bed. I told Fred not to take me to the hospital anymore because it would break our faith in God, and I surely would die. He said "Mother, I won't." I was praying in bed one night, and asked God what I could do to please him, so he would heal my head and make my body well. The thought came to my mind, "send in your doctor bill (to the Lord's work), and you shall be well." God healed my body, teaching me that he was trying my faith to the

world. My brother had sent me the five dollars for a birthday gift. I am 82 years old. I want you to pray for the Lord to spare my life and bless my family, that is not saved. My body is well now.

Your sister in Christ,

Viney Kerr.

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Kans.—Dear saints,—I am 87 years old. I first heard holiness in 1895. In 1896 I heard of the church of God and I was sanctified in the month of May of that year. The Gospel Trumpet was published at Grand Junction. F. G. Smith and others taught us that this was the last Reformation. I accepted and believed that, so I looked to the Gospel Trumpet for guidance. At that time every preacher taught against divorce and double marriage. However, before long you seldom heard a word about double marriage. The so-called church of God ministers began to solemnize double marriage and to practice it. At first I thought possibly I was wrong as everyone was against me. But since they have let down the standard on other things I am looking to God. After all, the Bible and not the Gospel Trumpet is to be our guide. I have failed to find any place in the New Testament where Jesus or any New Testament writer ever gave license for the second marriage, while the first companion was living. In Romans 7:3 I read, "but if the husband be dead"; also in 1 Cor. 7:39, "The wife is bound by the law as long as her husband liveth." Read Mark 10:11-12, Luke 16:18, and Romans 7:3. Three different New Testament writers condemn the second marriage in the strongest terms. I can not think Mark, Luke, and the apostle Paul all, could be mistaken. I know this is not popular doctrine but it is Bible and that is what we are to be judged by.

Your sanctified brother,

C. E. Moyer.

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Mo.—Dear saints everywhere,—Greetings in Jesus' dear name. I feel led this morning to write my testimony of how the Lord is blessing and caring for us. All of us had the flu except my husband and little boy. We wrote to the saints for prayer and the dear Lord heard and answered prayer in our behalf. We do thank and praise the dear Lord for healing us. We also thank all the saints for their prayers, as we feel it was through their prayers that we got the victory so quick. Our little boy had a bad ear ache one night. We prayed for him almost two hours before we got the victory. It seemed it was getting worse, but we just held on to the Lord and he touched him and healed it instantly. That has been two or three nights ago and it hasn't bothered him any more. We do thank the dear Lord for this.

My husband has had two bad attacks of kidney trouble, and the Lord healed him both times, in just a short while. He was suffering so much and vomiting when all at once he got easy. He said he knew it was the Lord that healed him as he had an attack like this about seven years ago and didn't get any ease until he went to the hospital and suffered several weeks. Surely we do have a mighty God that hears and answers prayer.

I am so thankful for this true and holy way. I am thankful for the truth, that we can raise our children up in it. It also keeps contentment in our homes, no longing for worldly pleasures, when we are truly saved and sanctified. We feel the need of your prayers and long to be remembered, as we know we can have victory through prayer. Pray earnestly for us here that we will be just what the Lord would have us to be. May God bless and help every one of his children to hold out faithful is the prayer of my heart. Your sister in Christ, Effie Miller.

Ore.—Dear saints,—Greetings of holy love in Jesus' dear name. There was a little bit of several afflictions put on this body, or house of clay. I can send a good report now. Everything is gone. Even my broken bone and right arm ailment was healed. It came back but I just rebuked the devil for his work. I only have symptoms of ear trouble. It ached one day, then quit aching, but there is a noise every night in my left ear just exactly like the noise of a type writer. When I lie on my left side, that noise stops. I get so tired of lying on one side all of the time, but I'm very happy that the noise stops, when I do. Pray that I will do His will more fully. Bertha Blais.

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Kans.—Dear saints,—I am sending my testimony to "Faith and Victory" paper. The little paper helps me to understand the Bible. I hope to live and get well so I can go to service. There are two Churches of God here in Winfield. I went to one called 1st Church of God. As soon as I stepped inside I saw right then that I didn't belong there, so I didn't go any more. I want to be baptized when I can find the right church.

A saint,

Mrs. Rose Burley.

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Okla.—Dear saints and readers of "Faith and Victory" paper,—Today I am saved and mean to stay saved as long as I live. I was in a wreck in August but the Lord is healing me. Some of my wounds seem to be completely healed. I truly thank every one who prayed for me, also for their kindness. My arm is not completely well but I thank the Lord for it being as well as it is. God is good and worthy to be praised. I mean to praise him as long as I live. Pray for me. May Bell Williams.

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Mo.—Dear saints,—Greetings of love in Jesus! Tonight finds us still encouraged to press on in this true and Holy way. There is no other way that will lead us to Heaven. I'm so very thankful the dear Lord was so kind and merciful to us, and led us in this sweet way. Bless his precious name. We find the devil is roaring and doing his best to try to scare the saints and cause them to become fearful. But thank the Lord for the quietness and assurance he gives to us, when we flee to his never failing arms. He truly has been our present help in time of need many times. We can never thank him enough for what he has done for us. We feel so little and unworthy of his love and mercy to us. It seems there is so little we do for him, but how we desire to do the little things he wants us to do.

We enjoyed the assembly meeting so much. The word of God and the unity of the saints was precious. It was good to be there. The Lord wonderfully touched me the night we got to Guthrie. My head was hurting me so badly that it seemed I could hardly think straight. But after being anointed and prayed for it eased and I went to sleep. I never had the slightest touch of the head ache the next morning. Surely I do thank Him for it, also for the dear saints who can and are willing to pray with us. It means so much to us.

The dear Lord was very good to us, to see us safely home just before the ice storm. How we did thank him for this. The weather was very bad after we got home. We were so thankful to be in out of the storm.

When our house caught fire in November it was marvellous how the Lord did help us. The fire caught in between the partition and had burned in between and had gone into the attic before we knew anything about it. So you see it had a good start before we could get at it. However, when we found the house was on fire we hooked

the hose up and set to work. The children and I were praying earnestly to the dear Lord for his help in this time of need, realizing he could do all things. We kept calling upon him, even after some of the neighbors had come in to help, for we are not ashamed of the loving Lord we trust in, and surely he did help us out. After seeing how much had burned, several said they didn't see how it kept from going to the ground. All praise belongs to the Lord. How it made us to appreciate the Lord and all his love and mercy to us.

We want to thank the dear saints for their kindness and love extended to us during this time of need. We truly appreciate every deed. May the Lord bless you all. We need your prayers that we be true to the Lord in these days of shaking. Christian love, Natalie Allen.

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Calif.—Dear brother Pruitt,—May the good Lord bless you, and your consecrated workers in "The Lord's Print Shop." I know it means a sacrifice to any one to give their time to the Lord's work these days of high wages. I say again, the Lord bless you all.

While in prayer recently, and after I "shut to the door" and got in the spirit of prayer, the good Lord began to talk to me and reveal his precious word to my hungry soul. It was blessed indeed.

As you well know, when a Christian kneels in secret prayer, some times it takes fifteen minutes or longer to shut out the cares of life, and the temporal duties that take so much of our time. So when we lift our spiritual eyes to heaven and forget all our earthly cares, then, will the Lord bless our souls. Glory to his precious name. I feel as though the Lord has given me a new start in this blessed way. He is helping my unworthy soul to learn more about prevailing prayer. We are living in the last days of this world's struggle and in the time when "the love of many shall wax cold." So, saints of the most high God, keep holding on. It takes daily prayer to keep the victory.

Oh, how I wish it were possible to be able to attend one camp meeting at Monark Springs and hear the Word preached under the anointing of the Holy Ghost, and hear the praises of the redeemed. It would be glorious indeed. I am a manager of a small apartment house and find it hard to get away, but some day I expect to take a vacation, and see you all face to face. I will be 62 years old soon and am blessed with good health. I'm praising God for the old time religion that saves, sanctifies, heals, and keeps from sin in every form, 24 hours a day. Praise God!

May the good Lord bless you and those that labour with you. Everett Jones.

Ind.—Dear saints,—Greetings in Jesus' dear name. I have been looking through your wonderful little paper and found interesting reading about other people and wonderful thoughts and teachings about our dear Lord. Since he saved me he has been my healer and keeper. I love my Lord. Day after day I praise his wonderful name. I've just read through my Bible, as I've done before. When I hear news or read it from the news paper, I can put two and two together and I say, I'm looking for my Lord to soon return.

About two years ago a doctor discovered that I had sugar diabetes. I suffered much. The doctor told my husband, "No more hard work on the farm." He rented the farm and we came north as he thought it best for me. We went to church one night and the brother prayed for me. I thought I had been shocked by electricity, but I knew healing had come to me from God. Bless his wonderful name.

Mrs. R. M. Shifley.

La.—Dear readers of "Faith and Victory,"—Greetings to all. I want to express my appreciation to all who remembered me in prayer, after hearing of my sickness. I was very sick in December but God raised me up again, and I am busy in the Master's service. I am not completely healed of the affliction but am very grateful for what God has done in answer to prayer. I am so thankful to be able to be on duty for the Lord. The harvest truly is great and the laborers are few.

I had a precious experience of the healing power of the Lord during our camp meeting last year. I scalded my hand badly and it was wonderful how the Lord healed it. Praise God! Thank you again for your prayers.

Your sister in Christ,

Ruth Murphey.

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Mo.—Dear saints,—Greetings in Jesus' sweet name. I feel I should give my testimony for the Lord, that it may be a help to some one. If I can be any help by telling what the Lord has done for me, I surely want to do so. This finds me encouraged to press the battle on for Jesus. He surely is good to me and all who trust him.

About four weeks ago when I was out feeding my cattle, I stepped on a spike nail. It almost went through my foot. As everyone knows, a rusty nail is very dangerous, so when I got back to the house we had prayer. We asked the Lord to keep my foot from getting so sore that I couldn't get around, as I have a job to do that seems I almost have to be there. Before I had to leave to go to work two of my brothers came by and stopped. We went before the Lord again in prayer, putting our trust in him, the one that has all power, believing he was going to hear and answer our prayers. Praise the dear Lord!

When I was getting ready to start on my milk route (as I haul milk for the farmers to the milk plant) one of my brothers told me I must stay off of my foot as much as possible. I told him I didn't intend to stay off of it. I had my trust in the Lord and I believed he was going to answer prayer, and he did. Praise his sweet name. He did more than we asked him to do. My foot never got so sore but what I could get around and do what had to be done, and it never had any infection it it. It just healed up perfectly, but about the time it had healed, one morning my foot was very sore and pained me. The devil tried to scare me and tell me that it had healed too quickly and now I would have trouble, but I defeated him. I said, "Lord, it isn't any worse than it was at first and you can take all this out just as easy as you did at first." I kept my trust in God, believing he would heal and the soreness left and soon my foot was well. Praise his dear name!

I also would like to say that the Lord has wonderfully blessed all the saints here at Myrtle, not only in soul and body, but he has blessed us with a good chapel to worship in. The Lord has sent us a minister and his wife to be with us all of the time, which we are very thankful for. We had brother Murphy Allen and family with us once a month but the Lord knew we desired to hear more of his truth. He moved upon the hearts of people and after much praying and waiting on him, he sent brother Everett Abbott and his wife here.

Dear saints, help us to pray that the Lord will move upon the hearts of people in this community and put a desire in their hearts to come out and hear the truth and be saved, and that there will be much accomplished in the Lord. Pray for me and my family that we may always do the will of the Lord.

Earl E. Sorrell.

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Okla.—Dear saints,—I enjoy reading the "Faith and Victory" paper. The Lord is very dear to me. I have

been saved and living for the Lord for forty years. He heals me when I am sick, and he is my all and all. I am now 93 years old, and still living for the Lord and trusting in his name.

When I was 9 years old the Lord taught me to thread my needle in my mouth and I can still do it. He has done many wonderful things for me. I ask the prayers of all the saints that I will continually stay with the Lord.

Your saved sister in Christ,

Cora Jackson.

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Mo.—Dear saints,—I enjoy reading the good testimonies from the dear saints. They encourage me to keep pressing onward and upward. I want to praise God for my health and strength each day. I want the saints to pray that God will heal my body. Also remember all of my loved ones in prayer.

Your sister in Christ,

Mrs. Claud Aleshire.

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Ariz.—To the saints far and near,—I send greetings. I am yet saved and encouraged to go all the way with Jesus. I know there isn't any thing in this world to turn back to and I find in Him, all that I need in this life. I know he will never leave me nor forsake me.

I want to testify to the healing of my granddaughter, who was very ill. I told the Lord if he would heal her I would testify to it through the "Faith and Victory" and he wonderfully made her every whit whole for which I give him all the glory and praise. Please continue to pray for my unsaved family and for me, that I may sink deeper in the Lord. Yours in Him, Bertha Slaughter.

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Mo.—Dear ones,—I wrote to you a while back asking you to pray for me. I know you did for my heart doesn't hurt any more. I quit taking medicine and I know the dear Lord answered prayer. I wake up through the night and thank him for what he has done for me. He has helped me in so many ways. I have faith in God and you must have faith if God helps you. Mrs. Golda M. White.

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Va.—Dear saints,—I have just finished reading the "Faith and Victory" paper and I think it is wonderful. My nephew had it sent to me and I am thanking God that he did for it has been a blessing to me. It is wonderful to be a child of God. Pray for me that I will be healed of an affliction on my body.

Mrs. Mary Tucker.

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Mo.—Dear saints,—Greetings in Jesus' name. I will say I still have the victory this morning. I've been sick but thank God he healed me. Praise the Lord! I did think that my time had come to pass over. I felt like Paul—for me to live was Christ and to die was gain. While here we have trials and tests but I find his grace is sufficient. Praise the Lord! I don't go to meeting as much as I would like to. I can't see to drive at night. We are living in a day when people care little about meeting. They are lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God. The Christian people seem like the people in the 7th chapter of Isaiah; lukewarm, neither cold nor hot.

A year or so ago I went to town to get a piece of ice on a very hot day. I was hot. I went in the ice house. I couldn't write of this if I hadn't got out because I would have frozen. So it is in many churches. If you have any fire about you they will cool you off. We are living in perilous times. Read 2 Timothy 3:4. We are living in those days. If there ever was a time when people ought to wake up it is now. If there ever was a time when we need to pray it is now. If we would get down like the people did at Nineveh—get down in sackcloth and ashes,

we would get somewhere. God is just the same yesterday, today and forever. May God wake us up is my prayer.

C. J. Vilhauer.

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Okla.—Dear saints,—I feel led to write my testimony. I read so many encouraging things in the "Faith and Victory" paper that when I get started reading, I don't want to stop until I have read everything in it.

The Lord has healed me so many times I just can't praise him enough for his goodness to me. I want to tell how he healed me of a sprained ankle over night. I came in from prayer meeting one night and went back out the door. I missed the solid part of the step and stepped on the side plank and sprained my ankle. I fell and it seemed I could hardly make it back in the house. After I prayed it felt better. I went to bed and it awakened me in the night. It had swollen and was so sore I just could stand for the cover to touch it. I began to pray. I told the Lord if he didn't heal me I wouldn't be able to walk when morning came. The scripture came to me, "According to your faith be it unto you." (Matt 9:29) I said, "Lord, I believe I'm going to be healed." When I awoke the next morning I got out of bed and stood on that foot. It started paining but I said that it was the enemy trying to make me doubt. I started walking across the floor with a limp but it wasn't long before I could walk without limping. It hasn't bothered me since. He is my physician. He is everything I need in life.

Laura Alexander.

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PRAYER REQUESTS

Dear saints,—I have an unspoken request. Will you dear ones pray that God will have His way about it.

—Ora Futch, W. Monroe, La.

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Boley, Okla.—I thank the Lord that I am yet saved. I am so thankful that the Lord has blessed me as much as He has, but I know the Lord is able to heal completely. I am almost deaf in one ear, and my side still bothers me. And I want all the saints to remember me in prayer that the Lord will completely heal me. Your brother in Christ, M. J. Phillips

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"OUR BELOVED BARNABAS"

March 2, 1952

Printed Portion.....Acts 4:36-37; 9:26-27; 11:19-26.

Acts 4:36. And Joses, who by the apostles was surnamed Barnabas, (which is, being interpreted, The son of consolation,) a Levite, and of the country of Cyprus,

37. Having land, sold it, and brought the money, and laid it at the apostles' feet.

9:26. And when Saul was come to Jerusalem, he assayed to join himself to the disciples: but they were all afraid of him, and believed not that he was a disciple.

27. But Barnabas took him, and brought him to the apostles, and declared unto them how he had seen the Lord in the way, and that he had spoken to him, and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus.

11:19. Now they which were scattered abroad upon the persecution that arose about Stephen traveled as far as Phenice, and Cyprus, and Antioch, preaching the word to none but unto the Jews only.

20. And some of them were men of Cyprus and Cyrene, which, when they were come to Antioch, spake unto the Grecians, preaching the Lord Jesus.

21. And the hand of the Lord was with them: and a great number believed, and turned unto the Lord.

22. Then tidings of these things came unto the ears of the church which was in Jerusalem: and they sent forth Barnabas, that he should go as far as Antioch.

23. Who, when he came, and had seen the grace of God, was glad, and exhorted them all, that with purpose of heart they would cleave unto the Lord.

24. For he was a good man, and full of the Holy Ghost and of faith: and much people was added unto the Lord.

25. Then departed Barnabas to Tarsus, for to seek Saul:

26. And when he had found him, he brought him unto Antioch. And it came to pass, that a whole year they assembled themselves with the church, and taught much people. And the disciples were called Christians first in Antioch.

Memory Verse: He was a good man, and full of the Holy Ghost and of faith. Acts 11:24.

Practical Truth: In carrying on his work, God needs men who are full of the Holy Ghost and of faith.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

Barnabas was a good man because he had God in him, but no one is good without God. Jesus was called "Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us." Matt. 1:23. Men of the world are often times called good because they act like it in so many ways, but the God-life in the soul is what makes them truly good, so they will meet with God's approval.

Barnabas showed his unselfishness in selling his property so as to help the poor saints at Jerusalem. He endeared himself to Saul of Tarsus by helping him to get acquainted with the saints at Jerusalem so they would not be afraid of him. They did not believe he was a disciple. He also helped the saints at Antioch and "Exhorted them all, that with purpose of heart they would cleave unto the Lord." The Bible says he was a good man.

Most of the terms used to speak of God's children in the Bible are: disciples, brethren, saints, or believers, but the name Christian was not much used in the New Testament and was applied to them at Antioch. It means "A follower of Christ." "As they ministered to the Lord and fasted." Job considered God's word and work more than his "necessary food." Job 23:12. We should too.

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PAUL, A PRISONER FOR CHRIST

March 9, 1952

Printed Portion.....Philippians 3:4b-17.

Phil. 3:4b. If any other man thinketh that he hath whereof he might trust in the flesh, I more:

5. Circumcised the eighth day, of the stock of Israel,

of the tribe of Benjamin, an Hebrew of the Hebrews; as touching the law, a Pharisee;

6. Concerning zeal, persecuting the church; touching the righteousness which is in the law, blameless.

7. But what things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ.

8. Yea doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ,

9. And be found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith:

10. That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death;

11. If by any means I might attain unto the resurrection of the dead.

12. Not as though I had already attained, either were already perfect: but I follow after, if that I may apprehend that for which also I am apprehended of Christ Jesus.

13. Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before,

14. I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

15. Let us therefore, as many as be perfect, be thus minded: and if in any thing ye be otherwise minded, God shall reveal even this unto you.

16. Nevertheless, whereto we have already attained, let us walk by the same rule, let us mind the same thing.

17. Brethren, be followers together of me, and mark them which walk so as ye have us for an ensample.

Memory Verse: This one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus. Phil. 3: 13-14.

Practical Truth: A follower of Christ should be willing to suffer for his sake.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

Paul was a Jew by birth, free born a Roman citizen and a Greek by culture and study. His work that God called him to do, was an apostle to the Gentiles. He was much burdened for his own countrymen, the Jews, but they would not have him, so he said, "Lo, we turn to the Gentiles." Acts 13:26.

Paul wrote about half of the books in the New Testament, which are full of spiritual food for all Christians. Here are a few of the teachings of Paul that will be inspiring to us as we let the Holy Spirit sink the truths down into our hearts: "But none of these things move me." "For when I am weak then am I strong." "But this one thing I do,—I press toward the mark for the prize." "The letter killeth but the Spirit giveth life." "Where the Spirit of the Lord is there is liberty." "The wisdom of the world is foolishness with God." "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed." "Be instant in season and out of season." "That I may know him and the power of his resurrection." The resurrection brought us our justification (Rom 4:25), heavenly citizenship (Eph. 1:19-20), assurance of our "resurrection" (1 Cor. 15:20-22), and a source of fruitfulness (Heb. 13:20-21).

TIMOTHY, A DEPENDABLE FOLLOWER

March 16, 1952

Printed Portion.....Acts 16:1-3; Philippians 2:19-24;
2 Timothy 2:1-5.

Acts 16:1. Then came he to Derbe and Lystra: and, behold, a certain disciple was there, named Timotheus, the son of a certain woman, which was a Jewess, and believed; but his father was a Greek:

2. Which was well reported of by the brethren that were at Lystra and Iconium.

3. Him would Paul have to go forth with him; and took and circumcised him because of the Jews which were in those quarters: for they knew all that his father was a Greek.

Phil. 2:19. But I trust in the Lord Jesus to send Timotheus shortly unto you, that I also may be of good comfort, when I know your state.

20. For I have no man likeminded, who will naturally care for your state.

21. For all seek their own, not the things which are Jesus Christ's.

22. But ye know the proof of him, that, as a son with the father, he hath served with me in the gospel.

23. Him therefore I hope to send presently, so soon as I shall see how it will go with me.

24. But I trust in the Lord that I also myself shall come shortly.

2 Tim. 2:1. Thou therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus.

2. And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also.

3. Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ.

4. No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of this life; that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier.

5. And if a man also strive for masteries, yet is he not crowned, except he strive lawfully.

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

Practical Truth: Self-control and a willingness to suffer hardship, if need be, for Christ's sake is needed to make anyone a dependable follower of Jesus Christ.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

Timothy had a good grandmother and mother who gave him a good training. God must have directed Paul to this young man for his after-life shows that he was the one for the duties that Paul was about to leave to some one else. God is still needing young consecrated workers that will seek the welfare of the kingdom of God and not their own selfish interests. Those who begin work in the Lord's vineyard must guard their spiritual life day by day, by humbly seeking to know the Holy Spirit's leading in all they do for Christ.

In our day the Sunday School hour (out of 168 hours) is the only time that many children have to learn about God and his ways. There are many children that do not have that. There are a few, like Timothy that have a Christian home where it is the daily habit of the parents to train their children in Bible living. When parents want to know how to raise their children, the word of God is full of good wholesome instruction, especially the books written by young Timothy, who Paul terms his "Own son in the faith." The Holy Spirit being the one to do the interpreting of the scriptures, children and youth be instructed aright.

LYDIA, WHO OPENED HER HEART AND HOME

March 23, 1952

Printed Portion.....Acts 16:6-15, 40.

Acts 16:6. Now when they had gone throughout Phrygia and the region of Galatia, and were forbidden of the Holy Ghost to preach the word in Asia,

7. After they were come to Mysia, they assayed to go into Bithynia: but the Spirit suffered them not.

8. And they passing by Mysia came down to Troas.

9. And a vision appeared to Paul in the night; There stood a man of Macedonia, and prayed him, saying, Come over into Macedonia, and help us.

10. And after he had seen the vision, immediately we endeavoured to go into Macedonia, assuredly gathering that the Lord had called us for to preach the gospel unto them.

11. Therefore loosing from Troas, we came with a straight course to Samothracia, and the next day to Neapolis:

12. And from thence to Philippi, which is the chief city of that part of Macedonia, and a colony: and we were in that city abiding certain days.

13. And on the sabbath we went out of the city by a river side, where prayer was wont to be made; and we sat down, and spake unto the women which resorted thither.

14. And a certain woman named Lydia, a seller of purple, of the city of Thyatira, which worshipped God, heard us: whose heart the Lord opened, that she attended unto the things which were spoken of Paul.

15. And when she was baptized, and her household, she besought us, saying, If ye have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come into my house, and abide there. And she constrained us.

40. And they went out of the prison, and entered into the house of Lydia: and when they had seen the brethren, they comforted them, and departed.

Memory Verse: A woman that feareth the Lord, she shall be praised. Proverbs 31:30.

Practical Truth: Women have done much in advancing the kingdom of God through entertaining God's laborers, especially pioneers.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

Paul had definite directions from the Holy Spirit before he went over to Macedonia. First, he was forbidden of the Holy Ghost to preach the word in Asia; then they assayed to go into Bythynia: but the Spirit suffered them not. When the call did come for them to go, they were whole-hearted and prompt to do so. To those who love God, a call for spiritual help from those who desire to know and act upon the truth, the cost of doing God's will is nothing compared to the joy that God gives to them who obey him lovingly. God will clear the way and give us the ability to do our duty.

Paul preached the word later in Asia but the time was not yet for it says of Lydia "Whose heart the Lord opened, that she attended to the things spoken of Paul." So the time was ripe there. She attended the prayer meeting, she heard the word preached, the Lord opened her heart, she gave heed unto the things that were spoken, she and her household were baptized, and then she became hospitable and opened her home to the missionaries. Before Paul and his party left they came again to her house and comforted the brethren and departed. Paul wrote a letter to the believers there at a later time.

LUKE, THE HISTORIAN

March 30, 1952

Printed Portion.....Luke 1:1-4; Acts 1:1-2; 16:10; Colossians 4:14; 2 Timothy 4:11.

Luke 1:1. Forasmuch as many have taken in hand to set forth in order a declaration of those things which are most surely believed among us,

2. Even as they delivered them unto us, which from the beginning were eyewitnesses, and ministers of the word;

3. It seemed good to me also, having had perfect understanding of all things from the very first, to write unto thee in order, most excellent Theophilus,

4. That thou mightest know the certainty of those things, wherein thou hast been instructed.

Acts 1:1. The former treatise have I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to do and teach,

2. Until the day in which he was taken up, after that he through the Holy Ghost had given commandments unto the apostles whom he had chosen:

16:10. And after he had seen the vision, immediately we endeavoured to go into Macedonia, assuredly gathering that the Lord had called us for to preach the gospel unto them.

Col. 4:14. Luke, the beloved physician, and Demas, greet you.

2 Tim. 4:11. Only Luke is with me. Take Mark, and bring him with thee: for he is profitable to me for the ministry.

Memory Verse: Ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth. Acts 1:8.

Practical Truth: A person with ability may serve God effectively through his writings.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

Paul did not need Luke as a physician along with him, for Jesus was and is the healer of all manner of diseases. His work was as a historian to record "All that Jesus began to do and teach." Acts 1:1. The subject-matter of the book of Acts is what Jesus continued to do and teach through his Holy Ghost filled apostles. Luke, in mentioning Jesus, often speaks of him as the Son of man, bringing out the fact that Jesus did put himself on an equality with mankind so as to be near all their needs with his compassion for the multitude. Jesus was and still is a true friend to sinners, and those who will come to him with strong decision, he will be their Saviour.

The all important subject they discussed during the forty days after the resurrection of Christ was; "The things concerning the kingdom of God." After the day of Pentecost this work advanced rapidly as the apostles gave themselves, "Continually to prayer, and to the ministry of the word." Acts 6:4. "God wrought special miracles by the hands of Paul." Acts 19:11. God is still using his ministers to perform miracles when they lay holy hands on handkerchiefs, send them to the sick and they are healed, which proves the Bible to be true, "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and forever." Heb. 13:8.

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