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The Valley of Humility

In sweet humility's valley,
Where the Shepherd keeps watch o'er his sheep,
The walls of salvation are mighty,
And the Shepherd won't slumber nor sleep.

The pastures are green and abundant,
They're watered by fountains of love,
No lion nor wolf can there enter
While the Shepherd keeps watch from above.

Securely we lie down to slumber,
Not molested by a doubt or a fear,
The Spirit, God's watchman, will warn us,
When He sees that danger is near.

But others are away from the Shepherd,
On sin's dark mountain so cold;
Will you go and in pity bring them
Safe, back to the Shepherd's fold.

Don't give the excuse, "I'm not gifted,"
The Spirit can speak through you;
Kneel and pray in humility's valley,
That the Master may find you true.

(Thoughts that came in the night to Rebecca Basicker, age 93).

Does A Christian "Sin More or Less Every Day"?

What saith God's holy Word? Let us consider this with questions and answers.

Question. Does not the Scripture say, "If we say that we have no sin we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us?"

Answer. Yes; but this does not teach us that we can not be free from sin. If we were to take this verse by itself without its context we might have a Scripture contradictory to other plain Scriptures in the Word of God; but if we read the 7th and 9th verses with this 8th verse of 1 John 1, we see plainly by these three verses connected that we can be cleansed from all sin and unrighteousness. This verse implies that

if any one who has not been cleansed from sin should say he has no sin to be cleansed from, he deceives himself.

Ques. Is not every mistake a sin?

Ans. No; there are mistakes that are not sinful. Every sin is a serious mistake, but God's people do not make such mistakes. The Word of God teaches what sin is, and if we abide in Christ we will not commit sin. The scriptural definition of sin will help us to understand this. "Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin." James 4:17. "All unrighteousness is sin." 1 John 5:17. "When lust hath conceived it bringeth forth sin." Jas. 1:15. "Sin is the transgression of the law." 1 John 3:4. "Whosoever abideth in him sinneth not." 1 John 3:6. Any mistake that would be a violation of God's law would be sin, but aside from this, a simple error in judgment is not a sin. Salvation does not warrant an experience beyond the probability of error in our human nature, and Christian perfection is not infallibility.

Ques. Did not Paul say there was sin dwelling in him?

Ans. Yes. This expression we find in Romans 7:17. The apostle, when writing this chapter, was not describing his sanctified condition. It is a description of his condition when he was in the flesh, or carnal state, under the law. "For when we were in the flesh, the motions of sin, which were by the law, did work in our members to bring forth fruit unto death." verse 5. And in Rom. 8:8, 9, he says, "So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God. But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you." "For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death." verse 2. Paul's condition when under the law is described in the 7th chapter of Romans; and in the 6th and 8th chapters he describes the condition of the child of God under grace.

Ques. But does he not say in Rom. 3:10 that "there is none righteous, no, not one"?

Ans. Yes. but he was not describing the condition of the child of God under grace. He refers to Psalm 14 where he describes two classes of people; those of the world, whom He says, "Eat up my people as they eat bread." (Note that God calls some in the

Old Testament "my people.") So then Romans 3: 10-18 does not describe the condition of a child of God who is saved from all sin.

Ques. How about Solomon, who said, "There is not a just man upon earth, that doeth good, and sinneth not?"

Ans. This was spoken of the condition of the people under the law. "The law made nothing perfect, but the bringing in of a better hope did; by the which we draw nigh unto God." Heb. 7:19. The redemption of Christ saves to the uttermost.

Ques. But did not Paul say of himself when under grace that he kept his body under and brought it into subjection? Does not this indicate that his body was yet sinful?

Ans. Let us turn to 1 Cor. 9:25-27. We see here that he makes no reference to his body being sinful, but tells how he practices temperance in all things. He likens himself to one preparing for a race who trains himself physically for the best results to be able to win the prize. In sanctification the depraved nature is destroyed and everything unholy is cleansed out; therefore there are no sinful propensities to be kept down and under, but all sin is kept out. The sanctified body is not sinful, but holy (1 Cor. 3:17) and is designed of God for the dwelling place of his Holy Spirit. Paul wanted to keep his body under because Satan with all his malicious and crafty devices is lying in wait to deceive and lead away from a sanctified experience; which, if one should lose, he would lose the justified experience also, and would need to get back to Christ by repentance and faith; then by a definite consecration, which has been broken, and return by the way of the blood of the cross and be cleansed from all sin.

The honest soul will do all he can to keep himself pure and then he can claim 1 Thess. 5:23, 24.

—Excrepts from "Sanctification." Send for it.

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What Is Entire Sanctification?

Entire sanctification is a work wrought by Jesus in the heart of a truly converted person.

It is subsequent to conversion, and as separate and distinct from it as Calvary is from Pentecost. It is bestowed upon believers in the meeting of the conditions of self-crucifixion (Rom. 6:6), earnest prayer (Acts 1:14), and present, appropriating faith (Acts 15:9).

It is not "for the world," but for those who have been called out of the world (John 17:9).

It is given in response to our Saviour's prayer (John 17:17). His promise in Acts 1:8, His command (Matt. 5:48), and His atonement (Heb. 13:12).

Like conversion, it is an instantaneous work (Acts 2:2, 4).

It is for all believers (Acts 2:34; 1 Thess 4:3; 5:23).

It is a Divine work, wrought by the "God of peace" (1 Thess. 5:23) through the blood of Jesus (1 Jno. 1:1, 9) by the instrumentality of the Word (John 17:17), applied by the Holy Spirit (1 Peter 1:2) to obedient believers (Heb. 4:3; 1 Peter 1:22).

It is a work to be confessed (Rev. 12:11).

It is not the birth of the Spirit, but the baptism with the Spirit; as distinct from regeneration as is baptism from a birth (Matt. 3:11).

It does not exempt from temptation, but gives victory over it.

It does not eliminate humanity, but carnality.

It does not destroy free agency, making man a machine, but causes him to gladly choose the whole will of God.

It does not exempt from mistakes "sins of ignorance," but from inbred sin and sinning against light.

It does not give a perfect head, but a pure heart full of perfect love.

ENTIRE SANCTIFICATION

To have a pure or clean heart. Acts 15:8-9; Matt. 5:8.

To be "free from" and "freed from" sin. Romans 6:7, 18.

To be cleansed "from all sin." 1 John 1:7.

To get rid of the corrupt mind, called "Carnality." Romans 8:7.

To receive the "promise of the Father." Lk. 24:49.

To receive the *Baptism of the Holy Ghost*. Matt. 3:11; Acts 1:5.

To have the "old man"—the sinful nature destroyed. Rom. 6:6.

To be "Sanctified Wholly." 1 Thess. 5:23.

To be "made perfect in love." 1 John 4:17.

To be endued and endowed with power from on high." Acts 1:8.

To walk before God as one who is "Blameless." 1 Thess. 3:13.

Entire Sanctification comes to us thru entirely renouncing the world then entirely consecrating ourselves and all we have to God; exercising faith in the shed blood of Christ to cleanse us from every taint of sin and the carnal mind, and then receiving the Baptism of the Holy Ghost.

Look up and ask God to baptize you with the Holy Ghost, as He has promised. As you ask, believe according to His word. Keep asking, and keep believing until the work is done! You will know when He comes. He will notify you.

This wonderful state of grace is for every saved person on the face of the earth. Not only for preachers and prophets, but for all. Acts 2:39. This is your inheritance—your blood-bought right. Claim it. Seek it. Receive it. —Sel.

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The Trials of The Christian Life

All the saints of God in all ages and in all countries have been the subjects of severe trials and tribulations. Remember this, any person that has no "religious trials" has no religion to be tried. If a man (or woman) is of the world, he is no saint; and of course the world will love its own.

"Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you." Praise the Lord. Christ suffered all manner of tribulation and was tempted in

all points like as we are. He was despised and rejected of men, was spit upon. He endured all manner of bitter, vile, and cruel treatment. **SHOULD WE ASK FOR A BED OF ROSES?**

Wesley said, "The best helps to growth in grace are the ill usage, the affronts, and the crosses which befall us."

The Bible says, "If any man suffer as a Christian, let him not be ashamed; but let him glorify God on this behalf." This means a woman, too. Our trials are the greatest of our earthly safeguards. Remember this, there is more danger from flattery and popularity than from trials and tribulations. If God has called you for his work, let God have all the glory at all times—not man.

Jesus said, "These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world." John 16:33. Thank God, he has overcome the world for us. Our Lord is wonderful.

And what did Paul say? "...but we glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience" (Rom. 5:3).

D. L. Moody said, "If the world has nothing to say against you, Jesus Christ will have nothing to say for you."

The world has always regarded the "Bible Standard" as fanatical, and always will. The apostles were called "babblers and fools," and said to be "mad," and "drunk." Christ was accused of being possessed of devils. Luther was pronounced a heretic, Wesley and Whitefield were called fools and fanatics. Concerning Charles Wesley, the verdict of an English jury: "We find and present Charles Wesley to be a person of ill fame, a vagabond, and a common disturber of his Majesty's peace, and we pray he may be transported."

Let us look to history and see what happened to the apostles:

Matthew is supposed to have suffered martyrdom by the sword at a city in Ethiopia.

Mark was dragged through the streets of Alexandria, in Egypt, until he expired.

Luke was hanged upon an olive tree in Greece.

John was put into a caldron of boiling oil at Rome and escaped death. He afterward died a natural death at Ephesus in Asia; but spent some time banished on an island.

James the less was thrown from a pinnacle (wing) of the temple, and then beaten to death with a fullers club.

Phillip was hanged up against a pillar at Hierapolis, a city of Phrygia.

Bartholomew was flayed alive by the command of a barbarous king.

Andrew was bound to a cross, where he preached to the people until he expired.

Thomas was run through the body by a lance near Malipar, in East Indies.

Jude was shot to death with arrows.

Simon Zelotes was crucified in Persia.

Matthias was first stoned, and afterward beheaded.

Peter was crucified with his head downward.

Paul also died by violence. He was beheaded at Rome.

To the saints of God and young people, remember this: "It may cost you something to obey the truth; but it will cost you MORE if you don't obey it."

"The loss of gold is great,
The losing Christ is more,
But losing Christ is such a loss,
As no man can restore."

There is a price to pay, are you going to pay the price? God have mercy on those that don't pay the price.
—Bro. W. D. Summers

OBITUARY

George Washington Lounds was born July 4, 1882 in Seneca, South Carolina. He departed this life June 4, 1952.

His mother died when he was seven days old, and he was reared by his grandparents in Georgia. In 1907 he was united in marriage to Gertrude Brightwell. To this union 13 children were born, four preceded him in death.

He came to Oklahoma in the year of 1909, and some time afterwards he started working for the National Biscuit Co. After working for this company 32 years, he quit and became self employed.

He heard the gospel preached by brother Robinson and others and embraced the truth. He lived faithful unto the end. During his sickness, he would ask the Lord to give him patience, and let the Lord's will be done. He was a faithful husband and father. He leaves to mourn his passing, a devoted wife, four sons, five daughters, eight grandchildren, three half-sisters, three half-brothers, one aunt, other relatives and friends.

"God hath not promised skies always blue,
Flower strewn pathways all our lives through,
God hath not promised sun without rain,
Joy without sorrow, peace without pain.
But God hath promised strength for the day,
Rest for the laborer, light on the way;
Grace for the trial, help from above,
Unfailing sympathy, undying love."

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oOo His Child

Oh, the joy, the peace to know
That I am His child just now;
Just to hear Him say again,
"Thou art mine," as low I bow.

When the storms of life shall come,
I'll not fear the tempter's roar,
If I can always hear Him say,
"Thou art mine forevermore."

So let me stay low at His feet
In sunshine or in dangers wild;
And let me, whatever may betide,
Just hear Him say, "Thou art my child."
May Ola Johnson

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

Better never to have been born at all, than never to have been born again.

Editorials

There will be no "Faith and Victory" paper printed and sent out in August, as has been our custom for many years. Most of the office force will be in camp meetings or at other places witnessing for the Lord. The Lord has no idlers in His vineyard. The very fact that one is saved would mean that the life of Christ is with and in him, and he would be looking to Him daily to know how he could do something to please Him, or help some needy soul and further the cause of God in some way. The heart of a saved person would be set on pleasing the Lord, no matter what kind of company he might be thrown with. He has the assurance in his soul that "Greater is he that is in you than he that is in the world." Therefore, the redeemed ones are bold to stand for righteousness and truth and be witnesses for God who rules the universe and causes them to triumph over every foe.

The printing office will not be closed through August, for my wife and those that help her will be here to fill orders for tracts, papers, and books, list subscriptions for the papers and answer letters and attend to other work that involves upon them in caring for the Lord's print shop; but there will be no printing done during July and part of August.

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Most of the saints' campmeetings to be held this summer were listed in the June issue of "Faith and Victory." The Boley, Okla. Campmeeting notice did not reach this office in time to be printed last month, so it is added to the list this month. The campmeetings listed are those to be held in this state and other states.

Every one should try to get to some campmeeting this summer for the edification of their soul in fellowship with the saints, and look to the Lord to be an encouragement to all whom they can. If your soul or body is in need, you should be there to hear the gospel and receive an increase of faith for your needs. If you are strong in faith and your life is clean, you should be there to help weaker ones on to higher ground and deeper depths in God. Everyone should come with thoughts uppermost in their minds and hearts of doing good and have a spiritual stand against anyone who would sow discord or whisper evil reports around to cause surmising and hinder the Spirit of God in the conviction and converting of souls.

It is very evident from past observation that Satan hates the oneness of God's people more than anything else, and it seems that he is always on hands at a campmeeting to do his dirty work. All of God's truly saved ministers and workers should often read over the 13th chapter of 1 Corinthians. Also let us read some from the third chapter of James, beginning at verse 16: "For where envying and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work. But the wisdom which is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be entreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy. And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace of them that make peace."

If the wisdom you have is not in harmony with this truth, you may know that the enemy is imposing on you his earthly wisdom. Every saint of God should pray that God will make the campmeetings soul-saving meetings, that believers will be sanctified wholly, which is being infilled with the Holy Spirit, and that afflicted bodies will be healed, and that the meetings will be a general uplift spiritually to every soul that is present. It is not men's persons that God wants on exhibition at campmeetings, but humble servants that will let God show himself strong in giving the message that He knows to be needed. There should be only one object in all that is done and said, and that is to let God be glorified, let Christ be lifted up that men and women may be drawn unto Him.

We are praying and looking forward to the camp meetings for a large ingathering of precious souls, that the cries of new-born babes will be heard in the kingdom of God; that saints will be grounded and settled more in the good solid truth that cannot be shaken; that the enemy will not be allowed of God to bring in publicly or privately any strenuous pet ideas to disturb and confuse innocent souls and give occasion for surmising of evil thoughts. Let every one of us work together with God, endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

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It is an acknowledged truth that we are living in perilous times, for we are surely living in the last of the last days of this grace dispensation. Paul has warned us in different ways and with many words that perilous times would come and that evil workers and seducers would wax worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived. He also tells us in Acts 20:30 that "Also of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things to draw away disciples after them." If such things took place in the early church, what more can we expect now? They would have to be ministers of some influence or they could not draw disciples away after them. Sometimes they are the most innocent looking and acting ones that do such things; for it is written that Satan himself is changed into an angel of light and it is said for this reason it is no wonder if his ministers be preachers of righteousness. Yes, they preach many right things to gain your confidence, and make a big show of being very pious and devout; speaking great swelling words, and want you to believe they are just full of the Holy Ghost, when in reality the ghost they have is unholy and the proof of it is that they are making division, which is a sign of carnality on display. Paul tells us in 1 Cor. "For ye are yet carnal: for whereas there is among you envying, strife, and divisions, are ye not carnal and walk as men?"

There are some in the world today that pass themselves off as God's ministers who seemingly have envy and strife and division in their souls. They press some strenuous ideas until it causes confusion, and will, if kept up, make open division. To compromise with Satan on any line is bad, and should not be done; but it seems that some get so afraid of Satan that they allow the enemy to push them over into sowing discord by hatching up some new idea that is not sound

Biblical truth. They press their points so much that it causes friction and confuses the weaker ones that need sound Bible truth to strengthen them and keep the devil from making them lose confidence in those most able to help them. Let us fear God and He will take care of the devil in a way to keep down confusion and strife.

Paul exhorts us in an earnest manner in the 4th chapter of Ephesians to walk worthy of the vocation wherein we are called with all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love: endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace; and he goes on to tell us there is just one body. If you separate yourself from that body and become a part of some other body, you will lose your soul. He also tells us in Col. 3:12, "Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering; forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye. And above all these things, put on charity, which is the bond of perfectness. And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which ye are also called in ONE BODY; and be ye thankful." In the 13th chapter of 1 Cor. Paul gives us some more instruction on how a saved person should live, and says among other things, "Charity [or divine love] suffereth long, and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up, doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil."

When we compare the work of some ministers with the above Scriptures in their thinking evil of others, causing confusion and trouble among the children of God, we cannot help but believe that they need the blood applied and their souls purified by faith in Christ through the second definite work of grace, sanctification, so they can practice the word of God, and assist in holding the BODY together in oneness of faith and Spirit.

"All roads without Jesus are roads with DEAD ENDS."

PRAYER REQUEST

Mrs. Betty Robbins of Princeton, W. Va. has two urgent unspoken requests that she desires the saints to pray for. She also desires prayer for Mrs. Sally Owens of Kigley, W. Va. who needs help.

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Brother Clarence Caughron of Webb City, Mo. is in need of the saints' prayers for the healing of his body. He has a tightness, choking and shortness of breath. Please be agreed that the Lord will heal to His glory and honor.

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Ind.—Dear saints,—Greetings of love in Jesus' dear name. I am still saved and living for the Lord. Praise his dear name. I want to thank you for your prayers. When I wrote to you I was sick with a cold, my back and side hurt me, and I had a headache. I wrote to you for prayer and the dear Lord healed me of all my suffering and made me well. Praise the dear Lord! I was feeling well until the last two weeks. I have a deep cold, a bad

cough, and my back and legs hurt me so badly. I feel so weak in body and nervous. Please pray for me that the dear Lord will heal me and make me well of all the suffering of my body. I believe the Lord will make me well.

I get the "Faith and Victory" paper and it is a lot of help to me. May God bless you is my prayer.

Your sister in Christ, Emma Mathers.

PRAYER REQUEST

Pray earnestly for sister Edith Wall of Dallas, Texas. She is isolated from praying people and is sorely afflicted with growths on her intestines. Her suffering is great. Her trust is in the Lord.

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Campmeeting Notices for 1952

Muncie, Indiana

The Muncie, Indiana campmeeting Lord willing, will begin on Wednesday, July 9th and close the following Wednesday, July 16th. If saints and ministers will come prayed up and with a mind to work for God, He can accomplish much in one week.

We extend a hearty welcome to souls that are interested and that are in need of help for soul or body. This is the second campmeeting in Muncie, and we are not able to provide conveniences that you may find in others places but we are thankful for what the Lord has provided, and all who come will be cared for. Tents can be rented, and all who want them should write ahead and arrange for them, if you can. Straw will be furnished, but bring ticks and bedding if possible. The meeting will be run on the free-will offering plan. Let none stay away because of finances or material circumstances. A way will be made for all.

The gospel of Christ will be preached in its fulness by ministers whom God may send and anoint from this state and others. The saints and ministers are interested in your soul's welfare. Justification for sinners will be preached, also sanctification, infilling of the Holy Spirit, the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, as a second definite work of grace.

The tent will be pitched near the saints' chapel, which is located in the eastern part of Muncie, just outside the city limits. Go out on Highway No. 32, turn north at Kem's Popcorn Stand, which is Claypool road; go about three blocks, turn right and you can see the chapel, which is built of red brickcrete.

For further information write to Sister Minnie Brown, R. 6, Muncie, Ind. Pray for the meeting, and come. Your presence will be greatly appreciated.

NATIONAL CAMPMEETING

Monark Springs (Neosho), Mo.

The National Campmeeting of the church of God will be held at Monark Springs (Neosho, Mo.) July 18 to July 27, inclusive. Monark Springs, located about five miles east of Neosho, is not a Post Office nor rail road station. It will be necessary for those traveling by bus or train to come to Neosho and take a taxi to the camp grounds or phone the Monark Springs store for some of the saints to come and get you. The phone number at the store is: Granby 4441. Highways 71 and 60 pass through Neosho, with all-weather roads leading to the camp ground.

Since this is the National Campmeeting, we are looking to the Lord to move upon and to burden the hearts of His people for the needs of this meeting. Truly we want the meeting to be owned by the Lord.

All of us that are not living so far away should bring our bedding (complete). The Lord has blessed us with considerable bedding, but since the attendance is growing yearly, the need for more bedding, more space, and more accommodations in general is also growing, but we serve a mighty God that knoweth and doeth all things well.

Bring your straw ticks. Straw will be furnished. Also come prepared for very cool nights.

The tents will rent for \$5.00 each and steel cots with mattresses will rent for \$1.00 each as long as they last. Space in dormitories with cots for individuals will be \$2.50. There may be some who will be unable to pay, but do not let this keep you from coming to the meeting. Quarters will be provided for everyone. Pray much for the meeting.

If you want a tent and cot, please send your order with money to Ralph M. Beisly, R. R. 5, Coffeyville, Kans. Please do not wait too late to send in your orders. It is necessary that we know or have this information several days before the meeting.

Meals will be served at the dining hall by free-will offerings.

—Ralph M. Beisly

Guthrie, Oklahoma

The Oklahoma State Campmeeting of the church God will be held on the campgrounds at Guthrie, Okla. located in the 600 block of West Warner Ave., August 1-10, 1952. There are sleeping quarters for the sisters above the dining hall. Space for the brethren will be provided. The saints here also open their homes to as many families as they can. All who are interested in the truth of God's word are welcome. The meeting will be run on the free-will offering plan. For further information write to O. C. Porter, 511 E. Springer, Guthrie, Okla.

Bakersfield, California

The annual campmeeting of the church of God, 501 South Brown St., Bakersfield, Calif., will convene, Lord Willing, from August 8th-17th, 1952, ending just five days before the state campmeeting in Los Angeles. We hope those coming from a distance can attend both meetings. Let everyone come that can; all are welcome. We are expecting the Lord to give us a very good meeting this year.

The 99 U. S. Highway runs through Bakersfield north and south. Those coming from the north, come ½ mile south of California Ave., turn east on 4th St., go a little more than one mile to the chapel. Those coming from the south, come ½ mile north of Brundage Lane, turn east on 4th St. to the chapel and campmeeting.

For further information write: J. A. Harris, 615 South Haley, Phone 3-3805, Bakersfield; Francis Blackwell, 501 Monticello Ave., Phone 3-2731, Bakersfield; or Manuel Francisco, 109 South Milham Drive, Phone 3-5782, Bakersfield, Calif. I. C. Chandler, pastor.

Pacoima (Los Angeles), California

The California State Campmeeting will convene, Lord willing, August 22-31, inclusive, 1952 on the saints' camp ground in Pacoima, California (a suburb of Los Angeles).

This will be the 4th campmeeting held at this location. The meetings of the past three years have been very precious and successful for God and his cause. It seems that each one has increased in divine anointing and manifestations of spiritual power over the one before.

By faith we are anticipating the same visitations of God and the manifestations of His holy power to heal the sick, save sinners from their sins, sanctify believers who will consecrate their lives to Him and fill them with His divine spirit and power, to convict men and women of the

needs of their souls and to be present to fill those needs when they yield and seek Him with their whole heart, and to unify and edify the saints.

All who love God and his truth and all who need help for either soul or body are welcome to attend this meeting from all sections of the country, but we especially urge upon all through this western section of the country to plan to attend, for these meetings are held year after year in your especial interest and behalf.

So far as is known the same tents and facilities formerly used will be available and at the same price (\$10.00 for tent and 2.25 for steel cot with mattress). These tents are 14 ft. square and will accommodate four or five very nicely, which makes the cost very economical when a tent is shared by that number.

Plans will be made to care for all who come, and we do not want any who are financially unable to pay for tent, etc. to stay away on that account, because God will provide such things as are needful so you may have the benefits of the meeting. If you are aged or infirm and not able to stay in a tent, there will be space provided for you in a house where you will be as comfortable as possible, so you need not fear to come.

In as far as it is possible for you to ascertain your plans, it would be well for you to advise us of your intentions to come and what you will need in way of camping facilities.

The address is: 12312 Osborne Place, Pacoima, Calif. Address your inquiries and correspondence to O. B. Wilson, 12312 Osborne Place, Pacoima, Calif., I. D. Stover, 611 E. 10th St., Pomona, Calif., or Erle E. Forbes, 12304 Osborne Place, Pacoima, Calif.

If you arrive in the vicinity and need directions or someone to pick you up at the station, phone Empire 1-0608 (O. B. Wilson) or Empire 1-5836 (Erle E. Forbes).

Will be looking for you at the campmeeting.

—O. B. Wilson.

Midway (Jena), Louisiana

The Midway campmeeting will be held August 15-24. Midway is not a Post Office, but a small locality about half way between Trout, La. and Jena. Your mail should be sent to Jena. It is on Highway 84. Bus service from Alexandria, also from Clarence, via Windfield.

For information write: Mrs. Ernest Mitchell, R. 1, Trout, La., Manuel Mitchell, same address, or Ruth Murphrey, Box 824, Jena, La.

Boley, Oklahoma

The Annual campmeeting of the Church of God at Boley, Oklahoma, north of the Boley High School, will convene, Lord willing, from August 15th to 24th. We hope everyone will come that can; all are welcome. We trust that the Lord will give us a glorious meeting. Let us all pray to that effect. Cots and mattresses will be furnished.

For further information write Boley Spears, R. 1, Boley, Okla.; or C. A. Wallace, R. 1, Boley, Okla.

—M. J. Phillips, Pastor.

So. Charleston, W. Va.

The West Virginia Campmeeting will be held at the saints' chapel 1006 F St., (just off 10th Ave.) South Charleston, W. Va., August 15th to 24th, inclusive.

We urge all the saints in the east to attend this meeting. We also extend an invitation to all saints and true ministers anywhere in the country to come, also those who have desire for spiritual or physical help. We be-

lieve the Lord saves, sanctifies, and heals. Come and hear the full gospel preached by His ministers whom He may send. We are trusting the Lord to send those of you whom He wants and can use in this meeting.

This will be our third campmeeting here in South Charleston. The Lord has always supplied the need for both temporal things and spiritual help. He has never failed to send ministers, as all who have been here can testify. The saints here are still looking to God to do this in this meeting. We have a nice kitchen and dining hall, plenty of car and trailer space, also rooms for sleeping. All who can bring bedding and cots, if possible. This meeting is run on the free-will offering plan. For further information, write Mrs. Olive Keene 1328½ Frame St., Charleston, W. Va. or Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Spaur, 151½ 10th Ave. South Charleston, W. Va.

Myrtle, Missouri Campmeeting

There will be a campmeeting again this year at the saints' chapel one-half mile east of Myrtle, Mo. on the Myrtle and Pocahontas road, August 15th to 24th. Myrtle is a small town eighteen miles due east of Thayer, Mo. and thirty miles northeast of Pocahontas, Ark. Those coming by train or bus to either place will need to take a taxi to the chapel and camp ground or notify some one to meet you. Let all who know the Lord pray much for this meeting. Especially pray that God will send the ministers here whom He wants to preach His truth that souls will be saved and sanctified, and God be glorified in all things. This meeting will be run on the free-will offering plan with our faith in God that he will supply all needs. Tents will be available on the grounds as the Lord provides, and all who can bring bedding. Begin now to seek the Lord about coming to this meeting. This is the second meeting to be held in this place. Last year the Lord richly blessed in the meeting and much good was done, so we are looking to him for even greater things this year. Let all come who can. Your needs will be provided for. Anyone desiring further information or sending offerings for this meeting may write A. J. Sorrell, R. 1, Myrtle, Mo.

Dover, Oklahoma

The Lord willing, the Dover, Okla. Campmeeting will be held on the chapel grounds August 29 to Sept. 7th inclusive, 1952. Location: One mile north and two and one-half miles east of the town of Dover. Anyone desiring to be met at bus station be sure to notify us in time. Ulysses Phillips and Henry Caldwell, Dover, Okla.

CARETAKER NEEDED

Bro. Brewer, who has been living on the national camp grounds at Monark Springs, Mo., has recently moved, and now there is a need for a caretaker on the grounds. Only well-established saints will be considered. If you are interested, make application to any of the trustees and be present at the coming Monark campmeeting for a personal interview with them.

—L. D. Pruitt, Secy.-Treas.
1116 W. Wash., Guthrie, Okla.

Birthday Greeting Cards, assortment of 21 beautiful folders in box with envelopes to match. Bible verse on each folder. No. G1752. Price per box \$1.00 post paid.

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New Song Book—*Evening Light Songs*



The third edition of the "Evening Light" song book is now printed and ready to send out. The binding is heavier than that on the former editions, but the price is the same.

This book contains most of the familiar songs from the "Select Hymns" song book, and some choice songs from other sources. It contains 480 pages, shaped notes, and cloth bound.

Since this book is getting circulated and the saints are finding out its worth, the sale for it is increasing, and we expect to keep them in stock all the time if the Lord wills. Price: from one to ten books, \$1.40 for each book; ten books or more, \$1.30 for each book; all Post Paid to any address in the U. S. A. Send orders to Faith Pub. House, Guthrie, Okla.

"I Gave My Life For Thee; What Hast Thou Given For Me?"

As we look in the past and see the present, and by faith look into the future, my soul is made to well up in praise to the Lord in the words of David: "Bless the Lord, O my soul; and all that is within me, bless his holy name. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits: who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases. He satisfieth our mouth with good things. The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy, He pitieth them that fear him. "He knoweth our frame. He remembereth that we are dust." We fade as a flower and are soon gone, but his mercy is from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear him, and righteousness unto children's children. Psa. 103.

Truly His mercy has been great to me. We are too finite to comprehend it as we should. Seen and unseen, his mercy doth follow those who fear his name.

Years ago when I went over seas to Liberia, Africa, one event was quite outstanding. When the large ship anchored a distance from the shore of Monrovia, the capitol, we had to be taken to shore in a small canoe. I had never gone boat riding. The waves were high and while going ashore it appeared like the boat was leaping. We truly committed all to the mercy of God. The landing was safe and without fear. Thank the Lord!

To me, the ship represents God, who rides those fierce waves of the sea of time. He will carry all who rest in him safely through the turmoil of this life into the haven of rest.

It is pleasing to the Lord to recall the blessings He has wrought for us through His mercies. It sweet-

ens the soul and spirit and causes a greater zeal to stir within to launch out to duty where opportunities open.

Mercy's door is wide open today. It is yours today. There is coming a time when it will be closed forever. Backslider, sinner friend, will you heed mercy's call before its door is closed?

O, the depth of God's mercy to us-ward. Think of the many accidents and wrecks that have occurred, and the lives that have been spared! See His mercy! Can we not live more devoted to Him? more dutiful in the home in prayer, in the public service? in sacrifice, time, and means for the extending of the kingdom of God? "What hast thou done for Me?" Take this as a motto: "I can do all things through Christ, which strengtheneth me." Phil. 4:13. Jesus said, "My grace is sufficient for thee." 1 Cor. 12:9.

Let the Lord speak through the words of the following song:

"I gave my life for thee, My precious blood I shed,
That thou might'st ransomed be, And quickened from the dead;
I gave, I gave My life for thee, What hast thou giv'n for Me?"

"My Father's house of light, My glory circled throne
"I left, for earthly night, For wand'rings sad and lone;
I left, I left it all for thee, Hast thou left aught for Me?"

"I suffered much for thee, More than thy tongue can tell,
Of bitterest agony, To rescue thee from hell;
I've borne, I've borne it all for thee, What hast thou borne for me?"

"And I have brought to thee, Down from My home above,
Salvation full and free, My pardon and My love;
I bring, I bring rich gifts to thee, What hast thou brought to Me?"
—Ella V. Philips

Obedience

Tshaka, ruler of the Zulus, once ordered one of his finest regiments of 2,000 men to march into the sea as an example of their obedience. Without protest or hesitancy the willing warriors marched into the sea and were drowned!

Christ calls on His followers to obey Him implicitly: to "take up the cross," follow Him, and march into DEATH to sin, self, and the world. BUT, praise His worthy name, He then leads His people up out of the "Jordan" into the promised land of resurrection power, privilege, and plenty. "We are buried with Him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life" (Romans 6:4).

To many a new convert, when called on to give up the old friends, the old pleasures, and the old sins, it is like walking into a River of Death; but, thanks be to God, there is a resurrection experience that gives the heavenly joys of walking with God and serving HIM.

Young People's Section

Have You Any Time For Jesus?

That you might have life and freedom,
The One who gave His life for you,
Have you any time for Jesus?
From the sins that follow you.

Lay your life before the Saviour,
Let him abide and rule within,
He will give you peace and comfort,
Never there, will be more sin.

He will keep you with his power
From yielding to this world of sin,
If you'll yield unto his calling,
He will come and dwell within.

Won't you heed the invitation,
And lay your life at Jesus' feet?
He will Peace and Joy give you,
And will make your life complete.

Stop and think, my brother, sister:
Are you yielded in Jesus' hands?
If you're not, there's something further
You must do to reach that land.

We must yield all to the Saviour,
Not one thing can we e'er hold back,
Not a loved one or a treasure—
It will cause us to be slack.

Jesus wants our all, so yielded
Into his precious loving hands,
That he might a servant make us,
"Till we gain that glorious land.
By Imogene Taylor (as given by the Lord).

My Religion Is Real

The word religion has been defined as the way a person acts toward the being which he considers supreme. This action may be taken lightly or it may be considered a real part of one's life.

My religion is real. It is a part of my life. I feel that it is a necessity to my well-being. It affects various traits of mine.

The way I think is affected by my religion. Through my religion, I have been taught to think soberly and not to waste my time on idle thinking. I have learned that idle thinking doesn't profit me anything. When an evil thought creeps into my mind, I quickly push it aside; it is harmful to my soul.

My religion has much to do with the way I conduct myself in public. I have learned that being boisterous or loud will distract my attention from the pure things of life. A quiet and serious nature is pleasing to others and also to God. I have been taught to be

moderate in all things. I believe this includes conduct, too.

Since I believe that there is a God that watches over me and sees everything that I do, I have become a very conscientious person. My religion has not taught me to be conscientious only because I'm afraid I'll be caught, but it has taught me to be conscientious because it is the right thing to do. My religion does not force me to do honest work in school; it teaches me that it is wrong to cheat. It teaches me to do the right thing and to avoid the wrong thing.

My religion plays a very definite part in the way I live. It has brought me into a closer contact with God. I have learned to fear God and to honor and respect His Holy Name. When I do this, I feel no guilt whatsoever. I believe that I am pleasing Him and can ask for anything that I desire and He is willing to give it to me.

My religion is so real that I would rather spend my whole life to please God than anything else that I know. When I have done everything to please Him, I have sweet peace in my heart.

A sister in Christ,

Clara Trotter

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La.—Dear saints,—I feel the Lord would have me to write and tell others how he has answered prayer for us lately. A little place came on our little boy's face and gradually grew bigger. It looked similar to some cancers I had seen. It wasn't real noticeable, but looked like a small fine growth under the skin. It stayed for quite awhile, but now it is gone—whatever it was. I surely thank the Lord for hearing and answering prayer. We are looking to the Lord to go with us through the tests that lie ahead. Pray for us. Mrs. Melvin Doolittle.

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Bakersfield, Calif.—Fourth Sunday young people's meeting in Bakersfield, (which started on Friday before fourth Sunday) was much encouragement and uplifting to all. It will be long remembered and not soon forgotten in our hearts. The Lord blessed many to come from Stockton, San Bernardino, Fresno, and Los Angeles to be with us.

The Lord blessed in all the services that were held. Several were at the altar seeking help in various ways.

There was a great crowd out for the services and we had to put in extra seats on Sunday. The Lord blessed, in that most of the young ministers attended. Bro. Everett Pierro, bro. Clarence Hattley, bro. Gus Poulos, Jr., bro. Calvin Hobbs, and sister Audrey Brown were with us.

Pray for the young people here that we will continue to do the things the Lord would have us to do and live close to him at all times.

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Calif.—Dear young saints everywhere,—This leaves me still saved and very much encouraged to go on with God. I really thank and praise God for everything he is to me. When we are in earnest about living for God, he will surely help us. I have found that to be so. Some might say, "It's hard to watch every step you make, to be sure it's pleasing with God." Thank God, I've found that when you have the Holy Spirit in you, it comes natural.

When we find it hard to please God, and hard to look to him for everything in life and hard to read our Bibles, there is something wrong somewhere. My heart's desire is to please God in every way. I don't want to slack off or go too fast, but I want to stay in the center of God's will.

I feel like telling all of the young people that when God tells us to do something—do it. We may not see any good it's going to do, but yet we are held responsible for what he tells us to do. When I was sick, around January and February, the Lord impressed upon my heart to write a testimony in the "Faith and Victory." The devil tried to hold me back, but I did it anyway. May 21, I received a letter from a person that lives in Gold Coast, Africa. He was telling me how encouraging my letter was to him. Also, he said, he was trying to please God in every way and that he desires to know more about God. It was at noon when I got that letter, and I just went in the house, fell down on my knees and thanked and praised God.

We never know what good we are doing. I just can't help, but be glad, because I know I am doing some good for God. Pray for this boy, that God will help him in every way and that he will learn more about God. If any of you would like to write to him, write to me, and I will send you the address. Pray earnestly for me.

Margaret Trotter, 319 Atchison St., Fresno 6, Calif.

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W. Va.—Dear children of God,—May God bless each one in his own good way. My heart is full of his love this morning. He has touched my body and helps me through all of my problems. I thank God for the "Faith and Victory," for all of my brothers and sisters. We are one in Christ Jesus. I have nothing of this world's goods but my treasures are above where moth and rust can't harm. Praise God! We see the gleam of the golden morning coming through this night of gloom. We, as children of God are looking for his coming. Won't it be wonderful—all peace and joy. Pray that his will be done in me. May God bless and keep each one in his care until we meet on the sunny banks of deliverance.

A sister through Jesus, Mrs. Betty Robbins.

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Tenn.—Dear saints,—For God's glory and the encouragement of others I want to give my testimony. I praise God from the depth of my heart for what he has done for me. I have been going through many trials and tests for some time, but praise God he has been with me and encouraged my heart to press on. Some of these trials and tests were to teach me the tricks of Satan and to establish me. Some, I feel were because I had let down on some things.

When I was first saved I trusted God fully for my body for several years. Then I married of my own choice and out of the Lord. This led me to trusting in doctors and operations and many heart aches. I never had much faith in medicine but I was tied up with it for years. I prayed for God to help me to get back where I could trust him fully. Praise God, he has done that but I have had many hard tests but with his grace I made the decision I was going to trust him for my body and also my heart aches. Praise God! Dear reader, whatever your trouble may be, look to Jesus. He can iron out all things. Please pray that I be true to God and pray for my unsaved family. My husband is a wonderful man but unsaved.

Your saved sister, Mrs. E. A. Smelcer.

Calif.—Dear saints,—Greetings in Jesus' name. I just today received my "Faith and Victory" paper and read it all, and I want to tell you I get a great blessing each time. It is so good. I also want to say that the Lord has healed my condition that I wrote and asked prayer for. I can't begin to tell you in words how I thank the dear Lord and also the dear precious saints for their interest in praying for me. I could write a lengthy testimony about it but it would take up too much room, so I will just say the Lord undertook in my case and healed the head trouble. Thanks to his dear name. Please pray that God will keep me true, give wisdom, and reveal his will to me. May the dear Lord bless you all and give strength, grace, and wisdom.

A. J. B.

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Oklahoma.—Holy greetings to the saints everywhere,—I feel led to write my testimony and tell what the Lord has done for me. I can say this morning that I am still saved and pressing my way on to glory. I have so much to be thankful for. The Lord is so good to me.

On New Year's day I was cooking dinner and scalded my foot very bad with boiling water. My niece told me to put some Vicks salve on it, but I told her that the Lord wouldn't get the glory out of that. When I went to bed that night my foot was paining me so badly that I laid my hand on it and asked the Lord to heal it and not even let it blister. Just one small blister came and went right back down. Thanks be to his name. Please pray for my son and his wife. Also pray for my sister and her children that the Lord may save them before it is too late. Pray for me that I'll be all the dear Lord would have me to be.

Your sister in Christ, Carrie Murdock.

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Mo.—Dear saints everywhere,—Greetings of love in Jesus' name. I want to thank the saints for their prayers for me. I was sick in bed over two months with gall-bladder trouble which was very painful at times. When I would take a bad spell I would chill and become unconscious. My husband would call brother Merrill Williamson and sister Erska Carrick and my room would be filled with the saints. When I came to myself I told them I wanted to be anointed for the complete healing of my body. I also had sugar diabetes. The Lord completely healed me of that and took away my suffering of the gall bladder trouble. I received many cards and letters but haven't been able to answer them. Brother Egbert Allen and sister Pearl came and she helped take care of me and was here over a week.

Mrs. Effie Hughes.

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Va.—Dear saints,—Greetings. I want to tell what the dear Lord has done for me. For months I suffered with hardness of the heart and stomach trouble. I couldn't lie on my left side or eat a full meal without suffering great pain. But thanks be to our God, in answer to prayer I can now sleep on my left side and eat a full meal without suffering any pain. Praise God for his healing power! There are a few saints in Richmond. Sometimes I have the privilege of meeting with them in prayer meeting, which I do enjoy so much. I am 80 years old. Remember me in your prayers.

Sister M. P. Tucker.

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A Balanced Spiritual Diet.

One morning I awoke early and was thinking about the goodness of God. The Lord brought to my mind a beautiful picture of His table spread before the saints. They were eating of the good things there. There were many dishes of the fruit of the Spirit (Gal.

5:22) on this table, and to grow and be healthy every one had to eat some of all of them.

On the end of the table where the dishes of love, joy, goodness, and peace were, there were a large group of the children of God. But farther up the table there weren't so many, as these dishes contained long-suffering and enduring all things. It seemed that when some came to these dishes, they would turn away.

It made me to realize we could not eat of just one or two things and expect to grow, as children who just want to eat pie and cake are not healthy children; but we must eat all the Lord sets before us. Then we will grow and be strong in his service. Dear Lord, help us to eat with thanksgiving and praise to thy name.

—Effie Miller.

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Does A Christian Commit Sin?

I have been meditating upon the Scriptures in 1 John of late, and find that one needs the Spirit of Christ, indeed, to get proper understanding of John's teachings; otherwise they would have John's writings contradicting themselves.

1 John 2:1, "My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous." In 1 John 3:9, we read, "Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed [Spirit and Word of God] remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God." In the first Scripture quoted he is evidently addressing young converts who have not yet gone on to perfection and been cleansed from the sin nature by the sanctified experience and having an infilling of the Holy Spirit. Therefore he warns them not to sin and gives them encouragement that if they did sin they still had the advocate Jesus Christ from whom they could get forgiveness of the sin through repentance and confession. But in the last quoted Scripture, he speaks positively that one born of God cannot sin, which makes us to know that he is talking about adult Christians who have gone on to perfection and been cleansed from the sin nature, infilled with the Holy Spirit. This gives them power to live without committing sin as they walk in the light which he shines upon their pathway. We also read in 5:18, "We know that whosoever is born of God sinneth not; but he that is begotten of God keepeth himself, and that wicked one toucheth him not." In James 4:17, we read, "Therefore to him that knoweth to do good and doeth it not, to him it is sin." By this scripture we can see that it would be possible for one to transgress God's law without knowing it and it would not be imputed to him as sin until light and knowledge came. In the Old Testament it was called the sin of ignorance (Lev. 13:14-22, 23).

In John 15:22, Jesus, in referring to the Pharisees, said, "If I had not come and spoken unto them, they had not had sin: but now they have no cloak for their sin." When they were ignorant of his teachings and truth, they had no sin or condemnation; but since they had heard him and rejected the light, they were condemned as sinners.

Paul said (Romans 4:15), "For where no law is, there is no transgression." Also (Rom. 7:9), "For I was alive without the law once: but when the commandment came, sin revived and I died. When he was a child and ignorant of the commandments of God, he was without condemnation, for he was ignorant of what the law said; but when he was old enough to know what the law said, his transgression became sin to him and he was under condemnation and needed to repent.

It is also true with us who are saved, for we could not be saved unless we turned away from all known sin and walked in the light, and when more light comes we are duty bound to walk in that light or forfeit our salvation, for when known truth and light comes to us, we would be a transgressor if we rebelled and would not accept and walk in the known light of his Word. It would be imputed to us as sin when we know what is right and do it not. God is dealing justly with every soul. It would be unjust on God's part to impute an act to us as sin and condemn us without our knowledge of its being wrong. Unjust parents might do that with their children, but God, never.

For an illustration, we think of a man who has confessed his sins and believed on the Blood as an atonement for his sins. He obtained peace with God through Christ, but, being among professors who taught that a Christian should keep Saturday as a rest day as the Jews did while under the law, he was zealous in keeping this day and teaching others this erroneous doctrine. In the course of time he heard the truth preached on this subject and God began to reveal truth to him. He read in Mark 2:27 where Jesus said "The Sabbath was made for man and not man for the Sabbath: Therefore the Son of man is Lord also of the Sabbath." In Gal. 3:24, he read that Paul said the law was our school master to bring us to Christ that we might be justified by faith, and after faith is come we are no more under a school-master, "for we are all the children of God by faith." God made it plain to him, by His Spirit, that the Sabbath was made for man to bring him to Christ so he could walk by faith and be free from the law of bondage. In Col. 2:16 he read, "Let no man judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of an holyday, or of the new moon, or of the sabbath days." In Hebrews he read, "For he that is entered into his rest, he also hath ceased from his own works as God did from his." So he ceased from his own works of keeping the law to make it into heaven, and the Lord revealed clearly to him by His Spirit that the Saturday Sabbath was typical of, and pointed to our soul rest in Christ. He began to look to God to lead him by His Spirit (Rom. 8:14) and let God work in him both to will and to do of his good pleasure (Phil. 2:13). In this light and truth he became exceedingly happy and filled with great joy and comfort more than ever before in his life.

This man was justified when he was keeping the old Jewish Sabbath, for he had no better light and knowledge of truth. He was not saved because he kept the Jewish Sabbath, but because he believed in

Christ and the blood as an atonement for his sins. Since he received light and knowledge that Christ fulfilled the Sabbath law, it would be sinful and even spiritual adultery for him to go back to keeping the old law Sabbath. Light and knowledge of God's will for us rates our responsibility and we can even become sinners by walking back of true light and knowledge. "Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin." James 4:17.

Yes, dear souls, God is dealing justly with us, and that is the only reason that any of us will ever make it in to glory. His mercy, love, and longsuffering is great toward us, and he expects us to be toward others as he is toward us. God's inspired word is absolutely true and there is no contradiction in the apostle John's writing. A sanctified soul who retains the seed of God, the Spirit and Word in his soul, does not commit sin according to the righteous judgment of God, but "he keepeth himself in the love of God and that wicked one toucheth him not." God does not consider ones salvation complete until he is sanctified wholly and infilled by the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, or Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit, or the Spirit of truth, is given unto us to guide us into all truth (John 16:13), to give us power to live free from sin and to witness for Him.

In James 2:13 we read, "For he shall have judgment without mercy, that has showed no mercy; and mercy rejoiceth against judgment." In James 3:17 we read, "But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be entreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy. And the fruit of the righteous is sown in peace of them that make peace."

Being sanctified wholly does not mean that you are made perfect in knowledge, but you are made perfect in heart toward God. In sanctification your soul is cleansed completely from the sin nature and made perfect in love and your affections are exalted to a supreme love for God and all his holy ways, and you have the indwelling Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, to lead and to guide you into all truth. When one is sanctified he is in a good condition to grow in grace and knowledge of the Lord. If in this life man could attain to all the knowledge and power that God has, then God would cease to be God to him, for man would become God's equal. Such as this is not in the plan of God, but the faithful will inherit a glorified body at the judgment and the resurrection, and in this way become a part of God in the world to come, with bliss and joy unending. —Fred Pruitt.

"When God measures a man, he will put the tape around the heart and not the head."

Strange Idols

Put away the strange gods from among you and be clean and change your garments—Acts 17:16.

Anything that we put before God is an idol, even something that takes up our time.

While Paul waited for them at Athens, his spirit was stirred in him when he saw the city wholly given

to idolatry. For all the Athenians and strangers there spent their time in nothing else but to tell or to hear some new thing. Paul said, "As I passed by, and beheld your devotions, I found an altar with this inscription, To the unknown God. Whom therefore ye ignorantly worship, him declare I unto you. God that made the world and all things therein, seeing that he is Lord of heaven and earth, dwelleth not in temples made with hands: neither is worshipped with men's hands, as though he needeth anything, seeing he giveth to all life, and breath, and all things; and hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth, and hath determined the times before appointed, and the bounds of their habitation; That they should seek the Lord, if haply they might feel after him, and find him, though he be not far from every one of us: for in him we live, and move, and have our being" Acts 17:16-28.

Nebuchadnezzar the king made an image of gold and set it up in Babylon, and all the people of the provinces were gathered together and they were told at the time they heard all kind of music they were to fall down and worship this image. All who failed to obey would be cast into a furnace. But there were three Jews, Shadrach, Meshack, and Abednego, who did not regard the king's command. They said, "If it be so, our God, whom we serve is able to deliver us from the furnace." Then the king commanded the most mighty men in his army to bind them and cast them into the furnace. The king looked in to see what had happened to them, and he said, "Did not we cast three men bound into the fire?" "They said, True, O King." He said, "I see four men loose, walking in the midst of the fire, and they have no hurt; and the fourth is like the Son of God . . . ye servants of the most High God, Come forth." They came out of the fire and the king promoted them. (Daniel 3:1-30.)

"I even I, am the Lord: and beside me there is no Saviour. Woe unto them that are at ease in Zion [church] that put far away the evil day . . . that chant to the sound of the viol, and invent to themselves instruments of music like David, that drink wine in bowls." Amos 6:1-6.

The lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the pride of life is not of the Father, but is of the world, and the world passeth away and the lust thereof, but he that doeth the will of God abideth forever."

—Roberta Reese

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Present Truth Sanctification

The apostle Peter exhorts us in 2 Pet. 1:12, to be established in the present truth. Our dear brother Paul told Titus to speak the things which become sound doctrine.

In these last days, when so much doctrine is being preached that is not sound, we need to be sure that we are established in the present truth. The present truth is the truth that makes us free. Praise the Lord! the truth for all ages, from the time of Jesus on.

The word "sanctify" is defined by Webster as follows: 1. To make sacred or holy; to set apart to a religious use." 2. "To make holy or free from sin; to

cleanse from moral corruption and pollution."

Old Testament sanctification was a setting apart to a religious use only, as both inanimate and animate objects received it. Therefore a moral change was not under consideration at all. Thus, the tabernacle, the altar, the vessels of the tabernacle were sanctified; all these objects and others of like nature were incapable of moral change; but they were sanctified for religious use.

But in the New Testament, the term "sanctification" is given the other signification—a purging or cleansing of the moral nature of man. This is shown by the following scriptures:

1. Only human beings can receive it, for it is given only to those who obey God and are not of this world. (Jno. 14:17; Acts 5:32; Rom. 15:16; Lk. 11:13).

2. It is performed by the Holy Ghost, not by man (Acts 15:8, 9; Heb. 10:14, 15).

3. Jesus shed his blood for it. (Heb. 13:12; 10:14, 15; 1 Thess. 5:23; Eph. 5:25-27).

Some are teaching the doctrine of no cleansing in sanctification. This is a false doctrine and is contrary to plain Scripture.

The term sanctification as used in the New Testament, means to cleanse, to purge. If there is no cleansing in sanctification, then there is no sanctification. But, praise God, the New Testament sanctification is a purging, a cleansing, a making ready for sacred use.

The first step in sanctification is to set ourselves apart, consecrate ourselves to God for time and eternity, present our bodies holy, having lived above sin in justification which precedes sanctification. Rom. 12:1, 2. We present our bodies holy before God to receive the infilling of the Holy Ghost (or Spirit). Rom. 15:16. This same Holy Ghost is the One who purges us with fire. John the Baptist said, "He shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and fire." He also said (Matt. 3:10), "The axe is laid unto the root of the trees." Praise God. What the law could not do, God sent his Son to do. Rom. 8:3.

Under the Old Testament law souls could not be purged from the Adamic nature, because the precious blood had not been shed. But, praise Him, He gave himself for the church, that he might sanctify and cleanse it. Cleanse what? His saved, justified people. Justification puts us into his body, the church.

Let us look into the experience of the apostles. Did they receive any cleansing on the day of Pentecost?

In Acts 15:8, 9, Peter, referring to the household of Cornelius, tells us that they (the Gentiles) were given the Holy Ghost, "even as he did unto us: and put no difference between us and them, purifying their hearts by faith."

Cornelius and his household were saved, justified, the same as we are justified today. Read Acts 10:36-38. Here Peter says (verse 37), "That word, I say, ye know, which was published throughout all Judaea." Verse 36, "preaching peace by Jesus Christ."

So Cornelius and his were living justified lives when Peter went to them.

The Holy Spirit is not given to sinners. John

14:17. Heb. 10:14, "For by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified." Yes, dear ones, we are perfected in sanctification and not in justification.

In Ezekiel 36:26 we are promised a new heart. Some have reasoned thus: "If God gives us a new heart, how can it have impurities in it?" True, it can not. But we do not receive the new heart in its fullness until we are sanctified, because God's plan of salvation is not complete in our lives until we are sanctified.

—H. P. Huskey.

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A Scriptural Alphabet

All Scripture is given by inspiration of God; and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works. 2 Tim. 3:16, 17.

Be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is. Eph. 5:17.

Consider what I say; and the Lord give thee understanding in all things. 2 Tim. 2:7.

Do not err, my beloved brethren. Jas. 1:16.

Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves. Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be reprobates. 2 Cor. 13:5.

Follow peace with all men and holiness without which no man shall see the Lord. Heb. 12:14.

God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. John 3:16.

Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us: and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. 1 John 4:10.

In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten son into the world that we might live through him. 1 John 4:9.

Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me. John 14:6.

Known unto God are all his works from the beginning of the world. Acts 15:18.

Let not your heart be troubled, ye believe in God, believe also in me. John 14:6.

Man that is born of woman is of few days and full of trouble. Job 14:1.

Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us by the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Ghost. Titus 3:5.

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

Pray without ceasing. 1 Thess. 5:17.

Quench not the Spirit. 1 Thess. 5:19.

Rejoice evermore. 1 Thess. 5:16.

Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness. Ephesians 6:14.

Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, for as much as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord. 1 Cor. 15:58.

Use hospitality one to another without grudging. 1 Peter. 4:9.

Verily I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child, he shall not enter therein. Mark 10:15.

Walk in wisdom toward them that are without, redeeming the time. 4:5.

Ye are of God little children, and have overcome them; because greater is he that is in you than he that is in the world. 1 John 4:4.

Zion heard and was glad, and the daughters of Judah rejoiced because of thy judgments, O Lord. Psalms. 97:8.

—Cora Brant.

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SOME THINGS I LOVE AND APPRECIATE

First of all, I love to be alone with God. I love to meditate when no human being is around, where the stillness is felt, where we can feel the presence of God. What a great honor it is to have God as our guest. Then we can see our littleness, our inability to accomplish anything unaided by our Lord. Oh, how all should appreciate the grand privilege of calling upon his holy name in prayer. God has promised to reward openly those who pray in secret.

I love to take time to meditate, to think of the goodness of God, of his love and of his companionship to his children. What wonderful promises he has given us. He will fulfil them if we are willing to walk out by faith and claim his promises, defeat the devil and do God's precious will.

We know God has all power. There is nothing impossible that is according to his will. Sometimes folks do not act like they believe this.

Let us contend for the faith once delivered to the saints. May we take more time for secret prayer. Some may think they do not have the time. Friends, you don't have time to neglect prayer. Things will go much smoother, and you can accomplish far more when you take time for prayer. Oh, the blessedness of prayer! How it enriches our souls and makes us a blessing to mankind, adds grace and strength while we do our daily duties. I love the privilege of prayer.

Pray that I will always be true.—Mrs. H. Grauke

NOTHING BUT HEAVEN

An old man was lying on a bed from which he was never to rise again. His snow-white head rested on a pillow. The peace of God was in his heart. He was through with the cares and labors of the earthly life, and his thoughts were of the unseen world into which he was going.

A loved one sat beside the bed. She had just given the last womanly touch of helpfulness to the helpless saint. She asked, "Can I do anything more for you, Father? Is there anything else you want?"

The dear old face brightened. The eyes shone with a radiance not of earth. "No," he said, gently, "I want nothing more—nothing but heaven."

To this old saint had been verified the promise of God: "With long life will I satisfy him and show him my salvation." He had passed through all the seasons of a full rounded life and had enjoyed them all. He had served his day and generation in the faithful performance of the humble tasks and duties of a common life. He had sought first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and had found "all these things" added unto him. His treasures were laid up in heaven. His home was there. He was done with this world. And now there was for him "nothing but heaven."—Sel.

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Okla.—Dear saints scattered abroad,—Greetings. This morning finds me encouraged to press on and live for him who has died for me. As we look back over our past life and see how Jesus has cared for us and blessed us up to the present time, it makes us feel unworthy of his blessings. I am thankful that I heard Jesus calling for me and I returned unto him. We have left all of the world to follow Jesus and never backward to its follies will we turn. This old world holds no charms for a child of God but heaven holds all.

There is only one way to heaven and that is through Jesus. The word says that those that climb up some other way is the same as a thief and robber.

We are glad that we have learned how to cast all of our cares and burdens upon the Lord and found him to be a present help in every time of trouble and also found him to be a source of comfort and encouragement through trials and tests that come to us at different times as we travel on our journey home. Satan is watching for a chance to slip in to discourage us but we need to draw so close to the Lord that he can help us to not give Satan a chance to discourage us on any line. Isaiah 26:3 says, "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee."

May the dear Lord ever keep us humble at his feet where we can hear his faintest whisper and then obey him that the pleasures of God will ever rest upon us.

Yours in Christ,

Mary A. Pruitt.

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BIBLE STUDY

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AT THE TIME OF THE JUDGES

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Printed Portion.....Judges 2:8-17; 21:25.

Judges 2:8. And Joshua the son of Nun, the servant of the Lord, died, being an hundred and ten years old.

9. And they buried him in the border of his inheritance in Timnathheres, in the mount of Ephraim, on the north side of the hill Gaash.

10. And also all that generation were gathered unto their fathers: and there arose another generation after them, which knew not the Lord, nor yet the works which he had done for Israel.

11. And the children of Israel did evil in the sight of the Lord, and served Baalim:

12. And they forsook the Lord God of their fathers, which brought them out of the land of Egypt, and followed other gods, of the gods of the people that were round about them, and bowed themselves unto them, and provoked the Lord to anger.

13. And they forsook the Lord, and served Baal and Ashtaroth.

14. And the anger of the Lord was hot against Israel, and he delivered them into the hands of spoilers that spoiled them, and he sold them into the hands of their enemies round about, so that they could not any longer stand before their enemies.

15. Whithersoever they went out, the hand of the Lord was against them for evil, as the Lord had said, and as the Lord had sworn unto them: and they were greatly distressed.

16. Nevertheless the Lord raised up judges, which delivered them out of the hand of those that spoiled them.

17. And yet they would not hearken unto their judges, but they went a whoring after other gods, and bowed themselves unto them: they turned quickly out of the way which their fathers walked in, obeying the commandments of the Lord; but they did not so.

21:25. In those days there was no king in Israel: every man did that which was right in his own eyes.

Memory Verse: Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord. Psa. 33:12.

Practical Truth: Nations as well as individuals suffer when the people disobey the laws of God.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

We are in the world but we are not of the world after we are born again and become children of God by faith. In Deut. 7:6 God said, "For thou art an holy people unto the Lord thy God." He had saved them out of Egypt and separated them from other nations unto himself. They were given laws and commandments to keep them free from intermarriage and intermingling with other nations so that God could have them as his peculiar people. Up to this time there had been Joshua and those who outlived him, who were leaders to help them keep holy but now those leaders being gone they began to take on the ways of the nations about them and their idols, so that God delivered them to the spoilers that spoiled them. The hand of the Lord was against them when they began to sin. There were still some among them who were faithful to God and knew how to cry to him in their distress so that God had mercy on them and raised up deliverers from the hand of their enemies.

We, as Christians can take some wholesome instruction from these who went back on the Lord after he had redeemed them. Eph. 5:30, "And grieve not the Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption." "If any man draw back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him." Heb. 10:38.

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DEBORAH, A WOMAN OF COURAGE

July 13, 1952

Printed Portion.....Judges 4:4-8; 5:1-7.

Judges 4:4. And Deborah, a prophetess, the wife of Lapidoth, she dwelt Israel at that time.

5. And she dwelt under the palm tree of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in mount Ephraim: and the children of Israel came up to her for judgement.

6. And she sent and called Barak the son of Abinoam out of Kedeshnaphtali, and said unto him, Hath not the Lord God of Israel commanded, saying, Go and draw toward mount Tabor, and take with thee ten thousand men of the children of Naphtali and of the children of Zebulun?

7. And I will draw unto thee to the river Kishon Sisera, the captain of Jabin's army, with his chariots and his

multitude; and I will deliver him into thine hand.

8. And Barak said unto her, If thou wilt go with me, then I will go: but if thou wilt not go with me, then I will not go.

5:1. Then sang Deborah and Barak the son of Abinoam on that day, saying,

2. Praise ye the Lord for the avenging of Israel when the people willingly offered themselves.

3. Hear, O ye kings; give ear, O ye princes; I, even I, will sing unto the Lord; I will sing praise to the Lord God of Israel.

4. Lord, when thou wentest out of Seir, when thou marchest out of the field of Edom, the earth trembled, and the heavens dropped, the clouds also dropped water.

5. The mountains melted from before the Lord, even that Sinai from before the Lord God of Israel.

6. In the days of Shamgar the son of Anath, in the days of Jael, the highways were unoccupied, and the travellers walked through byways.

7. The inhabitants of the villages ceased, they ceased in Israel, until that I Deborah arose, that I arose a mother in Israel.

Memory Verse: Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest. Joshua 1:9.

Practical Truth: Wise and courageous leadership, especially in times of crisis, is a great asset to any people.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

"The stars in their courses fought against Sisera." Judges 5:20. After twenty years of servitude under Jabin the king of Canaan and Sisera who was over the nine hundred chariots of iron, God delivered them by a mighty hand. God used Deborah a prophetess to tell Barak to take ten thousand men to mount Tabor where he would draw Sisera unto him and deliver him into his hand. Yes, Barak was willing to do that if Deborah would go along. She said she would but told Barak that God would sell Sisera into the hand of a woman, which he did. Jael came in to complete the great battle, for God directed Sisera to her tent. "At her feet he bowed, he fell, he lay down: at her feet he bowed, he fell: where he bowed, there he lay down dead." (chapter 1:27) God allowed all these things to come upon them because they "Did evil in the sight of the Lord." 4:1.

The song in the 5th chapter is worthy of our consideration where Deborah recounts the "Righteous acts of the Lord," (verse 11) and speaks in verse 16 of "Great searchings of heart." The whole chapter is good for meditation. "Thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." 1 Cor. 15:57.

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GIDEON, A MAN OF FAITH AND HUMILITY

July 20, 1952

Printed Portion.....Judges 6:11-17, 25-27; 8:22-23.

Judges 6:11. And there came an angel of the Lord, and sat under an oak which was in Ophrah, that pertained unto Joash the Abiezrite: and his son Gideon threshed wheat by the winepress, to hide it from the Midianites.

12. And the angel of the Lord appeared unto him, and said unto him, The Lord is with thee, thou mighty man of valour.

13. And Gideon said unto him, Oh my Lord, if the Lord be with us, why then is all this befallen us? and where be all his miracles which our fathers told us of, saying, Did not the Lord bring us up from Egypt? but

now the Lord hath forsaken us, and delivered us into the hands of the Midianites.

14. And the Lord looked upon him, and said, Go in this thy might, and thou shalt save Israel from the hand of the Midianites: have not I sent thee?

15. And he said unto him, Oh my Lord, wherewith shall I save Israel? behold, my family is poor in Manasseh, and I am the least in my father's house.

16. And the Lord said unto him, Surely I will be with thee, and thou shalt smite the Midianites as one man.

17. And he said unto him, If now I have found grace in thy sight, then shew me a sign that thou talkest with me.

25. And it came to pass the same night, that the Lord said unto him, Take thy father's young bullock, even the second bullock of seven years old, and throw down the altar of Baal that thy father hath, and cut down the grove that is by it:

26. And build an altar unto the Lord thy God upon the top of this rock, in the ordered place, and take the second bullock, and offer a burnt sacrifice with the wood of the grove which thou shalt cut down.

27. Then Gideon took ten men of his servants, and did as the Lord had said unto him: and so it was, because he feared his father's household, and the men of the city, that he could not do it by day, that he did it by night.

8:22. Then the men of Israel said unto Gideon, Rule thou over us, both thou, and thy son, and thy son's son also: for thou hast delivered us from the hand of Midian.

23. And Gideon said unto them, I will not rule over you, neither shall my son rule over you: the Lord shall rule over you.

Memory Verse: Teach me thy way, O Lord, and lead me in a plain path. *Psa. 27:11.*

Practical Truth: People who follow God's purpose for them achieve success.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

Gideon was a man that God himself could recommend for he says in verse 12 "The Lord is with thee, thou mighty man of valour." And verse 14, "Have not I sent thee?" His demeanor from the very first to the last showed humility. That is the kind that is acceptable with God; "To this man will I look, even to him that is poor and of a contrite spirit, and trembleth at my word." *Isa. 66:2.* First he said he was least in his father's house and then later he said he would not rule over them but wanted them to let God rule over them. He did right in his wanting God to rule over his own people. That should be the attitude of all of those who try to rule over God's heritage for he knows how to lead and guide.

God was patient with Gideon in teaching him the steps of faith; Gideon felt his incompetency as shown in verse 15 but he obeyed the Lord and threw down the altar of Baal after he had seen the angel of the Lord face to face and the Lord had told him he should not die. *verse 22, 23.* Next he blew a trumpet and gathered many to him to fight, but the Lord told him there were too many. God wanted to show him that he could save by just a few and brought the number to 300. It is still the same. God wants the glory and does not need man's help to save.

GOD PREPARES A LEADER

July 27, 1952

Printed Portion.... 1 Samuel 1:20, 24-28; 3:1, 16-21; 4:1a.

1 Sam. 1:20. Wherefore it came to pass, when the time was come about after Hannah had conceived, that she bare

a son, and called his name Samuel, saying, Because I have asked him of the Lord.

24. And when she had weaned him, she took him up with her, with three bullocks, and one ephah of flour, and a bottle of wine, and brought him unto the house of the Lord in Shiloh: and the child was young.

25. And they slew a bullock, and brought the child to Eli.

26. And she said, Oh my lord, as thy soul liveth, my lord, I am the woman that stood by thee here, praying unto the Lord.

27. For this child I prayed; and the Lord hath given me my petition which I asked of him:

28. Therefore also I have lent him to the Lord; as long as he liveth he shall be lent to the Lord. And he worshipped the Lord there.

3:1. And the child Samuel ministered unto the Lord before Eli. And the word of the Lord was precious in those days; there was no open vision.

16. Then Eli called Samuel, and said, Samuel, my son. And he answered, Here am I.

17. And he said, What is the thing that the Lord hath said unto thee? I pray thee hide it not from me: God do so to thee, and more also, if thou hide any thing from me of all the things that he said unto thee.

18. And Samuel told him every whit, and hid nothing from him. And he said, It is the Lord: let him do what seemeth him good.

19. And Samuel grew, and the Lord was with him, and did let none of his words fall to the ground.

20. And all Israel from Dan even to Beersheba knew that Samuel was established to be a prophet of the Lord.

21. And the Lord appeared again in Shiloh: for the Lord revealed himself to Samuel in Shiloh by the word of the Lord.

4:1a. And the word of Samuel came to all Israel.

Memory Verse: The child Samuel grew on, and was in favour both with the Lord, and also with men. *1 Sam. 2:26.*

Practical Truth: The home and church, as well as God, have a part in preparing one for effective religious service.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

During the days when Samuel was born "The word of the Lord was precious in those days." But God had a remnant at that time who were faithful to him, and out of that number was the home where Samuel was born. God still has homes where his word is revered and children are raised up "In the nurture and admonition of the Lord." *Eph. 6:3.* We greatly need more of these kind of homes where the Bible is read in the home and its teachings obeyed. There are so many of the homes where they do not have a Bible and if they do, they do not use it. It is covered up with dust or funny papers or what not. And again there is so much false teaching that renders its exact teachings of no effect, which only makes it harder for so many to understand its true teachings.

No one will be able to understand the Bible until he is born again. *John 3:1-7.* Then to keep right on doing the will of God as the Spirit reveals the word to him will give more understanding. There are many people who say they do not understand the Bible but God is faithful and will teach the honest heart how to understand when they are ready to seek God with all the heart. *Jer. 29:13.* There is a peace and joy and satisfaction in the Bible when we strictly obey its teachings. C. W.