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I Met The Master Face To Face

I had walked life's way with an easy tread,
Had followed where comforts and pleasures led,
Until, one day, in a quiet place
I met the Master face to face.

With station, rank, and wealth for my goal,
Much thought for my body, but none for my soul,
I had entered to win in life's mad race,
When I met the Master face to face.

I met Him, knew Him, and blushed to see
That His eyes full of sorrow were fixed on me.
And I faltered and fell at His feet that day,
While my castles melted and vanished away.

I had built my castles and reared them high
Till their towers had pierced the blue of the sky.
I had sworn to rule with an iron mace
When I met the Master face to face.

Melted, vanished, and in their place,
Naught else did I see but my Master's face,
And I cried aloud, "Oh, make me meet
To follow the steps of Thy wounded feet!"

My thought is now, for the souls of men,
I have lost my life to find it again,
E'er since one day, in a quiet place
I met the Master face to face.

—Author unknown.

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The Meek and Lowly Jesus

In Matt. 11:28-30, we read, "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

To the weary sin-sick soul, there could not be words spoken that would carry more weight and meaning, or consolation and comfort than the above Scripture, which at one time fell from the lips of

Jesus our Lord. To the haughty and proud, they are as idle words. To find the comfort, peace, and joy, with soul rest, one will have to humble down in confession of guilt and sin, repentance, and become like Jesus in meekness and lowliness of mind and soul, then obey Colossians 2:6: "As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in Him."

There were a few people who loved and honored Christ when he walked upon the earth among men. The meek and lowly in heart found great comfort and were blessed with his presence and works; but the majority followed him for the loaves and fishes and a great many of the Jewish rulers despised and hated him and sought to take his life.

Any person who will truly follow the Lord today in his meek and lowly ways will be treated by the religious worldly-minded people quite similar to the way Jesus was treated. Some, a few, will want to kiss your feet, while others will want to bruise your heel, and many will ignore you and act like they are not moved nor interested in one so dull and stupid as not to take great interest in the affairs of this world.

In Philippians 2:5, Paul tells us, "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus." In the 7th verse he says, "But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: and being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross." In the 12th verse we are exhorted by the sainted Paul to be humble also, and obedient, "Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling. For it is God that worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure."

It is our business to yield in meekness and lowliness unto God, and it is his business to work in us both to will and to do of his good pleasure. He can only freely work in a heart that is made meek and lowly and that continues to recognize his ways, which are so far different from the ways of the world, as the best and only way for him to walk.

We wish to relate some of the lowly and humble ways of Christ while he was in the world that our eyes might be enlightened and our mind drawn out to

behold the simplicity and lowliness of Christ our Lord. We are to follow His steps while in this sinful world and learn to rejoice while we are counted by religious professors as the offscouring of all things, and looked down upon as stupid and dull, "for God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God has chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things that are mighty; and the base things of the world, and things which are despised, hath God chosen, yea, and things which are not, to bring to naught things that are: that no flesh should glory in his presence." God wants all the glory and cannot use any vessel that seeks and does receive praise and honor of men. Jesus was so meek and humble that he would not receive any praise of men and neither would he receive any dishonor of them.

In Zechariah 9:9 is a prophecy of Christ: "Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion; shout, O daughter of Jerusalem: behold, thy King cometh unto thee: he is just, and having salvation; lowly, and riding upon an ass, and upon a colt, the foal of an ass." This was prophesied of Jesus over 500 years before he was born into the world. In the 21st chapter of Matthew, we read about the fulfillment of that prophecy. It is written that Jesus sent two of his disciples to a certain place where an ass and a colt were tied. He told them to loose them and bring them unto him. Mark 11:3 reads, "The Lord hath need of him." (Dear soul, the Lord hath need of you, if you are willing to become an humble, lowly, despised servant of the Lord's among the wicked and proud people of the world.) Webster's dictionary says that an ass is "A patient, slow, sure-footed, long-eared animal, a donkey. It has become the type of any one that is obstinate, stubborn, dull, and stupid."

When Jesus rode upon the lowly animal, called an ass, on his way to Jerusalem, the people made a great commotion of crying out and spreading their garments in the way. They cried, "Hosanna to the Son of David." The prophet called Him our King, and truly he is to every lowly and humble child of God. He did not come to Jerusalem riding in a fine chariot drawn by fine horses as the kings of the world would do in those days, but he rested upon the lowly donkey.

Today, people who have the characteristics of a donkey are the ones whom Jesus, by his spirit, is resting upon; for they sow to the Spirit and not to the flesh to receive praise of men. Are you willing to bear the reproach of the cross? to be counted as one of the despised few, that Christ by his Spirit may rest upon you? Are you willing to take the lowly and humble way through life that you may wear a crown in glory? If so, then you will find righteousness, peace, and joy in your soul in this life with favors and blessings from God at the great Judgment Day.

In Isaiah 32:17 the prophet, speaking of the work of the Lord upon our souls, said, "And the work of righteousness shall be peace; and the effect of righteousness quietness and assurance forever. And my people shall dwell in a peaceable habitation, and in sure dwellings, and in quiet resting places." In the

20th verse, we read, "Blessed are ye that sow beside all waters, that send forth thither the feet of the ox and the ass." In this verse we understand that God's ministers are typified by an ox or an ass, and those who support them with their means and other substance, in order to get the gospel to men, are blessed people. Dear soul, are you willing to be a slow steady ox or a peculiar ass for the Lord that He, by his spirit, may rest upon you and carry the glad tidings of a risen Christ to the people?

The donkey has been used by the Lord's people from the beginning of time. Abraham, who was a type of Christ, when called upon by the Lord to sacrifice his only son Isaac as a burnt offering, obeyed God; and it is said that he rose up early and saddled his ass or donkey and set out to do the will of God. He bound his only son Isaac and laid him upon the altar, upon the wood, and stretched forth his hand with the knife to slay his son when an angel of God called and told him not to slay his son. God spared Abraham's son to him but went farther with his own Son and allowed him to be slain that we might be saved and that the power and Spirit of God may rest upon us.

Again Moses, who was a type of Christ, when returning to Egypt to lead the children of Israel out of bondage to freedom, took his wife and sons and set them upon an ass to make that journey. It is also written of Solomon, who was a type of Christ, that when going to Jerusalem to be anointed king, he rode upon a mule.

In 1 Timothy 5:6 we read, "But she that liveth in pleasure is dead while she liveth." This is true of all pleasure-loving people whether they profess Christ or not. It is also true that all who live for God are dead while they live, only in a different sense. The worldly-minded person is dead to God while he lives; and the heavenly-minded person is dead to the world and its spirit of pleasure, graft, and greed. Paul says to the Christian in Col. 3:2, 3, "Set your affections on things above, and not on the things on the earth. For ye are dead and your life is hid with Christ in God."

We do not find where Christ and the apostles took any particular interest in politics or in worldly matters, for he knew that his heavenly Father was ruling over and above all these things and that all the world and all things pertaining thereto would perish with the using, but he was interested in things that were of eternal profit.

We have a prophecy given by Isaiah (42nd chap.) referring to Jesus in this respect. It reads: "Who is blind, but my servant? or deaf as my messenger that I sent? who is blind as he that is perfect, and blind as the Lord's servant? Seeing many things but thou observest not [no interest to him] opening the ears, but he heareth not."

We can easily see by the above Scriptures that the Lord Jesus was blind, deaf, and dead to the world and was wholly given up to the Father's will. He testified of himself and said, "I do always those things that please Him." John 8:29. Dear brethren, we are to follow in his steps who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth. Let us manifest the character-

istics of an ox or an ass to this world and just let God work in us, both to will and to do of his good pleasure.

In Gen. 29:10 we read concerning the Lord Jesus Christ, the coming Messiah, Shiloh, the rest giver, "The sceptre shall not depart from Judah nor a law-giver from between his feet until Shiloh come; and unto Him shall the gathering of the people be. Binding his foal unto the vine, and his ass's colt unto the choice vine; he washed his garments in wine, and his clothes in the blood of grapes."

In this prophecy we see where Jesus is pictured as the one unto whom the people will be gathered, and he will bind his foal unto the vine. A foal is the young of the horse family, which would include the donkey. In John 15:1, Jesus declares that, "I am the true vine." Those who are born again, born from above are likened as unto his foal, and he binds them by his Spirit unto Christ, the true vine. He is the choice vine. Even before Jesus came, his people Israel was termed a vine. In Psalm 80:8, we read, "Thou hast brought a vine out of Egypt: thou hast cast out the heathen and planted it."

The definition of an ass is, "A slow, sure-footed, long-eared animal, a donkey." It is characteristic of a child of God to be slow and sure. They are not hasty to make decisions and often you will hear them say, "Wait until I pray about the matter." They want to be sure and have the mind of the Lord before speaking or stepping, and that makes them sure-footed. Spiritually speaking, their ears are long and they reach to heaven and hear what the Lord will say unto them. They get things from above and not just from around them by seeing and hearing the spirits of Satan, who is the Prince of the power of the air. Eph. 2:2. In having spiritually long ears, they have the characteristics of a long-eared donkey.

The dictionary also says that the ass or donkey has become the type of anyone that is obstinate, stubborn, dull, and stupid. When the world looks upon a real child of God they think of someone who is obstinate, set in his ways, determined and contrary to the course of this world. They look upon him as stubborn because he will not take medicine but trusts the Lord for his healing, he will not join the lodges nor unions of the world, will not take part in the world's religious gatherings (which the world claims promotes the religion of the Lord). Thus they say that we, the children of God are stubborn. They also call us dull and stupid because we will not attend the picture shows, basket ball and base ball games, nor car and horse racing. They say the sisters are so dull and stupid that they do not know when the styles in dress change, for they just keep on wearing long dresses and long sleeves and long hair. Oh, they say how dull and stupid we are concerning politics, wars, and the advancement of civilization in general. The men do not adorn themselves with the neck-tie, hence cannot be popular with the world and gain the better class for Christ—"Oh, what queer and stupid people," they say, "always want to talk about the Bible," etc. Many things that God's children do seem foolish and childish to the worldly-wise and great men of the

earth. Yes, the true child of God has all the characteristics of the ox and the ass, and are determined to let God work in them, both to will and to do of his good pleasure, no matter how queer, dull, and stupid the worldly minded may think they are; for their eyes are upon the Lord and they are living in this world in a way so they can live again with Him in glory.

I would to God that there were more in the world today who would really love the Lord and would be willing to bear the cross and wear a crown.

—Fred Pruitt

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Responsibility to Young Ministers

Among us are a number of men and women who have labored faithfully in the ministry for fifteen, twenty, and even thirty years. They have been faithful, and we count them pillars; but one by one they are passing from our ranks. Already some of them can not bear the burden of the work as they did a few years ago because of failing strength. Soon they will be with us no more.

The future of the work of God to a great extent rests upon the shoulders of the young. But these young workers must have exercise and training at the present time in order to be able to fill this place in future years. Some have thought that all one needed to be a preacher was to know he was called of God. While it is very necessary indeed that he feel a personal call and being an established, faithful minister. A few of them will be able to enter into real usefulness in a short time, burst forth as it were, but the majority of them must come up in a much slower way. But those who come to the bloom of usefulness slower generally make the truer ministers. They are less likely to feel their own importance, and they can better bear with the weakness of others.

It sometimes happens that the laity and older ministers are at fault in their attitude toward the young workers. They allow them no right nor authority as God-sent ministers and will not listen to their advice or admonitions. They will not be taught by the young folks. They weary so soon if a young minister gets up to speak, wishing all the time he is talking that he would not take up the time. Yet the minister they listen to with such pleasure was once preaching his first sermon with all the difficulty that the young man in their midst is experiencing. Their attitude toward the young preacher is as if they counted him no good until he proved himself perfect. Shall he preach to the stones and the trees till he learns? This attitude gives the beginner no chance to prove himself. Let his efforts be received with the same thankfulness with which you hail the development of your growing child. This feeling toward the young workers will help them more than I can say.

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Mo.—Dear saints,—I am writing to let you know we expect to start a school at the church of God camp ground at Monark Springs. We will start the school on or before October 1, if the Lord wills. If any one wishes to write about the school, write to Selma Williams at the Monark Springs camp ground, Rt. 3, Neosho, Mo.

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Editorials

The Lord blessed us and made us feel clear to attend the California State Campmeeting at Pacoima, California. We enjoyed the meeting very much, also the association and fellowship of the saints. There were several hundred people on the grounds at times and the Lord surely did bless in the preaching of his Word. Much conviction was upon souls, and the altar was filled with seekers day after day, and the cry of new-born babies was heard in the kingdom of God. A sweet heavenly spirit prevailed throughout the entire meeting and the devil and his crowd stood rebuked while God saved souls, sanctified believers, healed bodies, and built the saints up in the faith. It was a glorious meeting and one that will long be remembered by many.

After the campmeeting was over we had services two nights in the saints' chapel at Pomona, Calif., and then went to Bakersfield and held five or six services there with good interest. Souls were at the altar in nearly every service, and the saints were happy in the Lord. From Bakersfield, Calif. we went to Stockton, Calif., which is east of San Francisco. There we had some joyful meetings for several nights. The spirit of the Lord worked mightily in the meeting and much good was done. A number were saved in the meeting and there was altar work done in nearly every service. The meeting closed on Sunday, Sept. 14th. The last service was hard to get dismissed as some would keep coming to the altar for prayer and others wanted to testify. The saints prepared dinner for us, and it was hard for us to break away from the dear saints and leave for home.

Bro. Foster of Bristow, Okla. was with us in these meetings and was precious used of God in behalf of souls. We arrived home on the 17th of September, and we find plenty of work at the printing office awaiting us. We mean to do all we can to get souls to God while He keeps life in this body. Pray for us and the work here. Let us know if you enjoy reading the "Faith and Victory" paper. We do want to make the printed page a blessing to our readers.

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The word "IF" is a very small word, having only two letters, and we find it often used in the Scriptures. Although it is a small word, it means MUCH. Many people will miss heaven simply because they have disregarded this little word. In Ezekiel 33:14 the Word says, "Again, when I say unto the wicked, Thou shalt surely die: IF he turn from his sin, and do that which is lawful and right; IF the wicked restore the pledge, give again that he hath robbed, walk in the statutes of life, without committing iniquity; he shall surely live, he shall not die." We find two IF's in the above quoted Scripture which a host of people disregard, and such people are sure to be lost because of this rebellion and will be in torment eternally.

Restoring the pledge and confessing and giving back again that which he has robbed is God's will for man. Many folks professing Christ disregard this little word "IF" and thereby rebel against God's will. According to the Scripture in Isaiah 1:19, they will

be devoured by the sword of the Spirit and lost eternally, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken it.

In the tenth chapter of Romans we read beginning at the ninth verse: "IF thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shall believe in thine heart that God has raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation." There are many who disregard this little word IF to the extent that their believing does not get farther than their heads and will be worthless to them in the day of judgment.

Today is the day of salvation. In this gospel day you can be saved. In Hebrews the fourth chapter and the seventh verse, we read, "Today IF ye will hear his voice, harden not your heart." Many will hear the gospel preached and the Word read, but will not be doers of the Word and harden their hearts. In this way they travel on the broad way to certain destruction.

Here are more IF's that a Christian should carefully and diligently regard: "If we hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm unto the end," Heb. 3:7. "For IF any be a hearer of the Word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass." James 1:23. The Word of God is a looking glass for us, and it is a perfect law of liberty to them that believe from the heart and practice its truths.

"For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ." 2 Peter 1:8.

If young people, or older people also, would live humbly before the Lord where they could be sure of His leadings, He would direct them in choosing a companion for life and there would be no heartache, grief, sadness, and divorces follow. The devil is anxious to mate you up with the wrong one, and will do it unless you get the mind of the Lord in the matter and become willing to take the one He chooses for you.

A saved boy or girl should never encourage the attentions of any unsaved person. It is contrary to Scripture to marry an unsaved person. Nine times out of ten the unsaved will not yield to God and will cause the saved to be lost. By closely following the instructions and teachings of God's Word, one will save his own soul and be a help to others

Obituaries

Eliza A. Fishbaugh was born in Kansas April 12, 1858 and passed away June 13, 1952 at the age of 94 years, 2 months and 1 day. In 1879 she was united in marriage to George W. Shultz and to this union five children were born. Two passed away in infancy and in 1927 her husband went on to his reward. She leaves behind to follow her, two sons, Charlie J. Shultz of San Diego, Calif., and Clyde S. Shultz of Arizona; one daughter, Lena M. Omalley of San Diego with whom she has made her home ever since the passing of her husband; seven grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren, one sister Mrs. Ada M. Morton of San Diego, and many friends.

Mother Shultz, as she was called by many yielded her life to the Lord at an early age and has endeavored to

live a devoted, consistent, Christian life and has been owned and blessed of God, in giving her a long life with many blessings. She has been with the saints 50 to 55 years. She has lived in California about 40 years, coming here from Kansas. She will be greatly missed, but all are comforted with the knowledge that our loss is her gain, as she looked forward and longed to go on to be at rest with the Lord.

Funeral services were conducted by Opal B. Wilson, assisted by Ira D. Stover. The text was Numbers 23:9-10.

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Jess Oliver Brewer was born January 30, 1880 at Williamsburg, Kansas. In 1909 he was married to Alice Jones. The Lord favored this union with eight children which are still living. Brother Brewer, always proved to be a good patient husband and father. He possessed a great interest for the success of his family. They made their home for several years in various localities in Oklahoma until about nine years ago when they moved to Merced, California.

Brother Brewer had a high respect and a great love for the Bible truths but didn't seem to be able to completely submit to the Lord until this summer. While attending a campmeeting he felt his need of the Saviour. As he humbled his heart and asked God for forgiveness, the Lord for Christ's sake forgave him and brother Brewer made his decision to go all the way with the Lord. During this same campmeeting he followed the Lord in the ordinance of baptism. It seemed that he was so blessed by this obedience until he would comment to all he would see, "I was baptized today." Brother Brewer was blessed with a good faithful wife who no doubt is greatly responsible in him ever finding God. It seemed that the Lord just ripened him for heaven. In his last hours he had received so much favor from the Lord and God enabled him to take his suffering with such great patience, never a complaint or murmur was heard but rather a giving of thanks to God for his mercy and great love that had enabled him to be called a child of God. He was made a member of the church of God by the new birth.

He leaves to mourn his departure his wife, Mrs. Alice Brewer; four sons, Ernest of Long Beach, Calif., Glenn of Joplin, Mo., Troy of Tooele, Utah, and Jessie of Tulsa; four daughters, Mrs. E. E. Haven of Tulsa, Mrs. E. V. Slater of Kansas City, Kans., Mrs. C. R. Fenix of Vallejo, Calif., and Mrs. Joe Bonds of Merced, Calif.; twenty-one grandchildren and one great-granddaughter, also a host of saints and friends.

The funeral service was conducted by brother Charles Smith assisted by brother David Madden in the saint's chapel two miles north of Sapulpa. He was laid to rest in the South Heights Cemetery, Sapulpa.

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Laura Dannie Hayes, daughter of Robert and Laura Wade was born in Barnsby, Kentucky April 12, 1870, and passed away at her daughter's home in Oklahoma City on September 8, 1952 at the age of 82 years. On January 22, 1889 she was united in marriage to J. U. Hayes who preceded her in death in 1935. She was the mother of five children, three sons and two daughters. One son and one daughter having passed away in 1944.

She is survived by three children, T. C. Hayes of Tracy, Calif., R. F. Hayes of Apache, Okla., and Mrs. Ella Brown of Oklahoma City; fifteen grandchildren and twenty-two great-grandchildren, also many loved ones and friends. She was converted to Christ in her early married life and continued faithful until death.

Funeral services were conducted by brother Willie Murphey of Guthrie at the Perrine Funeral Home in Oklahoma City. The text was Luke 10:42, "But one thing is needful: and Mary hath chosen that good part which shall not be taken away from her."

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Sister Ella Mae Huskey daughter of W. A. and Effie Mae Hughes was born February 9, 1906 at Webb City, Missouri. She became a devoted follower of the Lamb of God by a spiritual birth at an early age. She began traveling and working with her Master while quite young. On October 15, 1933 at the age of 27 in Oklahoma City, Okla. she was united in marriage to H. P. Huskey of Glen Allen, Mo., a minister of the truth. Brother O. B. Wilson, Sr. officiating. The Lord blessed them with three dear children, James A. Huskey, 17, David L. Huskey, 15, and Esther Mae Huskey, 12.

Early Sunday morning, September 8, 1952, while enroute to her home in Orland, Calif., at Newton, Kans. she was involved in an automobile accident. A few minutes after the collision with another car, at Bethel Hospital in Newton, the Lord took her home from this earthly tabernacle at the age of 46 years, 6 months, and 29 days. On September 12, 1952 at Webb City Church of God chapel, funeral services were conducted by Egbert Allen and sister Essie Wilson.

She leaves to mourn her going, but to rejoice because of the great hope, her beloved husband and children; her father and mother; four sisters; three brothers, and many other relatives and friends. Our loss is Heaven's gain. She lived the life of a devoted servant of the Master. She wrote in her note book a few days before the call, "No one knows when they will be called to go." Let us live to meet her in glory.

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Mo.—Dear saints of God,—Greetings of love. We take this opportunity to express our appreciation to all of you, far and near, for the love, sympathy, and offerings expressed and sent us during this sad hour. By God's help we want to meet our very dear wife and mother in glory. Pray for us as we toil in His service.

Yours in Him, H. P. Huskey and children.

PRAYER REQUESTS

S. C.—Will every saint pray that the Lord will break up dens of evil, move hindrances to the Lord's work here, and make changes which are absolutely essential? Also pray that the Lord will do one special thing for me so I can devote more time to His service. Mary J. Jones.

Ohio—I am blind in my right eye and I am almost blind in my left eye. I am asking that all of the saints everywhere that read the "Faith and Victory" paper will pray that the Lord will heal my left eye so I will not go blind entirely. Your saved sister, Elnora Ayers.

W. Va.—Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,—I desire your earnest prayers for my son who has some problems before him. Also pray for a man who is under conviction. Georgiana Sayre.

Meeting Reports

The second campmeeting at Myrtle, Mo. has come and gone, leaving with us precious memories. The Lord sent several ministers to preach the Word, which was anointed and sent forth by the Holy Spirit, and a time of refreshing for the saints. A goodly number of saints from elsewhere, relatives, friends, and neighbors also

attended the meeting. We thank the Lord for each one and trust each one received some lasting benefits from having been here.

A number of souls sought help at the altar; some for the healing of their bodies, some for spiritual help and salvation. We believe that each one was satisfied. Surely God doth supply our every need. The Lord did so wonderfully provide for the financial needs of this meeting that some marveled that it could be so. We cannot express with words our deep appreciation for the kindness and assistance of each one, but trust that our God will reward you an hundred-fold. This leaves us all much encouraged to press the battle on, and looking forward to another good campmeeting next year.

—The saints at Myrtle.

Dear saints:

The Lord has impressed us to stay in Missouri for awhile and work in the Myrtle congregation and elsewhere in the East. Our address is: Bro. and Sister S. E. Abbott, Thayer, Mo., R. 2. Brethren, pray for us.

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Dover, Okla.—Greetings to the saints scattered abroad, and all lovers of the truth. We are praising God for his wonderful love to us in blessing us in the campmeeting here at Dover this year—spiritually, temporally, and otherwise. Although this community was struck by one of the worst droughts we have had for many years, we were well supplied with such provisions as were needed as the Lord laid the matter upon the hearts of his consecrated saints here and there who freely and willingly responded. We truly thank the Lord, and every one whose contributions and help, donations of food, fruits, and vegetables helped to make the meeting a success for God.

The Lord sent in Spirit-filled ministers, who had a burden for the work, to break the bread of life, and hold up the standard of righteousness. The saints were much encouraged as they sat under the sound of the gospel coming forth under the anointing of the Holy Spirit. At times it seemed as if the Holy Spirit settled over the congregation like a cloud. Although not visible to the natural eye, but real to those who possessed Him in their inner being.

A few were saved who came in from neighboring places, but none in this particular neighborhood that I know of. Four followed the Lord in baptism, and two or three more are to be baptized later. Our prayer is that God will bless and keep all those who made a start for him, and cause them to triumph over all sin. It is a real pleasure to serve the Lord, though there be battles to fight, he has grace for every need.

The meeting was well attended, and good attention was given in each service by those who were present to feast on the good things from Father's table with a willingness to walk in the way of the Lord. Our hearts were made to rejoice as two young people, who were at one time in the congregation here but have since moved to another location, came boldly to the altar and submitted themselves to God and received the forgiveness of sins. Some others who said they wanted to be saved were not earnest enough about the matter. The messages from Calvary's Cross were not able to shake them loose from their idols, so they were left bound in their sins. Several testified to receiving a definite healing touch to their bodies as prayer was offered for those who desired to be healed. The gospel light is shining brightly, the truth is marching on, souls can yet be saved if they do not continue to put it off until too late. We are living in the last days, our time will soon be out. The Lord is calling his children home one by one. No doubt, there were some at the

meeting this year whose faces will not be seen here in another campmeeting. May the Lord bless you all. We covet your prayers that the Lord keep us faithful unto death. Yours in His name, U. Phillips and co-workers

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Bakersfield, Calif.—The Bakersfield Campmeeting, which convened from August 8th to 17th has come and gone, and was truly a success. The meeting from the start to the finish was very good. Even before the meeting started, in our prayer meeting several souls were saved and continued receiving help throughout the meeting. Several sought the Lord on the last night.

The Lord wonderfully blessed in many ways. All the expense of the meeting was taken care of wonderfully.

A great number took part in the ordinance services. Seven followed the Lord in baptism. There are several more to be baptized later.

A good number of saints from over the state were present and several out of the state. The meeting was well attended. A number of ministers were here from different places preaching the truth with inspiration and great power. The ministers who attended were: Manly Spears, Oklahoma City, Okla.; Lewis Williams, Wichita, Kansas; Bro. and Sister O. B. Wilson, Pacoima, Calif.; Paul Lawson, Pomona, Calif.; E. J. Trotter, Fresno, Calif.; Naomi Polk, Fresno; Clarence Hattley and Everett Pierro Stockton, Calif.; Calvin Hobbs, San Bernardino; T. T. Holden, San Diego; Rada Watkins, Pacoima; Bro. and Sister Clyde Smith and Audry Brown, Los Angeles; Laverne Manuel, Glendale; and the home ministers, who are, Bro. and Sister Francisco, Sister Sophie Earl, and Bro. Isaac Chandler.

Besides the work of salvation and sanctification which the Lord wrought in this meeting, He manifested his power in a very special way in healing bodies. Several were miraculously healed. The meeting closed five days before our state meeting in Pacoima, Calif. began. This meeting was attended by most of the saints here after this meeting closed. Bro. Pruitt from Guthrie and Bro. Lewis Foster from Bristow, Okla. came here and had a few nights meeting after the state meeting closed, which was very encouraging and uplifting to all. Several went to the altar and received the help that they needed for their souls and bodies. —I. C. Chandler.

Meeting Notices

ASSEMBLY MEETING NOTICE

Lord willing, the Oregon assembly will be held on the saints' grounds in Jefferson, Ore. November 21st to 30th.

God, in his mercy, gave us such a glorious campmeeting this past summer, pouring out of his spirit of truth and power through His holy ministers whom He sent and blessing all present, that we feel encouraged to gather again in his name. Many said it was the best meeting they had been in.

There are sixteen cabins on the grounds and the home here which God has given to my wife and me, and we feel that all who can come will be cared for. We desire the prayers of all saints that God will send ministers of his choosing who will preach the truth as it is in Christ, and hold every foul Spirit that might try to hinder his work. We feel there will be a goodly gathering of God's holy remnant and the doors of heaven will be opened to bless our souls.

Your servant in Christ, Sam Wilson, Box 41, Jefferson, Oregon.

Okla.—Greetings in Jesus' name. We trust by the help of our God to have a meeting in Fairview beginning October 10 and running through the 19th. The location is: Fairview W. Central and 3rd St. On Sundays we will have meeting all day. We trust God will send his faithful ministers to come and help us, as he has need of them here. We trust that God will help that the necessity of the saints will be supplied. "And who then is willing to consecrate his service this day unto the Lord." 1 Chron. 29:5b.

For further information write to Alfred Classen, Chester Star R. R., Fairview, Okla., or arriving in Fairview you may go to Susie Hiebert, 119 W. Park Ave.

Mrs. Eva Penner.

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Will Your Soul Have a Funeral?

Ezekiel 18:4, we read where God says, "All souls are mine: the soul that sinneth, it shall die." All who transgress the laws of God are sinners and will be lost eternally unless they make peace with God thru Christ; therefore we read in Romans 6:22: "The wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."

Dear sinner friend, if you do not quit the sinning business, your soul will have a funeral some day and make its home in the lake of fire and brimstone where it is tormented day and night for ever. To think of such is heart rending and is enough to make one fear, tremble and quake. Paul reasoned with the governor Felix of righteousness, temperance, and judgment to come and he trembled. But he refused the Lord, and said, "Go thy way for this time; when I have a more convenient season I will call for thee." We have no record that he ever got saved. He rejected the Lord when he was calling for him and was, no doubt, eternally lost.

In Ezekiel the 33rd chapter, God says, "As I live, saith the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked; but that the wicked turn from his way and live."

The subject of a funeral even in a literal manner is not pleasant to think about, as it brings to our mind thoughts of loved ones that have died a physical death and are gone and we see them no more. Many people today spend thousands of dollars by engaging the best earthly physicians they can find, going to different climates, and trying every known remedy with the hope of getting well and thereby avoid a funeral which would mean their separation from the living. Parents will go to extreme measures to get their child well so there will be no funeral in the home. If a child strays away in the woods and night comes on, they will raise an alarm and stir up the whole neighborhood. They will hunt and search in the woods all night or longer to rescue that child from physical death. When air planes tumble to the ground on sea or land, rescue parties are immediately sent out at great cost to bring them in alive, if possible.

In contrast to this, we think of the millions of souls that are lost and traveling the broad way which leads to eternal destruction and of how few lay it to heart. Many parents who are intensely interested in

their children's physical bodies seem to have no concern about their soul, which is far the more important.

Abraham told the rich man who was in hell pleading for a drop of water to cool his tongue that there was a great gulf fixed between them and there could be no passage between the two places. Once the enemy succeeds in landing your soul in hell, there will be no escape for you, for it will be an eternal habitation for you. This is a sad thought, indeed! Jesus, by his blood sacrifice, has bridged the gulf for you in this life, but there will be no bridge for you to cross over the gulf in that eternal abode. While you have time in this world you can confess your sins to God and ask him to have mercy on you and to forgive and he will do it and transplant your soul from the broad way of sin and destruction over onto the highway of true holiness, where your soul will have no funeral; for Jesus said to Martha (John 11:26), "Whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die." There will be no soul funeral for that one that in this life believes on the Son of God and continues in His love.

God was intensely interested in our souls' welfare and gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believeth on Him should not perish but have everlasting life. (John 3:16). Jesus was so interested in our lost souls that he suffered untold agonies in the garden and on the cross that we might be freed from sin and have no soul funeral at the end. Before he entered into the garden that memorable night, he said, "My soul is heavy nigh unto death," and as he crept away and prayed, his sweat was as great drops of blood falling to the ground. He loved our souls so much that he was willing to bleed, suffer, and die on the cross to keep our souls from having a funeral and be ushered into the region of eternal damnation and ruin. He was lied on, slandered, beaten, scourged, mocked at and nailed to the cross that we who have sinned against God might be saved and have no soul funeral.

When he looked upon Jerusalem which had rejected him, his tender heart was broken and sad, and he wept and said, "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not!" Therefore he said, "Your house is left unto you desolate." What an awful thing it is for a soul to be desolate of God. These people suffered untold misery because they rejected Christ.

Now let us read of the funeral of the souls of the wicked in that last great day—the Judgment Day. Rev. 20:11, "And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them, and I saw the dead small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which was the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works." In the 14th and 15th verses we read: "And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death [which means the soul's eternal habitation] and

whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire."

When a soul confesses his sins to God in repentance and accepts the blood of Christ as an atonement for his sins, he will then be saved and his name will be put on record in heaven on the book of life, and if he lives free from sin in this life, that soul will have no funeral, for he has already passed from death unto life through the blood and will enter into the joys of the Lord. Funerals are held for dead people and not for those who are living forever. They that live and continue to believe on the Lord Jesus Christ shall never die and will need no funeral.

Brothers and sisters, let us so live in this life that we can live on with God when this earth and all things therein are burned up. —Fred Pruitt

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WORK BEGUN FOR LARGER GUTHRIE CHAPEL

On this 20th day of Sept. work has begun in preparation for the construction of a larger chapel at Guthrie to accommodate the saints and others desiring to attend the mid-winter Oklahoma Assembly meeting. At times in the present building there was not standing room and some folks turned away for lack of space.

The seats have been moved from the chapel to the dining hall where the congregation will have services until the new building is completed. The old frame chapel, which is 24 x 52 feet and about 46 years old, is being torn down and the lumber, where possible, will be used in the new building.

This is a step by faith, as the finances have been coming in slowly and time is limited, as we plan, the Lord willing, to have it ready for the meeting in December, so we request the prayers and cooperation of all saints.

Especially to Oklahoma Saints: Remember what you have "purposed" and pledged in your heart for this new building for the state meeting, and send your offerings to Bro. O. C. Porter, R. 5, Guthrie, Okla. If any of the saints could drive in to help us wreck the old building, even for a day or two, or to help on the new construction work, you would be laying up treasures in heaven. Contact Bro. Porter or Bro. M. A. Davis, phone 1889J3, Guthrie, about the working schedule. At least the next ten days will be spent in wrecking the old building. Let us be "workers together" with the Lord. —L. D. Pruitt

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Okla.—Dear saints,—Greetings in Jesus' name. I feel led to write my testimony and tell what the Lord has done for me. I can say this day that I am still saved and pressing on the way to Glory. I have so much to be thankful for. The Lord is so good to me. He healed me of rheumatism since I came back from the Monark Springs camp meeting. I feel much stronger in soul and body since I came back from the meeting. I enjoyed the meeting so much. I was glad I went to the meeting. I heard so much of the good word of God that it makes me stronger in the Lord. Praise the Lord for what he is to me. I am glad I am saved and living for the Lord. I mean to go all the way with the dear Lord.

Your brother in Christ,

James A. Williams.

REQUEST FOR PRAYER

Elizabeth Freeman of Bakersfield, California has recently gotten saved and is putting her afflicted body into the hands of the Lord. Please pray earnestly for her healing.

Young People's Section

The Wonder of His Name

If I should take my scroll, and pen
With all the eloquence of men
The things that in my heart abide
Since I've known Him, the Crucified;
A world of books could not contain
The mighty wonders of His name.

If I could speak with angel power
Till men would listen hour on hour
To stories of the Savior's love
And beauties of the home above,
The best I'd speak could not explain
The mighty wonders of His name.

If I could sing till men would see
The face of God instead of me,
And bow themselves unto the ground,
And turn from sin the world around,
My song would never half make plain
The mighty wonders of His name.
—Selected.

The Latch-Key

"Him that cometh unto Me, I will in no wise cast out."

Many of the teachings of Christ are very simple, yet many fail to grasp the full meaning of them. Sometimes a simple story given as an illustration will help one to realize the simplicity of them.

One of the best illustrations of the above text, that I have found, is that of a boy who was seen one dark night at the midnight hour, creeping slowly up the steps of a handsome residence, now utterly dark and quiet. He took from his pocket a little key, and with it unlocked the door and entered. He warmed himself at the register, then started up the stairs, oh, so carefully. Feeling his way to the door of a certain room, he turned the knob. It was unlocked, and the boy quietly stepped in.

The street light shone upon a dainty bed all ready for an occupant. A dressing gown lay on a chair near the bed, also a pair of slippers before it. The rest of the room was in darkness. With a great cry, the boy fell on his knees by the bedside.

He was not a burglar, no, no, only a homesick boy, stealing home under cover of night to die.

Two years before, he had knelt by that bed when his angel mother had died. At that time he thought his father was stern and cold, so he ran away to live as he liked. While wandering from place to place, a much forwarded letter reached him one day. It contained nothing but a tiny latch-key of the home door. He had carried that key in his pocket for months, and at last it had drawn him back to his home so far away.

The following morning the father opened his son's door, as he had ever since he had sent the latch-key. He really expected nothing, it had become a habit with him, so this morning he opened the door as usual. Thinking his eyes had deceived him, he started back when he saw the loved form of his son in the bed asleep. How thin and worn was the face.

When the father fell on his knees, the boy opened his eyes. "Father, I have come home to die. I have been so wicked, can you forgive me," he sobbed.

Quickly the father replied, "Forgive you, my boy? Indeed I can. And God—have you asked His forgiveness?"

"Yes, father, that is what I wanted to tell you before I die."

"Die?" And as the father gathered him in his arms he said, "Die, when I have just found you? No indeed."

"But, father, the doctor of the hospital said that I could not live long."

When the family physician had looked the boy over, he said health could be restored if he would obey him strictly and told him he would yet be the stay of his father's old age.

A short time after this, the boy turned to his father and said, "Father, I would never have come home by daylight, and if you had not sent that latch-key, I would not be here today. When I was out in the cold stormy night, I could not resist the comfort at the end of that key."

Dear reader, have you been like this boy at any time in your life? Wanted to have your own way and see something of life? You left home (or possibly you did not leave home), but you had Christian parents who taught you right. But when you grew older you gave it all up and went a different way entirely. You got away from their influence and your teacher's counsel, and learned the ways of sin and folly.

Or it may be you had no Christian home, your parents were ungodly, and you were left to do as you please in choosing your associates. Then you got out into the byways of sin, you became anything else but a pure boy, or a pure girl. Now, after living in sin, it may be for years, you find it has not paid. The pleasures you anticipated have not been lasting, and it has not been a happy life. Tonight you are like this boy, dissatisfied and heart sick. This boy grew tired of his life and longed to return home, but how could he? Would his father welcome him? But one day the tiny latch-key of the home door reached him. It reminded him he still had a home, and could return whenever he so desired. He knew now he would be welcome. It reminded him too of his mother's Savior, whom he in his distress had promised to love and trust. Still he was afraid. But at last the latch-key drew him home to rest, peace, and forgiveness.

Oh, wandering ones, have you not felt you should give up your ways of sin and folly, and begin life anew? In your quiet hours you have embraced some good things you learned in your childhood. You remembered that Jesus said He was going away to prepare a home, but it is a prepared place for a prepared people. You know you have not prepared yourself, you are not saved, not fit for such a place as Heaven.

Friends, I want to give you a tiny latch-key that will enable you to gain an entrance into a place where you too will find rest for your souls, and comfort, and forgiveness, and love. It is not formed of metal as was that key, but of the words of Christ Himself. We find it in John 6:37, "Him that cometh unto Me, I will in no wise cast out." This boy did not see his father, did not receive a word from him—just an envelope containing a tiny key. But he knew what his father meant. He knew there was a home awaiting him. So by these words spoken by Christ, you know there is a welcome awaiting you in His heart of love whenever you will go to Him. But you say, "How can I go to Him?" Kneel down any where, just as you are and say, "Lord, Thou hast said, if I will come to Thee, Thou wilt receive me into Thy heart of love, so here I am, take me as I am." And He will do it, for that is just what He did for me. And He will forgive you too—He did me.

That boy went home as he was, confessed to his father and received an abundant entrance into his father's home and love. Just so Christ longs to have you come to Him. Will you come now? Don't resist the pleadings of the Spirit, for comfort, joy, and happiness are awaiting you; awaiting you at the end of this little key from God's Word.

I am praying for every one who shall read this (a tract). Lillie M. Hambleton.

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Advice to Young Ministers or Workers

To the young ministers or workers I would say: Be strong and of good courage. Do not expect to get into actual service without many hard trials and discouragements, for they will come even if Satan has to bring them himself, though your hardest trials will be when he can influence the people of God not to encourage you. Settle it to be true to your calling. Let no wrong feeling into your heart against any one who seems to discourage you. Do not move too fast. If you feel that others do not have confidence in your call, do not move until you know it is God that moves you. It is not best to follow mere impulses, but listen to your God-given reason too. You will find that at one time when you felt such and such a feeling God used you in speaking, but at another time, though you have the same excited feelings, you can not say much. It may be your discourse is out of place this time. By using reason and judgment as well as looking at your impulses you may be able to keep in the bounds of God's will. This will keep you out of many hard trials. But if you should move too quickly sometime, do not let the mistake crush you. The older brethren make the same mistake sometimes.

Do not be too quick to express your opinion in the presence of age and experience. A reputation for discretion will be of untold value to you through life. A few of you either are mistaken in your call, or else are trying to go faster than the Holy Spirit is leading. That is why you are having so many admonitions and discouragements. Go slow and keep the confidence of the older ministry. When you see that your discourses are not interesting the people, stop if you have only begun. They will welcome you more warmly next time if they know you will not tire them. Some of you go too slow, and what I have just said will make you want to go slower. You can know your own self what your weakness is. You can tell by the way you are received: if you are urged to go faster and do more, it is likely that you are a little slow; but if your admonitions all point the other way, take care. Do what the Lord bids you, to the best of your knowledge, and after you have done your part, leave it with the Lord, neither fretting that it was not better nor glorying that it was so good.

Be earnest, be sincere, so if you can not say much, your very sincerity will commend you. —M. H.

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Mo.—Dear readers of "Faith and Victory",—Is the day of miracles past? I have heard people say that it seems the day of miracles is past, and that God doesn't do healing like he did in the days gone by. Therefore I would like to relate to the world what we have recently experienced in the line of divine healing.



On April 13, 1952 our little seven-year-old daughter Mildred (Dolly), undertook to lift a dishpan with boiling water in it from the stove. It tipped and poured over the entire front half of her body, causing first, second, and third degree burns over her shoulders, chest and stomach (shown in picture), also on the back of her shoulder. Knowing the worth of prayer, we immediately called the ministers for prayer. News of our great distress was sounded abroad among the

saints, and the prayer of faith was offered time and time again.

Brother and sister John Wilson (our pastor) and the saints were so near us in our great agony and surely the Lord so wonderfully blessed the child and gave her rest in answer to prayer. Once she was in such pain and so restless and hadn't been able to sleep that we begged God to have mercy and cause her to rest at least one hour. God almost doubled her sleeping time instead. Praise God forever. God will do more than we can even think or ask.

At the time of this tragic happening Mildred had a

severe cold on her lungs, and coughed so tight and hoarse. I immediately thought of this awful cold. We knew how easy it would be in her case to go into pneumonia, her little body naked from her waist up. We tried every way we could think of to have some kind of covering on her, but she would only cry and beg us to not touch her with even a sheet. This happened the day before Easter and we recall how cold it turned for about a week. Our crying and worrying didn't cover her little body from the cold, but God saw our tears and broken hearts, and saw the awful pain of our dear little girl and covered her with His great, great hand of mercy, and cleared up her cold. In just a few days that cold and cough had melted as snow would melt in the sunshine. Thank God forever!

Her right shoulder had third degree burns on it. It affected the nerves in her jaws and right arm preventing her from being able to chew her food or feed herself. She became so helpless and had to be lifted from her pillows like a baby. The corruption from these places would run over the other parts of her body which caused much trouble in trying to keep her clean and much white laundry work. About two hours each morning was spent in trying to back all of the corruption to the actual burns which was a slow and painful job. This, God permitted us to suffer three weeks. At the end of this period we fully dressed this child and took her with us to Sunday School. She also started back to school. In five weeks she was completely well, also being able to use her right arm with natural freedom. God so wonderfully took it into his hands and blessed her and us through her sufferings.

I have an enlarged rheumatic heart that has given me a great deal of suffering and trouble and a little excitement throws me into one of those heart spells. I had been sick for two days with this awful smothering and was just getting able to go to the table for my meals. I was sitting in the living room, just having finished my breakfast, trying to bandage a large burn on the little boy's arm that had been inflicted the day before, when we heard the child scream.

In our nervous excitement in trying to undress her we skinned nearly all of the skin from her burns. God in his great mercy stepped on the scene and gave me extra strength and blessed me in caring for the child. We spent hours of sleepless nights and shed so many, many tears, but God didn't permit me to suffer with this smothering heart which is so common for me to do. God in all his tender love and great mercy did it all for us. We had no doctors, nor medicine to bother us, no, not even so much as the school nurse. The principal of our school called me at once to tell me of her sorrow concerning this child and asked me if she could help by sending the school nurse out but I told her it wouldn't be necessary since we don't use medicine nor doctor. She did as I asked her and three weeks later both she and the nurse marvelled at how wonderfully well she had improved.

After about two weeks Mildred had some small boils to start breaking out on her arms and body which were about 25 in number. Some of these came to a core and some God permitted to dry up without so much suffering.

"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." *Psa. 103:1-3.* What a mighty God we serve. This same God that David served, the same God that spared Daniel from the lion's mouths, (*Dan. 6:22.*), the same God that spared the Hebrew children from the fiery furnace, (*Dan. 3*) the same Jesus that walked the shores of Galilee preaching and teaching the

people of his Father's will, that felt that mighty virtue go out to the woman that only touched the hem of his garment in faith believing and was healed. (*Matt. 9:20*) He is just the same today. Like the song poet says, "Yes, he healed in Galilee, set the suffering captive free, and He's just the same today."

Oh, if dear ones could only realize we're serving the same God who formed us out of the dust of the earth and breathed into our nostrils the breath of life—then why can't he heal our bodies?

I still suffer with this heart condition much, but God hasn't seen fit to remove this from me yet, and I want to be willing to suffer until he sees best to heal my body. By his stripes we are healed. Are we not willing to suffer for him? or for some precious soul? May God bless and encourage his people to trust him more, is my prayer. Pray for me and my household.

Yours in Christ,

Pauline and R. C. Brown.

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La.—Dear saints,—Greetings in Jesus' dear name. This finds us encouraged in the Lord and so thankful for the way he undertook for our little boy when he was cut by the tractor disc.

The saints here and other places, and our relatives got under the burden with us in a wonderful way and the Lord heard and answered so quickly. We want to thank each one for their interest and prayers. We could just feel the power of prayer going up in his behalf.

The Lord caused Melvin Dale to be calm and patient, and eased the pain. He gave us grace, strength, and encouragement, so we have much to thank Him for. Melvin Dale is completely well. We desire to always live faithful to the Lord.

Patsy and Melvin Doolittle.

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Mo.—Dear saints of God,—Greetings in Jesus' sweet name. I feel such a heavy burden upon my heart this morning for each one of God's children, especially the young saints and the little children. We read in the Bible, *Mark 14:38* to "Watch ye and pray lest ye enter into temptation." So we see we should watch as well as pray, as the devil comes in the least expected way. He is working hard to get our children, while they are young, on the wrong road. The Lord has more power than the devil and all his agencies that are working in this world today. I pray the Lord to help us to take a stronger hold upon him than ever before.

I was thinking how in this part of our country we have levees built along the rivers and ditches to keep the water from overflowing the land. So early in the spring before the heavy rains, they are careful to reinforce all of the weak spots so there will not be any damage done when the water begins to rise. So that is the way of the Christian's life—we should watch ourselves, our home, and our children that there are no weak spots where the devil can break through and do damage to the cause of God.

I am thankful the dear Lord permitted me to attend part of the Myrtle camp meeting. I am thankful for the good messages that came forth. They made me to realize how we ought to search ourselves and live to where we won't mind to be searched. An innocent person doesn't mind being searched but a guilty one does. Oh, we surely are living in perilous times. We need to watch and pray without ceasing. *1 Thes. 5:17.*

I have been faced with some heavy tests and burdens the last few days, but the dear Lord is helping me in such a marvelous way, that I am made to rejoice in my heart-aches and trials as this proves to me that Jesus is certainly a friend that will help us in every time of need. He has promised to never leave us nor forsake us. Praise his sweet name! May God bless every one of his dear children and help us to keep true unto the end is my prayer. Pray for me and my family. Yours in Him, Effie Miller.

Wash.—Dear saints,—Greetings to you in Jesus' dear name. I surely enjoy reading the "Faith and Victory" paper. Those articles and testimonies are food to my soul. I wish to give my testimony of God's goodness and mercy in healing me. I had a severe pain in my stomach. I could not rest day nor night so I asked some of the saints to pray with me and today I am much better. Praise His dear name. Please pray that I keep humble at His feet. I want the saints everywhere to remember my son in prayer. He left home on the 27th day of March and I haven't heard anything since he has been gone. I know God is yet on his throne and he will hear us when we call.

Your sister in the one body, Mrs. Esther Humphrey.

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La.—To the saints and lovers of truth,—May God's richest blessings rest on you. I want to thank and praise God for his many blessings to me. I also thank the saints for their prayers. I have a bad limb and two weeks ago it got much worse. I couldn't walk for several days and suffered intense pain, but the dear Lord has come to my rescue again and I am able to be on duty nursing dear sister Williamson who is near the crossing. She is 85. I have been with her most of the time for five months. I want to especially thank the saints here at home who came in my home and helped me so in time of need. By this shall all men know you are my disciples if you have love one to another. Pray for me.

Much Christian love, Sister Catherine Simpson.

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Okl.—Dear saints,—Greetings in the precious name of Jesus. This leaves me encouraged to go all the way with the dear Lord. I promised the Lord if he would heal me of an ailment that I had I would write a testimony and he did. I thank him for it and for all that he does for me. He has healed my body many times since I have been saved and helped me out in many ways.

I was anointed and prayed for in Boley and the Lord wonderfully touched my body but I ask the saints to still remember me that the Lord will completely heal me. Pray for me that I'll keep true and do the little things that the Lord would have me to do.

Your sister in Christ, Gustava Anderson.

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Tex.—To the dear saints of God,—I send greetings of Christian love. It is with a thankful heart I can write a testimony of how the Lord has so wonderfully healed me, which should be an encouragement to all who read my prayer request in the July paper.

These growths which I suffered from had bothered me for many years, causing me to have rigors many times. After asking several of the saints to fast and pray for me two of the growths left my body. I was better for a few days then grew worse. I felt I couldn't live but a few days more the suffering was so great. I almost let the devil persuade me to go see a doctor but yet down deep in my heart I just couldn't fail the Lord. When I made my final decision to trust the Lord, live or die, I began to improve at once. That has been six weeks or more ago. I feel as well in body today as I ever have in all my life. I

give God all the glory, honor, and praise for my good health. I had almost constant suffering for over a year. I truly want to draw closer to the Lord and be what he wants of me and not forget what wonderful things he has done for me. I'm so thankful I didn't give in to the arm of flesh.

I truly thank each one of the saints for their prayers and the sacrifice so many made in fasting and holding on to the Lord for me. Pray for me that I might be willing to be used of the Lord as he sees fit.

Your sister in the one body,

Edith Wall.

Mo.—Dear saints,—Greetings in Jesus' dear name. I have felt led for some time to write my testimony of how the dear Lord healed my body. I was sick for ten and one-half years, not continuously but off and on. But praise God, this evening I am a well man. The dear Lord completely healed my body the 22nd day of June. It seems almost like a dream. There are people going around preaching that the days of miracles are past, but I know they are not. God has the same power today that he had one thousand years ago. He says in his word that he is the same yesterday, today and forever. Praise his dear name forever! When I was so sick I asked the Lord to take me home and out of this suffering, but he saw fit to spare my life. I know he does all things well. Praise his dear name.

One night last winter when I was suffering so, I had a vision. It was as plain as could be. The dear Lord laid his hand on my body. It was as plain as if some one would have walked up to my bed and laid their hand on me. I believed right then that the dear Lord was going to heal my body. I want to thank all of the dear saints for their prayers that went up in my behalf. May God richly bless each one. I hope and pray that this testimony might encourage some one that is sick to put their trust in God for the healing of their body. The dear Lord will never fail us if we will only trust him. Pray for me that I may ever be true to him.

Your brother in the Lord,

H. A. Decocq.

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Grace, Free Will, and Predestination

It seems quite difficult for a good many Bible students to harmonize a number of texts in the Word of God that relate to the doctrinal points of grace, free-will, and predestination. The following scriptures appear to contain the chief difficulties encountered in this way. "For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren. Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified" (Rom. 8:29, 30). "So then it is not of him that willeth, nor of him that runneth, but of God that showeth mercy. For the scripture saith unto Pharaoh, Even for this same purpose have I raised thee up, that I might show my power in thee, and that my name might be declared throughout all the earth. Therefore hath he mercy on whom he will have mercy, and whom he will he hardeneth. Thou wilt say then unto me, Why doth he yet find fault? For who hath resisted his will? Nay but, O man, who art thou that repliest against God? Shall the thing formed say to him that formed it, Why hast thou made me thus? . . . What if God, willing to show his wrath, and to make his

power known, endured with much long-suffering the vessels of wrath fitted to destruction: and that he might make known the riches of his glory on the vessels of mercy, which he had afore prepared unto glory, even us, whom he hath called, not of the Jews only, but also of the Gentiles?" (Rom. 9:16-24).

To the minds of many sincere students of the Bible these scriptures seem to teach that God wills that some people be saved and others be lost, irrespective of their choice or willingness to be saved. The wrong interpretation of these texts has been set in opposition to the doctrine of salvation for all men. Over these points of religious belief, great controversies have arisen, and confusing their minds concerning much very plain teaching in the Word of God.

Salvation is provided for all men, as the following scriptures will prove: "Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world" (John 1:29). "But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honor; that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man" (Heb. 2:9). "Who will have ALL men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus; who gave himself a ransom for ALL, to be testified in due time" (1 Tim. 2:4-6). "For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to ALL MEN" (Tit. 2:11). "Not willing that any should perish, but that ALL should come to repentance" (2 Pet. 3:9). "But now commandeth ALL MEN EVERYWHERE to repent" (Acts 17:30). "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that WHOSOEVER believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the WORLD through him might be saved" (John 3:16, 17). "Who is the Savior of ALL men, specially of those that believe" (1 Tim. 4:10).

Surely these scriptures plainly teach that in the gospel plan provisions have been made for the salvation of all mankind. The Lamb of God has atoned for the sins of the world. The world includes all who now live, and all who may yet live. It includes all who lived in the days of Christ's ministry on the earth, and all who have lived since that time. It includes more; all who lived and died before Jesus came are included in the atonement, so that all whom God may have pardoned before the advent of the Savior, received mercy because Jesus was their sacrifice as an atonement for their sins. He is specially the Savior of those who believe, because only those who are believers receive the benefit of the atonement by having their sins blotted out. All men, wherever the gospel is preached, are commanded to repent. Men everywhere are provided for in the economy of Divine grace, and all men everywhere are commanded to turn from sin and believe the gospel message. This is the clear, strong teaching of the scriptures quoted in the above paragraph, not only singly, as texts separate from others, but when taken with the context in each place where they are found written. All men are invited to partake of the water of eternal life.

"And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take of the water of life freely" (Rev. 22:17).

Some very ingenious and curious explanations have been given of the scriptures that have been quoted in the first part of this article, and as a consistent harmony is intended by all scripture, we desire to clear up some apparently difficult points regarding them. God has elected, or chosen, all who believe on the Lord Jesus Christ to eternal salvation in heaven. He has done this without any regard as to race or nationality. It seems clear that God has known before we existed who are going to be saved and who are not (see Rev. 13:8; 17:8). "According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love: having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved" (Eph. 1:4-6). "Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through sanctification of the Spirit, unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ" (1 Pet. 1:2; also 2 Thess. 2:13). God has predestinated that all believers shall be saved, if they endure unto the end (Matt. 24:13).

The chief difficulty concerning the subject we have under consideration is a lack of discrimination between God's free grace, independent of man's will, in providing salvation, and man's free will and choice in accepting and receiving pardon and a pure heart, as God's gracious gift. God has never been under any obligation to provide for the happiness, either in this world or the world to come, of sinful creatures such as men are. It is his election of grace, purely and simply on the part of God, independent of man, and the direct result and outcome of his free mercy and favor toward us that provided a way for us to escape eternal damnation. This is a thread of gold running through and connecting every part of the grand scheme of redemption. It seems that in order that the man Christ Jesus would have an honorable and proper genealogy, God selected Abraham, and through him, the Jewish nation, to be his chosen people. That he foreknew the character of some prominent individuals does not count for anything against the fact that it was his free, unmerited mercy that prompted him to make this selection, and to constitute a certain family and nation as his chosen people, and then require them to conform to his law which he delivered to them.

When we come to this gospel age, the purpose of election remains the same, namely, the selection of a people for his name, but the manner of it has been changed. Instead of one nation being chosen as God's recognized people, he now elects that all believers on Jesus Christ, in every nation, shall be his people, and secure the privilege of sonship with him—be conformed to the image of his Son, and be eternally saved. This is directly the outcome of God's mercy and favor, freely manifested, independent of him that wills or runs.

But this fact does not deprive man of his choice regarding obedience to the gospel, and perseverance unto the end of life. It does not lessen his obligation to fulfil all the law of Christ, and to keep his commandments.

Pharaoh was a wicked, oppressive, and unreasonable tyrant. He seems to have been so hard-hearted as to have been dead to all the feelings common to humanity. He had ample opportunity to have some tender feeling aroused in his heart toward the Israelites while his tyrannical predecessor was oppressively dealing with them, but he had none. God knew this, and foreseeing that this man was a "vessel fitted to destruction," raised him up to sit on the throne of Egypt, so that he could manifest his power through his hardness of heart. He knew that ordinary, reasonable means would not induce him to liberate the Israelites, and so he requested a very reasonable thing, namely, to let the Israelites go into the wilderness to worship. God knew that Pharaoh would reject this proposal without any due consideration of it. He knew this before he called Moses to go before him. "And I know that the king of Egypt will not give you leave to go, no, not by a mighty hand" (Ex. 3:19, A. S. V.). It is true that God hardened Pharaoh's heart, but it seems very clear to our mind that this was done only when all reasonable means to induce him to let the people go had failed, and the king was too hard to have repented. God hardened him more and more in order that by his resistance greater occasion and opportunity would be afforded for God to manifest his power, and multiply his signs in Egypt.

This view of God's dealings with Pharaoh agrees perfectly with the free exercise of his will. He was not responsible for the hardening of his heart by the operation of God, but was accountable for wilfully hardening his own heart before God began to harden him. By his wilful stubbornness he fitted himself for destruction, and God hardened him so that his opposition would be more stout, and there would be a greater occasion given for God to manifest greater displays of his almighty power. "Whom he will he hardeneth." The Jews rejected Jesus, and God blinded and hardened them until they resisted all law and order, and were scattered to all nations. —J. C. B.

Do Unto Others As Ye Would Have Them Do Unto You

Today it seems the hardest battles some souls are having is to find grace enough to forgive their parents for the way they have been reared.

I write this with love in my heart for all eternity bound souls. I told the Lord a few years ago that if He would add me to his church, I would do anything He would ask of me. I do not choose to write this, but the Lord has laid it upon me to do so. I must obey his command.

The burden of my heart is cross marriage between the black and white races [So far as the editor knows this does not exist among the saints.]

A short time ago I was talking with a sister who is crossed between these two races. She said she used to think very hard of her fore-parents for bringing her into the world in such a condition.

This condition works much hardship on the children. The enemy is succeeding in bringing in much hatred between the colored and white races among the unsaved people, or people of the world. This cross makes it hard for the child to find a place to attend school in many parts of the country. It is hard for them to find playmates. When they reach adulthood it makes it hard for them to find employment or a companion. The white race will not accept them because of the hatred for the colored; neither will the colored accept them because of hatred for the whites. Would any of us choose this condition in life?

This cross marriage will keep us from doing unto others (our unborn children) as we would have others do unto us.

Young people, be sure you have the mind of the Lord in choosing a companion. Then you will not be sorry, neither will your children have a battle against hatred before they can enter heaven.

Yours in Him,

Alice Campbell.

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JESUS DEDICATES HIS LIFE

October 5, 1952

Printed Portion.....Matthew 3:16-17, 4:1-11, 17.

Matt. 3:16. And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him:

17. And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.

4:1. Then was Jesus led up of the spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil.

2. And when he had fasted forty days and forty nights, he was afterward an hungred.

3. And when the tempter came to him, he said, If thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread.

4. But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.

5. Then the devil taketh him up into the holy city, and setteth him on a pinnacle of the temple.

6. And saith unto him, If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down: for it is written, He shall give his angels charge concerning thee: and in their hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone.

7. Jesus said unto him, It is written again, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God.

8. Again, the devil taketh him up into an exceeding high mountain, and sheweth him all the Kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them;

9. And saith unto him, All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me.

10. Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan; for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve.

11. Then the devil leaveth him, and, behold, angels came and ministered unto him.

17. From that time Jesus began to preach, and to say, Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

Memory Verse: Lo, I come to do thy will, O God. Heb. 10:7.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

Jesus, in answering John the baptist said, "Suffer it to be so now: for thus it becometh us to fulfil all righteousness." Matt. 3:15. Jesus took the place of a sinner, "Who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth." Yet he was baptized just the same as if he had been a sinner, "Leaving us an example, that we should follow in his steps." 1 Pet. 2:21-22. "Therefore 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 should we walk in newness of life." Rom. 6:4. As Christ put all into his Father's hands and served his Father so we in like manner should place ourselves into the hand of our heavenly Father to serve him all the days of our life.

Since we are to follow the steps of Jesus we may be sure that when we get saved we will be put through some trials and temptations also. "That he might humble thee, and that he might prove thee, to do thee good at thy latter end." Deut. 8:16. So it is better to do just as he says to do and "Count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations." James 1:3. The temptations are for our good and we can answer the devil with scripture just as Jesus did, for he knows how to deliver the godly out of temptation. 2 Pet. 2:9.

JESUS DESCRIBES THE CHRISTIAN LIFE

October 12, 1952

Printed Portion.....Matthew 5:1-12.

Matt. 5:1. And seeing the multitudes, he went up into a mountain: and when he was set, his disciples came unto him.

2. And he opened his mouth, and taught them, saying,

3. Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

4. Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted.

5. Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth.

6. Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.

7. Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy.

8. Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.

9. Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God.

10. Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

11. Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake.

12. Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you.

Memory Verse: Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven. Matt. 5:16.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

How to be happy? Man has ever been asking that question. We have eight rules given by the One who knows exactly the answer to that question: (1) "Blessed are the poor in spirit." Lowly in heart. Those who realize their utter moral depravity and are contrite and have an humble spirit. (2) "Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted." All those who have learned the deeper joys that are in Christ have done some mourning. (3) "Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth." The humble, gentle, the mild shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace. (4) If we hunger and thirst after righteousness we shall be filled. Yes, filled with happiness, peace, holiness, etc. How satisfied is the Christian. (5) The merciful shall obtain mercy. Mercy is that genuine lovingkindness towards the needy that leads to helpful action in their behalf. (6) The pure in heart. A sinful heart makes a blind eye. It is impossible for them to see God. Only those who have clean thoughts and desires shall be taken to heaven where is a holy God with all his holy people. (7) It takes children of God to be real peacemakers. Children of the devil do not have peace. They have strife, envy, etc., and are never contented. (8) All the hypocrites are not dead yet, "And all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution." 2 Tim. 3:12.

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JESUS DEMANDS SINCERITY

October 19, 1952

Printed Portion.....Matthew 6:1-8, 16-18, 22-24.

Matt. 6:1. Take heed that ye do not your alms before men, to be seen of them: otherwise ye have no reward of your Father which is in heaven.

2. Therefore when thou doest thine alms, do not sound a trumpet before thee, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may have glory of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward.

3. But when thou doest alms, let not thy left hand know what thy right hand doeth:

4. That thine alms may be in secret: and thy Father which seeth in secret himself shall reward thee openly.

5. And when thou prayest, thou shalt not be as the hypocrites are: for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and in the corners of the streets, that they may be seen of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward.

6. But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly.

7. But when ye pray, use not vain repetitions, as the heathen do: for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking.

8. Be not ye therefore like unto them: for your Father knoweth what things ye have need of, before ye ask him.

16. Moreover, when ye fast, be not, as the hypocrites, of a sad countenance: for they disfigure their faces, that they may appear unto men to fast. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward.

17. But thou, when thou fastest, anoint thine head, and wash thy face:

18. That thou appear not unto men to fast, but unto thy Father which is in secret: and thy Father, which seeth in secret, shall reward thee openly.

22. The light of the body is the eye: if therefore thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be full of light.

23. But if thine eye be evil, thy whole body shall be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in thee be darkness, how great is that darkness!

24. No man can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.

Memory Verse: Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. Matt. 6:21.

Practical Truth: Only those who are sincere in their service of God are pleasing in his sight.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

Sincere means true, honest, genuine, upright, pure. These are the means that satisfy our Lord in our approach to him. Anything short of that will be too short. The pretenders will never get even the first step in any appeal they think to make to God. They may have vain repetitions such as "O Baal hear us" as in Elijah's time but it will produce no good results. The smallest package known is a man all wrapped up in himself.

No matter what a redeemed man may have been before he got saved, he is now a new creature in Christ Jesus. His prayers ever so short or long made in fervency and earnestness with perhaps some tears, are taken notice of while he is praying; yea, and even before he prays they are registered in the mind of a merciful God. The one who prays to be seen of men has his reward right at that moment while he is doing his vain praying. But the Christian seeks to be alone with God with whom he is personally acquainted because God has forgiven his sins and his satisfaction is only in God. Yea, his desire is to be continually with him. It may need fasting sometimes along with our earnestness but God is pleased when we manifest fervency, and an humble and contrite spirit.

JESUS' TEST OF FAITH

October 26, 1952

Printed Portion.....Matthew 7:12, 15-27.

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

15. Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves.

16. Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles?

17. Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit.

18. A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit.

19. Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire.

20. Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them.

21. Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.

22. Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works?

23. And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.

24. Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock.

25. 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.

26. And every one that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand:

27. And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell: and great was the fall of it.

Memory Verse: Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven: but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. Matthew. 7:21.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

Christ closes his sermon on the mount with a parable which stresses the need of putting his teachings into practice. To hear his words might be interesting, and might even arouse laudible desires, but to go away and let the matter end there, would be like building a house upon the sand. It would be most superficial religious exercise. And the same thing holds true of a person who attends a meeting with the saints and hears a heart searching sermon and does nothing about it. There should be an acceptance of the truth and a yielding of himself to it. Obedience to the truth, with the help of God, will develop stability of character and will enable one to stand when the floods come and the winds blow.

"How much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him." Luke 11:13. The fact of the matter, God desires to give. He is waiting to do so. Since it is his will for every one to be "filled with the Spirit," the next move is to do that very thing, for those who have not done so. That was the trouble with the five foolish virgins (Matt. 25), they lost the Spirit out of their lives and went on making a profession but it did not stand at the judgment. Far better to be honest with God.

C. W.