

# FAITH AND VICTORY

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### A Call for Gleaners

Hear those pleading tones of sadness  
From the dark and distant land,  
"Bring the heathen light and gladness,  
Health and love, from Father's hand."  
Note the seer's prophetic vision,  
"Look, ye ends of earth, and live,"  
And eternal Love's decision  
Free salvation, freely give.

Louder than the clash of armor,  
Louder than the din of war  
Comes the cry "There's wheat to garner,  
Fields are ripe, both near and far."  
"Come and help us"—Hark! they're weeping,  
"One another's burdens bear,"  
Go ye forward for the reaping,  
Or remain and serve in prayer.

By the Savior's great comission,  
"Go ye into all the world;"  
You can change their lost condition  
With the gospel truths unfurled.  
For the Christ-life, they are calling—  
He has power to heal and save,  
Help protect, and keep from falling  
All for whom his life he gave.

Touched with pity and compassion,  
He came down to save your soul,  
And your life to mold and fashion  
For his praise, while ages roll;  
"Go ye, therefore, teach all nations,"  
Scatter kindness everywhere,  
Reap by high or lowly stations,  
Glean each sheaf with loving care.  
Selected.

### Life Is Earnest

"Rejoice, O young man, in thy youth; and let thy heart cheer thee in the days of thy youth, and walk in the ways of thine heart, and in the sight of thine eyes: but know thou, that for all these things God will bring thee into judgment."

Listen, young soul, hear what the world lures you into, Rejoice—laugh, have fun— O young man, in thy youth—yes, you are young just once, why be serious about the judgment? There is lots of time for that later. Walk in the ways of thine heart—yes, why should you obey Mother, Dad, relatives, or friends who wish you well? What do they know about youth?

Hark, thou youth at the door of the world, listen and be wise. Do you hear that gentle, small voice telling, warning, begging you to remember thy Creator in the days of your youth? Remember that ALL the long-sought-for, quick-fled pleasures are as a thread which shall, and will, snap at any time, that God will call you into judgment.

Behold the great Paymaster giving Life and Death. Again the warning is repeated: "the wages of sin is Death."

Just as the Lord is no respecter of persons, neither is the enemy. All he wants is one more soul to perish with him. When you get old you will not be loosed from his grip. Oh, precious soul take the warning, "remove sorrow from thy heart, and put away evil from thy flesh." What and who are you to think that you have a long lease on life? Thousands of young people die daily—cause: cancer, T. B., heart trouble, wrecks, etc. They stand before the Great Judge unprepared. Many had been thinking: "Tomorrow I'll change my ways." Too late, and what is their judgment—eternal death and woe.

Listen, Jesus is knocking loudly at your heart's door for a reason—you, individually, must stand before the Great Judge. Life is real; it is not a dream. Life is earnest; no man made this, it was all created by God. Stop and consider, "Who am I? Where did I come from? Where am I going?" Don't you understand that you are a mere nothing, you have no power? All power in heaven and earth is given unto Jesus. Choose you this day whom ye shall serve. You are making the decision, your parents cannot do it for you, though they would like to. Each is carrying a banner inscribed with one of two names—Jesus or Satan. You will carry your banner into judgment.

There is a way which seemeth right unto man, but the end thereof is death. The worldly way is easier; it takes less determination, will power, and resistance than any way in the world. The way of

Christ brings love, joy, peace, and self-satisfaction that you are pleasing the Almighty. You are endowed with power to have victory over death, hell, and the grave. The saved and sanctified life is the highest plane of living that the world has ever known.

—A young sister.

### Awake, Why Sleepest Thou?

Romans 13:11, "And that knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed."

12: "The night is far spent, the day is at hand, let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light."

There are many people groping around in darkness, depending on some man-made organization to lead and guide them. I say unto you, hear me: Stop! Stop! Don't go to hell! Awake, awake, I say and call upon God for guidance. God is that armour of light through Christ our Lord and Saviour.

Rom. 13:13, "Let us walk honestly as in the day: not in rioting and drunkenness, not in chambering and wantonness, not in strife and envying."

14. "But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ and make not provision for the flesh to fulfill the lusts thereof."

1 Cor. 15:34, "Awake to righteousness and sin not, for some have not the knowledge of God, I speak this to your shame."

Eph. 5:14, "Wherefore he saith, Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead and Christ shall give thee light."

15. "See that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise."

16. "Redeeming the time, because the days are evil."

17, "Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is."

My friends, the greater part of the people of the world today are feeling around in darkness, and asleep spiritually; but very much alive carnally or worldly. We have so many man-made organizations today and they are all teaching different doctrines. Men will follow them and will not listen to the truth. Most of these sects and creeds have preachers that are afraid to preach the truth because it would step on their members' toes and then he would lose his job. So he must tickle the ears of his followers or he will lose his salary. Modern sects will organize circles clubs, societies of many different things. To belong to those clubs and societies you must be liberal with your money or you will lose your place in society. So the money question bars out the poor folks; and the fashionable denominations do not care about the poor folks belonging to their church (so-called) any way; because they pay their preacher a big salary and the poor folks do not have it to "tithe" like the society class. They preach tithing, or the most of them do. I am persuaded to believe that these preachers who preach for that big salary, if they were offered more money to quit and not do anything, more than fifty per cent of them would quit. Some of them would

want to quit, but would be ashamed.

So let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the whole duty of man. Awake, awake, I say in these perilous times! Awake, search for the truth of God's holy Word that is able to save your soul. Fall on your knees and cry out for guidance in this wonderful truth. God is on the throne; he still hears and answers prayers. Praise his holy name.

I am saved and sanctified. Bless his holy name.  
Your blood-washed brother, J. T. Roberts

### Touch Not Mine Anointed

Deacon Lee, who was a kindly, silent, faithful, gracious man, was one day waited upon by a restless, ambitious, worldly lay-member, who was laboring to create uneasiness in the church, and especially to drive away the preacher.

The deacon came in to meet his visitor, who after the usual greeting, began to lament the low state of religion and inquire as to the reason why there had been no revival for three years past.

"Now, what do you think is the cause of things being dull here? Do you know?" he persisted in asking. The deacon was not ready to give an opinion, and after a little thought, frankly answered:

"No, I don't."

"Do you think the church is alive to the work before it?"

"No, I don't."

"Do you think the minister fully realizes the solemnity of his work?"

"No, I don't."

A twinkle was seen in the eye of this troubler in Zion, and taking courage he asked:

"Do you think his sermon on 'Their eyes were Holden' anything wonderfully great?"

"No, I don't."

Making bold, after this encouragement in monosyllable he asked:

"Then don't you think we'd better dismiss this man and hire another?"

The old deacon started as if he had been shot, and in a tone louder than his wont, shouted: "No, I don't."

"Why," cried the amazed visitor, "you agree with me in all I have said, don't you?"

"No, I don't."

"You talk so little sir," replied the guest not a little disturbed, "that no one can find out what you do mean."

"I talked enough once," replied the old man rising on his feet. "For six praying Christians. Thirty years ago I got my heart humbled, and ever since that I've walked softly before God. I then made vows solemn as eternity, and don't you tempt me to break them!"

The troubler was started at the earnestness of the hitherto silent, immovable man, and asked:

"What happened to you thirty years ago?"

"Well, sir, I'll tell you, I was drawn into a scheme just like this of yours to uproot one of God's servants

from the field in which He had planted him. In my blindness I fancied it a little thing to remove one of the 'stars' which Jesus holds in his right hand, if thereby my ear could be tickled by more flowery words, and the pews filled with those turned away from the simplicity of the gospel. I and the men that led me—for I admit that I was a dupe and a tool—flattered ourselves that we were conscientious, thought we were doing God's service when we drove that holy man from his pulpit and his work and said we considered his work ended in B— where I then lived. We groaned because there was no revival, while we were gossiping about and criticising and crushing, instead of upholding, by our efforts and our prayers, the instrument at whose hand we harshly demanded the blessings. Well, sir, he could not drag on the chariot of salvation with a half dozen of us taunting him for his weakness, while we hung as a dead weight to the wheels; he had not the power of the Spirit, and could not convert me; so we hunted him like a deer, until worn and bleeding, he fled into a covert to die. Scarcely had he gone when God came among us by His Spirit to show that he had blessed the labors of His respected servant. Our own hearts were broken and our wayward children converted, and I resolved at a convenient season to visit my former pastor and confess my sin, and thank him for his faithfulness to my wayward sons, which, like long-buried seed, had now sprung up. God denied me that relief that He might teach me a lesson every child of His ought to learn, that he who touches one of His servants touches the apple of His eye.

"I heard my pastor was ill, and taking my oldest son with me set out on a 25-mile ride to see him. It was evening when I arrived and his wife, with the spirit any woman ought to exhibit toward one who had so wronged her husband, denied me admittance to his chamber. She said, and her words were arrows to my soul:

"He may be dying and the sight of your face might add to his anguish."

"Has it come to this, I said to myself, that the man whose labors had, through Christ, brought me into His fold, who had consoled my spirit in a terrible bereavement, and who had, until designing men had alienated us, been to me a brother—that this man could not die in peace with my face before him? 'God pity me,' I cried, 'what have I done.' I confessed my sins to that meek woman, and implored her for Christ's sake to let me kneel before His dying servant and receive his forgiveness. What did I care then whether the pews by the door were occupied or not? I would gladly have taken his whole family to my home forever, as my own flesh and blood, but no such happiness was in store for me.

"As I entered the room of the blessed warrior, whose armor was falling from his limbs, he opened his languid eyes and said:

"Brother Lee! Brother Lee!"

"I bent over him and sobbed out:

"My pastor! My pastor!"

"Then raising his thin white hand, he whispered in a deep impressive voice: 'Touch not mine anointed

and do my prophets no harm.'

"I spoke tenderly to him, and told him I had come to confess my sin, and bring some of his fruit to him, calling my son to tell him how he had found Christ. But he was unconscious of all around; the sight of my face brought the last pang on earth to his spirit.

"I kissed his brow and told him how dear he had been to me; I craved his pardon for my unfaithfulness, and promised to care for his widow and fatherless little ones; but his only reply, murmured as if in a troubled dream was: 'Touch not mine anointed and do my prophets no harm!'

"I stayed by him all night, and at daybreak I closed his eyes. I offered his widow a house to live in the remainder of her days; but like a heroine she said,

"I freely forgive you. But my dear children, who entered deeply into their father's anguish, shall never see me so regardless of his memory as to take anything from those who caused it. He has left us with his covenant God, and He will care for us."

"Well, sir, those dying words sounded in my ears from the coffin and from the grave. When I slept, Christ stood before me in my dream, saying: 'Touch not mine anointed and do my prophets no harm.'

"Those words followed me until I fully realized the esteem in which Christ holds those men who have given up all for His sake; and I vowed to love them evermore for His sake, even if they were not perfect. And since that day, sir, I have talked less than before and have supported my pastor, even if he is not a very extraordinary man. My tongue shall cleave to the roof of my mouth and my right hand forget her cunning before I dare to put asunder what God has joined together. When a minister's work is done in a place I believe God will show it to him. I will not join you, not join you, sir, in the scheme that brought you here; and moreover, if I hear another word of this from your lips, I shall ask my brethren to deal with you as with those who cause divisions. I would give all I own to recall what I did thirty years ago. Stop where you are and pray God, if perchance the thought of your heart may be forgiven you."

This decided reply put an end to the newcomer's efforts to get a minister who could make more stir, and left him free to lay out roads and build hotels.

There is often great power in the little word "No," but sometimes it requires not a little courage to speak it resolutely as did the silent deacon. —Selected

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### MURMUR NOT

"Jesus therefore answered and said unto them, **Murmur not among yourselves**" John 6:43. "Neither murmur ye, as some of them also murmured, and were destroyed of the destroyer" 1 Cor. 10:10. "Do all things without murmurings and disputings," Phil. 2:14. To grumble, to fret, to pout, and to **murmur** has no sanction whatever in the Word of God, but contrariwise to give "praise is comely for the upright" (Psa. 33:1). "Therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually; that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to his name" Heb. 13:15.—Sel.

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**Editorials**

Our heart has been stirred lately because of the need of missionaries in this country and in foreign fields. There are many among us who claim to be sanctified and yet seem to have no stir in their hearts concerning the salvation of the lost; but spend the larger part of their time in working to build a home, rather than obeying the scripture and words of Jesus, which are: "But seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness: and all these things shall be added unto you." It seems that most all are going at it just contrary to what Jesus teaches. The scripture quoted above is found in Matt. 6:33. Before He spoke these words he had been telling his disciples of the need of their having faith in him that he would care for them as they did his will and obeyed him. Beginning at the 30th verse, we read, "Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is cast into the oven, shall he not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith? Therefore take no thought, saying What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, wherewithal shall we be clothed? (For after all these things do the Gentiles seek) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things." The "Gentiles" means unsaved people. With all of the good solid promises of God that we have back of us, it seems somewhat strange that there are not more young people consecrating, humbling down with tears and prayers that God will show them their calling and their field of labor and be willing to cut loose and obey the leadings of His Spirit.

Before we were certain that God wanted us to print and send forth the gospel we tarried before the Lord in fasting and prayer (most of the time without eating) for nearly a month to be sure that we had the mind of the Lord in the matter; for it seemed like a mountain that we could not climb. But God was faithful and gave us the scripture in 2 Cor. 9:8, which reads thus, "And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work." That was enough. We took God at his word and went to work setting up material to put out a paper and we began to print and send forth gospel tracts. The Lord has fulfilled that promise to us, although he has permitted us to be severely tested along many lines, but yet as we stood on his promises he would lift the trial and lead us out into larger fields and show his power and grace to supply. Today we reach more precious souls with the gospel in one month than evangelists could reach in a life time. One man wrote us that he was in the penitentiary in Arkansas, and while in a dark place that was walled with rock he found a "Faith and Victory" paper sticking there between the rocks. He read it, was convicted and gave his heart to God. Others have written of finding a piece of tract in a trash pile. One woman said that while she was sweeping her porch off the wind blew a tract up on her porch, and it meant so much to her. One man came into our office one day and with a glad heart began to tell us of how he was down in the park, despondent and sick of life, when he picked up a tract

entitled, "Cast thy Burdens on the Lord." God blessed him and lifted his load insomuch that he wanted to come and tell us about it. Often from foreign countries we get letters of appreciation, and souls are made to rejoice everywhere when God by his Spirit makes the contents of the tracts, booklets, and the paper as living words to their souls. One cannot keep saved, let alone being sanctified, if he does not obey the Lord. He calls none to idleness. All have a work to do. If they will really die out to all selfish interests, it will be easy for God to lead them by his Spirit into their field of labor. Those that regard the clouds and the mountains that Satan rolls up before them will never do anything worth while for the Lord. I love that song in the "Evening Light" song book, No. 283. The title is "Faith," and the chorus goes thus: "Put on thy strength, O Zion, rise, and fix thy trust above the skies: Move out on faith's almighty plane, Thru Him that loved us dare to reign."

A sister from Texas who loves the truth asked us to let her know through the "Faith and Victory" paper if the Lord answers a sinner's prayers?

In Psalms 34:18 we read, "The Lord is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart; and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit." To have a broken heart one would be discouraged and disgusted with the life they are living, and a contrite spirit would be, as Webster says, "Broken down with sorrow for sin."

In Mark 1:15 Jesus says, "The kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel." If God did not hear a sinner's cry for mercy and deliverance from sin, there would no one be saved, for repentance, confession, and believing precedes the saving of a sinner's soul.

In Romans 2:4 Paul teaches us that the goodness of God leadeth to repentance. Oftimes the Lord answers the sinner's prayer and in showing his goodness to the sinner, leads him to repentance.

When I was deep in sin and had never known what it was to be saved, I was stricken down with a nervous break down, and for many days I lay there suffering unbearable pain. The doctor said that he gave me enough strychnine to counteract the pain to kill a hundred men. The neighbors, as well as myself, felt that my time had come to die. One evening a man stopped to see me, who said a few words to me about considering the Lord. After he left I said in my heart to the Lord that if he would get me out of that awful condition I would try to do better. The Lord heard the cry of my heart and the pains left my body. The next day I got up, but my limbs were so twisted that I could not walk straight for nearly a year. It was two years before I got saved, but during that time I did not forget the promise I had made the Lord. The goodness of God in answering my prayer truly led me to repentance. There is, however, many ways in which God does not answer a sinner's prayer. We read in 1 Peter 3:12, "For the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and his ears are open unto their prayer: but the face of the Lord is against them that do evil." This scripture is true, and people who take pleasure in doing evil need not expect God to answer their prayers, for his face is against them.

We have received so many articles and testimonies for the Faith and Victory paper that we are unable to get all of them in this issue of the paper. We are sorry about this as we would love to print and send forth every good thing to the edifying of the body of Christ. The little paper just holds a certain amount and then we have to leave the rest. We look to the Lord to direct us in making up the contents of the paper and even at that we realize we are not immune from making mistakes, so we ask our readers to bear with us as we look to the Lord to fulfill His will and pleasure in editing, printing, and sending forth the gospel by the printed page. Your prayers and cooperation in the work is desired, as we are all members of his body and should work together for the greatest good possible for suffering humanity. The majority of people are lost in sin and they need to know about our risen Christ and God our heavenly Father, who is able to save to the uttermost all who will come unto him through Jesus our Saviour.

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### NOTICE

We have a large number of subscribers who live in Enid, Okla. and near there, and we would love to meet each one and get personally acquainted with you. The saints have a meeting place in Enid located at 212 North 5th St. I (Fred Pruitt) have an appointment there on the first Sunday of each month. There is Sunday school at ten o'clock and preaching services at eleven o'clock. The saints bring food and we all eat there at the mission house and have preaching service again at two o'clock in the afternoon. The saints extend a hearty welcome to every one of you to come and be with us on Sunday, March 7th.

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If you cannot on the ocean  
Sail among the swiftest fleet,  
Rocking on the highest billows  
Smiling at the storms you meet,  
You can stand among the sailors  
Anchored yet within the bay;  
You can lend a hand to help them  
As they launch their boat away.

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### Obituaries

Bro. Gus Herfurth was born September 1, 1866 in Leipzig, Germany and departed this life January 3, 1954 at the age of 87 years, 4 months, and 3 days.

At the age of 29 he was united in marriage to Martha Greene who preceded him in death in 1938. To this union were born four children: Mrs. Howard A. LaMarr of Fresno; E. F. Herfurth of San Jose; W. C. Herfurth of Oxnard; and J. Roy Herfurth of Fresno. He leaves ten grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren besides many other relatives and friends.

Bro. Herfurth received the truth about 37 years ago. He was very devoted to the Lord and lived faithful unto the end. In his last testimony he was telling how the Lord had saved him and led him to the truth. He said he couldn't tell it all that night but if the Lord permitted him, he would finish it another time. But the Lord saw best to take him home and leave his life as a testimony. He will surely be missed by all who knew him.

Funeral services were conducted by Bro. E. J. Trotter. Scripture texts: Psalm 116:15, "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints." Psalm 49: 8; Rev. 14:13.

Mrs. Mary Ella Brown, daughter of Sister Laura Dannie Hayes was born in Kentucky in 1903. She came to Okla. in the year of 1909. She married Fred Brown of Altus, Okla. in the year of 1929. She had one daughter, Laura Beatrice who died at the age of two years, and step children still living are Lloyd A. Brown of Grapevine, Tex., Beatrice Kennedy, Juanita McElroy, and Kenneth Brown all of Oklahoma City. She has nine grandchildren, two brothers, several other relatives and a host of friends. The funeral service was conducted Jan. 22, 1954 by Fannie Hunter. Text: Rev. 14:13.

## Prayer Requests

Sister Katie Marler of Senath, Mo. writes us that Sister Wilkins of that congregation is in much trouble. She has visited her and she wants prayer for her son who drinks and for her body that is afflicted, and wants her grandson to continue to stay with her after school is out. She wants a day of fasting and prayer set apart for these needs. Saturday, March 6th is the day that all who will can fast and pray for her needs.

Mrs. Harold Campbell of LaCleda, Ill. desires prayer for her body. She has had neuritis for several years. The Lord has touched her body at different times, but the affliction has returned. She desires complete healing.

Calif.—Off and on I have pains in the top of my head and it feels hot. Strokes come on like this. Pray for Jesus to heal, also bad callouses under my feet.

—Amelia Smith

For many years Sister Selma Williams of Monark Springs, Mo. has been sorely afflicted with eczema on her face and lips. Pray earnestly that God will heal her. It is almost unbearable at the present time, causing distress.

## Meeting Notice

Lord willing, the saints of Oklahoma City will hold a meeting at 800 N. E. 3rd St., February 26th to March 7th, or as long as the Lord leads.

We are praying for the Lord to give us a good meeting and bless souls in whatever way is needed. We also are praying and leaving it to the dear Lord to send Spirit-filled ministers to help in the meeting.

For further information write Bro. Manley Spears, 2704 N. E. 19th, Oklahoma City, or call Garfield 7-1033.

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Save this paper for future reference: Location of California Church of God camp ground, 12312 Osborne Pl., Pacoima. Em 1-5836. Campmeeting in August each year. Regular Sunday and Wednesday evening services the year around. We invite ALL.— O. B. Wilson or E. E. Forbes

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## — NOTICE —

The subscriptions of the three months offer expires with this issue and we are inserting a subscription blank in each paper for your renewal for a year. We are anxious for you to renew your subscription because we feel that to have the paper coming to you each month will mean a help and a blessing to your soul and to those of your family. Remember that your soul is going to live on somewhere after the body is laid away and you should be more con-

cerned about the welfare of your soul rather than the things of earth. Please renew it so it will not be necessary to remove your name from our mailing list.

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All free-will offerings and gifts sent in to Fred Pruitt or his wife will be used in the general up-keep of the publishing work unless you state in your letter that it is to be used for personal needs. We make the Lord first in all things and do want to see this gospel go forth to men by the printed page. The need is great, for perishing souls are in every place all over the globe and the little gospel tracts and the papers are real fishers and hunters for the Lord in getting souls interested in the things of God. Help us get this truth to men by your prayers and otherwise as he leads and directs. All the money that you really save as treasures in heaven is that which you spend for the furtherance of the eternal things of God. Let the Lord have his right-of-way in your heart, is the prayer of the Lord's servant in publishing the glad tidings of our risen Christ.

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## Millennial Reign?

For quite some time I have felt very much impressed to give some Bible teaching on this subject, since there seems to be almost as many different beliefs as there are believers, resulting from each one putting his own interpretation upon God's word, and especially by taking spiritual things as literal.

**A or THE, meaning only ONE, kingdom of God of Heaven**

Where the word appears in the plural, "kingdoms," it always has reference to political or literal, and never to His SPIRITUAL.

The article, "Sound Doctrine," on page 8 of "Faith and Victory" paper of Jan., 1954 proves that He DID set up His kingdom when he WAS here on earth, and that IT is an everlasting kingdom, which has NO END. Luke 1:33. God's spiritual kingdom, which includes all saved people, His Church, was fully set up on the day of Pentecost. In A. D. 32 (Matt. 16:18) Jesus said, "I will build my church." And in A. D. 33 (Acts 2:47) "And the LORD added to the CHURCH daily." It is still at hand and is being manifested through the lives of HIS saints, those who have been born again and have not DIED (spiritually by committing sin) who HERE and NOW enjoy the fulness of His blessings, which was foretold many years before Christ came, to be fulfilled in a future age, THE GOSPEL DAY.

In St. John 18:36 Jesus' own words say, "My kingdom is not of this world, if MY KINGDOM were of this world, then would my servants fight . . . but now is my kingdom not from hence"—not of this world, not literal, but only SPIRITUAL.

The Scriptures in many places are written in symbols, and when so, should be spiritually applied, and not always literally. In Luke 13:32 Jesus said: "Go tell that fox." He did not refer to a four-footed beast, but to the fox, or cunning nature in Herod. Jesus said to Peter (Matt. 16:23) "Get thee behind me Satan." Here he referred to the satanic influence which prompted Peter to speak as he did. "A land that flows with milk and honey" (Ex. 3:8), literally waist deep, would

not be a comfortable place to reside; but applying it SPIRITUALLY, to the good things to be found by the children of Israel when they reached Canaan after fleeing from Egypt, would harmonize with the rest of God's word. A CHRISTIAN nation or people who really do possess the very elements of HIS KINGDOM, righteousness, peace and JOY, are in a PLEASANT place or condition of THIS LIFE, the Holy Spirit being their teacher. All truly saved people are in God's family, or church, while all who work for the furtherance of God's cause are in his kingdom (Matt. 13:30) to be separated WHEN HE COMES, which will be the Judgment day. Heb. 9:27. Jesus' parables are understood by saved people, but hid to the sinner (Matt. 13:11).

John the Baptist said the Kingdom of heaven (Matt. 3:2) or Kingdom of God (Mark 1:15) IS AT HAND. The law and the prophets were until John; since THAT TIME, THE Kingdom of GOD . . . and men presseth (present time) into IT (singular). If we believe Jesus and HIS book of this, the GOSPEL DAY, we will have to ignore all teaching of another kingdom in some future age; since there is NO TIME, NO PLACE and NO NEED of any other.

No TIME: Heb. 9:27, after DEATH THEN the judgment.

No 1,000 years. Time will not be reckoned after death: 2 Peter 3:8, Do not be ignorant of this one thing, one day is as a 1,000 years and a 1,000 years as ONE DAY with GOD. The 1,000 years of Rev. 20:1-7 means a long period of time, that being the largest numeral used in the Bible. The Angel was Christ and the CHAIN, His GOSPEL. It did, and still binds Satan's power when "RIGHTLY divided" and SPIRITUALLY applied to our lives. This is not a description of literal things in some geographical location; but is a spiritual CONDITION in ANY HEART of REAL Christians, any TIME and any place on earth. The FIRST resurrection (verse 6) is when we are raised from a dead state of sin to a HOLY life, which lives on after our physical death.

NO PLACE for a millennial reign. 2 Pet. 3:10 the world is to be burned UP; NOT, OVER. Many scriptural proofs could be given.

NO NEED. John 19:30, IT is FINISHED. The plan of salvation. 1 Thess. 4:15-18 is speaking about the saved people ONLY. TIME shall be NO LONGER. The dead in Christ shall rise first (before the living Christians ascend) then—RIGHT THEN—we which are alive and remain shall be caught UP together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the AIR, and so (Up in the CLOUDS and in the AIR; not on the earth) shall we ever (forever) be with the Lord.

This is in harmony with all the New Testament, but to ignore these precious truths would make God untrue, and throw one in a state of confusion. Rev. 20:10 tells of the destiny of FALSE prophets. Rev. 21:1-11 speaks of the peaceable condition of God's people, which is HIS church. It only mentions the literal in order to bring out the spiritual condition. LION nature made like a lamb.

Who would exchange 1,000 years in heaven for that time on earth?

In Matt. 24:14 when the gospel is preached in all the world, THEN the END of TIME.

Run references on LAST, last time, last day, etc., and on END, end of time, end of the world, and we can see that when Jesus returns that will be the CLOSING up of ALL things LITERAL.

"While false prophets are confiding in a foolish erring dream of Millennial enjoyment, they neglect the cleansing stream. Oh, poor sinner DON'T believe them, there will be NO age to come: If in life you find not Jesus, death will seal your awful doom."

"The Lord give thee understanding,"

—Erle E. Forbes

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## Make Haste

A decree had gone forth that all Jews, young and old, were to be killed a certain day. Fasting and prayer was made by the Jews for three days and nights. Then Queen Esther went to see the king about the decree. God gave her favor in his eyes and the decree was changed. So we read in Esther 8:14 that King Ahasuerus, knowing that his days were short for saving the Jews, was very much concerned about it. When he had written out his decree, he pressed his posts, or messengers, to MAKE HASTE. It seems today that God (or the king of heaven) is doing his best to press his messengers to MAKE HASTE to spread the gospel, for surely we can see the time closing in on us and time is very short for us to gather in a few more souls for the King. Some may try to make excuses, but there is no excuse, for those whom the Lord calls; for he knows about you and your circumstances before he calls you.

We read of those in the Bible who made excuses; such as, buying land, marrying a wife, and proving oxen, but they were left out of the wedding feast. So let us not try to excuse ourselves and be left out of heaven. There are many excuses the devil has to keep us from doing what God wants us to do. I know of one minister who tried to excuse himself from full time gospel work, and looking at the circumstances, it looked very reasonable, for he had a family of twelve children. But he obeyed the Lord and did his will and the Lord supplied his needs, as he testified to it many times.

Some may not be able to preach or go in gospel work, but we are not left out of the work of the Lord, for there is work for all. The Lord has need of those that can give to the support of the work. We may have different callings; some the gift of faith, healing, helps, governments, etc. Then there is the great need of prayer warriors. This is something that all can do, even though we are shut-ins or handicapped in different ways. I want to say now, that I truly thank the Lord that he is helping me to write some even though I am blind. I can still do something for the Lord. Praise his dear name! I can pray, too, and have much to thank the Lord for. So let us take courage and do our best for God, who has done so much for us. And remember the king's business is very pressing in these last days in which we are liv-



ing. There is no time for a little folding of the hands and a little slumbering and sleep.

Pray for me that I keep diligent in what the Lord would have me do. And when the Lord calls us, let us remember to MAKE HASTE.—Flossie Atha

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### Are We Doing What We Can?

I think every saint should ask themselves the question: Do I do enough personal work? And when we do enough, it is all we have opportunity to do. I feel all can do something no matter what their conditions and circumstances may be. You may be an invalid and shut-in; if so, no doubt you will have visitors and loved ones to whom you can speak or give a suitable gospel tract.

The salvation of souls should lie heavily upon our hearts, and it should be our inward desire and prayer that we might do something for eternity-bound souls.

You may be a mother with several children and think your duty is at home to care for your family. Well, you are right in this; but your duty is also to serve God and when you do come in contact with others, remember to have their souls on your heart, and if opportunity affords, speak a word for God and witness to his saving and keeping grace. Keep a burden for the souls of your children and speak to them often about their souls and live before them such a life that they do not doubt your salvation. It takes much grace and patience and heavenly wisdom to deal in a godly way with children, but His grace is sufficient.

Then you may be a business person—merchant, clerk, postman, banker, or whatever your position may be. There will be times when you will have opportunity to speak to some about their souls, and this should be the burden of your heart. Let your light so shine that others may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in heaven. Matt. 5:16; Phil. 2:15.

There is a great work to be done for God that this good news of salvation may reach all people, and all may have a part in this great work. You may think that what you can do is so little you had just as well not try to do anything. But resist such thoughts and resolve in your mind that though I can do but little I will by the help and grace of God do what I can. O there is so much to be done in personal work. Many people will not be reached with the whole truth if we do not visit in their homes and carry the truth to them. Many are regular attendants to their own church, but do not know what real salvation is, do not know that they can be saved from the power of sin. Will their blood be upon you in the last great day because you have not done what you could?

You may say I am no teacher, and there is so much I do not understand myself. Well, possibly so, but possibly there are unlearned and ignorant people that you could influence more than an educated minister if your life bears the fruits and testimonies of salvation.

I feel sure that ministers and saints can do a great work in visiting and searching for hungry hearts to whom they can be a blessing, that they would never

reach in a church service, for so few go to our meetings except the true saints in light.

I just feel like urging all God's people to look to God for his divine guidance and seek to be a greater blessing to more people by visiting and doing personal work. Yours in Christ, Cora Brant

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### "Good Enough for Them"

"Why send missionaries to the heathen? Leave them alone. They are far happier as they are. Their own religions are good enough for them."

Such are the statements we hear on every side. Such are the objections that are raised to missionary work. Travelers come home and tell us that the heathen are perfectly happy and contented as they are, and that the work of the missionary is unnecessary.

But we do not think that their own liquor is good enough for them. Oh, no, we ship them ours. Nor is their own tobacco good enough for them. They must have our cigarettes. Their own education is not good enough either, so we give them ours. Their medical work is inadequate, and so ours is substituted. Even their agricultural methods won't do, so the United Nations introduce ours.

Now the Bible says, "The dark places of the earth are full of the habitations of cruelty" (Psalm 72:20). And so it is. The trouble is the tourists do not stay long enough to find out. Heathenism is characterized by cruelty. Fear grips their hearts. They are in constant dread of evil spirits, spirits that must somehow be appeased.

### AFRICA

I am thinking now of my visit to Africa. It was at midnight. Suddenly there was a death wail in the village; a little baby had died. Immediately the witch doctor was called. The villagers were aroused. Before long he had pointed out a woman whom he accused of having caused the death of the little one. She immediately protested, insisting that she was innocent, but she had to be tried. They hurried her away to the tree that stood in the center of the village. She was told to climb it and then hurl herself from the topmost bough. She began to climb. Presently she sat on one of the branches and again protested her innocence. Everyone knew she was telling the truth. She was one of the finest women in the village, highly respected by all, but the witch doctor had pointed her out as the one guilty, hence she had to prove her innocence.

Presently she commenced climbing again, until she had reached the very highest limb of the tree. There she sat, again maintaining her innocence. Then before the horrified gaze of the missionary, she threw herself down to the hard ground and was almost instantly killed, most of the bones of her body being broken. She was thereby judged guilty. Had she been innocent she would have been unharmed, the witch doctors say.

That, my friends, has happened in the case of hundreds upon hundreds. Why? Because of religion. Heathen religions demand it, hence there is no escape.



Would you be willing to take her place? Until you are prepared to accept her religion, and give up your Christianity, let no one ever hear you say, "Their religions are good enough for them." If they are not good enough for you, then they are not good enough for them.

#### AUSTRALIA

I am thinking of my visit to the aborigines of Australia. Away back in the heart of that continent there is an immense desert where it gets very hot, and there the aborigines live, almost naked, often sleeping on the sand.

A mother gives birth to a baby. Someone in the village dies. A victim must be found. Before long the witch doctor makes his way toward the new-born babe. The mother clutches it, frantically, to her breast, but without a moment's hesitation the witch doctor tears it from her arms, amid her shrieks and cries, lays it on its back in the sand, forces open its little mouth, takes handfuls of sand and pours them into the open mouth and down the throat, until its mouth is filled with sand, and the little thing strangles and chokes to death.

Why? Because their religions demand it. There must be a human sacrifice. Evil spirits have to be appeased.

Would you be willing to change places with that mother? If her religion is good enough for her, then it is good enough for you. But unless you are willing to take her place, and have your little newborn baby torn from your arms and put to death, as hers was, you have no right to say that her religion is good enough for her. It is because of religion that these horrible practices are carried on.

#### SOUTH SEA ISLANDS

I am thinking, too, of my visit to the South Sea Islands. John Geddes was one of the first missionaries to go to the South Sea Islands from Canada, years ago. As he stepped ashore he saw a group of people, and on the ground the body of a man. Under a tree he saw a young woman, a beautiful young woman. She was the widow of the man who had died.

Suddenly the natives approached her. She was unresisting. Full well she knew what would happen. They placed a cord around her neck, and then commenced to strangle her to death. John Geddes rushed toward her, in an effort to rescue her, but he was rudely pushed away and told to mind his own business. And there before his horrified eyes that beautiful young woman was slowly strangled to death, and her body placed beside that of her husband.

Why? Because their religion demanded that when a husband died his widow must be strangled to death to accompany him on his journey. And if the eldest son is old enough, he is the one who must strangle his mother. Moreover, all the children, if they are too young to support themselves, must likewise be put to death. That is religion, heathen religion.

Would you be willing, my friend, to change places with that widow? Could you look forward to such an experience in the event of your husband's death? If her religion is good enough for her, then it is good

enough for you; and if it is not good enough for you, then do not say that it is good enough for her.

#### INDIA

Never will I forget my visit to India, and that day when the body of the husband was placed on a pile of wood, and then the widow, still alive and well, placed beside him. The two bodies, one dead and the other alive, were bound together, and then the whole set on fire. There, amid the shrieks and screams of the widow slowly burning to death, the natives gathered around, believing that the evil spirits were being pacified, and that now the husband would have his wife in the other life.

Do you mean to say that you would be willing to change places with that widow? Thousands upon thousands of widows have died in the flames when their husband died, just because of religion. Are their religions good enough for them? Then they must also be good enough for you. If you, my friend, would not be willing to exchange places with that widow, to give up your Christianity and take her heathen religion, then do not say that her religion is good enough for her and that she is better off as she is.

#### MOSLEM WORLD

Will I ever forget the story of that Mohammedan who stood before the people in the center of the town and hacked his skull with a great long knife, until the blood flowed freely, then took newspapers and stuck them into those open gashes, after which he deliberately struck a match and set the whole on fire? There he stood, the fire sizzling the blood, burning the paper and the hair; the man enduring the most excruciating agony.

Why? Ye ask. Because of his religion. He must afflict his body; he must suffer; he must endure torture in order to gain a place in heaven, and so he tortures himself. Would you be willing to exchange places with him? Would his religion be good enough for you? Could you endure such torment? Would you be willing to suffer as he suffered?

The heathen are not better off as they are. They are NOT happy; they are miserable. They are most unhappy, they are wretched, they suffer; they are in fear of evil spirits constantly and are always attempting to appease them. There is no rest in heathenism, no peace, no joy. Therefore, let us do everything we possibly can to give them the gospel before it is forever too late, that they may experience the joy that you and I know in Christ. —The People's Monthly, Toronto, Canada.

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### The Need of Prayer

Perfect though he was, Jesus felt his need of constant prayer and communion with his Father, and every important event and decision of his life was safe guarded and sanctified in prayer.

At the very beginning of his ministry he dedicated himself to God in baptism. He prayed (Luke 3:21). What a beautiful example for all those who are baptized today.

When he chose the twelve men who were to be his apostles, he spent an entire night in prayer (Luke

After the feeding of the five-thousand and before the rescuing his disciples at sea, he went into the mountain to pray alone (Matt. 14:13-33).

His parting message to his apostles just before his crucifixion, he lifted up his eyes to heaven and prayed in behalf of all his followers (John 17).

At the institution, the precious symbol of His atoning blood, he did not forget to pray (Mark 14).

Before his arrest and crucifixion he took three of his disciples and went into the Garden of Gethsemane to pray (Matt. 26:36-44).

As he hung upon the cross, his dying lips were in prayer (Matt. 27:46-50; John 19:30).

If the Son of God, sinless and perfect, needed to pray, how much we need to do so. We need to pray to overcome the temptations of life. No man is strong enough within himself to resist life's temptations.

Prayer is the means by which we may take hold of God, who is able to help us fight our battles. Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation (Matt. 26:41).  
—Olive Bigley

### Day Dreaming

When I was a small girl, I just loved to day dream or live in the land of make-belief. I would pretend I was someone else with plenty of nice clothes and just having a good time. I would spend hours at a time at it, if there was some task to do that did not require any thinking. Then one day we went to young people's meeting and a sister told us how we would have to give an account of every idle word, and even our thoughts. Right away something told me that it was not pleasing to the Lord for me to day dream. But it was hard for me to stop, as I was used to doing it, and received such a satisfaction from it.

Then one day I wanted the Lord to do something for me. We had to take a County examination, and I wanted to pass, so I promised the Lord to stop day dreaming if He would only help me to pass. Usually I made good grades in school, but whenever there was a special exam, I would become nervous and fall down on my score.

There were several weeks before exam time, so this gave me a chance to prove whether or not I was going to quit day dreaming. Things would go very well for awhile, but not for long. Again I would be right back in the land of make-belief. It seemed so useless to fight against it, so I just let my thoughts go in any direction they wanted to. Examination time came, but I could not depend on the Lord to help me because my part of the promise was not kept; and, as you can expect, I did not pass the test.

The next year we were to take the same kind of exam over, but it was to be lots harder, and if I failed this one, I would have to repeat my entire year.

This time the same promise was made to the Lord. I put forth more effort to fight against it, and whenever my thoughts began to go astray I would right away think of something else, and it wasn't long until I had them conquered. The Lord had helped me. Exam time came, and I passed the test. I had kept my part of the promise, so I had confidence in the Lord to do his part in helping me. —O. A. D.

## CORRESPONDENCE

Mo.—Dear saints,—Greetings in Jesus' name. I told the Lord if He would heal my cold I would write and tell what He did for me. I also had a cancer and the dear Lord healed me. He healed me over two years ago. I thank Him for healing my body. The dear Lord also healed my husband, who had a light stroke. Husband and I went to the Monark Springs camp meeting and the Lord healed me. Dear saints, don't put off telling about what the dear Lord does for you. I truly thank Him for what He has done in healing our bodies.

The Lord bless each one is my prayer. Pray for us.  
Mrs. Edna Blacksher.

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May God bless all who may read this little poem which has so much meaning in it. It meant so much to me while I was a child and since I became a mother and on through life. Truly God does see all we do day or night.

God sees me all the day  
And He sees me all the night  
He knows when I do wrong  
And He knows when I do right.

He knows too every word  
Of what I think or say  
He hears me when I sing  
And He hears me when I pray.

Dear God: I want to live  
So Thou wilt always love  
To guide and lead me on  
Safe home to thee above.

Sister Lola V. Chase.

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Okla.—Greetings in the name of our blessed Saviour Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God. I want to greet God's people everywhere in the name of Jesus. I love the dear Lord with all my heart because he first loved me and gave himself for me. He died that I might have life and have it more abundantly. Oh, I do thank our heavenly Father for his gift of love to this world.

God has done wonderful things for us. Some time ago I asked you to send the "Faith and Victory" to my son and his dear wife at Snow. They and their son had gotten saved a short time before they moved down there, and as they were moving into a new place where they could not go to services I was afraid they might become discouraged. I knew they would have trials along the way, for when we get saved it is only the beginning of a new life, and the old devil is always on hand to do everything he can to upset our boat, trying to trip us up on every hand; and with our best it is all we can do sometimes to keep saved; but thanks be unto God, he will keep all we commit to Him through Christ Jesus who loved us so much that he gave his life for our redemption. Praise his holy name.

The children had to work so hard getting their home built that my son ruptured himself very bad, but they would not let me know because I have been poor in health. When the men were running the highline out there, he went over to show them where he wanted it for their new house, and walked because he just couldn't stand to ride. When he got there he had to rest, he was just sick. The men wanted to take him into town to the doctor, but he told them the Lord would heal him. They looked at him like they had never seen anyone like him before. He

started back home and suffered so terribly he couldn't stand it, so got down to talk to God about it. He prayed until he got better and went on. The old devil said, "You aren't through yet, for I have you where I want you now. You are away off from anyone to pray with you, so I have you just where I want you." He got worse again and could not go farther until he prayed and the Lord helped again. Again the devil told him he was not through, and again he was stricken so badly that he couldn't go any farther. It looked like the devil had him whipped; but thank our heavenly Father, He was right there. He says he will never leave us nor forsake us, but will be with us always. He will make a way where there seems to be none. He will never fail us when we are in need. He is ever watching over his loved ones, for he bought them with a great price on earth with the blood of his precious Son. My son got down again and really got ahold of God, for he was desperate. As he prayed God reached down his loving hand and healed him right there. He has never been bothered since. To others who are isolated I want to say, just remember that wherever you are, God is there and waiting to help you. Just look up.

God has healed me of arthritis. I was so crippled up that it was difficult for me to walk. My ankles and knees hurt every step I took.

Please pray for my son and his family.—Celia Coombs

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Colo.—Dear brothers and sisters,—

About a year ago, I sent my testimony of how God healed my right ear. Last fall my health had been failing so fast that I went to a clinic for examination to know what arrangements I should make as I live and to know whether or not it was best for me to drink vegetable juices and diet as I had been. They said I was run down and anemic, though I had high blood pressure and gall bladder trouble, also arthritis of the spine and limbs, and must have a good nourishing diet and liver and iron and milk between meals to build up my blood. In November it snowed and having to go out in the cold, a cold settled in the left side of my head, which was injured in an automobile wreck. Some years ago, infection set in and I was so deaf I couldn't hear the phone ring or a knock on the door. I applied the anointed handkerchief which I used the year before from Bro. Pruitt and in a little while God definitely healed me. I felt then that I should send my testimony, but the enemy suggested I had better wait and see if it would last. I went to visit my brother in the hospital and was exposed day after day to the cold, damp weather and the symptoms returned. I said, "Lord, I know you healed me and I will never doubt that," but I continued to get worse until it seemed that my throbbing head would burst. I could scarcely turn my head nor wear my dental plates and the pain was so constant that I wondered if it was cancer. Friends said, "Go to a doctor." I said "No." God "heal me and I will trust Him! Now after almost two months it is gone except a little lump behind my ear and eyes. Praise the Lord. Why be afraid to trust Him? It is a blessed privilege to commit all into His hands and have Him assure us that He is caring for us soul and body. God heard prayer for my brother. He is better physically though his mental condition is bad. God has given him a more kind attendant who lets him up in a wheel chair, which they said they would never do. I am very grateful for this, also for your prayers in our behalf. Please continue to remember us in prayer, also two other brothers and a sister that they may be saved. Your sister in Christ, E. Coral Johnson.

Ind.—Dear saints,—I feel impressed to testify of God's goodness to me. The Lord does so much for me in the many ways. I feel I cannot do enough for all His blessings. One evening I had a sick spell which was pretty serious for awhile. I kept calling on the Lord to heal me which He did, and I have felt all right since.

We are living in perilous times. The enemy is busy and will do all he can to discourage one from serving God. I want to live for the Lord each day. I desire the prayers of the saints that I live faithful.

A brother,

Scott C. Baker.

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Pa.—Dear folks,—I feel led to write in my testimony of what the Lord has done in answer to prayer. Some months ago I wrote in for prayer as I was down in body, suffering from arthritis and other troubles. I wrote to Mrs. Pruitt and she sent me an anointed handkerchief. I used it in the name of the Lord and believed. Now I feel myself once more and am able to do all my work. I know He is the same, yesterday and forever. I am now almost seventy-two and have trusted Him through forty-two years in many tests in my body and He has never failed me. I thank and praise Him for all His benefits and could tell everyone of His great love to me, and how He saves and keeps. He is a wonderful Savior. Pray that I may be faithful to Him as He has been to me.

Thank you again for all your prayers. I always ask God's people to pray when any trouble comes. I thank God that He has taught me how to resist Satan and he has to leave. I always find help when I read "Faith and Victory". Mrs. Geo. Kelley.

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La.—Dear saints,—I have not written in a testimony for a long time, now. I wish to openly thank the dear Savior for His every blessing. God has so wonderfully blessed us and strengthened my desire to do His will. How I do thank the Lord that it is my desire, wholeheartedly, to serve Him. To me, it is so sad to see people going about with absolutely no desire to even look up and "behold the Savior," full of mercy and love.

The devil has been coming against me with all sorts of problems and temptations, and surely the way has been hard; but praise the Lord, He does not let us down. I am looking to God for wisdom and courage to deal with all things righteously.

I have a heavy burden and do desire prayer that God will show me the way and strengthen my life that it will continually be bright for Him.

As many of you know, Thomas, my husband, has been hurt for over eight months, now, in his left knee. At this time, it is still in a cast. I wish to thank you each one for your prayers in his behalf and desire that you will continue to remember him to the Lord for both soul and body.

We have been told by a doctor that the hearing of Faith, our little girl, is impaired in her left ear, due to enlarged tonsils and adenoids. I know that God can heal and make all things every whit whole. I desire that you remember this to Him whenever you feel led.

Let us all press close to God and rebuke the devil.

Christian love to every one, Mrs. Betty Short.

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Calif.—Dear saints,—Greetings in the Lord. This year, 1954, finds my soul stirred to work for the Lord.

As I sat the last night of the old year, looking over the past, I thought of some very encouraging things the Lord had done for me.

One day while reading a number of articles on sanctification in the "Faith and Victory," the Holy Spirit witnessed to me in these words, "Thou art clean." Oh, how encouraging it was to have such words spoken directly to me reassuring me of being cleansed from the Adamic nature.

Our little boy has had ringworms of the scalp for some time. I promised the Lord if He would heal him, I would testify to it. He isn't completely well, yet, but God has given me the promise that He will, and we are resting on it.

We surely want to be faithful unto death. May this year find us being more serviceable than ever before.

Olive A. Davenport.

Mo.—Dear saints,—Greetings to all in Jesus' dear name. I feel that it will please the Lord for me to write a few lines, as I thank His dear name for the many blessings He gives me each day, and for saving me from sin and helping me to be willing to put my trust in Him. He knows I do trust Him for both soul and body. By His grace and help I aim to make heaven my home. I have lots of bad feelings and tests and trials, but when I call on Him with all my heart, believing, He is ready to deliver me and put joy in my heart and I give His name all the praise.

You dear ones still pray for me that God will restore me to better health and increase my faith. Also, pray for my daughter, as her health is bad. I thank you dear ones for your prayers and I pray God to bless you all.

A sister in the Lord, Nancy Sweezee.

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Mo.—Dear saints of God,—Greetings in Jesus' dear name, the only name under heaven whereby we can be saved. I truly love the name of Jesus. I am so glad and thankful for all He has done and is doing for me and all who will trust Him. He is no respecter of persons, what He will do for one He will do for all.

I am praising my dear Lord tonight for victory and how He came to our rescue and healed our little boy. He had a tooth pulled on Thursday and seemed to be getting along all right, when on Sunday night his jaw began to swell and pain him. The girls and I had prayer for him and the pain was gone instantly. We then thought he would soon be all right, but the next morning he was much worse. Although the paining never came back, the swelling was twice as bad and he seemed to have fever. I hated for Husband to see him for I knew he would be scared and want to take him to the doctor. Before Husband left, he went in his room to see him and was really scared and wanted to take him, at once, to the doctor. I tried to reason with him and tell him how much better and safer it was to trust the Lord. Finally he consented to let us trust the Lord fully and I was so thankful. I sent out a request to Brother and Sister Murphy Allen and to the saints at the Faith Publishing House. We felt the great burden being lifted by the sweet promises of the Lord coming to our minds. The main one was in our Sunday School lesson that He went about healing all manner of diseases. We just stood on this, and about noon the dear Lord came to our rescue, and touched our little boy. We could see he was getting much better. The devil came in like a flood, but the Spirit if the Lord lifted up a standard against him and he had to leave. Oh, praise the Lord for His mighty healing power. I am so thankful for this marvelous work. It surely seemed like he had blood-poisoning and if the Lord hadn't come to our rescue at once he might have had lock jaw and been gone into eternity before night. I want to thank all the saints for their

prayers in our behalf. May God bless each one of you is my prayer.

Continue to pray for us that we will be all the Lord would have us to be.

Effie Miller.

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Mo.—Dear ones in Christ,—I feel impressed to testify of God's goodness to me. My husband and I are saved and surely want to press on.

About a year ago I was burned. One of my arms and a hand was burned awfully bad and the Lord healed my burn in a month's time. I surely thank the Lord for his blessing.

I want the saints to pray that my husband will get work. I also have an unspoken request.

A sister in the one true Way, Mrs. Louise Freeman.

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Calif.—Dear saints,—I feel that the Lord wants me to send in a testimony. The Lord has blessed me so much in my soul I do feel that He wants others to know that He rewards those that diligently seek Him. We should be earnest with the Lord in all things and He will help us through every test and trial that comes upon us. The more I live for the Lord the more I love to live for Him and I am willing to pay the price and take the way of the cross, the path that Jesus took.. He says His yoke is easy and His burden is light and I have truly found it so.

Saints, I do need your prayers that I be just what the Lord would have me be.

Your sister in the Lord,

M. Phillips.

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Colo.—Dear Bro. and Sis. Pruitt and saints everywhere,—Greetings to all in the name of our dear Lord. I am very happy to be able to testify to the wonderful things the Lord has been doing for me. First, I thank Him for having mercy on me and saving my soul from sin, for His power to keep us, no matter what comes our way.

A year ago last November I had a bad head cold that left me with an infection in one ear. It caused me a great deal of trouble and just seemed I would never get victory for my healing. I have written to different ones at many different times for prayer and for a while it looked like I was going to get completely deaf in that ear. It kept draining for over a year. The enemy kept trying to scare me into going to a doctor for treatment, and the thoughts kept coming to me that I could just get some penicillian shots and the infection would leave. But it wasn't really a temptation, as just the thought of going back on the Lord after all He has done for me, was just out of the question. I knew the Lord could heal me and if He didn't it wasn't His fault, but mine. I kept waiting, trusting, praying, and never doubting that sometime it would be done. At Christmas time when I sent greeting cards to loved ones, saints, and friends, I asked for prayer in several of the little notes I enclosed. Then as suddenly as it had begun, my ear stopped draining and so far as I can tell, I can hear as well as I ever could. My ear drained constantly for over a year. Now it is fine, and the Lord gets all the glory. I do thank God for His healing power and all His goodness to me. It is so encouraging to know how the saints all take our burdens to the Lord and help us pray when we need their prayers. Sometimes they don't even wait to be asked to pray as they just feel a burden for us.

I gave an unspoken request for prayer. I am not discouraged at the way the Lord deals with me, but thank Him for even trials as they cause us to get closer to Him in prayer.

Much christian love. Your sister, Lucy D. Phebus.

Okla.—To all the saints everywhere,—Greetings in Jesus' dear name. This leaves me still saved and with a desire in my heart to do the will of God. I had promised the dear Lord I would send in my testimony if He spared son from that awful tragedy that happened at the Fort where he was in training. The Lord answered prayer, praise the dear Lord.

I fasted and prayed one and a half days. I know He promised not to forsake us; however, I couldn't help but worry some. I don't know what I would do if it wasn't for the Lord. He means so much to me. I try to tell others about this right Way. I want to thank those of you that promised to pray for me. It was just through the mercy of God that my boy wasn't in that plane that fell and seventeen soldiers lost their lives. My son told me that he wanted me to pray for him. Truly the dear Lord has been caring for him these past many months.

I realize we are living in perilous times. Many things are happening. Jesus said for us to pray always and not to faint. I feel if we do this we can be an overcomer in this world of sin.

Please pray for me and my family.

Your Sister in the Lord, Mrs. O. A. Williams.

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Pa.—Dear Bro. and Sis. Pruitt,—Greetings in the precious name of Jesus. I haven't had my testimony in the paper for over two years. I still report victory in my soul. I am still saved and trusting God for soul and body. Praise the Lord for what he has done for me. I had an awful cold last week, but God has touched me and it is almost gone. Bless His name. God is still on his throne. Praise the Lord for His wonderful goodness to me. By His help I expect to make heaven my home.

Pray for me to be faithful and on the firing line for God. Also pray for some unspoken requests.

Your saved sister, Twila Campbell.

Okla.—To the saints of God,—Greetings in Jesus' dear name. Today finds Wife and me still saved and much encouraged to press on for the dear Lord.

I have been very sick and I told the Lord if He healed me I would write my testimony that it might be a help to others. I have been to the place I couldn't walk or sit down, but the Lord has blessed me so that I am walking and going again. Thank the good Lord. I never got discouraged in my sickness. Wife encouraged me so much in reading and singing and the saints from different places would come and pray for me and sing. It encouraged me so much. I got in such a bad shape, some thought it would be best to have a doctor come and tell me what would be best to eat, and examine me in case the Lord called me. So I told Wife to get a doctor. When he came he had his little grip as usual. He examined me and then handed me some pills to take. I told him I didn't take medicine. He said I had neuralgia and that he could give me some shots, but I told him I trusted the Lord for my healing. I was determined to go through for God, although I suffered much and the devil would bring many things to my mind. I told the devil I was going to trust God if I died. I didn't want to give praise to anything but God, because God did the work. I did not resort to anything but prayer. Some of the saints prayed and then asked me if I wanted another dose of God's medicine, which was prayer. They went to prayer again and God really heard and answered. I want to thank all the dear saints for their prayers in my behalf. We mean to work for the dear Lord and do His will. I am not completely well, but my trust is in God for complete healing. Continue to pray for us, also the other saints here at

Hoffman. We mean to press on for Him. He has brought me such a long way. I have faith to trust Him as never before.

May the Lord bless all of you.

Yours in Christ,

Andrew Ligons.

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Miss.—Dear saints abroad,—In Jesus' dear name I greet you this morning. I feel good in my soul. I have just finished reading James 5:10-20 for my encouragement. It says to call for the elders of the church to pray over you when you are sick. I am not just sick, but I do have trouble in the middle of my back. At times it hurts me severely; especially when I lift a little I can hardly go up and down steps. My body wants to go one way and my legs the other. I believe God will undertake for me if I call for help through the saints at large. I also have a bag of watery skin over my right eye that bothers me some, so this morning I would like to obey the Word of God and I believe He will help me. Amen. A while back I had a bad knee and our daughter sent a telegram for prayer and in one and a half hours I got easy and went to sleep. Praise God. When I awoke, it was daylight and I got up and walked some that day. In two days I was healed. Amen. God is still in the healing business. I praise Him for it.

Our daughter's little boy has bad tonsils and has terrible fever and sore throat at times. Please pray for him, as his mother trusts the Lord with her family. Pray that God will bless her efforts to instill the fear of God in their hearts for the future. She has four boys, so pray that they will not take up the terrible cigarette habit in later years. Also pray for my throat, it bothers me lots when I sing or try to teach Sunday School class. I can hardly hold out for both.

O, that more people would obey James 5:10-20. How much pain and anxiety could be spared to people. Amen.

Sister J. Strickler.

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Kansas—Greetings to the young saints everywhere:

We are thankful to report victory over Satan and all of his evil devices. Most of all we are thankful to know the truth that makes us free.

The Lord has certainly been good to us and answered prayer in many ways since we last sent in our testimony. We were blessed to be able to attend the most-part of the Guthrie Assembly Meeting. It was so good to see so many young saints there and the many who were saved during the meeting.

The three young couples of us here at Topeka are still in the battle against sin. We still meet together every Thursday night for prayer meeting or Bible study. The Lord has been sending the Brother Roy Harmon family from Kansas City to have meeting with us every other Sunday, which is so very encouraging. We enjoy the company of the saints so much, because there is a oneness of the Lord's presence among us which cannot be felt among the world or even religious-minded people.

It has been said that we take life and religion too seriously. People don't seem to realize it is the life we live, not death, that is serious. How sad it will be for those who have been so religious and just join a church, but drift right on to hell with the atheists, drunkards, and murderers. Their spiritual eyes are blinded with the flat-tery of this world. Sin in its best holds no attraction for us.

We have thought about how much money we save by living for the Lord. We have no Doctor bills because the Lord takes care of our bodies as well as our souls. He

never makes mistakes as doctors often do, either. We waste no money on harmful things to our bodies; such as, coffee, tea, tobacco, strong drinks, etc. Then there are all of the world's amusements which hold no pleasure for those who already find pleasure in doing the Lord's service. People of the world cannot understand what peace and joy we have in the Lord. We don't need earthly pleasures that fade away for a substitute, when we can have something genuine in real true happiness. Yes, it is joy unspeakable and full of glory. The half can never be told.

Again, we think of the unnecessary things of adornment. The world spends so much on trying to make themselves look attractive to the natural eye. To me, nothing looks better than to see a plain modest looking person who is using God's natural make-up. It attracts the eye, and therefore is more out-standing than all the jewelry, make-up, ruffles, and frills one can put on. The beauty of holiness is sweet to behold, for the Lord tells us to "be ye holy, for I am holy."

Let us each one seek out the Lord's gift for ourselves and keep a willing heart to obey His Word. We love the Lord today and desire to be examples of Christ to the world and an encouragement to the saints. Here are some thoughts to leave with you:

The church of God is like a huge chain. Every link is as a member in God's church. If one link weakens, it must be strengthened or else taken out. Every link is connected so that it makes only one strong chain which can be added to, but will never be broken.

Remember us when you pray.—Troy and Wilma Meek, Route 1, Grantville, Kansas.

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Ore.—Dear saints scattered abroad,—Greetings in Jesus' dear name. I feel the Lord would have me send in my testimony of what He has done for me. He saved and sanctified my soul, praise his dear name. He is so precious to me.

He healed my body just recently. My right limb was so badly afflicted the pain was almost unbearable if I put any weight on it from my knee clear to the bottom of my foot. The dear Lord healed it, and I want to praise his dear name for it. I can hold him up as a perfect Saviour and healer. I have trusted him all my life, and he has never failed me. He supplies all my needs for soul and body. He truly is my shield and buckler, as the Psalmist says in 18:1, 2. He is everything to me, and I love him more each day.

Some time back I was thinking that I would like to have a certain thing, and I said to myself, but I won't tell any one but the Lord. I didn't; and the Lord answered my prayer, and I do thank Him. The Lord is so good to me. I want to live to please and honor him in all I do or say. I want to live so I won't be a hindrance to the Lord's work or bring reproach to him or his cause in any way. My greatest joy is to know the Lord is mine and I am his.

This morning I took my Bible and said, "Lord, just give me something precious," and let my Bible fall open, and these are the words my eyes rested on first: Psalm 33:18, 19, "Behold, the eyes of the Lord is upon them that fear him, upon them that hope in his mercy; to deliver their souls from death, and to keep them alive in famine." I thanked him for his precious words to me. Pray much for the little flock here. We really need your prayers.

Your sister in Christ,

Emma Busch.

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Mich.—To all the saints scattered abroad:—Greetings in the name of the Lord. He means so much to me today, and by his grace and help I mean to go all the way with him. I felt I should write my testimony for the

encouragement of others to press on. He is just the same today as He was in Galilee.

The Lord delivered our baby at home by himself in a wonderful way. It was truly wonderful, and I thank Him. Then after she was born the Health Dep't. sent out one of their nurses to check on her. After she was born we saw she was kind of a blue color and had one choking spell the night she was born, but God heard prayer. Then later (She was born Dec. 5, 1953) she began to have bad choking and coughing spells until she would turn a deep purple and three or four different times her eyes were set, seemingly ready to go. We called on God mightily and he heard and answered prayer right then. We also prayed for God to give her a normal color and He answered this prayer also. Because of these different things she did not gain but a little the first week, then lost that to below 6 lbs. She was 6 lbs, 12 ozs. at birth. We took this before God also, for the nurse asked me to see a doctor or call one up about her food. I didn't see any reason to call a doctor. God had done so much for her already, and I knew He was able to make her gain. After the nurse left God told me it was better to obey God rather than man. I got down with the other children in earnest prayer and told God to make the baby gain weight so she would be a living testimony. She began right away to want to eat all the time she was awake. We just can't seem to fill her up, and she has in a little more than two weeks gained to 7 lbs., 15 ozs. or more. Oh, God is truly wonderful. All we need to do is to give our all, and He will never leave nor forsake us. His promise in Jer. 17:7, 8; also he tells us in Jer. 17:5 what if we don't trust. The signs truly will follow God's children today if they will only obey all and believe all of God's Word. It is our part to trust, and God's part to fulfill his word.

God has done so much for us I can't begin to tell all. There is nothing impossible. Mark 9:23. I think of Mother (Sister Eva Wilkins) with her arm being broken and her trusting God to set and heal it. Now we see her using it to God's glory, praise the Lord. She combs her own hair, cooks, washes dishes, plays piano, writes her own letters some, etc. Her arm was broken Nov. 10, 1953. This is only God. Little by little she does more to the glory of God. She can even touch the top of her head. Oh, we do praise Him.

So saints, don't be discouraged when hard things come, for whom God loveth he chasteneth, and these hard things make us stronger in the Lord, and the trying of our faith works patience. God is proving his Word through his children, so let us get like it says in 1 Peter 5:9, 10. Oh, I love Him so much. Pray for me and mine.

Love in the Lord,

Aneita Corteway.

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### THE RAISING OF LAZARUS

March 7, 1954

Printed Portion:..... John 11: 32-46.

John 11: 32. Then when Mary was come where Jesus was, and saw him, she fell down at his feet saying unto him, Lord, If thou hadst been here, my brother had not died.

33. When Jesus therefore saw her weeping, and the Jews also weeping which came with her, he groaned in the spirit, and was troubled.

34. And said, Where have ye laid him? They said unto him, Lord, come and see.

35. Jesus wept.

36. Then said the Jews, Behold how he loved him!

37. And some of them said, Could not this man, which opened the eyes of the blind, have caused that even this man should not have died?

38. Jesus therefore again groaning in himself cometh to the grave. It was a cave, and a stone lay upon it.

39. Jesus said, Take ye away the stone. Martha, the sister of him that was dead, saith unto him, Lord, by this time he stinketh: for he hath been dead four days.

40. Jesus saith unto her, Said I not unto thee, that, if thou wouldest believe, thou shouldst see the glory of God?

41. Then they took away the stone from the place where the dead was laid. And Jesus lifted up his eyes, and said, Father, I thank thee that thou hast heard me.

42. And I knew that thou hearest me always: but because of the people which stand by I said it, that they may believe that thou hast sent me.

43. And when he thus had spoken, he cried with a loud voice, Lazarus, come forth.

44. And he that was dead came forth, bound hand and foot with graveclothes: and his face was bound about with a napkin. Jesus saith unto them, Loose him, and let him go.

45. Then many of the Jews which came to Mary, and had seen the things which Jesus did, believed on him.

46. But some of them went their ways to the Pharisees, and told them what things Jesus had done.

**Memory Verse:** I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. John 11: 25-26.

**Practical Truth:** Jesus has authority over life and death.

### COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

Here we have Jesus showing his mighty power to even raise the dead to life. His work was a work of love from the beginning to the very end of his life. His enemies hated him because he was so full of love and their greediness for all the popularity made them envy him to the extent of putting him on the cross. The Pharisees said, "Perceive ye how ye prevail nothing? behold, the world is gone after him." John 12:19. Pilate "knew that for envy they had delivered him." Matt. 27:18. So this miracle given in love was for Christ to lose his life.

Notice the "if" of Martha, verse 21, and again the "if" of Mary, verse 32, which was answered by Jesus with another "if thou wouldest believe." verse 40. They showed they believed for they did as he said and took away the stone. We also can show that we believe by doing the very things that Jesus tells us to do. That is what proves our faith is when we do what the Bible says.

When Lazarus came forth he was bound hand and foot. He could not loose himself for both of his hands and his feet were bound. He could not untie either his hands or feet. The same applies to the one who is dead spiritually. He cannot loose himself but needs a higher power to help him get loosed from the load of guilt and sin to which he is bound. Jesus has that power.

## JESUS FACES THE CROSS

March 14, 1954

Printed Portion:.....John 12: 20-32.

20. And there were certain Greeks among them that came up to worship at the feast:

21. The same came therefore to Philip, which was of Bethsaida of Galilee, and desired him, saying, Sir, we would see Jesus.

22. Philip cometh and telleth Andrew: and again Andrew and Philip tell Jesus.

23. And Jesus answered them, saying, The hour is come, that the Son of man should be glorified.

24. Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit.

25. He that loveth his life shall lose it; and he that hateth his life in this world shall keep it unto life eternal.

26. If any man serve me, let him follow me; and where I am, there shall also my servant be; if any man serve me, him will my Father honour.

27. Now is my soul troubled; and what shall I say? Father, save me from this hour: but for this cause came I unto this hour.

28. Father, glorify thy name. Then came there a voice from heaven, saying, I have both glorified it, and will glorify it again.

29. The people therefore, that stood by, and heard it, said that it thundered: others said, An angel spake to him.

30. Jesus answered and said, This voice came not because of me, but for your sakes.

31. Now is the judgment of this world: now shall the prince of this world be cast out.

32. And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me.

**Memory Verse:** He that loveth his life shall lose it; and he that hateth his life in this world shall keep it unto life eternal. John 12:25.

**Practical Truth:** Genuine sacrifice may be required in accomplishing the greatest good of which we are capable.

### COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

Jesus still has his face set toward the cross. He shows that he is a real human being in his saying, "Father save me from this hour;" but immediately we hear him answer "but for this cause came I unto this hour," verse 27. The Lord of both heaven and earth who made all things, came from heaven's glory for the very purpose to die upon the cross in order to give salvation to all mankind. 2 Cor. 8:9 says "Ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich." We will not, either, have the rich blessings of heaven without sacrifice. The value of sacrifice is seen in His humbling himself and becoming "obedient unto death, even the death of the cross," Phil. 2:8. Then it was that God "highly exalted him" for his Son had done his duty and obeyed the Father.

David Livingstone was planted in Africa and died there, but we are told that the church he started at that time is still there. His heart was so much in the cause of Christ there that when he died the natives said to those who took his body to England to bury it: "His heart belongs here so we will bury the heart here in Africa, but you can have the body." Our heart is what God



## THE NEW COMMANDMENT

March 21, 1954

Printed Portion:.....John 13:12-17, 34-35; 14:21-24

John 13:12. So after he had washed their feet, and had taken his garments, and was set down again, he said unto them, Know ye what I have done to you?

13. Ye call me Master and Lord: and ye say well; for so I am.

14. If I then, Your Lord and Master, have washed your feet; ye also ought to wash one another's feet.

15. For I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to you.

16. Verily, verily, I say unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord; neither he that is sent greater than he that sent him.

17. If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them.

John 13:34. A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another.

35. By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.

John 14:21. He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him.

22. Judas saith unto him, not Iscariot, Lord, how is it that thou wilt manifest thyself unto us, and not unto the world?

23. Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him.

24. He that loveth me not keepeth not my saying: and the word which ye hear is not mine, but the Father's which sent me.

Memory Verse: A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another: as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. John 13:34.

Practical Truth: It is the privilege of Christians to know Christ through a personal manifestation of him to their own souls.

## COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

Jesus' washing the disciples' feet was in the same hour when He gave the new commandment. The washing of one another's feet is the act of humility toward our brother so that we not only do it literally but any act of service toward our brother is showing our love to him as we seek his welfare. Since Jesus has the right to tell us what to do, (for He created us) we must be very definite in our obedience to His commands to expect His approval. Peter says that we are to "follow His steps" (1 Pet. 2:21). Jesus humbled himself. God tells us in Isaiah 66:2 and 57:15 about those of an humble and contrite spirit, "trembleth at my word." So we live spiritually as we obey the truth.

Comforter means Holy Spirit, Counselor, Helper, Strength and Guide. How fitting are these definitions to the needs of the children of God. In fact, He is all we need at all times and under all circumstances. He comes in and dwells in the soul that is wholly given over to God, and has no sin in the heart.

Jesus, in all of His teachings puts great stress upon doing just what He says; verse 23 says very plainly "If a man love me he will keep my words." This is all very true and can be tested out to the extent of receiving what Jesus promised.

## JESUS STRENGTHENS HIS DISCIPLES

March 28, 1954

Printed Portion:.....John 16:1-13.

John 16:1. These things have I spoken unto you, that ye should not be offended.

2. They shall put you out of the synagogues: yea, the time cometh, that whosoever killeth you will think that he doeth God service.

3. And these things will they do unto you, because they have not known the Father, nor me.

4. But these things have I told you, that when the time shall come, ye may remember that I told you of them. And these things I said not unto you at the beginning, because I was with you.

5. But now I go my way to him that sent me; and none of you asketh me, Whither goest thou?

6. But because I have said these things unto you, sorrow hath filled your heart.

7. Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away, for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you,

8. And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment:

9. Of sin, because they believe not on me;

10. Of righteousness, because I go to my Father, and ye see me no more;

11. Of judgment, because the prince of this world is judged.

12. I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now.

13. Howbeit, when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come.

Memory Verse: Howbeit, when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth. John 16:13.

Practical Truth: It is the gracious privilege of every Christian to have the Holy Spirit as his helper and guide.

## COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

The promise "When he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth" was fulfilled later on the day of Pentecost. Every soul who receives Him has an experience of knowing the Bible (the book of truth) to be a new book. It is impossible for God to lie (Heb. 6:18), so the Bible does not have a lie in it. Also, "All scripture is given by inspiration of God." This fact alone is enough to strengthen the souls of God's people.

He is a Guide to those who trust him and give over to Him whole-heartedly. Notice how Peter was guided in the case of Cornelius (Acts 10:19, 20). Notice again, in Acts 13:1, 2, 4 how the Spirit sent out missionaries, and Acts 15:28 the Spirit was with them in the council at Jerusalem. Paul wanted to preach the Word in Asia, but was "Forbidden of the Holy Ghost;" also, he "Assayed to go into Bythynia: but the Spirit suffered them not," (Acts 16:6, 7).

Jesus told the disciples to wait at Jerusalem for the coming of the Holy Spirit and they showed faith in His word by doing just as He said and did receive the Holy Spirit as recorded in the 2nd chapter of Acts. We also, may receive him by being obedient and having faith, (Acts 15:8, 9).