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A Part With Jesus

"Thou shalt never wash my feet,"
Said Peter to the Lord.
"If I wash thee not, thou hast no part,"
This was the Saviour's word.

"Lord, wash my feet, my hands, my head,"
Peter quickly cried;
Whatever Jesus required of him,
He would not be denied.

"Lord, thou shalt never bother with me,"
Some people say today;
"When I'm sick or in trouble,
I'll look some other way.

"For I feel so unworthy,
My troubles are so small
That I wouldn't bother the Lord with them,
So I'll try to carry them all."

"If thou trust me not, thou hast no part,"
Thus speaks the Lord today.
"Let me heal your body and your soul,
And your life have my way."

Then let us answer to the Lord,
"Take my body and my soul;
Take my feet, my hands, my head, my heart;
I give Thee complete control."

"When I'm sick I'll call on Thee,
In trouble I'll ask thy aid;
When happy, my joy shall be in Thee;
I'll trust and not be afraid."

—Mrs. Harvey Johnson

God's Arithmetic

Our precious heavenly Father uses Arithmetic, only his arithmetic is on a different scale. In prayer the Lord dropped the thought into my heart, and as I have been meditating on it, my soul has been blessed.

First, let us look at God's subtraction. Subtraction means take away. When we came to Jesus, bur-

dened down with the guilt of sin upon us, broken and contrite in heart, feeling how terrible it was that we had sinned against a great and loving God who had loved us so much that he prepared a way whereby we could be saved, yet we had turned away from it and refused to have it for so long; oh, how sorry we were! What remorse filled our very being. We wanted those sins that separated us from God and heaven to be taken away. We needed God's subtraction. And how glad God was to take them away. In Psa. 103:12 He tells us, "As far as the east is from the west, so far hath he removed our transgressions from us." Isn't that wonderful! And, oh, how happy we were, when they were all gone and taken away from us.

Now let us look at God's addition. Addition means an increase, or more given to what you already have. Now after we are justified by the blood of Jesus, then by that same blood we are sanctified, or receive the Holy Spirit into our hearts. What a wonderful addition to us! We receive "power after that the Holy Spirit is come upon" us. He is our guide, our Comforter, our teacher. Not only does He add the Holy Spirit, but he adds blessings upon blessings. He adds victory after victory. And I believe we should testify to the victories that we have day by day. We hear different ones testify to the many trials and tests that they have, but the Lord has brought it to me that that kind of testifying is for the devil. We should say that we praise the Lord for the many victories that we had through the day. Because after a trial and test, we always have victory because God adds or gives them to us. There is NO DEFEAT TO THE CHILD OF GOD. We always have victory, because the devil is a conquered foe. And the "accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before God day and night." Rev. 12:10. Satan and his agents accuse God's people. "But thanks be to God, which GIVETH us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." 1 Cor. 16:57.

God's storehouse is just full of great and wonderful blessings. It is almost running over. It is full to the top, way up past the windows. And all we need to do is to ask for anything that we need and God will give it to us. In Malachi 3:10 the Lord of hosts says that we should prove him and see if, "I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you

out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it." Now just what do we want to add? Let us turn to 2 Peter 1:5-10: "And besides this, giving all diligence, ADD to your FAITH, VIRTUE; and to virtue, KNOWLEDGE; and to knowledge, temperance; and to temperance, patience; and to patience, godliness; and to godliness, BROTHERLY KINDNESS; and to brotherly kindness, CHARITY. For if these things be IN you and ABOUND, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. But he that lacketh these things is blind, and cannot see afar off, and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins [or sins taken away]. Wherefore the rather, brethren, give DILIGENCE to make your calling and election sure; for if ye do these things, ye shall never FALL."

Dear ones, let us take advantage of God's addition. There need not be one lack in your soul because God can fully satisfy your every longing for more of him and his virtues. He that hungers and thirsts after righteousness shall be filled.

Let us look at God's multiplication. Over in Luke 6:38 we read of a good sample of God's multiplication: "Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down and shaken together and running over." I believe this works in all the fruit of the Spirit. We could use love in the place of "give," and it would come out the same. Love, and love shall be "given unto you; good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over." Have joy, and joy "shall be given unto you." Be peaceable, and peace "shall be given unto you," and multiplied. Be longsuffering, and longsuffering "shall be given unto you" and multiplied. Have gentleness, and gentleness "shall be given unto you" and multiplied. Have goodness, faith, meekness, and temperance, and they will be multiplied to you. Oh, how precious is God's multiplication. God will anoint our "heads with oil and my cup runneth over." This running over of the fruit of the Spirit will run over on someone else and they, too, will desire to have it. In this way God is glorified.

Jude knew something about God's multiplication. He said, "Mercy unto you, and peace and love be multiplied." Peter also knew something about it. He said, "Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord."

God has division. In Heb. 4:12 we read, "For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the DIVIDING ASUNDER of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discernor of the thoughts and intents of the heart." The word of God shows us just where we are, and if we do not live up to it as God shines light on our pathway, we shall be cut off, separated from God. And the Word of God gets right down to our intentions and desires. We cannot hold on to the world and on to God at the same time. We either love God or the world. God says, "Come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, and will be a Father unto you and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty." 2 Cor.

6:17-18. God divides the saint and sinner. But there is coming a day when there will be a final division. That is the great Judgment Day. "When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory; and before him shall be gathered all nations; and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats; and he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left. Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. Then he shall say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels." Matt. 25: 31-34, 41.

How will that day find you? Have you let God divide you from the sinner here? Just as death finds you, so will the Judgment. There is no time to get ready after death. My heart's desire is that all will be ready to meet their God and hear those blessed words, "Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you." —Marie Miles.

A TRUE TESTIMONY OF SELF-EXPERIENCE OF WHAT DOUBLE MARRIAGE (OR ADULTERY) MEANS

The historical part I shall omit, as I feel deeply impressed to just mention the most serious or interesting points, trusting it will help as a warning, that if there be any deceived along this line they may be able, as I did, to go to the Lord and be delivered from under Satan's deceptive power. And note: this is no fairy tale, nor a write-up from some paper; but it is as TRUE as life. I will not expose names.

I became entangled with a married man. I was single, but he was a married man. I married him. My conscience was condemned from that hour, and the man confessed his was, too. So in three weeks from the time we were married he and I were living very much like he were just boarding with me, yet I was worrying. Satan was trying to settle my mind and make me contented on the idea that we were just living in the same house with me cooking and washing for him and no harm in it. But the Lord had a hand in the matter. He knew the devil had me deceived, so one night in the silent hour a little voice woke me, singing the last words of a song which I have heard for many years. The words are: "Together in hell they did sink." Those were the plainest, most solemn words, yet just above a whisper; and I knew that was the Lord in his tender mercy warning me. I got up and listened, and seemed like it was in my ear still. If I mistake not, I knelt down and prayed. That was about one o'clock in the night. I prayed off and on all that day. When I went to my room to retire, I got down on my knees and told the Lord to adjust business matters and clear the way for me to get rid of the man. The Lord knew I meant business, and I went to sleep and had a most peaceful night's sleep. When I woke in early morning, that same sweet, solemn voice was singing in such a low sacred tone a

verse of a song that I've heard my dear saintly mother sing so many, many times. The words are: "On the other side of Jordan, In the sweet fields of Eden, Where the Tree of Life is blooming, There is rest for you." What a great change had come. These words were so precious to me. I almost shouted. But my burden of guilt and fear was gone, and life was so much sweeter. As the days rolled by, more and more plans were being made for vacation of the man till all were completed and he took his final departure.

Later on I was about to think that it would be all right to correspond with the man and just be friends, so one night, after some consideration on this, I dreamed of being, I guess I might say on the brink of hell. It was the darkest, most desolate, miserable place. It made me just shudder to think of it. And in the mean time he had left some articles of his and told me I could use them, that he didn't need them, and wrote back and asked me very kindly not to expose him, but to let it all pass off as though he was just off at work. I wasn't having much to say either way, but was not feeling good over the idea of not telling the whole matter and confessing the wrong we had done.

One night there came a severe storm which lasted all night and was getting worse rapidly. I was earnestly praying for the Lord to stop the storm; so the Lord said, "When day comes, you get out and confess this wrong to the person you feel is most worthy, and also get rid of that man's things he gave you." So the storm ceased immediately. I went to a woman about eight o'clock in the morning and the Lord just brought up the conversation soon to fit in for me to explain to her the whole matter. She asked me if I wanted her to keep the explanation confidential. I told her I did not, but for her to tell it as often as she wished. I also packed his articles. I had lost out on his address by this time, but sent them to a man whom he recommended to me as being a special immediate friend of his.

Folks, I know by self experience that there is no cloak for adultery, yet there are some who profess to be living right with two wives or husbands. But there is not one word in God's Bible to uphold adultery. There are many words to condemn it. This little humble servant of the Lord is not throwing mud at any special one, but I am trying to warn and instruct those who may be deceived and let Satan drag them to torment thinking they are all right, when they are breaking the special commandments of God by living with another woman's husband or another man's wife. The Holy Bible says if we are guilty of one, we are guilty of all. None but the pure in heart shall see God.

Isaiah 58:1 says, "Cry aloud, spare not, lift up thy voice like a trumpet and shew my people their transgression, and the house of Jacob their sins." According to Holy Writ, there is only one unpardonable sin, but the Lord doesn't say he will forgive us "In" our sins, but we have to forsake ALL of them to be forgiven at all. Prov. 14:12; 16:25 says that there is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death. Isaiah 55:7 says, "Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man

his thoughts: and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him: and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon." Then 1 John 1:9 says, "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. And when we are cleansed from all unrighteousness, we'll surely not want but one wife or husband, and that be legal and Scriptural.

Did Jesus tell the woman (John 8:11) who was found in adultery to go on and live in it? He said, "Neither do I condemn thee, Go and sin NO MORE." Then read the 2nd, 5th, and 6th verses of the third chapter of Colossians.

In conclusion, I want to say to any who might be deceived by this hellish spirit of divorces and double marriages or adultery that there is a way out. But it is only by forsaking the sin and cleaning up. Never stop until all is cleared. If there are children or property involved, God will make a way to settle rightly and honorably, and you will feel so much happier until you wouldn't be back in the gutter for all the world. Then here is another point I want to mention. There are a few people who perhaps have a brother or sister or some dear friend who probably have had severe hard trials in their married life and finally a separation comes about. They get a divorce and marry again. Then should such ones be sanctioned and passed up as being justified in it? NO, NO, not at all! If it is mother, child, father, brother, or sister, it is wrong; and instead of petting the sin, we should reprove it and work and pray against it.

Divorces and double marriages, styles and fashions have almost all the world going with them, so to speak. But God's wrath is no slacker on them. His wrath still holds sure for the guilty ones, and it will be too late to pray when the sentence is read in the Judgment and He says, "Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting punishment prepared for the devil and his angels." Amen

Let Us Pray

The day was long, the burden I had borne
Seemed heavier than I could longer bear
And then it lifted—but I did not know
Someone had knelt in prayer—

Had taken me to God that very hour,
And asked the easing of the load, and He
In infinite compassion, had stooped down
And taken it from me.

We cannot tell how often, as we pray
For some bewildered one, hurt and distressed;
The answer comes—but many times those hearts
Find sudden peace and rest.

Someone had prayed and Faith, a reaching hand,
Took hold of God, and brought Him down that day;
So many, many hearts have need of prayer—
O, let us pray.

—Grace Noll Crowell.

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Editorials

The family of workers here in the "Lord's Print Shop" are all pleased and do rejoice when we receive word that a soul has been convicted and saved by reading the gospel sent out by the printed page; also when we receive letters telling us of how the Lord has been making the contents of the paper a blessing to their souls; furthermore, we give honor to God with thanksgiving because of the many that the Lord heals who write in for prayer. The Spirit witnesses to us that we are fulfilling our place in the body, and we do not find ourselves in friction with God and his pleasure and will for us. It brings supreme joy and comfort to any soul that has a knowledge that he is fitting into the will of God day by day. "The just shall walk by faith," so says the Scripture in the last part of the tenth chapter of Hebrews. Faith is not feeling nor sight. It just means that you have surrendered all to the Lord—that which you know and that which you do not know—and have presented your body, soul, and spirit unto him as a living sacrifice; that you are now living alone for God's glory and his only; that you have turned your earthly house over to him to keep house in it for you. If you will do this, you will soon find out that he is a good housekeeper. He will wash, clean, and scrub out all dirt and filth, and will keep it clean and free from sinful dirt day by day, rejoicing in his temple. God's children are all clean and holy before the Lord, being washed from their sins and filth by the blood of the Lamb. There is not an unclean member in his body. Uncleaness and filth is repugnant and distasteful to the Lord; and it is nothing more nor less than blasphemy in the eyes of God who is infinitely holy and carries no trace or stain of sin or defilement on or in his person, for any company of people, prophet, or preacher to hold up before God as the body of Christ a people that are tobacco soaked, unclean with adulteries, evil passions, who conform to the world in dress, using slang, and sinning more or less all the time. It is written in His sacred Word, "Be ye holy, for I am holy."

My dear friends and readers, do not allow the blind guides of Satan to deceive you. The world today is filled up with Satan's blind guides which teach the people and practice before them that it is not possible for anyone to live free from sin in this life. When they teach such as that, they put God in a lie. God says, "Be ye holy, for I am holy"; but Satan's blind guides say to the people that you cannot be holy in this life, for you will sin more or less all the time. In that way they keep their followers in blindness and darkness as to the mighty power of God that is able to keep a soul, given up to Him, free from sin every day of his life. The Bible says, "If the blind lead the blind they will both fall into the ditch."

A blind man was standing on the corner of a busy street waiting for someone to lead him across. Another blind man came along and took hold of his arm to lead him across and together they started; the blind leading the blind. What was the result? They were both ground to death under the wheels of the cars. It is sad to see so many headed for eternity just this

way, and because the enemy makes them think that they are sincere and all will come out right.

Hearken, my dear friend: A man was traveling through a wooded country on a moon-light night. He came to a stream of water and saw a log lying across the stream. He stepped down on the log, but went into the water, for the log was a shadow of a tree. He was sincere; but that did not keep him from getting wet. If you are following these sin-you-must religions in the world and think because you are sincere in it that you will get into heaven, you will be completely disappointed in that great Judgment Day. You will find yourself among those that are wailing and gnashing teeth. Christ came into this world and shed his blood to clean us up from all the defilement of sin and evil and to keep us clean all through life and present us to the Father as a blood-washed and undefiled body of souls to dwell with God our Father forever. Any condition existing with you that makes you short of this holy and pure standard is not Biblical, and will bar you out of heaven in the Judgment Day.

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We find some in the world today that would discard the altar bench from being in the meeting house, claiming that many go there and just get a profession by being told to take it by faith. There is no doubt but what this is true in many cases; but let us consider the many who have been preciously saved by kneeling at a public altar, which is nothing more than a convenient place to confess and pray, and others can work with them and pray for God to save them. Many get a glorious experience at the public altar, which they may never have obtained had they not gone up when the Spirit was convicting them to settle it with God. There is one thing that the penitent sinners needs to know, and that is that it is the faith that God gives them which makes them able to believe that He does right now save them, and they should never give up until His Spirit witnesses to their spirit that God accepts them as His own and peace from heaven comes into their soul. It is true that a soul is saved by faith. One could cry, pray, and beg for days and days, but if he never believed in the sacrifice that Jesus made that atones for sins, he would never be saved. In Eph. 2:8 we read, "For by grace are ye saved through faith: and that not of yourselves [not any work that you have done] it is the gift of God."

One who is in sin and has conviction on his soul of his lost condition should go to God in prayer, when that conviction is on him, confessing his sins, whether he be at home, in the field, in the barn, in the house, in the woods, or in meeting. The altar bench is a convenient place for those under conviction while in meeting. Really, a public altar serves a double purpose. It is not only a convenient place to pray and wait upon God, but it also answers as a public expression that you are not ashamed of the Lord, but that you are humbling down before him in soul contrition and expecting God to honor you publicly as his child. Let us be careful how we speak slightly of the altar bench in the meeting house lest we find ourselves a hindrance to souls whom God may not be able to save at any other place. What I mean by this is that God may

require them to go to a public altar because the soul draws back from confessing Him publicly. I have heard some testify in this way, that they tried and confessed and prayed, but were required of the Lord to go to the public altar and there He saved them, as their wills were broken to harmonize with his will.

Some say that we have no record that the early church had any altar bench. That is true, but neither does it say that they did not have any convenient place for souls to pray. Perhaps they just set some chairs out to begin with, or prayed with them at their seats until the Lord put it into the heart of someone to have an empty bench for that purpose. In the early church the conviction was often so strong that men and women would get saved sitting in their seats or standing while the gospel was being preached. It is also that way today with some souls when conviction is on them and God gives them faith to believe, He will speak peace to their souls, and the burden of sin rolls away. I am persuaded that God does not want us to confine souls to any certain place or formal way for them to get saved. Just let the Spirit of God have freedom to save them as he may direct. Do not stand between them and the public altar and keep a soul away from the Lord.

Souls that get saved should go on to perfection as the Scripture teaches us in Hebrews the 6th chapter. When you get saved, you should look to God for grace and strength to live holy before him every day, and thereby grow in grace and knowledge and be ready to enter into the sanctified state and be infilled with the Holy Spirit; for your salvation is never complete until you are sanctified wholly. Any one that is not concerned much and lingers on in a justified state will either backslide or be deceived into believing wrong doctrines, and go on through life with just a profession and find himself in the condition of the five foolish virgins at the great Judgment Day. Beware, O my dear brother, and make salvation your greatest concern in this life. Be intensely interested in getting right with God and continuing in that state. Continue to eat His flesh and drink His blood that you may have heavenly life in your soul and be ready for the change in that great day that is soon coming upon all people.

—:::— God's Promises

God says, "My people will be tried,"
'Twill make them strong, you see;
If they keep praying, they'll come through
The trial with victory.

God says we won't be tempted
Above that which we can bare;
He will put his arm around us
And keep us from the tempter's snare.

So brother, keep on praying,
His grace is sufficient for you;
While the fiery darts are flying,
Remember, he'll carry you through.
—By Bro. Melvin Sharp.

Meeting Notices

ALL-DAY SERVICES EASTER SUNDAY

There will be Easter services at the High Hill chapel, Neelys Landing, Mo., and dinner at the chapel. We also pray that the Lord will send some minister or ministers that day, and for a meeting if they feel led to stay. Your brother in the one body,

—E. B. Pinkerton.

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The annual Easter Meeting at Guthrie, Okla. will be as in former years with a basket dinner in the dining hall and observing of the ordinances—Feet Washing and the Lord's Supper—in the afternoon. Regular preaching services in the morning and night. Easter Sunday, April 18th.

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APRIL REVIVAL MEETING, BOLEY, OKLA.

The 40th annual meeting at Boley, Okla. will begin April 16th and last ten days, closing April 25th. Come one, come all whom the Lord may send.

For further information write to Bro. C. A. Wallace, R. 1, Boley, Okla.; or W. W. Crawley, R. 4, Box 142, Okemah, Okla.

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SAN BERNARDINO, CALIFORNIA

There will be Young People's meeting in San Bernardino May 8th and 9th. Afternoon and night services on Saturday and all day services on Sunday. Revival services will follow the Young People's meeting, and will close May 16th, or as the Lord leads.

We are praying that the Lord will burden some of the ministers to come and be with us in these services. We invite all who can to come and be with us.

The chapel is located at 978 W. 9th St., San Bernardino, Calif.

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HENNESSEY, OKLAHOMA CAMPMEETING

The campmeeting of the Church of God at Hennessey, Okla. begins May 28th and continues through June 6th. All are invited to come. It will be run on the free-will offering plan. Bring sheets, pillows, and covers. Cots and mattresses will be furnished. Anyone desiring to send any contributions or want more particulars about the meeting may send or write to Sister Willa J. Williams, R. 1, Box 113, Hennessey, Okla., or to Bro. Thomas Davis, Box 441, Hennessey.

—Sister Ada Davis, pastor

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WANTED: To buy or read the book, "History of the Church" by Wickersham.

PRAYER REQUEST

Ill.—Dear saints,—This is a very urgent prayer request in behalf of a dear sister whom the doctors have said is dying of cancer. Let us agree in prayer for her each morning and night. She has two small children who need her care. I know the Lord can do all things regardless of how serious doctors say a condition is—and what a testimony she'll have when she's healed!

—A sister in Jesus.

NATIONAL CAMPGROUND INFORMATION

The saints at the National campmeeting at Monark Springs (Neosho), Mo. favored a plan to purchase more ground adjoining the campground for more parking, building, and camping space. Up to the present, however, the adjoining ground is not for sale, so we will need to build cabin units on the ground we have.

Space on the present ground is sufficient to build five more cabin units under one roof like those built last year. The building would be 12 feet wide and about 50 feet long. One of the saints, a carpenter, has agreed to furnish the labor and material for these units at \$1.35 per square foot floor space, provided orders for all five units are received. Two orders have been received, and as soon as three more are received, then the orders will be turned to the carpenter. The units will be of native rough oak frame, not sealed except partitions, concrete floor, composition shingle roof and siding, two windows and screens, door and screen door, with two coats of paint on windows and doors. The price for 8 x 12 is \$129.60; 10 x 12 is \$162.00; and 12 x 12 is \$194.40. If you want a unit, send your order promptly with cash, stating size wanted, to Bro. Ralph Beisly, R. 5, Coffeyville, Kansas.

The saints at last campmeeting also decided to enlarge the tabernacle for more seating capacity. This can be completed and ready for the coming campmeeting (July 23 - August 1) if the material and labor are provided. Offerings for this much-needed improvement may be sent to Bro. Beisly or to the undersigned. Pray and plan to attend the meeting. —L. D. Pruitt, Secretary-Treas.

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MEETING REPORT

Bakersfield, California,—The annual revival meeting at Bakersfield has come and gone, and it truly was a success. The meeting convened from February 5th to 17, with one service each day and the regular night service. There was very good attendance in all of the services, especially during the night services and Sundays the house would be filled to its capacity. Many saints from different congregations in California were here with us, also some from Oregon, and Sister Pearl Johnson from Guthrie, Oklahoma.

Several ministers were also present to help. They were Bro. E. M. Zinn, Bro. Trotter, Bro. Hattley, Sister Mead, Bro. Clyde Smith, Bro. I. D. Stover, and Sister K. Williams of California and Bro. Johnny Johnson from Oklahoma.

The meeting will be long remembered in our hearts for the good we received. Eight or ten sought the Lord for salvation, some for sanctification, and others for help in various ways they needed. On the last Sunday of the meeting we had the ordinance services with approximately 72 taking part. On the last night of the meeting, which was Wednesday, it seemed like the walls of Jericho fell. There was an overflow of shouting, rejoicing, and crying for over an hour after we stood for dismissal.

Some who had left the congregation some years back and started another congregation here came back humbly asking forgiveness and taking their stand with the saints. We are very thankful for their being back, and we desire the saints everywhere to pray that the work will continue on in unity.

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Obituaries

Susie Anna Dewey, was born in Camden County Missouri on January 26, 1901.

During her childhood, the family moved to Sloan, Iowa, where she and A. Herman Solid were united in marriage, March 12, 1921. They made their home in Whiting, Iowa until 1936, when they moved to Bertha, Minnesota. They lived there until her death, February 3, 1954, at the age of 53 years and 8 days.

She leaves to mourn her passing, her husband, Brother Herman Solid and five children: Charles of Anderson, Indiana, David of Hankinson, North Dakota, Mary Alice Kassube of Bertha, Minnesota, Mary Lou Klebs of Bertha, Minnesota, and Cora Carol Solid of the Home; twelve grandchildren; two brothers; four sisters; and many other relatives and friends.

Sister Solid had been sorely afflicted for many months, but bore her suffering patiently. Many prayers were prayed for her, but God did not see fit to spare her life. She will be greatly missed: her sweet presence, loving smiles, and kind words.

Sister Solid was true to her covenant with God to the end. She left a clear testimony that she was ready to meet the Lord. "Precious in the sight of the Lord, is the death of his saints."

The funeral was conducted in the Funeral Home at Bertha, Minnesota, by Brother Darius A. Gibson. Text and subject: Keeping our covenant with God as David did, II Samuel 12:15-23, Luke 1:70-75, II Timothy 4:3, 4, Jeremiah 17:5-8. The Lord gave and the Lord hath taken away, blessed be the name of the Lord.

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Honoring God In Suffering

A good man who had lived an unusually long and noble Christian life, honoring God in many ways, once expressed fear that he might fail to honor God in suffering when it should come. Not all Christians truly honor Him in trial and sorrow. While all things go well with them, while there is no loss, no adversity, no sore sickness or keen sorrow, they are bright, shining believers—glad-hearted, rejoicing. But when trials come, the brightness grows dim. We should watch our life most carefully lest we fail to honor God when pain or trouble comes. We forget that it is quite as wrong to fail God in our witnessing in this way as it would be to fail him in truthfulness, in honesty, or in any of love's duties. Anybody can be cheerful, or ought to be, when there is only joy in the circumstances of life. But the test of Christian life is in being glad when it is not easy,—or shining when it is dark all about us.

Indeed, our mission in this world is to lighten it; hence there is greater reason for shining when the darkness surrounds us. It is not for the day time that we have lamps in our houses and on our streets, but for the night. They would be strange lamps that would burn while it is day, and then go out the moment it grows dark. Yet that is the kind of lights some of us are. We are bright and joyous while all goes well, and then when trouble comes the light in us goes out. That is not the kind of gladness our Master expects in us. We are to shine through the darkest nights. We are to rejoice always. We are to sing our songs of noblest faith in the times when the world's people are most cast down. —Selected.

Our Greatest Challenge: Pentecost

The life of Jesus was a life of service. He supplied humanity's every need. He healed the wasted bodies of men. He restored their souls. He gave troubled hearts peace, and rest to the weary. He possessed the words of life. He was the source of life. John 1:4. He was the manifestation of the Eternal Life, which was with the Father. 1 John 1:2. Informing them that he must leave them, Jesus said to the sorrowing disciples, "It is expedient for you that I go away." John 16:7. How could that possibly be? We now understand what they could not. He promised, I will not leave you comfortless (orphans), I will come to you (John 14:18). I will pray the Father, and He shall give you another COMFORTER (John 14:16). If I depart, I will send Him unto you (John 16:7). On Ascension day, He departed. At Pentecost He sent the Holy Ghost. The great work of the Holy Ghost is to glorify Jesus in the hearts of disciples (John 16:14). Pentecost is the revelation of Christ within (Gal. 1:15-16). Pentecost is Christ in you, the hope of glory (Col 1:27). The earthly ministry of Jesus ended on the cross. The dying thief was His last trophy. As He bowed His head, and gave up the ghost, He said, "It is finished." The glorified ministry of Jesus through the Spirit, began at Pentecost.

As He told them about the Holy Spirit, Jesus made a startling statement: "Verily, verily, he that believeth in Me, the works that I do shall he do, and greater works than these shall he do, because I go unto the Father." John 14:12. How this can be, is answered by the Spirit's endowment of power upon the Spirit-baptized. Jesus no longer walks the Galilean road, but through the Eternal Spirit, omnipresent, omniscient, omnipotent, His ministry continues; and He lives and works today in the hearts and lives of Spirit-filled and Spirit energized disciples. "Ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost has come upon you, and ye shall be witnesses unto me." Acts 1:8. Pentecost is the power enabling you to witness for and do the works of Jesus. Only Spirit-filled disciples glorify Jesus. "Be filled with the Spirit." Eph. 5:18.

The dispensation of the Holy Spirit is coincident with the church. The Holy Spirit is the third person of the Trinity. No process of salvation is experienced without Him. 1 Cor. 12:3. The true church is controlled and energized by the Holy Ghost. Without the Spirit, we may have the name and the form, but never the Divine Presence or power. The Holy Spirit is indispensable. Without Jesus the disciples were helpless. Without the Holy Spirit, we may have the name and the form, but never the Divine Presence or power. Without the Holy Spirit, the church is helpless. The greatest unused power is not atomic power, but the unused power of the Holy Ghost, the church's only cause for failure. Prayer, fervent, persevering, unlocks the power of the Holy Ghost. One minister who had this power testified, "Sometimes I would find myself empty of this power. I would exhort and pray without any result." Fearing the power had left him, he would fast and pray, and seek anxiously the reason, humbling himself and crying out for help, and the power would return. O that other ministers and workers would follow his example and cry out to God for the Divine anointing!

The great sin of today is wilful neglect of the Holy

Ghost and denial of Holy Ghost religion. Let us not excuse ourselves, blaming the times. When were the times favorable for Holy Ghost religion? The church of Pentecost overcame greater odds than are now against us. Never was the outlook darker, circumstances more hopeless. But the apostles obeyed Jesus. Let the church today obey and the gates of hell shall not prevail. When the Son of Man returns will He find faith on earth? We are the ones to answer that question. Pentecost: OUR GREATEST NEED, OUR ONLY HOPE. —B. A. Ronshaiven

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A Heavenly Vision

During my wife's illness, about three or four days before her death, early one morning about four a. m., the Lord gave me a vision in the form of a dream.

I dreamed I saw six posts of solid granite about six inches square and six feet long, and at the foot of these posts was a large Bible with letters about two or three inches square. As I beheld these posts, they were illuminated with a halo of glory of indescribable beauty. I also looked at the Bible, and it, too, had the same radiant glory, and there seemed to be a power resting in the book (and such faith filled my soul, and those around besides) and these posts, that it seemed we had faith to bring dead folk to life who had been dead a long time. Our bodies seemed to be illuminated. Again I looked at these posts and the halo of glory was gone. I looked at the Bible and it seemed to be much smaller and had no halo of glory in or on it. At this my soul became much grieved and I asked the Lord what all this meant.

The Lord said that these posts represented God's anointed ministry in the morning church and also the church in the evening time, for they were to be the same in power and glory. When the radiant glory had left them they were just as ordinary granite posts without the power of God.

Again I began calling on God to know why these had lost that spiritual illumination, and here is what He said: The early church had apostolic power as long as they were humble and kept filled with the Spirit. They could perform healings, such as raising the dead, opening blind eyes, unstopping deaf ears, and miracles of all kinds. But I said, "Lord, what about the church in the evening time?" He said we were to have the same power and glory. Many have had and some do have apostolic power. But the apostolic church apostatized, and in a weakened condition lost its early morning power. So the church in the evening light lost much of its power compared to what they had shortly after Pentecost; and here is what the Lord showed me. He referred me to Matthew 24:7:

"For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes in divers places. All these are the beginning of sorrows. Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted, and shall kill you: and ye shall be hated of all nations for my name's sake. And then shall many be offended, and shall betray one another, and shall hate one another. And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many. And be-

cause iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold." —Matt. 24:7-12.

These are the things that were to be prior to the coming of Jesus in the air. Here is where the evening light church was to lose its radiant glory and power, and when that is gone we are just empty before God without much, if any power.

It is true, and admitted by most all who have known the truth for the past thirty or fifty years that there is a decline in power, brought about because the love of many is cooling down. We do not have to cool down or wax cold, for ample power is within reach of all who desire it enough to humbly pay the price.

Because of this vision my soul became stirred and burdened that I might not get into this chilling doom. Also God told me to preach this wherever I could. I read the great atonement plan, and God began to show me the depths, or at least in a deeper sense than I had ever seen it. My soul, through much prayer, became melted so that I had to lay the old Book down and wipe away the tears so I could see. Then He filled me with His glory, and such sweetness came into my heart. These rich experiences I have had are causing me to settle down deeper in the Lord than ever before, and to date I have had several of these visitations with the Lord. He assured me I was pleasing Him, with that comfort that nothing can give only the Spirit of the Lord himself. So I said "Lord, here am I, send me."

I expect to preach all that God gives me with all the love the Lord can put in my heart the short time I have left. I trust you can get some encouragement out of this, as time is so short for us to work. For the night cometh when no man can work. Crooked doctrines thrive because of a lack of that richness of Spirit. But when our hearts are filled, we have no need of being misled into some counterfeit movements that offer you a cheaper religion for the purpose of deceiving your soul. A heart filled with God is satisfied; so much so he will willingly lay down soul and body at the feet of Jesus, like David when he represents a saint as a sheep lying down beside the cool water in a good pasture. These poor souls who are so deceived in the different things need to return to God for an infilling of the Holy Spirit where they can know for themselves the comfort in obeying all of God's word and have Jesus as the Comforter which does away with all doubts, and fears, and brings an individual "know so" for themselves. Jesus said if any man will do his will, he shall know of the doctrine, and we need the Lord's helping hand, for we can do nothing of ourselves. Without him we are nothing.

The best safe guard we have against false spirits and false doctrines is to keep filled with the Spirit of God. I have caught the vision of what the writer meant when he composed the song, "Lord plant my feet on higher ground." We can never scale the utmost heights with confusion and division in our hearts. The heart needs to first be melted, then the Lord can fill it with his love, and use it to his glory. I am running with all my heart, soul, and mind to the mountain top where the air is pure and nothing to hinder us from seeing the glories of the pure evening light

church as John saw it in Revelation 21:9, 10. I would not dare to say the evening light church within its membership has cooled down, for they are all warm in God's love. These chilled down folk are on the outside, as the Revelator said, Rev. 3:16, "Because thou art luke warm, and neither cold or hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth." Therefore they are not in the church, but on the outside. I will admit, some for lack of teaching may be battling to know God, or to know the way, or in other words to know what church is right. Every honest soul will find the way and the true church. God's Spirit will guide him to and in the way. As long as we keep humble before God he can work out his own purpose in us. A warm and "on fire" church has a drawing influence for God. Not all are cold, but some are; so let us beware of coldness or lukewarmness. The natural tendency is to let the love of God grow cold, get negligent or careless or spiritually unconcerned about souls for which Christ died. Jesus said, the love of "many" would wax cold (Matt. 24:12). In the Arctic North Seas, they have ice bergs three-fourths or more hidden under the water and are hard to see. But keep a watch up in the crow's nest with instruments to detect any chilly sensation; and when the instrument registers a lower temperature, indicating "chilly," they know that they are in the vicinity of ice bergs and the man above gives the signals.

Reader, do we have any indications of spiritual icebergs being near us? Let us first put the tests on our own self and see if the love of God, as formerly in our hearts, has chilled down from loving our brother with a pure heart fervently. We do not have to let the love of God cool down in our Christian experience, as all provisions have been made to safe-guard us from these declines. Let us keep our hearts a-fire for Him.

Yours in Him,

—E. M. Zinn

Heaven

"Why do you wait, dear brother?

Why do you tarry so long?

The Saviour is waiting to give you

A place in his sanctified throng.

"Why not, why not, why not come to him now?

Why not, why not, why not come to him now?"

"And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight. And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold two men stood by them in white apparel; which also said, Ye men of Galilee, Why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come again in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven." Acts 1:9-11.

"For Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands, which are the figures of the true; but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us" Heb. 9:24.

"Heaven is a holy place

Filled with glory and with grace;

Sin can never enter there;

All within its gates are pure,
From defilement kept secure,
Sin can never enter there."

This article for the most part is directed to those who believe there is a heaven, and also have a desire to go there when this fleeting life has ended and the final sentence has been given that will decide their eternal destiny, and as yet (at present) have not made the necessary preparation that will admit them into that land of bliss. You know that it is appointed unto man to die. You know that life is very uncertain, and that death is sure to come, and that no one knows the day nor the hour when he or she will breathe the last breath. Jesus has said, "Be ye also ready, for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh. How often are we surprised to learn of the death of some friend or loved one coming so suddenly, or in such a way as we had not thought nor expected. It could have been us. It could happen to us as easily as it did to any one else. We are all the creatures of a moment. All our lives are as a vapor that appeareth for a little time and then vanisheth away; we will soon pass away as a flying cloud. Then in the face of these truths, I am asking, dear ones, why is the delay? For what are you waiting? The lapse of time will not erase your sins. Waiting will not bring you any nearer to God, nor will it give you one brighter ray of hope. There is one thing you must do. No one can do it for you; you cannot offer any acceptable excuse for not doing it, and God demands it of you. You must repent, give up your sins and cry unto God for pardon, confess and forsake your sins. God will forgive you, he will write your name in heaven, he will give you an inheritance with all the redeemed. Christ died that you might be saved. It is not his will that you be lost. Every thing has been accomplished to perfect your salvation and to secure for you a home in heaven so far as his part is concerned, but you have a responsibility; it cannot be shifted. You owe it to yourself and to God, to get right with God. No doubt you may have in mind as many others have had, that some day you will quit the ways of the world and turn to God. But many, O so many, have waited just a little too long and died without hope. May God help you to realize the value of time while it is yours, while you can use it, before it has all been wasted in a life of sin and selfishness, unthankfulness, unfaithfulness, and so on and on. Look at the danger before you. How do you expect to escape if you linger on in unconcern and neglect? You know you must prepare to meet God, why not prepare now? It is to your interest to act wise and be on the safe side if you would make heaven your eternal abode. No opportunity will be offered after death. Now! now is the time. Behold now is the accepted time. God will accept you now if you will only surrender your heart and life to him.

"Seek ye the Lord while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near: Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon." Isa. 55:6-7. All heaven is for you if you will

but accept the invitation. Wake up dear ones from your dreadful sleep of sin. See, your house is on fire, escape for your life. It is time now, and high time for you to make your decision. How many times have you said no to the voice of God? How often has the Spirit of God striven with you to turn your feet from the path of wrong? How long will you go on unheeding the Saviour's call? How do you ever expect to gain a home in heaven and continue to travel in the road that you know will not lead there? The wide gate and the broad way leadeth to destruction. God's way and God's plan is best for you. You cannot obtain anything better from any source than that that God offers you. It is neither wise nor safe to reject God's mercy and thereby refuse his offered blessings. If you do not want to go to heaven badly enough to give up your sins and take the lowly humble way of the cross, you will never have a home up there.

You may say, "O, I intend to give up my sins some day. I am not going to live this way all the time. I'll be a Christian some day." Dear unsaved friends, Many have said the same thing and have gone down to fill a Christless grave. Intentions are no good unless they are executed. Do as the prodigal son: say, "I will arise and go to my Father." And get up and go, and say, "Father, I have sinned. I am now forsaking my sins and pleading for mercy and pardon. Be merciful to me a sinner." He will forgive your transgressions and make you his child.

Come and go with us to heaven.—Ulysses Phillips

The Incomparable Christ

He came from the bosom of the Father to the bosom of a woman. He put on humanity that we might put on divinity. He became Son of Man that we might become sons of God.

He was born contrary to the laws of nature, lived in poverty, reared in obscurity; only once crossed the boundary of the land, in childhood. He had no wealth nor influence and had neither training nor education. His relatives were inconspicuous and un-influential.

In infancy He startled a king; in boyhood He puzzled the doctors; in manhood He ruled the course of nature. He walked upon the billows and hushed the sea to sleep. He healed the multitude without medicine and made no charge for His services. He never wrote a book, yet not all the libraries of the country could hold the books that could be written about Him. He never wrote a song, yet He has furnished the theme of more songs than all song writers combined. He never founded a college yet all the schools together cannot boast of as many students as He has. He never marshalled an army, drafted a soldier, nor fired a gun, yet no leader ever made more volunteers who have, under His orders, made rebels stack arms or surrender without a shot being fired.

He is the Star of Astronomy, the Rock of Geology, the Lion and the Lamb of Zoology, the Harmonizer of all discords and the Healer of all diseases. Great men have come and gone, yet He lives on. Herod could not kill Him, Satan could not seduce Him, Death could not destroy Him, the grave could not hold Him.

He laid aside His purple robe for a peasant's gown. He was rich, yet for our sake He became poor. How poor? Ask Mary! Ask the Wise men! He slept in another's manger. He cruised the lake in another's boat. He rode on another man's ass. He was buried in another man's tomb. All failed, but He never. The ever Perfect One—He is the Chief among ten thousand. He is altogether lovely.

--Unknown.

Music

There is no record of musical instruments in the Garden of Eden. Jubal, who was of the wicked family of Cain, originated instrumental music. Gen. 4.

Neither was it part of the commandments given to Moses, therefore it was not used in the first tabernacle. Some five hundred years after the giving of the Law to Moses by God, David used music in the tabernacle. The prophet Amos said, "Woe to them . . . that chant to the sound of the viol, and invent to themselves instruments of music like David" Amos 6:1, 5.

The great commentator, Adam Clarke, said, "I believe that David was not authorized by the Lord to introduce that multitude of musical instruments into the divine worship of which we read." God, because of the hardness of their hearts, permitted for a time, polygamy, divorce, musical instruments, etc. In the New Testament these things were done away with. The New Testament teaches singing: "Let the words of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in Psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing [not playing] with grace in your hearts to the Lord." Col. 3:16. "Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example that we should follow his steps" 1 Pet. 2:21. Two examples are communion and singing (Matt. 26:26-30); nowhere playing. Let us follow Him. E. W. Burford.

A Vision of Heavenly Things

In my mind I visioned the Saviour in Heaven sitting at the Father's right hand. I visioned the Father with his arm around his Son as He told him of His plan of salvation for mankind. Then I visioned the thoughts as they passed through the mind of the Saviour: He must become an infant who can do nothing but eat, sleep, and cry. Then he saw the sorrow he must bear from the manger to the cross. He saw the weight of the sins of men he must bear, and then the awful suffering. There were the thorns that were to prick his brow, and the lash of the whip; then the awful suffering when they drove the nails. If one were to accidentally drive a nail into his hand he would caress it and blow it and try to get in as comfortable a position as possible. Jesus could not move his hands nor his feet away from the position in which they were hurt, nor could he caress one with the other. To add to all this, the cross was erected and he was left hanging by those paining, throbbing, bleeding hands and feet. No doubt the suffering was

greater than anyone without experiencing it can ever realize. Hanging there in this agony in the hot sun for hours. Beside this, he knew that those for whom he suffered were the very ones who treated him so. But amid the suffering, the thief's repentance must have brought a joy that for an instant almost caused him to forget the pain. In his agony and the heat of the day he thirsted, but they gave him only vinegar. Then death! Although he knew his Father would take care of his spirit, yet the mortal body must have shrunk at the thought of death; of the still, dark grave. All this the Saviour lived in thought, and then said, "I will." "Then said I, Lo, I come to do Thy will, O God."

Again I visioned the Saviour in Gethsemane. The afore mentioned scene passed through his mind. Think how we, when duty or trial seems too great, shrink, but finally through much prayer the victory is won. But when we must meet it, as the time draws nearer, it is very hard. So the Lord in this hour knew "The hour had come." In much prayer he gained the victory. Then the awful suffering as he bled and died on Calvary's cross; then the dark grave; then victory!

I visioned him now at the right hand of God again. I visioned the embrace when the Son returns to the Father. I heard the angels' song of rejoicing. Then I thought how all this was for me. He said, "I will," though awful suffering awaited him. Then I, too, said, "Lord, I will," and took up my cross and followed Him.

—Mrs. Harvey Johnson

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Take Root Downward

In the recent wind storm, when I heard of shrubs and trees blown down, I remembered how the Word of God said in 2 Kings 19:30 that the house of Judah would again "take root downward." I realized how important it was for us to "take root downward" when the winds of deception come. We will then be so grounded in the truth and doctrine that we; by the power of God, will be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. If we are established in the truth, we will not be so apt to fall, for our roots will be deep in the Lord.

I was much impressed with the trees that fell which were eucalyptus trees, for they are very tall and straight and look so sturdy. We would think that they could stand anything; but, sad to say, they are more of a show than an example of strength against the windstorm. These trees have very few roots and are easily blown down.

One of the saints had one in his yard which fell across his driveway and it took a lot of work to clear it away so the driveway could be used, but it did no damage. Just so, if a person is blown over with deception because of not being rooted down deeply in the truth and gets that deception cleared away quickly, it will not cause so much damage to someone else.

The next tree I heard of, fell on a house, breaking in the roof and doing much damage. This tree is like a deception that caused much damage to one per-

son and others that got hold on one because they were not rooted downward.

The third incident I heard of was two trees of the same kind which fell on a garage, crushing the garage and two cars that were inside. This reminded me of cases where more than one falls into a deception and fall together. They cause much damage to their souls, and many more are led astray.

Let us take warning from this storm to see how winds of deception can cause much damage to souls.

We hear of another tree, known as the sturdy oak. We are told it has as many roots under the ground, as it has branches. Therefore it is able to stand the stormy winds that blow and is not moved. God help us to be strong, sturdy oaks for Him, standing on the old truths that were in God's church when he instituted the ordinances at the time he established his church.

Jude tells us to "earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered to the saints." So we must not be moved about by every wind of doctrine. In Galatians 1:8 it tells us, "But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed." We should not receive any other gospel; so it is needful that we are rooted and grounded in the truth.

2 John 10 tells us, "If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into your house, neither bid him God speed." Our hearts are grieved and crushed to see some of God's little ones being deceived, but God's church will stand the judgment shock, and if we are in it we shall not fall.

—Flossie Atha.

—oOo— SAINTLY LIVING

Saintliness of life lies in doing the will of God. If you desire to live the noblest, purest, and most useful life possible, seek to know the will of God and cheerfully do it when known. If you would live a consistent and acceptable life, do not follow impulses and emotions. The great question of life, dear young Christian, is not, How do you feel? but how is your will? Is it set to do the will of God? Do you watch impressions so much as the path of duty? When an opportunity is open to you to do some good, do you wait for inward impressions to know if you should do the good? Better to be guided by the Bible, reason, sense of duty, and by providence. —(p. 24, "Instruction of Youth in the Christian Life") C. E. Orr

HOW TO GROW IN GRACE

Of how to grow in grace this is the sum:

1. Read the Word of God daily, prayerfully, devoutly.
2. Be deeply interested in the cause of God and salvation of souls.
3. Be prompt to obey the commandments of the Bible and the leading of the Holy Spirit.
4. Be active in every possible Christian duty.
5. Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints." Eph. 6:18.

—Taken from "The Hidden Life or Walks With God" by C. E. Orr. Page 110.

The Bride of Jesus

Have you seen the Bride of Jesus
In her robe so clean and white,
Standing by her royal Bridegroom,
Basking in His glory bright?—

Robe so clean, no spot or wrinkle,
In her life no sin or shame;
God the Father loved and chose her,
Calling her by His own name.

Have you seen her in her beauty,
Chastened by the Father's rod?
Then He gave to her His own name,
Calling her the church of God.

And she loved the name He gave her,
By no other will be called.
Standing by her royal Bridegroom,
She will never, never fall.

For she is trusting in His wisdom,
Naught has she to doubt or fear;
For she knows He will protect her,
For to Him she is most dear.

For He gave His life a ransom,
To redeem her for His own;
Then He went back to the Father
To prepare for her a home.

Soon He's coming to receive her,
To that home so bright and fair,
Where He will share with her His glory
As she sings His praises there.

—Aunt Becca Basicker

The Resurrection

And when they were come unto a place called Golgotha; that is to say, a place of a skull (Outside the wall of Jerusalem there is in the stone bluff the actual appearance of a skull) they gave him vinegar to drink mingled with gall. He tasted death for every man (Heb. 2:9). "Wherefore Jesus also, that he might sanctify the people with his own blood, suffered without the gate. Let us go forth therefore unto him without the camp, bearing his reproach." Heb. 13: 12.

"For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich [was in heaven] yet for your sakes he became poor, [came to die on earth] that ye through his poverty might be rich." 2 Cor. 8:9.

If one visits the holy land, he has the opportunity of visiting Mount Calvary and the Garden of Gethsemane and the tomb where Jesus was buried following his crucifixion on the cross. Then if one goes a little farther into the sepulchre, he can see the bed hewn out of rock where the body of our Lord was placed between death and the resurrection. But He is not there, He is risen. Because he lives, we shall live also. Whosoever believeth in Him shall not perish, but have everlasting life. John 3:16.

—Roberta Reese

SOME THINGS THAT COME BY FAITH

1. Justified by faith, Rom. 5:1. 2. Sanctified by faith, Acts 26:18. 3. Purifying their hearts by faith, Acts 15:9. 4. We walk by faith, 2 Cor. 5:7. 5. Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith, Eph. 3:17. 6. This is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith, 1 John 5:4. 7. The just shall live by faith, Hab. 2:4. 8. He had faith to be healed, Acts 14:9. 9. Propitiation through faith in his blood, Rom. 3:25. 10. For by faith ye stand, 2 Cor. 1:24. 11. Children of God by faith in Christ, Gal. 3:26. 12. Hope of righteousness by faith, Gal. 5:5.

CORRESPONDENCE

Kans.—Dear saints,—Greetings in the name of our precious saviour. I am very thankful to be saved and that the Lord is keeping me encouraged to press on for him. I am thankful for the many blessings he bestows upon me from time to time.

A few weeks ago we had a snow storm and I had to go to work. I didn't realize how bad it was until I was out at the edge of town, but went on. The snow was blowing so badly that I couldn't see past the front of the car at times. After passing one stalled car I began to pray and the Lord blessed in a wonderful way. When I began praying I told the Lord I would testify of it, and it came to me so plain, "in the paper," and I said "Yes."

A few days ago I lost some money, which was nearly a month's wages. But the Lord helped me not to be a bit discouraged, and that same evening it began showing up. Four different people found the whole sum that was lost. and it was all returned to me except a dollar that was given to a man for finding part of it.

Truly the Lord is still living and reigning. I am very thankful to be a follower of His. Pray for me.

A Brother in Christ,

Ted Bock.

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Dear saints,—Greetings in the dear name of Jesus.

On the night of February 15th when the baby was two days old I had such terrible pain. My husband asked me if I wanted any of the pills the doctor had given me of another kind of relief. I answered "No, to trust the Lord when you're suffering is what it really means to trust the Lord and not turn to medicine." I promised the Lord if He would heal me I would write my testimony to the "Faith and Victory" paper. I also made several other promises.

Pray for my husband and me that we will always please the dear Lord and do what he would have us to.

Your sister in Christ,

Dorothy Mason.

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Calif.—My dear ones who love God,—I am glad to love and obey my savior. I am not well in my whole body. I have different weaknesses and pains, no ease at any time, but Jesus helps me with my work that I have to do alone. Jesus has never left me. Dear ones, I ask for many prayers until He takes me home to heaven. Good prayers sure help the sick. Love to you all, Bonnie Wells

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Ala.—Dear saints,—Greetings in the name of Jesus. I thank the Lord for salvation this morning. I thank him for what he means to me.

I have been having some kind of back trouble and I was almost past going. I told the Lord if he would heal me and keep me going that I would testify to it through the "Faith and Victory." I am glad I can say that He has healed me. I don't know just when the misery left,

but I know that it is gone and I do praise the Lord for it.

I ask all the saints to pray that I will be all in this life that the Lord will have me to be. Also pray for my unsaved children. Yours in Christ, A. Latham.

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Calif.—Dear saints,—Greetings in the precious name of Jesus. As I was reading all the good testimonies in the "Faith and Victory" paper, I just felt such a blessing to my soul and thought of the many wonderful things the dear Lord had done and is doing for me. The dear Lord has never failed me, yet, I cannot say I never failed Him, for I have, but would call upon Him to forgive me and he would. I just love Him better. I have trusted Him for all my healing and am still trusting and holding on to him for everything I need for soul and body.

The Lord wonderfully healed me several years ago, when I was getting so deaf. Now I can hear so good and am never bothered any more on that line. I can just have more sympathy for others that are deaf. God can heal deaf ears. I can tell anyone that, if we hold on and not let the devil discourage us. He has healed me of so many things I can't begin to tell it all.

It is my desire to live closer to my dear Lord and listen to his small voice more than I ever have, for I know I don't have many more years at the best. I am seventy-one, so I feel that I have already spent the most of my life and don't ask to live any longer than God sees fit for me to. I do want to do all I can for Him. I have always done such a little. We know everyone of God's children always have something they can do. They can always give a paper or a good tract to someone.

Pray for me. Mrs. A. Doolittle.

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Iowa—Dear friends in Christ Jesus,—Greetings in the name of him who died that we might live, and have life more abundantly.

This afternoon I wish to thank the Lord for his saving and keeping grace. The longer I live this Christian life, the more I see the truth in the words found in St. John 15:5, "I am the vine, ye are the branches: he that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing." Unless what we do is for the glory of God, we cannot expect to advance his kingdom upon the earth. If we want man to honor us, we are working for ourselves instead of being the true witness, the Lord saved us to be. Let us ever remember that God's word is true and if we do our part we can surely count on him to do what he promises.

Christian friends, let us show more love one toward another. The Lord is patient with us, we should be forgiving and considerate of others, to show the world that within our body, or temple, dwells that Spirit of God who is able to give us the victory over the evil one. We should be different from the world. In St. John 17:14 Jesus speaks of his followers as not being of the world, even as He is not of the world. May God help us to represent him here, in such a way that the way we live will meet with his approval.

A sister in Christ, Sister Harvey A. Sorensen.

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Ill.—Dear ones,—I am a new subscriber to your "Faith and Victory" paper, which I love to read.

I am now a widow for five years, living alone. Jesus is my present help in every time of need. He has promised never to leave me nor forsake me. This is the promise He gave me when I lost my husband. I was saved when I was fifteen years of age and I am now past seventy.

I feel led of the Lord to tell you of an experience I

had. A little over a year ago I was sick, Sister Lola Chase was caring for me; I was so near death's door I was carried away by an angel unto the unknown beyond this world, I knew not where. I was led away on a strait road until I came to cross roads where a narrow road led to the right and a broad road led to the left. On down the broad road I could see a dark dungeon. I was told that I had to travel on the broad road which was rocky. I said, No, I would take the narrow road, which I did. I soon came to a town. Going on through it, I came to a golden stairway, where I met Jesus. Jesus told me to go back, that He had work for me to do. I then awoke and called for the elders of the church to come and anoint me and pray for my healing and I was healed, for which I give God the glory. That night I visioned a white dove by my bedside just outside my window. When I awoke the next morning, I was healed.

Recently, I've had a sinking spell caused by high blood pressure, causing me to nearly fall. Please pray for my healing. I know there is nothing too great for our Lord to do.

An humble servant, Mrs. Lillian F. Currie.

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Calif.—Dear saints,—I felt impressed to write and let others know what the Lord has done for me. First of all, the Lord has blessed me to be saved. Salvation is the most dependable possession we can have during these trying times.

During the past month or two I went through some things that keep me praying more than ever, but I realize they have helped my experience. Our trials surely help us to draw closer to the Lord. I am learning more to put my whole trust in Him.

I will be nineteen years old tomorrow if the Lord spares me that long. I have thought much of what this age should mean to me. First, I look back at my past life and can see how the Lord has blessed me and protected me from the snares of the enemy many times. I shed tears of joy as I think of how the Lord has blessed me through the instruction and guidance of saved parents and others, not to be tied up in a disastrous marriage or some of the many other things that have captured our youth of today. I realize it was not any merits of my own that kept me out of these things, but was the mercy of the Lord and the prayers of others.

This age is often thought of as a time when we are old enough to get out on our own and don't have to listen to anyone anymore. But if there ever was an age when we need guidance and instruction, this is it. Many things in our later life depend on the decisions that we make when we are from nineteen to twenty-one years old.

I realize I have been blessed above many others, to be raised in the truth and have saved parents to instruct me in the way that I should go. But I don't want to selfishly enjoy this privilege. I want to be able to help others that haven't had this privilege.

The Lord has been teaching me how to understand his leadings, and I need your prayers that I may learn this well and willingly obey all that he lays on my heart to do. Your sister in Him, Clara Trotter.

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Mo.—Dear saints scattered abroad,—Greetings in Jesus' dear name. We are glad to report victory in our souls. We say we are still on the battle field for our Lord, praise His name. We are glad to be in His service.

The dear Lord truly has blessed us the last three and half years, here in Springfield. Several have been saved and truly the dear Lord has performed several miracles

on bodies, such as cancer, gall stone, severe burn on a child's body, and two of strokes, praise His name.

The congregation has grown and all seem rather encouraged at the present as the dear Lord has blessed us lately by sending several of the dear saints and ministers to be with us. Bro. Gibson came and refreshed our souls with a good message; Bro. and Sis. Leonard Roberts came by twice lately and the Lord used Bro. Roberts to feed our souls; also, Bro. Murphy Allen came by twice lately and gave us the Word. Just recently Bro. Ostis Wilson, Jr., our brother in the Lord and cousin in the flesh, came and held a week's meeting and the good Lord truly used him very much. It encouraged all of us so much; also, two souls were saved and one sanctified. Our souls were stirred for a close walk with God, praise the Lord.

One of the strokes mentioned was on my own body, as many of the saints know. I do want to thank all the dear saints for their prayers, as I know many were praying for me after I had the stroke last summer. I have had quite a test, but am almost as strong now as I was before I had it. What a mighty God we serve. Truly we mean to be faithful until the end. Your humble servants in the Lord,

Bro. and Sis. John W. Wilson.

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Calif.—Dear Bro. and Sis. Pruitt and all the saints who are praying for me. I promised God if he would heal my fingers, I would testify through the "Faith and Victory" paper. I gathered roses for my ninety-one year old patient and the thorns pricked my fingers which caused them to become very sore and the skin split open and ulsuerated. Two fingers on my right hand and one on the left were sore. I prayed, and asked saints to pray and the Lord healed.

During the Assembly meeting here in California I prayed and fasted four days to get some needed help from God, spiritually, and while fasting I read Rev. 2 and while reading, a quickening of the Spirit entered my soul. I read on to the fifth chapter and the great love of God flooded my soul. That same evening a lovely song came to my mind. I knew a few words of the chorus so I got my "Select Hymns" song book and searched every chorus until I came to the song "Hope," on page 198 in the new song book and I read the chorus, "We have a hope within our souls, Brighter than the perfect day: God has given us his spirit, And we want the world to hear it, All the doubts are passed away." Then tears of joy began to flow. Please continue in prayer for me, dear saints, as I long to obey God in every way as He shines light on my pathway. I long to be an overcomer in every way. Pray right along for me in your homes. God will surely bless you.

I have had an abnormal appetite for sweets: cakes and candy, and my health was at stake, but I've abstained from them ever since the last day of the California Assembly meeting. I love the Lord for his goodness to me and I do thank each one of you for praying for me.

A. Smith.

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Mo.—Dear young saints,—This finds me encouraged to live for the Lord. I thank the Lord for healing my body many times and for blessing me with food, clothing, and shelter which some people in the other countries might not have. The Lord said he would be a present help in every time of need.

God wanted me to send in my testimony, but Satan would say "You can't write a very good testimony, your testimony won't sound very good," but I have obeyed God rather than Satan. If we would listen to the devil,

he would try to get us to just be silent and not tell about the goodness of God. I want to just settle down in the Lord more each day and do more for him. I am glad that I have started to live for the Lord while I am young for I can see that the things of the world would get us into trouble.

I need your prayers that I will ever be found doing the service of the Lord. I also have an unspoken request I would like for all the saints to remember.

James Leon Sorrell.

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Calif.—Dear ones,—I am sending a testimony to the "Faith and Victory" paper. I am slowly recovering from an inward rib injury caused by an auto wreck on January 10. I was living alone, but now dear Lena Belle Conrad is nursing me. I have a precious caretaker and His will is my will. I said He would make His will known to me as fast as He wants me to know it. I was desirous to know why He has permitted me to live to be ninety-three if I live until March 12, and at 3 o'clock a.m. it was made known to me that I must tell all I can, "Ye must be born again." Be born twice and die once, for if you are born once and die twice the second death means lost forever. Oh, dear readers, all ye must be born again. Repentance toward God and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ makes you a member in the church Jesus built: "The Church of God."

I will tell all I can, "Ye must be born again," and when He thinks I have told it enough I will hear him say "Come up higher." I praise Him for salvation; saved from every known sin, sanctified by a definite work of grace, and healed by the precious healing purchased by those stripes.

Mrs. Sadie E. (Orr) Harmon.

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Minn.—To all the saints everywhere, both young and old,—Greetings in Jesus' dear name. I have thought all along what a wonderful testimony we would have to send you when my mother, Sister Solid, was healed, but I feel that the Lord would have me send one even though that was not His will. He was so near to us all even at the end, and is continuing to hold us up in his mercy. I want to thank each one of you for your prayers. It is such a comfort to know all the saints are praying with and for us. All things still work together for good to those who love God, Rom. 8:28, although it would seem to some of the world that He has turned a deaf ear to our cries! The Lord heard our many prayers and honored them.

About Sunday before her passing, we knew the climax would be the following week and were rejoicing that she would soon be healed. On Tuesday the Lord spoke to each of us separately, telling us to let go and say, "Lord, thy will be done." Sister C. C. Carver and Brother D. A. Gibson were here with us at that time. We talked it over and turned it over to the Lord, still believing that she would be healed. But such was not His will, because after that she became weaker fast and went to sleep Wednesday evening. She could barely make her words audible at the last, but made Sister Carver understand that she was trying to say "Whatever you desire when you pray." Praise the Lord, He has taken her home to be with him. She surely desired that. And He has remained here to be our ever present help in time of need.

Mother Solid spent her entire life doing good to all men. She could truly say with Paul, "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall

give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also, that love his appearing." II Tim. 4:7, 8.

She shall not return to us, we must go to her.

I can see the Lord's purpose in her lingering illness. Perhaps we would not have met some of the dear saints if she had not been ill for them to come and see. I thank the Lord for raising up both her and Sister Benson to attend the Monark Springs camp meeting last year. And I praise His dear name that he left her with us until we were settled in the truth. Continue to pray for our little group so far away from most of the saints.

I have a special burden for the younger saints: you that are still in your teens. I want to admonish you to hold fast to the Father's hand. He will raise you up to keep on climbing the straight, narrow way even if you stumble and fall down, if you just don't let go His hand. We know he won't let us go if we just hold on.

If any of you, especially those who have written to Mother Solid, care to write to me, I am Mrs. Lyle Kasube, Bertha, Minnesota. To the saints I'm just—

Sister Mary Alice.

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Okla.—Dear Publisher,—I am writing you to thank you for those wonderful tracts you sent me about two weeks ago. I want you to know what they did for me. I read every one of them and I have found the way now. I was lost in sin and didn't realize it until I read your tracts. I had been praying all the time for the kind of religion that I could feel and know that I have religion. I read your tracts, "How To Get Saved" and "Getting Ready For Heaven." They are the main ones that showed me the way. I prayed and did just what you said to do. and Sunday, Feb. 21, 1954 I was regenerated.

Oh! I am so happy now I don't know what to do. I give you credit for showing me the way. I didn't know there was such inward peace as I have in being regenerated. I feel as if I was in a long sleep and just waking up. Everything that I thought was no harm in, I see was a sin. now. I have such a sweet peace within, that I don't want to do anything that will make me loose this feeling.

I am twenty-three years old and I had been belonging to a church for fifteen years, but I didn't get saved until I read your tracts. God put such a heavy conviction on me that I didn't know any other way to turn, but to him. I am glad, too. At first it seemed as if I were choking to death every morning when I got up, and my brains seemed as if they were being mashed. I thank the Lord that I don't have that feeling any more, since I've been redeemed. Now I know that was God convicting me.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Vera Crawford.

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Wash.—Dear saints,—Greetings in the precious name of our Lord Jesus, who has redeemed me from all sin. I cannot praise and thank the Lord enough for what He has done for me.

It has been a long time since you have heard from us here in Washington, but tonight we can report victory in our souls. Husband and I are still traveling the straight and narrow way, the Highway of Holiness which leads to Glory. Praise God.

I can say tonight that I love Jesus! Oh, it is glorious just to walk with Him. I praise the Lord for healing me of a boil I had on my body which was very painful. He never fails.

Please pray for me, as I have been suffering with arthritis in my right arm and shoulder, lately. I know the Lord can touch my body and set me free.

Gertrude Koehler.

Tex.—Dear saints,—Greetings in the name of our dear Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. This finds me ever pressing on and more determined to go all the way with Jesus, regardless of the cost.

I have just moved back to Texas from New Mexico.

Truly God is good. He works out all things for our good if we let Him. I would like to say that I think Sister Key spoke for a good many of us when she told why she liked to receive the "Faith and Victory." I can say she did for me. Besides, I know the little paper is encouraging and helps many over the rough road of life. It is a blessing in every way, to receive. What a great feast of good things is set for our souls to feed upon. Glory be to God.

Let us ever keep humble and keep our lights shining so others will see and desire the glory of the Lord. Life without Jesus Christ is like a sandwich without bread—something lacking. There is only ONE who can fill that need—our precious Lord and Saviour. Keep looking up. Keep your faith strong and stand firmly on His promise. I trust we shall all meet at the judgment bar of God. May the Lord bless every one.

With christian love,

Sister Flora Gibson.

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Okla.—To the saints,—Greetings! I feel that I want to send my testimony to each one through the "Faith and Victory" paper.

Many of you knew of my affliction which began on December 19, 1953. Many of the saints were praying for me during the Assembly meeting and I surely appreciate each one's prayers. The enemy fought hard for the battle, but God gave us the victory. This affliction, as many know, was in my right eye. I could see the light through the door, but couldn't see within the room. But thanks be to our dear Savior, I can now begin to see. How precious it is to trust the Lord. I mean to be faithful to the end. I still desire your prayers that the Lord will continue to strengthen my eye to His glory and for my good. "Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus, Just to take him at his word."

I greatly desire the prayers of the saints in Husband's behalf, that I might know how to care for him and do the Lord's will, as we are left alone again.

May the Lord bless each and every one and encourage you to ever do His will.

Your sister in the Lord,

Eliza Holdcraft.

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La.—Dear Bro. and Sis. Pruitt and all the saints everywhere,—Greetings in the name of our dear Lord and Savior.

I am glad that tonight finds me loving the Lord with all my heart, and doing all I know to do to serve Him. I truly do love the Lord and want to do his will at all times. I know that to do his precious will, we must put on the whole armor of God and stand against the enemy at all times. If we are not on a constant guard, the enemy will wedge his way in. But when we resist him in the name of our Lord and Savior, he will flee from us. He knows to flee when we call upon God.

I am so glad I have the Lord to go to for my every need. Praise God. He has everything I need in his storehouse, both spiritual and temporal. God is surely good to my family and me. He has healed us many times when we were sick. He just gives us so many blessings—everyday things other people call luck. I know it is blessings right from God.

Sometimes things get very discouraging and I begin to feel cast down and I just realize at once that the ene-

my is trying to wedge his way in, so I just get off some where and call on God to come to my rescue. Thank God! He always hears my cry and comes to my rescue.

My mother, my two daughters, and I live together. We own very little in this world's goods, but we do have the rich blessings of God. Some of the time the way doesn't look so bright, but we have the great consolation of God to know that the sun is shining just behind the cloud.

I ask for the prayers of all the saints that we will make it through to heaven, and that God will continue to bless us with his rich blessings. I also have a very special request I would like for all the saints to get under a burden of prayer for. This would mean a lot in my Christian life, but I want God's way and not my own.

Your sister in Christ,

Ida McDonald.

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Mo.—Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,—I promised the Lord last night that I would write in my testimony if he would touch my baby girl's body and help her to sleep. Thank God, he answered my prayer. I ask all of you saints to help pray for her healing. I know the Lord can heal, and he will if we will put our trust in him. My heart's desire is to live closer to the Lord, so we can depend on him for our healing.

A sister,

Mrs. Eathel Hill.

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Calif.—Dear young parents,—We thank the Lord for his saving and keeping grace. It is wonderful to trust Him in time of affliction, for ourselves and our children. Recently, we had an experience that has greatly increased our faith, and we wish to record it here, in "Faith and Victory" for the encouragement of all who read it.

Our little daughter, not yet two years old, had been sick with a cold for two weeks or more. We didn't think too much about it at first because colds are so common. We became alarmed though, after a while, when her appetite left completely and she began to have a high temperature. We prayed for her all along, but she didn't get much better, and ate even less.

As the days passed, we really began to ask ourselves if we would be willing for God to take her, if he deemed it best. Would we still love Him? Yes. Could we still thank Him? Yes. But for His goodness we might not have had her even this long. We had her on the altar!

Nothing happened. She kept a high fever and became weaker every day. The saints came and anointed her and she rested better that night. In the morning the fever was back again. Why was the Lord withholding the answer?

That night we decided to call Mother and Dad (Bro. and Sis. Abbott) to be earnestly agreed with us in prayer. We really didn't want to call and worry them unnecessarily, but it seemed we had done everything else. Twice the line was busy. I began to think—"The effectual, fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much." Had we ourselves, been fervent enough? Perhaps not!!

We put the baby to bed and prayed fervently. The answer came. She slept all night and the following morning the fever was completely gone. She began to eat and to laugh and play. Thank the Lord.

"Dear Lord, help us never to forget the lesson we learned that night, that is, not to depend entirely on the prayers of the saints, or Mother and Dad, but to pray, ourselves, FERVENTLY."

Alberta (Abbott) Cook.

Va.—Dear saints,—Greetings in the name of Jesus, our dear Lord. I am very well and happy in the things of God.

I am led by the Lord to testify to the wonderful miracle that God performed on me a few days ago. A few years ago I was operated on for a hernia. I had made a little start with the Lord, under Sister Powell's teaching, but I didn't stand true because there were no other young saints here in Richmond. It seemed this affliction came upon me to bring me back to the Lord, but I went on to the hospital to have this operation performed. When I was in bed there, I picked up the Bible that was at the foot of the bed, and read a few verses. I don't know just what verses they were, although, I do know that the Lord was dealing with me. If it were not so, I would not have been interested in my soul. I repented of everything that I had done and said if the Lord would give me another chance to live for him and to tell other people about his wonderful love, I would. I have been living for the Lord from that time on.

A few years ago, on a Friday, the affliction came back on me, on the same side that I was operated on. I was working at the time. I called my father and talked to him about this. He told me that he never had heard of a hernia coming back on the same side, but I knew that it was the same way I was taken before. Later on, I talked to a doctor, a friend of mine who comes over to the shop where I work. He said it could be possible that the hernia would come back on the same side. My father called my mother and she called Sister Powell and they were agreed in prayer for me. I don't know when the work was done. Though I was suffering and cramping in my stomach, I went on working and talking to some friends in the shop, and later that of my affliction and the Lord had touched my body. I didn't know anything about Sister Powell and Mother praying for me until I came home that night, although, one thing I do know, I was healed, and know that God is still on the throne. I hope this testimony will encourage every one that has conflicts, and others that fall under the same, as I have.

I am a young saint, and my sister is, also. All of you pray for us, that we will stand true.

Your Brother in the Lord,

Henry S. Carr.

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Heart-felt or Pure Religion

James 1:27

Pure religion is very much heart-felt, for it is the love of God in our hearts. We may have a form of religion and do many things to call attention to our good works and alms deeds, but unless all these good works and alms deeds are prompted by the love of God in our hearts, our rewards will be of men, and not of God.

If we visit the fatherless and widows (the destitute and needy) and help them in their need and keep ourselves unspotted from the world because we love God with our whole heart, mind, soul, and strength, and our neighbor as ourselves, this is pure religion. Then the love of God enriches our souls and we have joy unspeakable and full of glory because we know God is pleased with us. Human eyes may not have seen, but God sees.

—Cora Brant.

"Great peace have they which love thy law: and nothing shall offend them." Psalms 119:165.

God's Book

"Mother, I've found a dusty thing
High on the shelf—just look!"
"Why, that's a Bible, Tommy dear;
Be careful, that's God's Book!"

"God's Book!" the child exclaimed,
"Then, Mother, before we lose it
We'd better send it back to God,
For you know we never use it."
—Mrs. E. Schukei

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Do Not Neglect the Children

Someone has asked the question, "Is there a greater crime than child neglect?"

Dear saints, the Lord has burdened my heart for our children and given me this message to send out to you dear parents. Prov. 23:13, "Withhold not correction from the child." Deut. 6:6, 7, "And these words which I command you this day shall be in thine heart; and thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children and shall talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up."

1 Sam. 3:13, "For I have told him that I will judge his house forever for the iniquity which he knoweth: because his sons made themselves vile, and he restrained them not."

Dear ones, it seems to me that the above Scriptures and others dealing with the same subject are being neglected today more than any other Scripture found in the sacred Word. Can we keep part of the Word and neglect to obey other Scriptures? We all agree that we cannot.

We are living in the time when the Scripture found in Isa. 3:5 is being fulfilled before our eyes: "The child shall behave himself proudly against the ancient." This is truly the age of disobedience, and the parents of this age are responsible. Dear people, take warning: many a child will die in his sins just because his parents failed to obey the Word: and did not correct and restrain the child. The Lord has helped me to see our responsibility to our God-given jewels, and the awful result if we do not obey the Scripture and give very diligent heed to the Biblical instructions found in the sacred pages of the Book.

This burden, and realizing its weight, responsibility, and results, brought conviction upon me that made me seek the Lord for forgiveness for my slackness and neglect in rearing my children. Not only did I ask the Lord to forgive me, but I also asked the children to forgive me. I pray that this message may stir your dear hearts until you are convicted also: that is, if you have been guilty.

Read about the awful punishment that fell upon Eli and his house when he failed to obey the Word, and did not restrain his children. We are responsible for what our children are, more than we think. Many a child has an evil disposition that his parents have

helped him to cultivate through carelessness and lack of restraint, as Eli did.

Many do not realize what to correct a child means. It does not mean just to try, or to do our best, as we might think. No! To correct means to cause our child to overcome and to get the victory over the evil habit. No, your child hasn't been corrected until he stops doing the thing that you are correcting him for. It seems as if some do not believe in punishing their children. Dear parents, I believe this to be a sad mistake. The Lord punishes us, his children: "For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth." Heb. 12:6. Surely it is the right way to punish the child. Oh, dear ones, may God give us all wisdom in this greatest responsibility that can be given to us as parents.

The Lord entrusted my dear companion and me with three precious children. Seventeen months ago the Lord called my dear companion home to glory. At that time I felt a greater responsibility than ever before. Our children are saved, and our second child, David, is doing missionary work in Mexico. James also has consecrated his life to the Lord for the missionary work. My heart rejoices to know that my children are burdened for the great cause. They gave their hearts to God very early in life. They have had their trials, temptations, and tests, and many a time they failed. But when we saw this, we did not discourage them, but instructed them to seek forgiveness.

Oh, dear ones, may the Lord help you to see and know how ready He is to restore. A broken and contrite heart he will not despise. As soon as a child of God is overtaken in a fault, the enemy is right there to discourage him. And if we, as parents, are not careful, we will help the devil to cause our child to give up. Some parents have said: "Well, I am not going to make them think they are saved when they are not." Dear beloved, this is a critical time. Your child needs your help now. Try to get him to see that God still loves him and will give grace and forgive if he only seeks with all his heart. Tell him that God is able to make him strong where he is weak now. Oh, never give up. Be determined to make heaven your home. If you fall, get up, ask forgiveness, and keep going. You will make it by God's help. We are never counted out until we count ourselves out. As long as we are sorry and try to overcome, looking to Jesus, he will forgive and come to our rescue. Then if we let him, he will lead us on to that richer, fuller life in him until he can sanctify us wholly, filling us with the Holy Ghost, making us meet for the Master's use.

Yours in Him,

H. P. Huskey

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Like Unto a Watch

Ephesians 1:4, "According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love."

I thought that was all He had to give, so retired. At 2:00 a. m. I woke up, and Jesus talked to me: "A watch is full of wheels, and every one is in perfect harmony together. All have their work to do; and it

represents the whole gospel." He gave it, and it contains all of it inside and no other. Its gospel is wisdom, righteousness, sanctification, and redemption, and no other kind of salvation.

Galatians 1:6, 7, "I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel: which is not another; but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ."

The face of the watch represents the face of eternity. The hour hand represents the prophets, priest and kings. The minute hand points to the Word where we find the precious things. The second hand has its secrets, of which He has 1000 in His secret chamber. He would like to tell the people, but they don't believe when He has told them already. The face of the watch represents the face of eternity, the chain to hold fast. The main spring is the eternal God. I saw the watch and wheels sometime in two hours. I went a mile to see how many wheels are in the watch. They represent the nine gifts of the Spirit, to wind it up for eternity.

I have nothing to do with sectism; it is outside of the watch! —W. J. Baldwin

What Is The Reason?

There is a reason for everything people do. Let us notice here what the Scripture says about reason. The preacher said, "I applied mine heart to know, and to search, and to seek out wisdom, and the reason of things, and to know the wickedness of folly, even of foolishness and madness." Ecclesiastes 7:25.

Then we notice the Word says, "The sluggard is wiser in his own conceit than seven men that can render a reason." Prov. 26:16.

"And Jesus answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man deceive you." Matt. 24:4. "If any man among you seemeth to be wise in this world, Let him become a fool, that he may be wise." 1 Cor. 3:18. "And after certain days, when Felix came with his wife Drusilla, which was a Jewess, he sent for Paul, and heard him concerning the faith in Christ. And as he REASONED of righteousness, temperance, and judgment to come, Felix trembled, and answered, Go thy way for this time. When I have a convenient season I will call for thee." Acts 24:24, 25. When the physicians were trying to mislead Job with the wrong reasoning, this is what he said to them: "What ye know, the same do I know also. I am not inferior to you. Surely I would speak to the Almighty, and I desire to reason with God. But ye are forgers of lies, ye are all physicians of no value." Job 13:2, 3, 4.

God wants to reason with every one of the human family. He is no respecter of persons, and he wants us to reason with him in every day life. For he said, "Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God." 1 Cor. 10:31. And He said, "Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord. Though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow. Though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool." Isa. 1:18. God wants reason-

able service. But we have to have the Spirit of Christ to know what reasonable service is. So then they that are in the flesh can not please God, "But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his." Rom. 8:8, 9. The Spirit of God will guide us and lead us into all truth, so that we can know what reasonable service is. Praise God for the Holy Spirit. The Word and the Spirit teach us that nothing short of a whole-hearted consecrated, sanctified heart and life will meet His approval. We find in the Bible where it says, "All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness. That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works." 2 Timothy 3:16, 17.

Dear people, we will have to be complete at the judgment to make heaven, and the Lord did not make more than one way for you and me, and that way is spoken of many places in the Bible. But there is another way spoken of in the Bible, which is the way that "seemeth right unto man." But this way will take you down the broad way to destruction. You can find it in Proverbs 14:12. So please do not be deceived. The true way says, "In holiness and righteousness before him all the days of our life." Luke 1:75. Another place in the Bible it says, "And an highway shall be there, and a way, and it shall be called the way of holiness. The unclean shall not pass over it: But it shall be for those. The wayfaring men, though fools shall not err therein." Isaiah 35:8.

Bro. George Stephenson lived with us about two years, and he was a big help to me. I heard him quote Isaiah 52:11, which says, "Depart ye, Depart ye, Go ye out from thence, Touch no unclean thing; Go ye out of the midst of her. Be ye clean, that bear the vessels of the Lord." Then we have the same doctrine in the New Testament: "Touch not, Taste not, Handle not; which all are to perish with the using; after the commandments and doctrines of men?" This Scripture is right in line with another Scripture that says: "Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, Let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us." Hebrews 12:1. Now, have we obeyed this Scripture in full? Are we just as clean in every respect as the Lord requires us to be in his precious Word? Do we use or have anything about us that we could not offer to Jesus if he were here in person? Are we administering anything to our loved ones and friends that we would not administer to Jesus if he were here in person? Dear people, let us be sure that we are not wearing anything, eating anything, drinking anything, or doing anything, administering anything that would not be to the glory of God. Because we have only one chance at heaven. Let us be sure of a safe landing over there. This has been part of the meditation of my heart for some time, and I assure you that I have written this in the love and fear of our God. Because this is the reason: "For our God is a consuming fire." Hebrews 12:29.

—J. S. Green

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JESUS' INTERCESSORY PRAYER

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Printed Portion:.....John 17: 9-23.

John 17:9. I pray for them: I pray not for the world, but for them which thou hast given me; for they are thine.

10. And all mine are thine, and thine are mine; and I am glorified in them.

11. And now I am no more in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to thee. Holy Father, keep through thine own name those whom thou hast given me, that they may be one, as we are.

12. While I was with them in the world, I kept them in thy name: those that thou gavest me I have kept, and none of them is lost, but the son of perdition; that the scripture might be fulfilled.

13. And now come I to thee; and these things I speak in the world, that they might have my joy fulfilled in themselves.

14. I have given them thy word; and the world hath hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.

15. I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil.

16. They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.

17. Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.

18. As thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world.

19. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth.

20. Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word;

21. That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me.

22. And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one;

23. I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me.

Memory Verse: Whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. John 14:13.

Practical Truth: As Christ prayed for us, so we should pray for others.

BETRAYAL AND CRUCIFIXION

April 11, 1954

Printed Portion:.....John 19: 17-30.

John 19:17. And he bearing his cross went forth into a place called the place of a skull, which is called in the Hebrew Golgotha:

18. Where they crucified him, and two other with him, on either side one, and Jesus in the midst.

19. And Pilate wrote a title, and put it on the cross: And the writing was, JESUS OF NAZARETH THE KING OF THE JEWS.

20. This title then read many of the Jews: for the place where Jesus was crucified was nigh to the city: and it was written in Hebrew, and Greek, and Latin.

21. Then said the chief priests of the Jews to Pilate, Write not, The King of the Jews; but that he said, I am King of the Jews.

22. Pilate answered, What I have written I have written.

23. Then the soldiers, when they had crucified Jesus, took his garments, and made four parts, to every soldier a part; and also his coat: now the coat was without seam, woven from the top throughout.

24. They said therefore among themselves, Let us not rend it, but cast lots for it, whose it shall be: that the scripture might be fulfilled, which saith, They parted my raiment among them, and for my vesture they did cast lots. These things therefore the soldiers did.

25. Now there stood by the cross of Jesus his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Cleophas, and Mary Magdalene.

26. When Jesus therefore saw his mother, and the disciple standing by, whom he loved, he saith unto his mother, Woman, behold thy son!

27. Then saith he to the disciple, Behold thy mother! And from that hour that disciple took her unto his own home.

28. After this, Jesus knowing that all things were now accomplished, that the scripture might be fulfilled, saith, I thirst.

29. Now there was set a vessel full of vinegar: and they filled a sponge with vinegar, and put it upon hyssop, and put it to his mouth.

30. When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, he said, It is finished: and he bowed his head, and gave up the ghost.

Memory Verse: And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me. John 12:32.

Practical Truth: Christ submitted to unjust suffering and death for our sakes..

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

In the gospel of John we have Jesus "bearing his cross," verse 17; but he must have staggered under the burden because other writers state they had a man by the name of Simon to bear the cross. (Matt. 27:32) Mark 15:21) The agonies of his long time in sleepless hours before he was brought to trial and then after that scourging and mockery, then sent to Herod and back to Pilate must have reduced his physical ability. Also, he had the weight of all the sins of the world upon him which was worse than all the physical suffering. "Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness," I Peter 2:24. Isa. 53:10 "Make his soul an offering for sin." So in these scriptures we are informed that it was both body and soul offered. Jesus had the joy of seeing those who believed on him during the time before his crucifixion, but how great must have been his joy over the one that was on the cross beside him to turn to him at the last. Jesus told him, "To-day shalt thou be with me in paradise," Luke 23:43.

Regardless of all the suffering Jesus went through, he did not forget his mother who had gone with him in his ministry to others, Acts 1:14 and verse 25.

OUR LIVING LORD

April 18, 1954

Printed Portion:.....John 20:24-29; 21:15-17.

John 20:24. But Thomas, one of the twelve, called Didymus, was not with them when Jesus came.

25. The other disciples therefore said unto him, We have seen the Lord. But he said unto them, Except I shall see in his hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and thrust my hand in his side, I will not believe.

26. And after eight days again his disciples were with in, and Thomas with them: then came Jesus, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, Peace be unto you.

27. Then saith he to Thomas, Reach hither thy finger, and behold my hands; and reach hither thy hand, and thrust it into my side: and be not faithless, but believing.

28. And Thomas answered and said unto him, My Lord and my God.

29. Jesus saith unto him, Thomas, because thou hast seen me, thou hast believed: blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed.

John 21:15. So when they had dined, Jesus saith to Simon Peter, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me more than these? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, Feed my lambs.

16. He saith to him again the second time, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, Feed my sheep.

17. He saith unto him the third time, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me? Peter was grieved because he said unto him the third time, Lovest thou me? And he said unto him, Lord, thou knowest all things; thou knowest that I love thee. Jesus saith unto him, Feed my sheep.

Memory Verse: Blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed. John 20:29.

Practical Truth: Because Jesus rose from the dead we can with confidence accept his claims for himself and his teachings as true.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

"But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the first fruits of them that slept," I Cor. 15:20. The 15th chapter of I Cor. is a good comment on our lesson for today and is worthy of our time in connection with the lesson text. The rest of the disciples told Thomas "We have seen the Lord." That was a good testimony and is like the Samaritans telling the woman in John 4, "We heard him ourselves, and know that this is indeed the Christ, the Saviour of the world." It takes personal contact with Christ to produce such a testimony. However, we have a testimony from Thomas when he saw the Lord in another eight days as he said "My Lord and my God." So at last Thomas also believed.

Three times Peter denied that he knew the Lord and even cursed and swore at the trial of Jesus and then as Jesus looked at him he went out and wept bitterly. Now we have three times that Jesus asked him if he loved him. It is quite likely that Peter remembered this denial of Jesus and when Jesus asked him the third time, "Lovest thou me?" "Peter was grieved." But Peter had learned his lesson by now and was ready to hear his Master tell him even the kind of death that he should suffer for the Lord. (John 21:18, 19).

AHIJAH FORESEES A DIVIDED KINGDOM

April 25, 1954

Printed Portion:.....I Kings 11:29-38.

I Kings 11:29. And it came to pass at that time when

Jeroboam went out of Jerusalem, that the prophet Ahijah the Shilonite found him in the way; and he had clad himself with a new garment; and they two were alone in the field:

30. And Ahijah caught the new garment that was on him, and rent it in twelve pieces:

31. And he said to Jeroboam, Take thee ten pieces: for thus saith the Lord, the God of Israel, Behold, I will rend the kingdom out of the hand of Solomon, and will give ten tribes to thee:

32. (But he shall have one tribe for my servant David's sake, and for Jerusalem's sake, the city which I have chosen out of all the tribes of Israel:)

33. Because that they have forsaken me, and have worshipped Ashtoreth the goddess of the Zidonians, Chemosh the god of the Moabites, and Milcom the god of the children of Ammon, and have not walked in my ways, to do that which is right in mine eyes, and to keep my statutes and my judgments, as did David his father.

34. Howbeit I will not take the whole kingdom out of his hand: but I will make him prince all the days of his life for David my servant's sake, whom I chose, because he kept my commandments and my statutes:

35. But I will take the kingdom out of his son's hand, and will give it unto thee, even ten tribes.

36. And unto his son will I give one tribe, that David my servant may have a light always before me in Jerusalem, the city which I have chosen me to put my name there.

37. And I will take thee, and thou shalt reign according to all that thy soul desireth, and shalt be king over Israel.

38. And it shall be, if thou wilt hearken unto all that I command thee, and wilt walk in my ways and do that is right in my sight, to keep my statutes and my commandments, as David my servant did; that I will be with thee, and build thee a sure house, as I built for David, and will give Israel unto thee.

Memory Verse: If thou wilt hearken unto all that I command thee and wilt walk in my ways ... I will be with thee, and build thee a sure house. I Kings 11:38.

Practical Truth: Great opportunities may come to nought through disobedience to God.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

In the history of Israel as they dwelt in Canaan, God himself ruled over them by judges for the space of four hundred and fifty years (Acts 13:20), until Samuel, the prophet, when they desired a king. God said, "I gave thee a king in mine anger, and took him away in my wrath," Hosea 13:11. And Samuel was displeased at their asking for a king, as well as God, I Sam. 8:6, 7. Then we have three kings who reigned forty years each, in a united kingdom. Those kings were: Saul, (Acts 13:21); David. (I Kings 2:11); and Solomon, (I Kings 11:42).

In this lesson we start with the fore telling of the undivided kingdom. Jeroboam was the first king of the ten tribes in northern Israel and in our memory verse we have God's promise to him if he will walk in His ways.

As we study the subsequent history we are made to know that God was giving his king just the advice he needed so as to retain the kingdom under the influence and guidance of God himself, but he caused Israel to sin instead (I Kings 15:24). But God reserves to himself a light in the two tribes of Judah and Benjamin that they shall remain true to him for some time longer, verses 32 and 35. And through them He will send a Redeemer to restore all things.