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### Cast Down But Not Forsaken

My pathway with thorns has been strewn,  
The road has been rugged and steep,  
And many the times I have been grieved,  
And paused by the wayside to weep.

But God in His mercy has kept me,  
His purpose I can't fully see;  
But know that His love has been tender,  
And His goodness extended to me.

So upward I press, and still onward,  
Determined by God's grace to win  
The race that is marked out before me,  
Which is holy and free from sin.

I am glad that my face is set Heav'nward,  
With the glory of God in view;  
And I trust that I may be of some service,  
And do what God would have me do.

To this end my life is submitted,  
Determined His purpose to fulfill;  
By his help I gladly go forward,  
With pleasure in doing His will.

—M. L. R., Sel. by Mrs. Ropp.

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### Where? Why? and What?

Ever since sin came into the world through the disobedience of Adam, it has been necessary to question man, primarily to awaken him to his true condition. Since sin is deceptive in its nature, it has a blinding or deadening effect upon the mind and conscience of those who are engaged therein, to the extent that they do not really know their true state and condition. Blindness has come upon them.

The pointed question that God asked Adam after he had transgressed the divine law, was, "Where art thou?" God knew where Adam was, but called him into question as to his where-about. That is a vital question, consisting of only three words and could be presented to every sinner living today. And what would the answer be? Many and varied, no doubt; but they are all in darkness and away from God; and many millions do not realize their sad and deplorable

condition. When God asked Adam, "Where art thou?" Adam answered, "I was afraid . . . and I hid myself." Now the question is, from whom did he hide? There is one thing for sure, he did not hide from God.

May God have mercy upon a deceived blinded generation. Many today think they are hid. They feel secure in society. They feel that no one knows of their wickedness and deceptive practices; but everything is open and naked before the eyes of an Almighty God; and he it is to whom men will have to reckon in that great day.

No, sinner friend, you are not hidden. Your bed is too short and your blanket is too narrow. The only place that you can truly hide is in the blood of Jesus. That is the only place where you may have your sins covered. O, where art thou?

Why? God asked Cain, "Why art thou wroth? and why is thy countenance fallen?" Gen. 4:6. God knew why Cain was wroth and why he had a sad countenance. His heart was not right; his offering was not accepted; sin was at the door. There are many today offering up sacrifice, so to speak. They sing in the choir, they have their names enrolled in some book, they give their alms, and keep up their dues, and yet they cannot live right; they cannot walk straight. Some find much more pleasure in worldly amusements and entertainments than they do in the services of God. Some lie, steal, and cheat for earthly gain. Some have let their affections run out on some one else's companion; or on some one other than their own husband or wife. Some have gone through the divorce mills and have married again while their own companion still lives. Jesus calls such ones adulterers. Why will men and women read God's Word and go into such things and call themselves followers of the meek and lowly Lamb? Why will they go to dances and theatres and other questionable places and throw themselves right into the path of temptation when they see the blighting effect such things have had upon others? Why do they joke, and engage in foolish conversations and indulge in other fleshly lusts, and think—or seem to think—that they will escape the judgments and wrath of Almighty God?

Jesus asks the question in Luke 6:46, "And why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?" Why will men call upon the Lord, and sing, "Oh, how I love Jesus," and at the same time know they are not obeying His Word? What will it profit?

**What?** Turning back to Gen 4:10, we read, "And he (God) said, What hast thou done?" How many would without hesitation reveal what they have done? This is a question that is staring every sinner in the face. How would you like for your record to be written on a large canvas and placed where every one could read it—all your evil deeds, all the words you have spoken, your thoughts and all? What hast thou done? Do you think you have it all smuggled, covered up from men? You may succeed in keeping your sins, or a number of them, hidden from men, or from some men at least, but that thing is known. You know where you went at such a time; you know why you were there; and you know what you did after going there. God knows, too. You cannot hide one thing from Him. He is the one that you will have to answer to. What hast thou done? Except thou repent, it will be terrible to hear the Lord say in that day, "Depart from me, ye workers of iniquity."

"That awful day will surely come,

The appointed hour makes haste,

When you must stand before the Lord,

And pass the solemn test."

"And what will ye do in the end thereof?" Jer. 5:31c.

Jesus came into this world on a special mission. He came to seek and to save the lost. He gave his life a ransom for the souls of men. He is calling in tones of love and mercy, "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest" Matt. 11:28. "Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them" Heb. 7:25.

Where can one find sweet peace and soul rest but in the Lord?

Why go through life under the burden of guilt and sin when Jesus is ready and willing to forgive and cleanse if you only forsake the wrong and turn to him?

What else can take away the stain of sin and reconcile one's soul to God? When you come to the end of life, you will meet Him. You will meet God. Prepare to meet thy God. —Ulysses Phillips

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## Divine Healing

The examples and promises of God for the healing of our bodies are numerous in the Holy Bible. In Exodus 15:26 the Lord makes promises to his children, saying, "For I am the Lord that healeth thee." In Psalm 103:3, we read these words: "Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases." Isaiah, prophesying of the work of Christ, said, "But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed." Here the prophet places the healing of the body right along

with our forgiveness of sins and thereby makes it a part of the atonement.

Turning to Matt. 8:17, we read what is written after Jesus had been doing a lot of healing: "That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying, Himself took our infirmities and bare our sicknesses." This is a positive statement that in Christ we have healing for the body as well as the soul.

James, writing to the twelve tribes of Israel, God's children, has this to say to what we should do when afflicted or sick: "Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord: and the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him." James 5:14, 15. He also holds the healing of the body right along with the forgiveness of sins, which his atonement has accomplished for us.

James did not tell us to send for the doctor and let him give medicine while the elders prayed. No, God heals without the doctor's medicine. In all of his mighty healings we have no record that he ever called an earthly doctor, neither did the apostles do such a thing, but God got all the glory for the miracles performed in the healing of bodies. We read in Heb. 13:8, "Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, and today, and forever." O, that men would make Jesus Christ real to them today so he could show himself strong in their behalf and get glory to his name! It is certainly a very weak faith, indeed, in any one who would take medicine and then claim that he was trusting God for his healing as though God needed man's aid in healing the body that he has purchased with his own blood!

In our forty years of serving God and rearing a family of six children, we have never taken any medicine nor given any to our children, and we have seen the Lord heal diseases and stop pain and suffering hundreds of times. It is so blessed and precious to receive healing directly from the Lord, and know that man's medicine had no part nor lot in it.

When God sanctified my soul and baptized me with His Spirit, He also healed an affliction which I had had on my body for fourteen years. I took the strap from around my body and burned it up, and have never used it since, neither have I needed it. The Lord has permitted me to have many diseases upon my body, but he has healed me of them all. Our children were often sick in different manners and ways, and when we called on God He would heal them. I can never, in the least, doubt the healing power of God.

In my ministry of forty years and more, we have seen many wonderful healings. One woman was paralyzed on one side and was in that condition for many months and could not dress herself. Her flesh was so dead that one could put a finger on her and the dent would remain. Before we anointed her with oil, I asked her if she would get up when we finished praying and said amen. She said that she would. So we anointed her with oil, and when we said amen she

threw her feet off the bed, I reached my hand to her, and she rose up and went shouting the victory across the room, back and forth. In a few days we visited her again and she met us out on the porch with victory over the disease.

We were called to Colorado one time to pray for a sick woman who was bedfast. When she was anointed and prayed for, she arose at once and with a loud voice gave praise to God while she went from one room to another. She ate supper with the family and rode in a car about eight miles where she stayed all night at her son's house.

God also healed our daughter Anna Marie when it seemed that her back was broken and she could not live. The pain was so great that she just screamed. I was in meeting several blocks away and they sent me word to come at once. We arrived there as soon as the Lord made us able, and she was screaming with pain. We calmly anointed her with oil, obeying the Word, and the Lord instantly took the pain away and healed her body. She was a young girl at home then.

These are just a few of the hundreds of cases of healing which we have witnessed. Several times the Lord has brought life back to bodies after the pulse had ceased. Bones came together that had been crushed and broken. One time we visited a family where the baby was deathly sick and had been given up by the physicians. The child was anointed, and while prayer was being offered, the Lord healed the baby. One could see the color coming back into its face. The husband got saved and five devils were cast out of the wife by the power of God.

Another brother and I went to visit a man in the insane asylum at Norman, Okla. This man was possessed of a devil. We prayed for him and held on to God for his deliverance and God cast the devil out. The man had a big running sore on his leg, and He healed that at the same time. He was poor and thin and weak. After the devil was gone they let him help around the kitchen until they were satisfied that he was all right, then they let him out to go home to his wife and six children. He came to my home and brought his wife and six children. He was well, and had gained forty pounds in weight. He sat in our room and told us with joy what great things the Lord had done for him. Yes, truly, we have found Jesus Christ to be the same today as he was yesterday when he walked the shores of Galilee and healed all manner of diseases. To those who have a living faith, He is a risen Christ and will be alive forever, and is our all and in all, for he forgiveth all our transgressions and healeth all our diseases. Bless His holy name!

Some of His promises are: "If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you" John 15:7. Malachi, the last prophet, in the last chapter of his book, verse four, says: "But unto you that fear my name shall the Sun of Righteousness arise with healing in his wings; and ye shall go forth and grow up as calves of the stall."

In Mark 11:24, we read, "Therefore I say unto you, what things soever ye desire when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them."

In Mark 9:23 we read again, "Jesus said unto him, If thou canst believe, all things are possible to them that believe." In John 14:12 we read, "Verily, verily I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto the Father."

"And whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, because we keep his commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in His sight." 1 John 3:22.

Yes, dear brothers and sisters, divine healing is for our bodies today just the same as it always has been, and we are exhorted to call upon our High Priest, even Jesus Christ who has passed into the heavens and is touched by the feeling of our infirmities. He tells us to come boldly to the throne of grace that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need. Read Heb. 4:14, on to the end of the chapter. Have faith in God. —Fred Pruitt

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### **"AND THEY LOVED NOT THEIR LIVES UNTO THE DEATH"**

**"They held their lives cheap" (Revelation 12:11, Weymouth).**

The persecution of the Christians during the reign of Marcus Aurelius was very bitter. The Emperor himself decreed the punishment of forty of the men who had refused to bow down to his image.

"Strip to the skin!" he commanded. They did so. "Now, go and stand on that frozen lake," he commanded, "until you are prepared to abandon your God."

And forty men stripped of their clothing marched out into that howling storm on a winter's night. As they took their places on the ice they lifted up their voices and sang: "Christ, forty wrestlers have come out to wrestle for Thee; to win for Thee the victory; To win from Thee the crown." After awhile, those standing by and watching noticed a disturbance among the men. One man had edged away from the rest, broken into a run, entered the temple and prostrated himself before the image of the Emperor.

The captain of the guard, who had witnessed the bravery of the men and whose heart had been touched by an unseen hand and the teaching of these men, tore off his helmet, threw down his spear, and disrobing himself took up the cry as he took the place of the man who had deserted.

The compensation was not slow in coming, for as the dawn broke there were forty corpses on the ice.

"Who shall dream of shrinking,

By our Captain led?"

Lord, make us strong and courageous.

—Georgia V. Morton

### **REVIVAL MEETING NEAR OKEENE, OKLA.**

Lord willing, the church of God will have a revival meeting in their meeting house seven miles east of Okeene, Okla. and two and one-half south, beginning the 11th of November. For particulars write or call Bro. Louis Droke or Bro. L. C. Wilson, R. 1, Okeene, Okla.

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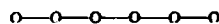
**NOTICE**

To the saints abroad:—We now inform you that we are on the air broadcasting a thirty-minute service over station KBYE, Oklahoma City, 3:30 p. m. each Sunday. We desire your prayerful support. Should any wish to contribute financially to this end, mail all correspondence to the Church of God, P. O. Box 6515, Okla. City 17, Okla.  
Bro. Otis Hill, Treasurer

**Editorials**

It has always been our aim and purpose to get the "Faith and Victory" paper printed and in the Post Office in time for the papers to reach their destination before the first Sunday in each month. We feel that we should apologize to our readers because the last issue was late in getting to you. The fact about the matter was, we were delayed on account of the envelopes which we needed to insert in each paper for the return of the two months subscriptions. We had the papers ready to mail, but the envelopes were delayed. After the company from which we had ordered them had done much searching and phoning, they were found on the dock at Dallas, Texas where they had been overlooked by a trucking company. They were then brought to Oklahoma City, and when we learned that they were there, we sent a car after them, which was a seventy-mile trip. In that way we got the papers out a little sooner than if we had waited for the express to bring them here. We did all we could to get the papers out on time, but even at the best, we knew that some would not get their papers by the first Sunday. We are sorry about this, but it could not be helped. We shall always try to do our best, with the help of the Lord, to get them out on time.

If for any reason any of our subscribers miss getting their paper, we would be thankful if you would send us word at once so we can trace on it and see if there is any error about the matter on our part. We very much desire that each subscriber receives his paper. The last year has shown a large increase of yearly subscriptions for the paper, and this is an encouragement from the Lord to us, because to be a worker together with the Lord in getting the gospel to men by the printed page is a great pleasure to us. The Word says, "Delight thyself in the Lord; and he shall give thee the desire of thine heart." Psalm 3:4. This Scripture is a precious promise to every child of God. We have another precious promise which is somewhat similar in Col. 3:1, 2, 3, and 4, which, if done, will entitle us to be with Him in glory. We exhort you to read this promise over quite often and ask the Lord for grace to keep your affections on things above.



I had quite a surprise on my 74th birthday. The work was in such a condition that I felt the need of working late that night of October 4th, and I was operating the cylinder press, printing my new book, "Selected Articles and Editorials." (This book contains 256 pages and we feel it will be the means of the salvation of many precious souls when it is in circulation, which will be by the time you read this.) I was called to the house where I found sons, daughters, and grandchildren with some of the saints gathered with birthday gifts which they had brought for me. After I opened them, Bro. Stephenson came in with a large number of birthday cards which had been sent from loved ones and saints in different parts of the country. There were over sixty cards, and many of them contained an offering. I appreciate this, more for the

love that was manifested than for any material benefit that was derived. May God's richest blessings be upon each of you is my prayer.

On Saturday, the 8th of October, Bro. William Weir and I made a trip to Neosho, Mo., and met with the saints in the chapel there on Sunday. Bro. Roberts and family from near Tulsa were there, also Bro. and Sister Brown and their family from Springfield, Mo. We had two services that day, morning and afternoon, and the Lord blessed in both the services. There were five or six at the altar for salvation. The Lord is working there in a very precious way. The house was filled and the saints there are planning to enlarge the meeting house. This is needful to accommodate those who wish to hear the gospel. It was precious to our souls to be there and enjoy the association and fellowship of the saints. The divine love of God in our souls reaches out to every one in prayer to God for the welfare of each soul. God bless you.

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If there is an expiration blank in your "Faith and Victory" paper, it means that your subscription has expired. Please renew promptly so we can put your name back on our files and you will not miss getting the paper.

Did you notice the yellow envelope in your "Faith and Victory" for October? And did you notice that it contained blanks for ten names and addresses for you to fill out and send in with one dollar, and ten people will receive the gospel by the printed page for two months? We hope you will not neglect this opportunity to help spread the gospel. Your effort may mean the salvation of some soul. Please do it now, if you haven't already sent it to us. Remember, the offer expires December 10, 1955.

"Verily, verily [or truly, truly] I say unto you, except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit." John 12:24.

Every child of God should understand the rich truths that the Lord has brought to us in this one verse of Scripture. He was soon to be crucified and buried in the ground, and through his death, burial, and resurrection he has brought forth much fruit. Every truly saved child of God owes his life eternal to Christ who died for us and arose again. Listen to what Paul has to say about it: "And if Christ be not raised, your faith is vain; ye are yet in your sins" 1 Cor. 15:17. We know then according to this Scripture that unless Christ is risen and we have his resurrection life in us, that we are none of his. When Christ was alive before he was crucified, those that believed on him as a living Christ were born again and the Spirit of truth was with them, and they were given power to preach the kingdom of God, to heal the sick, and to cast out devils. Since Christ has been crucified, buried, and has risen again, we can go on to perfection, be cleansed and filled with the Spirit so that his resurrected life lives in us.

In order to obtain this new life, we also have to die to our former selfish life and give place to the

new resurrected life of Christ in order to bear the fruits of the Spirit in this life and then be gathered into his glory world at the end.

I often think of our life in Christ and of its beginning and ending as a grain of corn. The gospel seed is planted in our hearts, and when we begin to die to our selfish worldly ambitions by repentance and faith in Christ, a new life begins to spring up like the grain of corn when put into the ground. When it comes in contact with the moisture then the big part of the grain dies and the new life springs up from the kernel or real seed that has life. The tiny and tender blade shoots out of the ground, and as the Lord sends the sunshine and rain, it grows and puts forth a blade and then another blade. After awhile a shoot appears from the stalk in front of a blade, then some more blades and pretty soon the tassel appears and also silk comes out of the top of the shoot. The tassel has pollen on it that falls on the silk and forms grains of corn on the cob, which has also formed in the shoot, and after awhile the corn ripens and is gathered into the granary. This is the way of our life in Christ, if we keep dead and let God have his way we will be as an ear of corn, will be ripened up and the Lord will gather us unto himself to live in his granary of love and fellowship with him forever.

Jesus gave us an example of what it means to be dead to self and selfishness. When he was here, he would not receive the praise of man, neither would he receive the dishonor of men, but simply did always those things that pleased the Father. We should be like Him. Any one today that is easily offended will also receive praise of men, as such is the fruit of their own life and not the fruit of the Spirit. It means much more than some folks think to be dead and their life hid with Christ in God. It takes the power and Spirit of God in the soul to have sufficient grace and strength to really keep dead and let the life of Christ be on exhibition that souls will be drawn unto the Lord and not only to you.

Oh, for more of His grace and power to be dead as a grain of corn in the ground that the new life of Christ be seen and heard, and souls be drawn unto Him! Let us pray more and live low at his feet.

#### —o— REVIVAL MEETING

Lord willing, a revival meeting will be held at the saints' chapel, 1381 E. Walnut St., Nov. 25th through December 4th. Services every night. Day services both week-ends, Friday through Saturday. We desire the earnest prayers of all saints for the success of this meeting, that souls be saved and saints blessed in whatever way is needed. We are looking to the Lord to send Spirit-filled ministers to help in the meeting. Everyone is welcome and will be cared for. For further information, write or phone the pastor, I. C. Chandler, R. 6, Box 37, Bakersfield, Calif., Ph. Fair-view 42950; or Bro. T. R. Summers, 207 E. 76 Place, Los Angeles 3, Calif.

#### —::— Obituaries

Mrs. Mary Hampton was born Jan. 27, 1882, near Halls, Tenn. and departed this life Sept. 8, 1955 at the

age of 73 years, 7 months, and 12 days, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Effie Miller of Senath, Mo. She spent the summers in her home alone at Malden, Mo. after her husband, Noah Hampton, preceded her in death four years ago. She is survived by four children: two sons, R. H. and N. B. Hampton of Richmond, Calif.; and two daughters, Mrs. Rubye Bazzell of Silva, Mo. and Mrs. Effie Miller; 20 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren; many other relatives, including one brother and one sister, and two half sisters, and several friends.

She accepted the faith of the Church of God three years ago and lived to all she knew and understood. The Lord healed her several times in these three years she trusted Him.

Funeral services were conducted by Bro. Darius Gibson. Scriptures used were: 1 Cor. 15:17-19; 2 Cor. 5:1; Proverbs 11:7, 8. Text: "A hope beyond this life."

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William Judkins Bailey, born in Ohio, December 19, 1880, passed away August 23, 1955 at Fresno, Calif., age 74 years, 8 months, and 4 days.

Bro. Bailey was saved in this evening light reformation many years ago. He was especially interested in missionary work and was in African Mission fields for eleven years, returning to the States about 1923. He never lost his interest or burden for the missionary work, often saying that he would like to have finished his labors there. During his last illness, which was over five months, he learned many precious lessons. His prayers were often heard to say, "More like Christ, I want to be." One of the last songs he was heard singing was, "Reigning in this life." He will be greatly missed by the saints and loved ones.

He is survived by his wife, Goldie and two small daughters, Linda Fay and Mary Belle of the home; also four sons and three daughters by his former marriage, and thirty grandchildren. His first wife and one son preceded him in death.

Funeral by Bro. Stover and Bro. Trotter. Text: 2 Cor. 4:16, 17. Interment: Floral Memorial Cemetery, Selma, California.

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James Napoleon Pugh, aged 77, died at his home near Louin, Mississippi, September 21, 1955.

A farmer by occupation, Bro. Pugh was of the holiness faith, and loved the truth. His funeral was conducted at the Zion Hill chapel with Bros. C. C. Carver and F. R. Gregory officiating. Burial was in the church cemetery.

He is survived by his wife, two sons, Clarence and Obie of Louin, three daughters, Mrs. Forest Smith, Mrs. Oscar Bradey, and Miss Flora Ruth Pugh, eleven grandchildren, and four brothers.

## Assembly Meetings

The Assembly meeting of the Church of God at Wichita, Kansas, 1701 N. Ash St. will begin Oct. 28, lasting through November 6th, Lord willing.

The congregation here are looking forward to a good meeting. We are expecting souls to be saved, believers sanctified, the sick ones to be healed and saints edified, strengthened, and settled in this glorious truth. We are asking the Lord to send Holy Ghost ministers here for this meeting who are in full fellowship with the body of Christ. Our cry is, "Come over to Wichita and help us!" Many of the saints have relatives and friends in this wicked city. Let everyone of us ask God to save their souls at this time or whatever need there may be concerning them, as it is the Lord offering his mercy once

more to this place. We trust they may attend these meetings.

Conveniences will be made for those who come. So please seek the Lord as to what He would have you to do in this meeting, whether give, come, or send someone else.

—Bro. Lewis Williams, 1536 Piatt St., Ph. HObart 4-8481.

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The Assembly Meeting of the Church of God at Hammond, La. will be held on the camp ground from Nov. 18 to 27th, inclusive. The services will be in the chapel and meals served in the dining hall. Sleeping quarters will be provided. The campground is located in the southern edge of Hammond, just off White St.

For further information or send offerings for the meeting to Max Williamson, in care of Post Office, or Ray Key, 705 White St., Hammond, La.

## A NEED

Ia.—Dear saints,—We have a lot of work to be done on the camp ground at Midway, La. We are building more onto the parsonage and need to build a new tabernacle. There is also work to do on the dining hall and other buildings. Anyone interested in helping in this work for the Lord may send contributions to J. E. Mitchell, R. 1, Trout, La., or Willard Esters, Jena, Ia.

A sister in Christ,

W. V. Masters.



Calendars are now in stock for 1956. Size 9 by 16 inches. They are called the "Christian Home" calendars, very similar to the ones we formerly handled, but the pictures are more saintly and price some less. They are wall calendars with a Scripture text for every day in the year. Each 35 cents; three calendars \$1.00; 12 calendars \$3.50; 25 calendars \$7.00; 50 calendars \$12.50.

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## History of Millennium

The word "millennium" is not in the English Bible, nor yet in the Greek New Testament. It is a Latin term, denoting a thousand years.

We have said that signs announced the coming of Christ near. Upon this point all millennium teachers agree with us. We can show that the Scriptures most emphatically teach that his coming will be the hour of the general resurrection, the day of final and universal judgment, and the burning up of this entire earth. Where then does the millennium come in? We answer that it only occupies a place in the creeds of the dark ages of confusion, and the superstitious notions of men. That is the only realm the Bible leaves for it. History gives us the following introduction of the tradition:

"Cerinthus required his followers to retain part of the Mosaic law, but to regulate their lives by the example of Christ; and taught that after the resurrection, Christ would reign upon earth, with his

faithful disciples, a thousand years, which would be spent in the highest sensual indulgences. This mixture of Judaism and oriental philosophy was calculated to make many converts, and this sect became very numerous. They admitted a part of St. Matthew's gospel, but rejected the rest, and held the epistles of Paul in great abhorrence."—Gregory and Rutter's *Church History*, Page 30.

Cerinthus was one of the worst heretics of the first century, and was rejected by God's church.

History agrees very decidedly as to the source of the notion. We gather a few extracts from "Encyclopedia Britannica. 'Nowhere in the discourse of Jesus is there a hint of a limited duration of the Messianic kingdom. The apostles' epistles are equally free from any trace of chiliasm.'"

"It was the universal feeling among primitive Christians that they were living in the last period of the world's history."

If they believed the guide book that Christ and the apostles left them, they could not possibly believe any thing else. They did not therefore believe in another thousand-year age to come.

Where did the idea originate? From the "Apocalypse of Baruch," and other ancient fabulous books of the Jews. Quoting the Revelator in Rev. 20 the article in "Enc. Brit." thus remarks: "More than this, John did not say. But other ancient Christian authors were not so cautious. Accepting the Jewish apocalypse as sacred books of venerable antiquity, they read them eagerly, and transferred their contents bodily into Christianity." "The Jewish expectations are adopted, for example by Papias. He actually confounds expressions of Jesus with verses from the Apocalypse of Baruch."

Eusebius, whose history was the first after the inspired Acts of the Apostles, written in the fourth century, thus says of Papias:

"The same historian also gives other accounts, which he says he adds as received by him from unwritten traditions, likewise certain strange parables of our Lord, and of his doctrine, and some other matters rather too fabulous. In these he says there would be a certain millennium after the resurrection, and that there would be a corporeal reign of Christ on this earth; which things he appears to have imagined, as if they were authorized by the apostolic narrations, not understanding correctly those matters which they propounded mystically in their representations. For he was very limited in his comprehension, as is evident from his discourses." Book 3: chapter 39.

"The idea of a millennium reign proceeded from Judaism, for among the Jews the representation was current, that the Messiah would reign a thousand years on earth." "A sensuous rude fancy formed gross images of this reign; and such products of Jewish imaginations passed over to Christianity."—"Neander's History of Christian Dogmas," Vol. 1, page 248.

"Though millennarianism had been suppressed by the early church, it was nevertheless from time to time revived by heretical sects. Millennarian notions were



propounded in the prophesies of Joachim."—"Hagenbach's History." Vol. 2:119.

Referring to the millennium, Dr. Schaff, History page 299, says, "The Jewish hope of a Messianic kingdom, which rested on carnal misapprehensions of prophetic figures, was transplanted to the soil of Christianity."

We might bring upon the witness stand many more historical proofs that the idea of a literal millennial reign on earth was without foundation in the word of God, except the literal interpretation of Rev. 20. And that it was really gathered from Jewish fabulous "apocalypse," "unwritten traditions," and "superstitious imaginations."

Historians generally tell us how that Papias was the most zealous advocate of this imaginary reign of Christ on earth, and how he coupled on it many ridiculous notions. "The first distinguished opponent of the doctrine was Origen, who attacked it with great earnestness and ingenuity, and seems, in spite of some opposition, to have thrown it into general discredit; and probably, we shall not have occasion to notice the opinion again until we arrive at the tenth century."—"Waddington's History," Page 56.

We might infer from this that the doctrine disappeared until the tenth century. It was indeed rejected by the body of the church, but in A. D. 255, it found another advocate in the person of Nepos of Egypt, whom Eusebius speaks of as author of a schism. Against him Dionysius of Alexandria wrote, and again the Jewish tradition was refuted.

Now we add the following from "Waddington's History, Page 56: "This obscure doctrine was probably known to very few except the fathers of the church, and is very sparingly mentioned by them during the two first centuries. And there is reason to believe that it scarcely attained much notoriety even among learned Christians until it was made a matter of controversy by Origen, and then rejected by the great majority. In fact we find Origen himself asserting that it was confined to those of the simpler sort."

To sum up the uniform testimony of history, millennialism was a superstitious tradition of the Jews. Cerinthus, an ungodly heretic was the first to attempt its introduction into Christianity. But he and his false doctrines were utterly rejected by the church. Later, Papias brought it in, but even then it was refuted, and never held as a doctrine of the early church.

It was indeed a Jewish fable, and never a doctrine of God's church. It was the chief notion that caused the Jews to reject and crucify Christ. Their traditions, and false interpretation of prophecy, led them to the vain worldly expectation that the Messiah would become their great king, subdue the Gentile nations under his sceptre, and make them a flourishing empire. They even tried to take him by force and make him king. He taught them that his kingdom was not of this world. But they only wanted an earthly kingdom. Hence they rejected, and crucified the Son of God. And just as soon as men lost the

glory of his spiritual kingdom out of their hearts, they then believed in a coming earthly kingdom.

And so it has come to pass that we have at this very time of dead formality, a multitude of men, teaching the same abominable lie and false hope which crucified Christ nearly nineteen hundred years ago; namely, a literal kingdom of Christ.

Dear reader, if you hold to any one of the many theories of a literal thousand-year reign on earth, do not think that we desire to destroy your consolation and hope. We wish you to get in harmony with God's Word, and be saved now from all sin, and reign with Christ now and through all eternity. Let him be your hope, and all in all, and your soul will be satisfied.

However beautiful and pleasing anything may be to the mind, there can be no real benefit derived from holding the same if it be only a creation of fancy, or the result of wrong interpretations of Scripture. Nor is God glorified by us holding an erroneous hope.

How, we ask in the name of reason, can any candid mind believe that Christ will have a literal reign of one thousand years on earth after his second advent, when there is not one text between the lids of the Bible that teaches it? Not one text in the Bible that Christ will come back to earth and extend offers of salvation to sinners. Not one text in the Bible which asserts that this earth shall ever be inhabited by all righteous people. Not one text in the Bible that asserts there will be one thousand years intervening between the resurrection of the righteous and the wicked. These positions are all essential to the millennium theory in its several forms; hence that tradition can only be the result of a faith that lives outside of the Bible on the mists and fogs of ignorance and superstition.

On the other hand, reader, if you believe the testimony of the Word of God, you must believe that we are in the last dispensation of time. That "now is the day of salvation." That at the second advent of Christ, he will not set up a kingdom, but deliver up the kingdom to the Father, and close his personal reign. 1 Cor. 15:23, 24. That at his coming all the dead will be raised, all men judged, the righteous crowned in heaven and the wicked sentenced to "everlasting punishment," and this earth, and all the works that are in it burned up, and pass away, and time and probation end. Are you ready for that great day? If not, "today if ye will hear his voice harden not your hearts." "Behold, now is the day of salvation," "and after this the judgment." —Sel.

### A Message On Sectism

I am moved to write you a few lines on the subject of sectism or denominations, which is the present religious world. They are NOT God's children. There were several sects or denominations during the time when Jesus was building His church, and if they had been all right then, God would not have sent His only begotten Son down to earth in the likeness of men to build a church unto God. When Jesus walked on the earth with His disciples (when He was building His



church), all people except Christ's own followers supposed that Jesus was just rearing up another sect, so right away they had a name for IT, calling it "the sect of the Nazarene." For they knew Him not as Christ the Son of the living God.

Since God did send His Son to save the people from their sins, He could not have His Son build His church of the foundation of those sectarian movements of that day, for they were divided as they are today.

Now I will point out from Scripture FIVE (5) different sects: 1st, the Sect of the Pharisees, Acts 15:5; 2nd, the Sect of the Sadducees, Acts 5:17; 3rd, the Epicurians; 4th, the Stoics, Acts 17:18; and 5th, the Nicolaitans, Rev. 2:6, 15. Now I shall give a few from History: Gnostics, Edomites, Acabemics, Periparetics, and the Leviathans—five of them. There are more, but I consider these ten enough to suffice. Yet Jesus did NOT build His church upon any of these foundations [neither did He consider them branches of His church]. Therefore it must be a great sin to remain with these false churches. (Be wise, and consider this. Let God's sheep hear His voice). "Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partaker of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues." Rev. 18:4.

Sectism is called a City, and its name is BABYLON. This takes in every one of the denominational churches from the Roman Church throughout the whole world to all the offsprings of the Roman church, which are referred to as harlot daughters, also the literal Jews who are not preaching Christ's gospel (Rev. 17:5; 16:9). Flee out of the midst of Babylon, and deliver every man his soul: be not cut off in her iniquity; for this is the time of the Lord's vengeance; He will render unto her a recompense (Jeremiah 51:6).

In Jeremiah 5:7 God says, "How shall I pardon thee for this? My children have forsaken me, and sworn by them that are no gods: when I had fed them to the full, they then committed adultery, and assembled themselves by troops into the harlots' houses." You see it reads, many harlots and many houses. This speaks of the sectarian churches, which are the harlots' houses; and this word "adultery" is spiritual adultery.

Now I have given reference to two sayings of God, warning people to come out from among them; and I shall give one more. These three should be sufficient to cause you to leave these sectarian churches without delay. This next one is so wonderful, a clear-cut warning, and altogether points to the fact that God has only ONE church, and that one His Son is building. In one sense of the word IT is not finished; yet while speaking on other terms, IT IS FINISHED. Now I desire that YOU, my friend, be born into this church. One does not join IT; one is born into IT. Now for the third warning, which you also know, recorded in 2 Cor. 6:17, 18, "Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord and touch not the unclean thing, and I will receive you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty." Won't you! Oh! won't you come away from them? Let not yourselves be seen any more at

all with them, come away from them, for they are poison unto God's children.

I warn you in Christ's stead, draw not nigh unto them, for the day of His coming is nigh at hand. Should He come and find YOU in their presence, WHAT THEN? "Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: We pray YOU in Christ's stead, Be reconciled to God." 2 Cor.

After you receive this letter, I plead with you: Do not let yourselves be seen among them again—never, never, no never. Do as I have commanded you in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, and you will find great joy and gladness, such as you have never yet experienced. Tell your friends, your relatives, and your children.

Remember: No matter how you receive this letter of love, it came into your hand by the guiding hand of an all-wise God who is able to bring His own children together into His sheep fold. Ezekiel 34: 11, 12; St. John 10:27. Do not fail to read from the Scripture. Amen.

—H. C. Erdman.

### THE WEANED SOUL

My soul is as a child's that's weaned;  
It cries for nothing here below;  
Its hands reach forth to things above;  
With holy fire it's all aglow.

"My soul is even as a weaned child." Psal. 131:2. Weaned from the world's breasts. It feeds on richer, sweeter food. Heavenly manna is better than the world's fancies. The soul has lost its relish on the finest of the wheat. The soul that is weaned from all of earth's dross, cries not, nor pines not though it suffer some loss. It soars above all earthly things, on love and faith's unwearied wings. The weaned soul finds repose and rest everywhere for God is everywhere. It pillows its head on the bosom of God and feels not the stoniness of earth's pillows. It has learned the secret of turning the waters of affliction into sweetest wine, earth's grating noises into loveliest harmonies.

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### At Closing of Day

In the stillness of the evening  
I love to kneel and pray  
And thank my blessed Savior  
For the blessings of the day.

I feel His arms around me,  
And He whispers, "Do not fear,  
You have lived a sinless life today,  
And I, your Lord, am near."

Dear people, let us ever live  
In such a humble way  
That we can say when day is done,  
I've walked with GOD today.

Pray on, O Church of GOD,  
Till life on earth is o'er;  
And then, praise GOD, we'll meet Him,  
Where sorrow is no more.

Melvin Sharp.

## "Sound Speech That Cannot Be Condemned"—Titus 2:8

Dear saints of God, Greetings of love in Jesus' sweet name. This finds me much encouraged in my soul and with a greater determination than ever before to be faithful all the way.

I would like to tell to the glory of God what the Lord has just recently done for me. It concerns a matter of which the enemy is hard at work, trying to destroy the saints' love for one another and thus destroy every soul he can. Please bear in mind that this is my own personal experience, which makes me feel free in telling about it. I pray that someone will be benefitted by it.

To begin with, I began to realize that something was hindering my prayer life. It was hard to pray and feel good in my soul and my prayers didn't seem to reach heaven. Life was rather tedious and troublesome. First one thing and then another bothered me and I was fretting about situations over which I had no control. Then one night I opened my Bible and turned from one Scripture to another and read at great length. The dear Lord showed me so plainly what the matter was and what I must do about it. He also made it plain to me that if I did not obey Him in that particular thing, that my soul would be lost.

Now that was a very serious time to me. Do you know what I was guilty of? Talking. Just talking, and yet I had almost backslid. 1 Peter 1:15, "But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in ALL MANNER of conversation." 1 Pet. 3:8-12, "Finally, be ye all of one mind, having compassion one of another, love as brethren, be pitiful, be courteous; Not rendering evil for evil, or railing for railing; but contrariwise blessing; knowing that ye are thereunto called, that ye should inherit a blessing. For he that will love life and see GOOD days, let him refrain his tongue from evil, and his lips that they speak no guile: Let him eschew evil, and do good: let him SEEK PEACE, and ensue it. For the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and his ears are open unto their prayers: but the face of the Lord is against them that do evil." Psalms 34:12, 13, "What man is he that desireth life, and loveth many days, that he may see good? Keep thy tongue from evil, and thy lips from speaking guile."

According to these Scriptures, it is a very needful thing to guard our speech, and the promises are to those who obey.

Now it is easy to become concerned when we see things in the lives of others that should not be, and it brings grief to our hearts for the cause of God to be hindered. The Word tells us to "Fret not thyself" Psalms 37:1. I believe this means for us to be able to pray about such things and keep them committed to the Lord. HE is the one to deal with situations rather than for us to fret and talk and get our own selves into trouble. There are some things that we can do nothing about only pray, and if we pray earnestly, that will be doing a lot.

Aside from all the things we might tell that are not right, the most important thing to us is our own soul. If wrong feelings and thoughts creep into our experience, then we are no better off than anyone else. We, too, will be guilty in God's sight. Then we can't pray, we can't be happy and peaceful in our hearts, and we surely couldn't be an encouragement to others.

So you see how the enemy is so cunning in these things, working both ways to break down and weaken the cause of God. Dear ones, let us be so very careful in what we say, think, and feel about others. If we are not careful, it will cause us to lose our very souls.

May God stir each heart and deal with each one individually and let us search our lives carefully and watch and pray continually lest the enemy ensnare us.

Another thought is this: You remember in John the eighth chapter where the woman was taken in adultery and brought to Jesus to condemn? What did He answer her accusers? "He that is without sin among you, let him first cast a stone at her." Let us ask ourselves if we have no faults before we speak of others.

"I will think of you as I wish you to think of me.

I will speak of you as I wish you to speak of me.

I will do to you as I wish you to do to me.

Before telling anything about anyone,

I will ask myself these questions:

Is it necessary?

Is it true?

Is it kind?"

Please pray for me that I will do just what God's Word tells me to do, that I will have fervent charity toward all, and that I will keep the victory in my soul at any cost. With Christian love, Jessie Taylor

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## A Few Thoughts on Faith

We are told in Hebrews 11:1 that faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. And in the sixth verse of the same chapter it is written, "Without faith it is impossible to please God: For he that cometh to God, must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him." Then we read in Romans 10:17, "So then faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the Word of God"; that is, the faith of the gospel. As Paul said, "The word of faith which we preach, that if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved." Romans 10:8-9. This is saving faith and is given by God. And this faith, when it is finished, results in the salvation of the soul. 1 Peter 1:9, "Receiving the end of your faith, even the salvation of your souls."

No doubt, many are deceived today and think they are saved when they only have head belief or a historical belief, and have not really believed with the heart. In other words, God has not given them faith because they have not met conditions for faith, and therefore cannot believe from the heart. They only believe like many of the world believe, that Jesus did come into the world and died for the sins of all

While these little lambs are being upheld by the interest and prayers of other saints, they are **learning obedience** to God and His ways, of which they may have been in almost complete ignorance before salvation. There is not a vestige of resistance in their hearts toward God and His holy will; it is only that they do not understand as yet that they must **learn** to seek (Col. 3:1) those things that are above, and that they must set their affections (Col. 3:2) on things in

heaven and not on things on the earth, and learn how to turn loose of all those things that bound them to the world. They must learn that all foolish talking and jesting must be withstood and done away with (Eph. 5:4), and that they must cleanse themselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God. 2 Cor. 7:1.

They must learn that it is their reasonable service to God, that they present their bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God; and instead of in any way conforming to this world and its vanities, they must be transformed by the renewing of their mind. (Romans 12:1-2). This means that they must have a new mind, thinking on things spiritual instead of the vain worldly things, even the mind of our Lord Jesus (Phil. 2:5) who is meek and lowly in heart, thereby gaining that humbleness of mind, longsuffering, meekness and forbearance (Col. 3:12) so much needed and so vital in their new spiritual life.

They must learn that through the precious promises of a matchless God, and through His great mercy they have escaped from the corruption of the world, and have taken on a measure of the divine nature of God. And they must learn to give all diligence and effort to add virtue to the faith that brought them into the kingdom, as they had no virtue before receiving salvation. Then as they grow, they add knowledge, and soon find that they have need of temperance and much patience. And, growing in these things, they just naturally add godliness, which brings brotherly kindness and love (2 Pet. 1:3-7), upon which the whole kingdom of God is founded, and without which no soul can be saved or be able to stand.

And, as they progress deeper into the glorious kingdom, they find a depth and sweetness and glory of which they had never dreamed. They find all of God's true trusting children motivated in their every conscious act and deed by that gracious, glorious, holy love "shed abroad in their trusting heart by the Holy Spirit." Romans 5:5.

They learn, too, as the dear saints uphold them before the throne of grace, that each test and each trial that God permits to come against them is NOT to cause them to give up, but rather to try them as silver is tried, to make them stronger and with a greater decision to cleave to God and to gain the everlasting crown at the end of the race, which is awaiting every overcomer. Also, they learn by these tests and trials, that each mistake made, and each stumbling of their spiritual feet can be used as a stepping stone to gain higher ground and more strength to carry on for the glory of God.

May God help ALL of His dear true and trusting saints to uphold ALL these little lambs before the great throne of grace and not to get discouraged or faint or cease to pray for their precious souls is my earnest fervent prayer. —Bro. Wesley Trimble

## Correspondence

Calif.—Dear saints,—Greetings in Jesus' name. I am enjoying the blessings of the Lord. He is so good to me and I find him a help in every trial, small or great. I am learning more how to serve Him living by faith.

I was afflicted in body and lost weight from 153 to 114 in a short time. For my family's interest, I went to the doctor for an examination, determined to trust God no matter what the doctor found. I have had a goiter for around five years and the doctor said it had begun to put poison in my body, and that was the cause of my condition, which was serious, and only an operation would help and it must be soon. The Lord had told me that I could go to the Monark Springs Campmeeting. I told the doctor that I was going east in about three weeks. He forbade me to try it, saying I would not get there. But I went on God's promise. Praise His name, he took care of me and also let me go to Bakersfield Camp Meeting and part of our meeting.

I am learning more how to submit my life and all into his hands and to live for him from day to day by faith. He has promised never to leave us, and I believe His promise. The Lord is my all and in all.

I ask the dear saints to pray for me that the Lord will heal me. I know he is able. I love him and want to always be found faithful and where he can use me.

Pray for my unsaved family.

Your sister in Christ,

Gladys Ewbanks

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Mo.—Dear saints of God everywhere, Greetings in Jesus' dear sweet name. This leaves me very much encouraged to press the battle on.

I wish to take this means to thank each and every one for their prayers and words and deeds of kindness shown to us during the illness and death of our dear mother, Mrs. Mary Alice Hampton. We want to thank each one for the many cards and letters of sympathy. We could never tell you all how much we do appreciate each act of kindness toward us. We pray the Lord will bless each one.

I want to tell how Mother stood true unto the end. While I was at the Myrtle Campmeeting, my sister came and visited Mother a few days, at her request. She told my sister that if she got sick she did not want anyone giving her medicine or shots or taking her to a hospital. Not many days after that, she fell in the floor one morning and couldn't get up. She lived alone. In about two hours the neighbors found her. She was conscious and told them to help her back on the bed as she was so weak. The neighbors wanted to send for a doctor, but she didn't want any. They didn't send for one, but called me. My husband and I went up there and found her very weak, not able to be moved. I kept praying for her, and the next morning (which was Sunday) she seemed much better. She sat up on the side of the bed while I combed her hair and dressed her. We called an ambulance and brought her home. She seemed to make the trip very well. She said that she didn't hurt any where. She just lay and slept excepting when she wanted a drink or we would talk to her. But Monday about noon she became much worse. She was unconscious. I had already sent for my brothers and sister, but they did not get here until she was at her worst. She lay unconscious for sixty hours. My sister wanted a doctor. I didn't refuse, but just looked to the Lord to help. She called two doctors. One said he would come when he got time, but he never did come. The other one asked all about Mother's condition. When my sister told him, he said there wasn't any use for him to come as he could not do her any good. So I feel the Lord helped and protected us through it all. I truly do thank and praise Him for this, as I could just see the hand of God working in our behalf.

I had called Sister Murphy Allen for prayer for her, requesting that if the Lord didn't see fit to heal her to

please let her live until my brother arrived from Calif. The dear Lord let her live about an hour after he arrived. Surely it is a mighty God we serve. Mother had been trusting the Lord for healing only about three years, but she trusted Him unto the end.

Continue to pray for me. Without the help of the dear Lord I could do nothing. I surely want to live the life and be faithful unto the end. May God's richest blessings rest upon each and every one is my prayer.

Your sister in Christ, Effie Miller.

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Ala.—Dear saints of God everywhere, Greetings in Jesus' holy name,—I feel led to write in a word of testimony to offer to the paper. This finds me saved and encouraged to live for the dear Lord and to testify to His saving grace through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Truly it is wonderful to be born into the kingdom of God's dear Son. As Jesus denied himself when he was here building God's kingdom even so we also must deny ourselves in regeneration or in being born into God's kingdom.

Jesus said, "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me." I am thankful to God for an experience that teaches me the difference between the kingdom of our dear Lord and the kingdoms of this world. The kingdom, or kingdoms, of this world imposes on one theories and forms; but the kingdom of our dear Lord supplies grace and love by faith in Jesus Christ. Now being partakers of the grace and love of God through Christ we do not desire to present ourselves to any worldly kingdom. We find in Rom. 12:1, "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service." The kingdom that was given to King Nebuchadnezzar was a large kingdom, but when he ordered his men to throw three of the children of God's kingdom into the fire to be destroyed, he learned that his kingdom was worldly and there was a kingdom not of this world. Now the great kingdom that Nebuchadnezzar ordered is come to naught, as will also all worldly kingdoms that now are.

But thanks be unto God for an everlasting kingdom that shall never end. God's little flock have many times been besieged and attacked by many of the devil's devices; but inside the walls of the New Jerusalem, the kingdom of God, the true church of God, lives a people that are free from sin and death; and His kingdom shall stand. Pray for me.

Bro. Austin McMillian.

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La.—Dear saints, Greetings:—I'm happy this morning in knowing that the Lord still saves and keeps my soul. The Lord has been wonderful to us, surely he is due all praise and honor. I am so glad for the desire He gives me to serve Him. The devil works to take that desire, but without the Lord I don't know what I'd do. He is my all in all.

I promised the Lord several months ago that if He would heal me I would testify to it through the paper. So it is brought to my mind to do as I promised. I used to be bothered a lot with my heart and such a hurting in my shoulder and down my arm. I would have weak spells and get so dizzy, but, thank the Lord, he has touched my body and this morning he has flooded my soul with joy and thanksgiving, praise His name! He has done it all. It is wonderful to trust Him and to know He is more than willing to heal his children. I want my life to be pleasing to Him. Pray for me.

Your sister in Christ, Marie Mitchell

Ohio—Dear people in the Lord,—Would there be a chance that anyone in your group would remember Chas. W. Koonce, my father? He was a man of God, and I believe if anyone ever lived for the Lord 24 hours a day, it was he. He read the Bible aloud at home all his spare time to any and all who would listen. He passed into glory on August 19, 1923.

After my father passed on, I felt the need of a closer walk with God and I was reading "Faith and Victory." I had been married for two years at that time, to a morally good man. My husband discouraged me. I had years of spiritual draught to go through until my son was drafted and had to go in service in 1943, which was human extremity to me. I would have rather gone myself—there was nothing I could do—I had come to the cross roads of life and had to either turn to the Lord or against the Lord. And after going through the valley of the shadow of death, the Lord showered down His love upon me, which was overwhelming. It was nothing the people did. I thank and praise His holy name because He has kept me and is becoming more precious to me all the time. He gave me a great divine love for Him and for all humanity; and every bit of pride, anger, jealousy, envy, malice, hatred and all that goes along with the carnal nature has left me and has never come back, and I thank and praise Him with my whole heart. I pray to keep my mind and heart fixed and centered upon Him that every thought, word, and deed may be to His honor and glory. He blesses me; I love to speak for the Lord (I love personal evangelism) and I do not get slapped down as I have heard so many say they do. I know that pride is bad and I have heard that spiritual pride is worse so I just pray the Lord to keep me humble and meek and low at Jesus' feet. We are not our own, we are bought with a price and Jesus paid it all with His own precious blood. Where he leads me, I will follow. Pray that God will use my life to bring many souls to Him, because as yet I cannot say that I know of any, but I trust God and I know in His own good time, He will.

Lola Spence

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Calif.—Dear Bro. Pruitt, Greetings in Jesus' dear name,—I am glad to say I am still saved and living for the Lord. I went to work last Thursday and my neck was so sore I could hardly turn my head. I prayed and asked the Lord to heal it, and it was done almost instantly. I surely give the dear Lord the praise for it. He has healed my body many times. Pray for me that I will be true to Him.

Lee Owen.

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Mo.—Dear readers of the "Faith and Victory,"—I feel that it would be to the glory of God and it may help some poor soul for me to write my testimony. Maybe someone will see their true condition, as I believe there must be a number of souls that are not quite satisfied in their experience of sanctification. Maybe they have been to the altar a number of times but are not quite satisfied.

Last winter at the Guthrie Assembly meeting I professed sanctification and also claimed healing of appendicitis. But I let the enemy cause me to doubt and cheat me out of my healing. I let the enemy reason with me that it would be all right to take mineral oil for my side, as that is what doctors would advise to cure appendicitis. But thank God, He didn't let it cure me. It did give relief and by taking it I was able to keep going. When I stopped taking it for a few days, sharp pains would start coming in my side and back and right limb, and cramping in my side. These attacks continued until August of this year. At the Myrtle Campmeeting I took down quite bad.

I can see how the good Lord was working for me. My

wife had gone to early morning prayer meeting and requested prayer for me. When she came back in my tent she told me that every time she prayed for me she could see nothing but that bottle of mineral oil. She thought I ought to confess and be anointed. But I felt I had to go right down to the bottom and confess that I had done some talking also and repent of the same.

Of course, when I had gotten clear with the Lord, I didn't feel that I would be afraid to trust Him. So I told the ministers I would like to check up on my sanctification, as I doubted if I had it. Bro. Carver asked me two questions, I believe. He asked me if I should get right down at death's door with this appendicitis, would I want to trust God or man. I felt down deep in my heart that I wanted to and would trust God, live or die. The next question was, would I trust my wife in God's care if she should come down to death's door. It seemed to take more consecration at that point; but I knew that she would trust God whether I would want to or not, so that made it quite easy to say, yes, too. Then as soon as I did, the Lord sanctified me holy and completely, and just filled me so full that I felt like if He got any more in me He would have to make me bigger first. Praise the good Lord!

I want the prayers of all dear saints that I will ever be faithful to the One who has done so much for me. I realize I am greatly in debt to the good Lord and I expect by His help to serve Him to the end. Yes, I was anointed and prayed for, and the Lord healed me of the appendicitis. Praise His dear name. Bro. Ralph Sell.

Ill.—Dear saints, greetings in the love of Jesus,—How my soul was made to rejoice to see the love and sweet Spirit of God that He has put into your hearts; that precious humble spirit that gives God full access into every part and full reign and liberty to do with as HE PLEASES—for it is GOD WHICH WORKETH IN YOU, BOTH TO WILL AND TO DO OF HIS GOOD PLEASURE. As I read these things God has laid on your heart to send me, I see and feel there are many ways I must get closer to God. It is so hard alone—no one of kindred spirit to converse with; the weeks roll by and pass into months, years—with never an oral message from a true minister of God. The books, tracts and your good letter was like a great feast set before a half starved soul in the wilderness.

When I was a little girl Fred Tyler and some other ministers, F. G. Smith and others came to the tiny town where we lived and held a tent meeting. My parents were saved, a little church started. I, with another girl went to the altar, do not know if I was really saved, was baptized in a tank of water in the yard. A carnival came to town, which was something we had never seen or heard of. I remember the minister saying: the devil will try to get you children, but you keep away from that thing—and I thought, he will never get me!

In a few days a very much loved, very beautiful, but sinful wicked aunt came to our home, who said to my mother, "Kate, why aren't the children down riding on the merry-go-round?" My mother told her that she did not want us to go to that worldly stuff. "Oh, pshaw!" she said, "Don't be so old fashioned. It is harmless fun, and they are only children once; let them have a good time while they are young." My dear mother again told her what she thought. My aunt laughed, called to me, as she got her purse and a handful of change—a nickel was to us then like five dollars is today—"Here," she said, as she filled my hand, "You go on down and take Vern (the baby brother about five or six) and give him a ride on the horses and let him have a good time."

Oh, if my dear mother had only stepped in then to protect me! But she didn't; and the devil had given me a commission and away I went, in one sense feeling proud to do it, for Vern was just a little boy and HE MUST have a good time while he is little; but I felt strange inside. And as I walked along holding his hand, we had to go past the house of the girl who went with me to the altar. I did not want her to know where I was going, so I remember so distinctly now how the devil had me act and LIE. I put on a very sorry look and angry look, and she said as we went by, "Why do you look so sour?" I said, "Oh, I have to go up town so often and I don't like it." So I got by her fine. As I entered the lot where people were thronging, the music was playing and I saw pretty ponies prancing around and other children sitting on the seats riding so happy. I was very excited. I took my brother and sat with him on a seat, as I was not able to hold him on a horse. After that ride was over I sat him on the grass and made him promise to sit there till I returned; then I took a ride on one of the ponies. There are no words to tell you of the thrill of pleasure I had as I sat upon the horse. But soon the money was all gone and it was time to go home.

Then it was time to begin thinking the devil had really got me as the preacher had said. I began to feel remorse. I was afraid, too; not of God, but people, the saints. From that hour I want to tell you dear ones, the devil came into my heart with his desires for worldly pleasure and in a few years I was drunk with worldly pleasures, though I never drank, smoked, or some of those things; but do you know I could never be satisfied as years went by, and I said, "Some day I will be a Christian and be like my Sunday school teacher." She was a real saint, a young woman. So it was in this state that God allowed me to marry my husband. God saw he had to break my heart, crush the life almost from me, disappoint me in every angle of life, bring desolation, sorrow unto death to me in order to win my heart. Then He gave me a work, a soul to strive with and for, to yearn after for God. It would be very interesting to tell you HOW God brought me to the altar, and some time I will. Oh, what strange ways God uses. Oh, He has a way to reach you; to seek you and bring you out.

I have gone into detail about the "harmless pleasure of taking the children to ride on the ponies" at the carnivals, as I have heard so many parents say these past years. Then I tell them what the devil did to me; how he robbed me of a happy life in Jesus, of a fine Christian companion, a home where Jesus lived with us, how he gave me only sorrow untold—then laughed at me. Yes, it means something to rear children in the fear of God; to guide them into light, bring them into subjection to the Word and law of God and parents. Often it is just a lack of knowledge. My dear mother was so good and kind to us. It was not for our spiritual good, neither had we learned to obey her, thus it is perhaps why I have found it hard to bring my will in full, complete surrender to God, though I supposed it to be. —Ada Scanlan.

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## BIBLE STUDY

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JESUS MEETS HUMAN NEEDS

November 6, 1955

Printed Portion:..... Luke 5:12-15, 27-32.

Luke 5:12. And it came to pass, when he was in a certain city, behold a man full of leprosy: who seeing

Jesus fell on his face, and besought him, saying, Lord, if thou wilt, thou canst make me clean.

13. And he put forth his hand, and touched him, saying, I will: be thou clean. And immediately the leprosy departed from him.

14. And he charged him to tell no man: but go, and shew thyself to the priest, and offer for thy cleansing, according as Moses commanded, for a testimony unto them.

15. But so much the more went there a fame abroad of him: and great multitudes came together to hear, and to be healed by him of their infirmities.

Luke 5:27. And after these things he went forth, and saw a publican, named Levi, sitting at the receipt of custom: and he said unto him, Follow me.

28. And he left all, rose up, and followed him.

29. And Levi made him a great feast in his own house: and there was a great company of publicans and of others that sat down with them.

30. But their scribes and Pharisees murmured against his disciples, saying, Why do ye eat and drink with publicans and sinners?

31. And Jesus answering said unto them, They that are whole need not a physician; but they that are sick.

32. I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.

**Memory Selection:** They that are whole need not a physician; but they that are sick. I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance. Luke 5:31-32.

**Practical Truth:** Those who follow in Jesus' steps will seek to meet basic human needs wherever they exist.

#### COMMENTS AND APPLICATIONS

We have two outcasts of society in the lesson of today: the leper who was forbidden by Moses' law to mingle with the others, and the publican who was an outcast according to Jewish self-righteousness. They were hated by the upper class. But Jesus is no respecter of persons. His ministry takes in both kinds if they will only come to him. It seems that man has to get down before he will look up. An illustration of this is in Luke 18th chapter. Two Jews, one a Pharisee and the other a publican prayed. The Pharisee was right in his own sight and prayed with himself; but the publican called upon God and asked for mercy, for he said he was a sinner. The Pharisee would have done well in the eyes of God if he had acknowledged the same thing, but he had a long ways to get down to that, for he was self-righteous. Jesus Christ the same, yesterday, today, and forever (Heb. 13:8). He can heal all manner of sickness and diseases today as he could when he was upon earth, and he is doing it with those who will believe, lepers included.

The call of Levi (Matthew) was among the things did by Jesus which did not meet with the approval of the higher-ups. They murmured because Jesus ate with him. There are those who murmur today, but we are glad Jesus will save anyone who comes to him.

#### JESUS TEACHES HOW TO LIVE

November 13, 1955

Printed Portion:..... Luke 6:27-38.

Luke 6:27. But I say unto you which hear, Love your enemies, do good to them which hate you,

28. Bless them that curse you, and pray for them which despitefully use you.

29. And unto him that smiteth thee on the one cheek offer also the other; and him that taketh away thy cloke

forbid not to take thy coat also.

30. Give to every man that asketh of thee; and of him that taketh away thy goods ask them not again.

31. And as ye would that men should do to you, do ye also to them likewise.

32. For if ye love them which love you, what thank have ye? for sinners also love those that love them.

33. And if ye do good to them which do good to you, what thank have ye? for sinners also do even the same.

34. And if ye lend to them of whom ye hope to receive, what thank have ye? for sinners also lend to sinners, to receive as much again.

35. But love ye your enemies and do good, and lend, hoping for nothing again; and your reward shall be great, and ye shall be the children of the Highest: for he is kind unto the unthankful and to the evil.

36. Be ye therefore merciful, as your Father also is merciful.

37. Judge not, and ye shall not be judged: condemn not, and ye shall not be condemned: forgive, and ye shall be forgiven:

38. Give, and it shall be given unto you: good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again.

**Memory Selection:** And as ye would that men should do to you, do ye also to them likewise. Luke 6:31.

**Practical Truth:** We should be generous in all our dealings with others, as God is generous in his dealings with us.

#### COMMENTS AND APPLICATIONS

The sermon on the mount is a good sermon to live by, but there is one thing needful to live it and that is by the help of Almighty God. The Scripture that often comes in relation to this is 1 Peter 1:5, "Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed at the last time." Yes, that is very true; one is unable to live the Christian life without Christ. "Christ in you, the hope of glory" (Col. 1:27). "That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith" (Eph. 3:27). With Christ in the heart then, it is possible to so live that the sermon on the mount will be exemplified before our fellowman.

"By their fruits ye shall know them," is what Jesus said. How, then, could one expect to love his enemies as Jesus here said to do, without help from the Saviour who said those words. Again, how could he be kind to the unthankful and to the evil without a higher power within him since the "natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned" (1 Cor. 2:14). So then our living the beatitudes is according to our life of prayer, Bible reading, and yielding ourselves to obedience unto righteousness (Rom. 6:16).

#### EVIDENCE OF JESUS' POWER

November 20, 1955

Printed Portion:..... Luke 7:11-23.

Luke 7:11. And it came to pass the day after, that he went into a city called Nain; and many of his disciples went with him, and much people.

12. Now when he came nigh to the gate of the city, behold, there was a dead man carried out, the only son



of his mother, and she was a widow: and much people of the city was with her:

13. And when the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her, and said unto her, Weep, not.

14. And he came and touched the bier: and they that bare him stood still. And he said, Young man, I say unto thee, Arise.

15. And he that was dead sat up, and began to speak. And he delivered him to his mother.

16. And there came a fear on all: and they glorified God saying, That a great prophet is risen up among us; and, That God hath visited his people.

17. And this rumour of him went forth throughout all Judea, and throughout all the region round about.

18. And the disciples of John shewed him of all these things.

19. And John calling unto him two of his disciples sent them to Jesus, saying, Art thou he that should come? or look we for another?

20. When the men were come unto him, they said, John the Baptist hath sent us unto thee saying, Art thou he that should come? or look we for another?

21. And in that same hour he cured many of their infirmities and plagues, and of evil spirits; and unto many that were blind he gave sight.

22. Then Jesus answering said unto them, Go your way and tell John what things ye have seen and heard; how that the blind see, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, to the poor the gospel is preached.

23. And blessed is he, whosoever shall not be offended in me.

**Memory Selection:** Go your way, and tell John what things ye have seen and heard how that the blind see, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, to the poor the gospel is preached. Luke 7:22.

**Practical Truth:** The limitless power of Christ may still be drawn upon by us to meet our legitimate needs.

#### COMMENTS AND APPLICATIONS

It is quite reasonable that the man that made the automobile is the one who can fix it when it needs fixing. Here we have Jesus who is the Creator of all things (Rev. 4:11), and upholds all things by the word of his power (Heb. 1:3). He is certainly able to heal the sick, make the blind to see, the lame to walk, cleanse the lepers, cause the deaf to hear, and raise the dead to life; also raise the spiritually dead to life in Him (John 5:25). Why should it not be that the one who made our minds, our bodies, our souls, be able to fix any part that needs fixing? When it is God's will, the body can be given life even after it has been dead. The thought is, what a great God we have. Not only is He able to do these things but He is also willing; and if we can by faith claim it, the work is done. Surely He is a God to be praised.

The Lord has great compassion and mercy and is gracious toward all of his trusting believing children. Those who will seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness can have all temporal needs added unto them (Matt. 6:33). Those who read these lines and do not know these things to be true in your life may test out the word of God and do just as He says, and it will stand the test.

#### SPREAD OF THE GOOD NEWS

November 27, 1955

Printed Portion:.....Luke 8:1, 4-8; 9:1-6.

Luke 8:1. And it came to pass afterward, that he went throughout every city and village, preaching and and shewing the glad tidings of the kingdom of God: and the twelve were with him.

Luke 8:4. And when much people were gathered together, and were come to him out of every city, he spake by a parable:

5. A sower went out to sow his seed: and as he sowed, some fell by the way side; and it was trodden down, and the fowls of the air devoured it.

6. And some fell upon a rock; and as soon as it was sprung up, it withered away, because it lacked moisture.

7. And some fell among thorns; and the thorns sprang up with it, and choked it.

8. And other fell on good ground, and sprang up, and bare fruit an hundredfold. And when he had said these things, he cried, He that hath ears to hear, let him hear.

Luke 9:1. Then he called his twelve disciples together, and gave them power and authority over all devils, and to cure diseases.

2. And he sent them to preach the kingdom of God, and to heal the sick.

3. And he said unto them, Take nothing for your journey, neither staves, nor script, neither bread, neither money; neither have two coats apiece.

4. And whatsoever house ye enter into, there abide, and thence depart.

5. And whosoever will not receive you, when ye go out of that city, shake off the very dust from your feet for a testimony against them.

6. And they departed, and went through the towns, preaching the gospel, and healing every where.

**Memory Selection:** The harvest truly is great, but the labourers are few: pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth labourers into his harvest. Luke 10:2.

**Practical Truth:** Every Christian should help in spreading the good news concerning Christ and his power to save.

#### COMMENTS AND APPLICATIONS

In spreading of the good news, Jesus gives us a picture in a parable of the work of giving out the gospel. "He that soweth the good seed is the Son of man" (Matt. 13:37). "The seed is the word of God" (Luke 8:11) sown in the hearts of the "children of the kingdom" (Matt. 13:38). "The field is the world." Most people are engrossed in the affairs of this life so that when they hear the gospel their hearts are as the wayside, or hard ground.

Then there are those who receive the word for a short time but will not make a determined effort to keep what God gives them and they are likened to the stony ground. To those who received the Word "among thorns" Jesus said, "Ye cannot serve God and mammon" (Lk. 16:13). They try to compromise and hold onto the things of this world and serve God, too. It cannot be done. Of the fourth class Jesus said, "But blessed are your eyes for they see: and your ears, for they hear" (Matt. 13:18). The word "hear" has the thought of doing as well as literally hearing. "They that sow in tears shall reap in joy. He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him" (Ps. 126:5-6).

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