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### If Jesus Came To Your House

If Jesus came to your house to spend a day or two—  
If He came unexpectedly, I wonder what you'd do.

Oh, I know you'd give your nicest room to such an honored Guest,  
And all the food you'd serve to Him would be the very best,  
And you would keep assuring Him you're glad to have Him there—  
That serving Him in your own home is joy beyond compare.

But— when you saw Him coming, would you meet Him at the door  
With arms outstretched in welcome to your heav'nly visitor?  
Or would you have to change your clothes before you let Him in,  
Or hide some magazines and put the Bible where they'd been?

Would you turn off the radio and hope He hadn't heard,  
And wish you hadn't uttered that last, loud, hasty word?  
Would you hide your worldly music and put some hymn books out?  
Could you let Jesus walk right in, or would you rush about?

And I wonder—if the Saviour spent a day or two with you,  
Would you go right on doing the things you always do?  
Would you keep right on saying the things you always say?  
Would life for you continue as it does from day to day?

Would your family conversation keep up its usual pace,  
And would you find it hard each meal to say a table grace?  
Would you sing the songs you always sing and read the books you read,  
And let Him know the things on which your mind and spirit feed?

Would you take Jesus with you ev'rywhere you'd planned to go,  
Or would you maybe change your plans for just a day or so?  
Would you be glad to have Him meet your very closest friends,  
Or would you hope they'd stay away until His visit ends?

Would you be glad to have Him stay forever on and on,  
Or would you sigh with great relief when He at last was gone?

It might be interesting to know the things that you would do  
If Jesus Christ in person came to spend some time with you.  
—Lois Blanchard.

### Do Christians Sin?

Do Christians really live above sin? Is it possible for any one to live without committing sin? In this article the subject of sin will be very briefly discussed under the following heads: (1) Under the Law of Moses People Could Not Live Above Sin; (2) All People Are Sinners Until They Repent; (3) Christians Do Not Sin.

#### UNDER THE LAW OF MOSES PEOPLE COULD NOT LIVE ABOVE SIN

Both the Old and the New Testament teach that people could not live above sin during the Old Testament dispensation.

"And thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins" (Matt. 1:21). If people could have been saved from sin by the law of Moses, it would not have been necessary for Jesus to come and die for the sins of the people. "For there is not a just man upon earth, that doeth good, and sinneth not" (Eccl. 7:20). "For there is no man which sinneth not" (2 Chron. 6:36). "For there is no man that sinneth not" (1 Kings 8:46). These texts were written about one thousand years before Jesus came to save his people from their sins. At that time no one could live above sin.

"And by him all that believe are justified from all things, from which ye could not be justified by the law of Moses" (Acts 13:39). From this we see further that the law of Moses could not save from sin.

"For sin shall not have dominion over you, for ye are not under the law, but under grace" (Rom. 6:14). From this we see that:

1. We are no longer under the law of Moses.
2. We are now under the law of grace.
3. When we were under the law of Moses, sin had dominion (rule) over us.

## 4. Under the law of grace we have dominion over sin.

While people were under the law of Moses, sin had dominion over them; but now, being under the law of grace, they have dominion over sin, and can live free from sin.

### ALL PEOPLE ARE SINNERS UNTIL THEY REPENT

The universality of sin is clearly taught in the Bible. "Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned" (Rom. 5:12). "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God" (Rom. 3:23). I once talked with a man who said that he had never sinned in his life; nevertheless, the Bible teaches that all people are sinners. "If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us" (1 John 1:10). All have sinned, and Jesus says, "Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish" (Luke 13:3, 5). Those who repent are saved to sin no more.

### CHRISTIANS DO NOT SIN

We have seen that all people are sinners; therefore, all people should repent. When a man repents, God forgives him of his sins, and he is as innocent as if he had never sinned. Such a person is saved, Acts 3:19; he is justified, Rom. 5:1; he is a new creature in Christ, 2 Cor. 5:17; he has been born of God, John 1:13; he has salvation, Rom. 1:16; he is free from sin and he bears the fruit of holiness, Rom. 6:22. Now the question is: How long can he live free from sin? Does he have to sin every day in thought, word, and deed? Is it possible for him to live above sin the rest of his life? Jesus told the man to "sin no more" (John 5:14). He said to the woman, "Sin no more" (John 8:11). "My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not" (1 John 2:1). "Awake to righteousness, and sin not" (1 Cor. 15:34). The Lord would not command us to do something that is impossible for human beings to do.

"What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound? God forbid. How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein?" (Rom. 6:1, 2). How can we be dead to sin, and still commit sin? "Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin" (1 John 3:9). "We know that whosoever is born of God sinneth not" (1 John 5:18). These texts certainly teach that Christians do not sin. "But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life" (Rom. 6:22). These Roman Christians are free from sin, and they are bearing the fruit of holiness. By the grace of God, they can remain free from sin the rest of life. See Luke 1:74, 75.

—Joshua Peavy

### BOOK FOR SALE

This book was written by Mrs. H. R. Grauke, Box 133, Pearsall, Texas. It contains 62 pages. The title of this book is, "Trust in God." The price is 50 cents per book. Order from the writer at above address.

## Too Much Talking

The subject of, "too much talking" lays heavy on my heart. I have a mental picture of a goodly number of people, paired off by twos and threes, and still as statues, except the tongue. As we listen to the talk we discover there is nothing edifying, but simply chatter. This is no uncommon sight in these days. We may not expect any better of the world, but of evening light saints (and it is of these we are speaking) chatter is altogether too frequent, and that too in places that should be held in sacredness.

Chatter is in the Bible, also in the dictionary. It means idle talk. Jesus said, "For every idle word men shall give account in the day of judgment." Idle means unprofitable, not tending to edification, vain, frivolous, useless. I speak not about the vain state of the mind that utters only empty sentences. This grieves the Holy Spirit which we are told not to do. The conversation of saints should be in heaven. Paul says, "For many walk of whom I have told you often, they are enemies of the cross, whose end is destruction - - - who mind earthly things."

The talk is the index of the heart. "Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh." If Jesus were to appear in many congregations and hear the talk, His disapproval would be sharply felt. His Spirit would be deeply grieved in these days of spiritual peril. "Let your speech be always with grace seasoned with salt." Salt keeps foreign substances out of the meat and thereby protects it from corruption. The salt of grace closes up the heart and mouth and keeps the devil and the world out. It keeps folks sweet and helps them to keep others sweet. The more grace you have, the sweeter you are. It is a pleasure to be in a company of those filled with grace. Their tongue talks of holy things. Read what Jesus says about the tongue. Study it intently. It furnishes many good suggestions and thoughts concerning the tongue. God gave you a tongue for a purpose; use it for that purpose only.

David asked, "Lord who shall abide in thy tabernacle, who shall dwell in thy holy hill?" Then he answers, "He that walketh uprightly and worketh righteousness and speaketh truth in his heart, he that backbiteth not with his tongue, nor taketh up a reproach against his neighbor." The law of the tongue is to keep silent. Some one speaks about his neighbor, another takes up the reproach, the Spirit is grieved, the law of God is transgressed. "Keep thy heart with all diligence for out of it are the issues of life." To keep the heart is to keep the tongue. A kept heart has the tongue in hand. The tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity. It can not be tamed. It makes war. It turns things upside down, defiles the body, sets on fire the course of nature, and is set on fire of hell. Behold how great a matter a little fire kindleth. One match will set a forest on fire. So is the tongue among our members. Paul says, "Shun profane and vain babblings, for such will increase unto more ungodliness." Even so, small idle talk will

increase unto more worldly talk and that is the spirit the devil is trying hard to put on God's people. This creates a party spirit until others will be driven from us. Jesus had an impartial attitude toward every one to their good and we are to be like Him. We must not have fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness. The wife can work for and love her drunkard husband, but she can not fellowship his spirit and be a saint. This is deep, but the love of God is deep. The world is growing cold, and unless we keep the Holy Spirit burning in us we will grow cold with it. We are seeking God daily for more of this life.

Peter tells us to have the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit; not given to much talking, tattling, hilarity, fussiness, loudness, but showing forth a spirit of quiet subjection. There was a great wind, earthquake, fire, but God was not in it, then a still small voice. I once asked God to heal me of a sudden sickness. He was so near and healed me so suddenly that I was compelled to lower my voice because of His nearness. His presence prompted stillness. A little girl from school stayed with us children over night. At supper there was much talk. She said, "I don't see how you can all talk at once." Quite a reproof. Some talk their salvation all away. "Keep thy foot when thou goest to the house of God, and be more ready to hear than to give the sacrifice of fools for they consider not that they do evil; be not rash with thy mouth and let not thine heart be hasty to utter anything before God, for God is in heaven and thou upon earth, therefore let thy words be few."

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### Thy Will Be Done

Let him who prays, saying, "Thy will be done," see to it that he fail not in doing His (God's) will.

Let us read a few lines in the Scriptures concerning the will of God. Jesus says, as recorded in Matthew 12:50, "Whosoever shall DO the WILL of my Father which is in heaven," etc. It is for him who prays, "THY WILL BE DONE" to DO HIS WILL. Remember this: When you say, "THY WILL BE DONE IN EARTH," it is for you to set an example before others. Luke 8:21 reads likewise: "And He answered and said unto them, My mother and My brethren are these which hear the Word of God, and DO IT." To DO IT is seeing to it that His (God's) will is being done.

In John 15:14, Jesus says, "Ye are my friends, if ye DO whatsoever I command you." Jesus saw to it that His Father's will was being done in Him. Do you even so.

In John 13:15, Jesus said, "For I have given you an example, that ye should DO as I have done to you."

Again in the 17th verse He says, "If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye DO them." That is doing God's will.

Jesus said unto one who came unto Him asking Him, Good Master, what good thing shall I DO, that I may have eternal life? If thou wilt enter into life, KEEP THE COMMANDMENTS." (It is the will of

God that none should perish, then it is the WILL of God that every one should KEEP THE COMMANDMENTS of the Lord (Matt. 19:16, 17). Again Jesus says, "If ye love me, KEEP my commandments." John 14:15 Are you yet willing to pray, saying, "THY WILL BE DONE," and still refrain from DOING IT?

Paul said unto Timothy (4:12), "Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith and in purity." Now if you will pray, saying, "THY WILL BE DONE," then set an example by DOING GOD'S WILL.

Matthew 7:21, "Not every one that saith unto Me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven: [Thy will be done] But he that DOETH the WILL of MY FATHER which is in heaven." (Thy will be done).

Will you now say, "THY WILL BE DONE," and DO IT NOT? It is not for us to only pray, "THY WILL BE DONE," but also to DO IT.—H. C. Erdman

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### He Invites You In

Many years you have travelled without Jesus,  
Now you're close to the end of life's way;  
Disregarded the blessings He gave you,  
Unheeded the words He did say.

Now eternity's vast darkness before you,  
On, on with no end ever in sight;  
No hope in the direction you're going—  
Halt now, accept Jesus tonight.

He left the glories of heaven's bright city,  
Paid the price to save you from your sin;  
He's not willing that any should perish.  
My friend, He invites you come in.

Just over beyond flows the river of death,  
With its icy waters so deep;  
Take Jesus who'll pilot you safely across,  
To the haven where none ever weep.

Let Him write your name down on His records,  
Among those of the born-again host;  
It is only those found in it's pages,  
Who will not be turned away—lost!

There's a beautiful city over yonder,  
A city with bright mansions so fair;  
Where the happy redeemed will all gather—  
He invites you, friend, to be there.

Would you go to that place, that fair city?  
You must turn to your Bible and read;  
For in it the Lord gives the directions,  
And to His Word all must give heed.

Why not repent and turn to your Saviour?  
Lay your sins upon Jesus, I pray;  
Accept his offered salvation right now;  
Be saved, yes saved now, while you may.

—Elsie Dietrich.

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**PRAYER REQUESTS**

Sister Holdcraft of Guthrie, Okla. desires the saints' earnest prayers for the healing of a bad sore in her mouth.

Dear Saints:—Pray for my Sister who is in sad condition at insane Hospital. Pray for God to completely heal her and make her able to come home. We know our loving God can. —Sis. Becky Barnes.

**Editorials**

The new year of 1956 is traveling on, seemingly quite fast, as the force here is making hours and minutes count for God in printing tracts, booklets, books, and papers—getting them ready and sending them out to the people. They are going out in a steady stream to all parts of the world. The gospel by the printed page is a wonderful way to get truth to precious souls. Paul said that he was in debt to all men. It is truly so that every saved man and woman is in debt to all mankind to get the gospel to them. Just think what sin and darkness we were in once, and if someone had not felt their indebtedness to us and put forth some effort to get to us the truth, we could have been lost forever. First, God loved us and got that love to us by the gift of his only begotten Son. He gave him as a blood sacrifice. It cost much pain, anguish, and suffering to get his love to us and make us know that he still loved us even though we had greatly wronged him by sinful acts and deeds. The love of God for us ought to constrain us to love our neighbor who is in the pit of sin, to do something to help him out, that he, too, might enjoy deliverance and salvation, and enjoy heaven throughout eternity. Let us not fold our hands and do nothing for needy souls; but let his love so fill our hearts that we will be prompted by it to put forth some effort to reach them with the gospel of their salvation.

We expect the Lord to make us able to put out a greater volume of Gospel literature in this year than in any year of the past. The need is so great that our very soul is stirred to do our best while he keeps life in our body.

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For some time we have been burdened about putting in a larger press in the "Lord's Print Shop," as it seems much needed if the work of getting the gospel out by the printed page is to increase and expand to the reaching of many more souls than in the past. We made mention of this in the December paper of 1955, concerning the installing of a larger Cylinder Press, and said we were on a deal for one. This statement was true, but we have been hindered and delayed because it was needful to sell the old press in order to have room for the larger one in the Print Shop, as space in the building is limited. We advertised the old press for sale, but got no response. Then we advertised it in the Printer's Auxillary paper in Chicago that reaches most all printers. In the mean time the whole office force was praying that the Lord would send a buyer for the press. It looked like no one cared for it, although we put the price down at an almost "give away" price. We did not give up praying that God would send a buyer. After practically all hope was gone, a man phoned us about the press. He lived in the southwest part of Oklahoma. He promised to come see it, but did not come at that time. A little later a man wrote to us from Kansas wanting to know about it, then one wrote from Mo., so we give the Lord credit for answering prayer. The other day the man from southwest Oklahoma came and looked at the

press. He liked it and bought it, so the Lord has enabled us to sell the old press. He is to move it just as soon as we get the February paper printed. We are now expecting soon to get a larger press installed, and those wanting to help finance this undertaking can send their offerings in at any time now. We want to get the larger press bought and erected in the "Lord's Print Shop" in time to print the March paper, if it is possible. Pray with us and for us. We do want the gospel to go forth by the printed page in an increased way.

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The Church of God Assembly Meeting held at Guthrie through the holidays was well attended. The weather was very good most of the time during the meeting. The preaching was good and quite a lot of work was done at the altar. Some precious souls were saved, others sanctified, infilled with the Spirit. Some witnessed to the healing of their bodies. In speaking of the meeting in a general sense, it was much blessed by the Lord. I regret that I did not get to attend much of the day meetings, but all the workers at the Print Shop were off duty and I had to stay at the office and attend to the necessary work there. There was mail coming in every day that had to be opened and read, the orders filled, and packages wrapped, stamped, and taken to the Post Office. Many other things also had to be attended to that are too numerous to mention. It took nearly all of my time during the day. One thus occupied cannot enter into a meeting as they would like, as other burdens and matters are pressing them for attention. We love to see the good work of God go on in its different phases, for we know that a soul gained for God is the most worthy work that is going on in this sin-cursed world. One soul is worth more than all the world; and all who are saved owe a debt toward the salvation of other souls that no one but that one can pay. Let no man or woman shirk his duty toward God and his fellowman.

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#### PROPOSED EVANGELISTIC COMPANY

To all the saints and any who might be interested: Greetings in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

We are writing in regard to some plans concerning the Lord's work. As some of you know, in 1954 at Chandler, Okla. we were having a tent meeting when the tent and seats were burned. The meeting was going good and the Lord was working, so it looked like the devil just tried to burn us out. Anyway, we lost the only tent appropriate for meeting in this part of the country owned by the saints. Since we have talked with some of the saints, it seems it is the Lord's will to buy another tent, and plans are in the making for a new one, also seats, and perhaps later a trailer or light truck to haul it, along with a company of evangelistic workers going out for God.

It seems this is a great need. We here at Shawnee have had several tent meetings, and all were a great success. Many people came to our meetings.

As some of you know, Bro. Charles Smith lives here at Shawnee and he is an evangelist, and feels burdened to take the leading part in this tent meeting venture. We now have \$400 to start with, and the tent will cost \$750.00 for a nice new one, size 40 x 40 feet, and can be added to at any time. The seats will cost around \$250, and the trailer or light truck will depend on what we can afford.

Now dear saints, this equipment will belong to all the saints, not just one or two individuals, and is to be used in any place or state as the Lord and His people require for evangelistic purposes. Several persons are already interested in a plan like this; but we just can't tell how far it can go until we first make a start, and we can't make a start without a tent. So we thought we would get the tent first, and go on from there as funds are provided. We must order the tent very soon in order to get a good price and early delivery. We have planned to have it ordered by the time this paper reaches the readers. Now how far the plans go will depend on how many of the saints are interested, but we plan to buy a tent and seats regardless of the interest, for we already have a start, and plan to trust God to stand by us.

Surely many souls are dying while many of us are attending a campmeeting, so let's do our best to reach some of them by going out into the little towns and country with a tent and company of saints and tell them the truth. It looks like we ought to have a dozen companies out now; and who knows? maybe some day we shall. Saints, this is the truth; let's get it out to the people.

Now any and all who are interested in this move, let us hear from you soon, and if you send an offering, BE SURE and state what it is for. Write to any of the following: Brother Charles Smith, 728 N. Union, Shawnee, Okla.; Bro. Archie Souder, 230 S. McKinley, Shawnee, Okla., or Bro. Lawrence Pruitt, 1116 W. Washington, Guthrie, Okla. Now may God bless every one, and all the saints please pray for this move.

—Bro. Archie Souder.

Greetings in Jesus' name: I feel impressed to write a postscript to Bro. Souder's notice printed above.

For quite some time I have been burdened along this same line, and had brought the matter before the saints at some recent campmeetings and assembly meeting. I had expressed the urgent need for an evangelistic company of gospel workers (including singers) to go out on a permanent and continuous basis, suggesting the purchase of tent, folding chairs, and a truck to haul them and pull a house trailer as living quarters for the workers. With some additional equipment, a tent meeting could be held any where the Lord may lead. In the winter time the tent meetings could be held along the southern borders of the U. S., and in the summer they could have meetings farther north. In this way, the tent could be kept in use all year around.

The brethren at Shawnee may not be in a position to travel with the tent continually, but there are

other ministers and workers who are now ready and willing to travel indefinitely in an evangelistic company.

In the Great Commission the Lord commissioned the disciples to "go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." This is a great assignment, and it cannot be left to the ministers alone, but is the responsibility of the whole church. The saints who do not have this special call can support and pray for those who are called and going out in obedience to His command, thereby being "workers together" with God in the harvest of souls. In this age the gospel workers are divinely commanded to "go out into the highways and hedges and compel them to come in." People are not flocking to the meeting houses to hear the gospel, so the church will have to take it to them—right in their own neighborhood and community.

As the Lord supplies through the Free Literature Fund, the office here will furnish tracts, papers, and booklets to the proposed gospel company so that they can contact people personally and leave the printed gospel in their hands.

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The opportunity and challenge is before you. How will you answer the Lord? —Lawrence D. Pruitt.

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### Isaiah 5:14

God's children all comprehend the line of thought concerning the Bride of Christ as given in the New Testament: that family of God without spot or wrinkle, lively stones, the church of God, that holy city not built by hands, the new Jerusalem that was brought down from heaven through the Holy Spirit of God. It will be gathered up by Christ on the last day and shall be presented unto God. This is truly the Lamb's Bride, or wife.

In contrast to this—but more horrifying than the previous is beautiful—seems to be another line of thought in Isa. 5:14, "Therefore hell hath enlarged herself, and opened her mouth without measure . . ."

The expression which we wish to call to your attention is "herself." This is of feminine gender.

Can it be possible that this hell (she) refers to the bride of Satan? For we know the church is the

bride of Christ. Apparently so; for we can see here why Satan is so extremely industrious. He is winning a corrupted bride to himself.

Let us close our eyes and try to visualize this reality. There in outer darkness (in the valley of death) Satan, THE OLD DEVIL, has hidden his bride, that tremendous feminine demon, gorged to a bursting fullness. She reaches down to loosen her girdle, that she may "enlarge herself." Her capacity is referred to as a "bottomless pit." She will never become full.

Satan and his imps work day and night with all boldness. They go to and fro throughout all the world, deceiving that which God has intended for Himself, trying to satisfy a gluttonous appetite, feeding into "her mouth without measure."

A final summing up: in these last days God is in reality desperate. We can hear his urgent voice as he cries out in St. Luke 14:23, "Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled." We will notice that there are three stages to this true parable.

1. An invitation was sent to "them that were bidden" (the Jews, the religious denominations of that day.).

2. St. Luke 14:21, "Go out quickly into the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in hither." This "bring-in" period was from the Apostolic fathers' time until now.

3. Now, St. Luke 14:23, "and the Lord said unto the servant [to you and me] Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel [use spiritual force, kill that old man of sin] them to come in that my house may be filled."

On one side of this amazing fact exists a tremendous, over-gorged, gluttonous demon "hell." On God's side is only a partly filled heaven. Let us pray for those "more than twelve legions of angels" that Christ said he could have in Matt. 26:53. They are still there and can be sent. God knows we need them now.

—Clarence C. Furman.

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### The Kingdom of God

In the early history of the Israelites as a nation, during the time of Moses, Joshua, the judges, and Samuel; God was their King and spoke through them His will in reigning over them. God called them His "Holy people" (Deut. 14:1, 2). "The throne is established by righteousness" (Proverbs 16:12). The dictionary gives "Righteousness—the quality of being righteous; holiness; justice; moral integrity." We are to "seek first the kingdom of God, and his RIGHTEOUSNESS" (Matt. 6:33).

So God's people wanted "a king to judge us like all the nations. But the thing displeased Samuel . . . And the Lord said unto Samuel, hearken unto the voice of the people in all that they say unto thee: for they have not rejected thee, but they have rejected me, that I should not reign over them" (1 Sam. 8:5-7). Referring to the attitude of some who rejected him, Jesus, in one of his parables, said, "We will not have this man to reign over us" (Lk. 19:14). "He came un-

to his own, and his own received him not" (Jno. 1:11). As a nation, they rejected Jesus.

God is still reigning over all those who will live a holy life: "an holy nation" (1 Pet. 2:9). At the present time Jesus is reigning in the hearts of his people. "Christ in you, the hope of glory" (Col. 1:27). "That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith" (Eph. 3:17). "For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but **RIGHTEOUSNESS**" (Rom. 14:17). "Being then made free from sin, ye became servants of **RIGHTEOUSNESS**" (Rom. 6:18). "For sin shall not have dominion over you" (Rom. 6:14). "But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness" (Rom. 6:22). "Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound? God forbid" (Rom. 6:1, 2).

Then those who profess to be Christians and live like Christ, need to consider the above; for he "did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth" (1 Pet. 2:22). "Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto **RIGHTEOUSNESS**" (1 Pet. 2:24). Where, then, is there any room for sin in the heart of the true Christian? There is none.

"The soul that sinneth, it shall die" (Ez. 18:4). Then, unless he repents immediately and quits the sin business, he is not alive spiritually; but dead. "For I have no pleasure in the death of him that dieth. saith the Lord God: wherefore turn yourselves, and live ye" (Ezek. 18:32. Read verses 30 and 31). It is impossible to be committing sin and be a Christian at the same time. There is no such thing as a sinning Christian, for if one sins he is not like Christ. "All have sinned" (Rom. 3:23); but, "Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus: whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation [merciful favor] through faith in his blood, to declare his **RIGHTEOUSNESS** for the remission of sins that are past . . . to declare, I say, at this time his **righteousness**: that he might be just, and the justifier of him that believeth in Jesus" (Rom. 3:24-26). To "follow his steps" (1 Pet. 2:21) means no sin (verse 22). —Selected.

Where can mortal be more blest  
Than to turn to Jesus and have rest,  
With clean white linen be dressed?  
All my sins— they are now confessed,  
With the righteousness of God I'm impressed.  
Holiness of life can't be too much stressed.—C. W.

### Unity Of The Spirit

In treating this subject, I will first show what it takes to bring about unity of Spirit, and the requirements to make this. Then we will show by the Word of God what it will do and how it causes us to act. Then we shall endeavor to show how to keep it.

We shall treat these different phases from a Bible stand point.

There is a vast difference in unity and union. The word unity means one; hence, unity of spirit would

mean one spirit. Then it follows, to have unity of spirit it would naturally be the Holy Spirit.

In Psalm 133:1 it is written: "Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity." Then unity is compared to a precious ointment or perfume which spreads its odors until the air is fragrant with this odor. Again it is likened unto the dew of Hermon (a mountain top) as the dew falls down from the mountain top to the low lands. This dew forms on the mountain top where the air is pure; hence the life giving dew is pure. Then he says, "For the Lord commanded the blessings, even life for ever more." Psalm 133:3.

The very beginning of unity has its origin in the new birth, a born again experience, wrought by the Holy Ghost in the heart. Three things work together to bring about the new birth: Word of God, Spirit of God, then the individual. The Word of God is a basic principal, or the foundation; then the seeker receives the engrafted Word of God in the soul. Now the Spirit comes into the soul, fertilizing the Word of God; hence, a new birth. These principles have much to do with our lives from here on. All who have been born again have been begotten through the same process.

Now the born-again soul needs another work of grace, sanctification, which means being filled with the Holy Spirit. This experience destroys all elements in the heart and nature of man which would bring strife and contentions, from which all divisions arise. It is an impossibility for divisions to arise among people that are filled with the Spirit of God. So we may plainly say that where these things exist, someone is not filled with the Holy Ghost.

Our next thought is: what will it do for us? As we have proven, when the Holy Spirit comes in as a Sanctifier, He does two things: seals the heart to keep out foreign elements from entering into the heart; and He lifts up a standard (Isaiah 59:19) against all intruding elements trying to come in. Paul said in Eph. 1:13, "Sealed with the Holy Spirit" after ye believed. You see, when the Holy Spirit comes in, the heart is cleansed and purified. Now you are sealed, which keeps the sweetness inside and evil thoughts and imaginations from entering into the heart.

Jesus also said in St. John 16:13, "Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth is come, he will guide you into all truth; for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak; and he will shew you things to come." Here is another positive evidence that God's children are one with the same Guide to pilot them through life on the same line of truth and with the same Spirit to lead us. "As many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God." Rom. 8:14.

Now we have come to one basic truth: division is brought about **only** through someone who does not have the Holy Spirit. If that one had had the Holy Spirit, He would have guided him into all truth, and never in error.

What shall we do to keep such a valuable thing as this precious unity? Paul told us (in Eph. 4:4,



also in verse two) how to walk "with all lowliness and meekness with long suffering, forbearing one another in love." Here are the principles found which, if measured up to, will enable us to fulfil the next verse: "Endeavoring [putting forth an effort] to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace." Just what shall we get out of this? Working on these lines will strengthen this bond of peace so we will have a unity that all heaven will rejoice over. Jesus prayed in St. John 17:20, "Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe in me through their word." This includes every believer from the time the Holy Spirit was ushered in unto the end of the world. Verse 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."

A diversity of doctrines, divisions and unbelief is creating more infidels than all else; but the Bible is true and infallible. If I see my brother drifting from the truth, should I not become burdened for him and do my best to rescue him? (Gal. 6:1). His soul is at stake. Maybe I have not lived as carefully as I ought, which caused him to stumble. This brings an obligation for me to straighten up. If I love my brother and see him leaving the truth, I should see to it that I am filled with God's love before I start to help him. Many souls have driven the weak brother farther down the wrong direction because they were not filled with the love of God and not led by Him (Christ) to the place of restoration. If I have failed the brother, then I am in trouble as well as the other brother. It was asked a long time ago, "Am I my brother's keeper?" We most surely are our brother's keeper. We cannot have God's love in our souls without being in some measure our brother's keeper.

You know we are taught in 1 Cor. 12:23, "And those members of the body which we think to be less honorable, upon these we bestow more abundant honor; and our uncomely parts have more abundant comeliness." In verse 26 it reads, "And whether one member suffer, all the members suffer with it; or one member be honored, all the members rejoice with it."

The body of Christ is so framed together that there is a cord of sympathy and love running from heart to heart. As Paul said, "That their hearts might be comforted, being knit together in LOVE, and unto all riches of the full assurance of understanding, to the acknowledging of the mystery of God and of the Father and of Christ." Col. 2:2.

Did you ever see a body so knit together that all the members being many are just one? What is God's idea (or purpose) in fixing up a body, a church, in this manner? It was to be the habitation of God through the Spirit. (Eph. 2:22). Here Jesus makes his home in the Spirit, dwelling in them, giving them grace to walk unto all pleasing, and so leading them day by day until their departure from this time world. The world has not been able to see through this mystery, which is Christ in us, the hope of glory. "Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God

hath prepared for them that love him." 1 Cor. 2:9. No wonder David cried out: "Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity." Psalm 133:1. Again we hear Him say, "Out of Zion the perfection of beauty, God hath shined." Psa. 50:2.

John, exiled as a prisoner on the Isle of Patmos, saw something coming down out of heaven. It was the bride, the Lamb's wife. But it seems he had to ascend up to a great and high mountain, and when he got up there he saw the great city descending out of heaven from God, having the glory of God, and her light was like unto a stone most precious, even like a jasper stone, clear as crystal. Rev. 21:9, 10.

The term "a great city" means cohabitants. This to my mind, represents a body of people (city). I have given you a faint picture of the Holy Ghost being connected up with this city so as to lighten it. The Bride, the Lamb's wife, is His pure church in perfect working order, which is without a wrinkle, holy without blemish (Eph. 5:25-32).

Can you see the sweet unity of Spirit manifested in the Bride, the Lamb's wife, His church?

—E. M. Zinn.

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#### JUST A FRIENDLY LETTER TO ALL THE SAINTS

Dear saints scattered abroad and all readers of the "Faith and Victory" paper: Greetings in the name of our dear loving Lord Jesus who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own precious blood. Oh, isn't that wonderful! Praise God forever! Our sins are all gone, never to return again, and that is something to be happy about. Now my prayer and earnest desire is that our loving Lord will lower His presence over his dear loving children who love and obey Him so that we may reach up by faith and get all He has to bless us with for both soul and body. I am so glad that our loving heavenly Father is rich in houses and lands; He holdeth the wealth of the world in His hands. And I am so glad that He has sent us an invitation to come boldly to the throne of grace that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need. We read in the precious old Book these comforting words: "The earth is the Lord's and the fulness thereof." And the cattle on a thousand hills all belong to Him. He also tells us that the gold and silver belong to Him. Amen.

These comforting words we find in Paul's letter to the Philippians: "But my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Jesus Christ." "'Tis true, Oh yes, 'tis true; God's wonderful promise is true; For I've trusted and tested and tried it; and I know God's promise is true." Jesus said (Matt. 6:33, "But seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness: and all these things [food, raiment, shelter, and healing for our bodies] shall be added unto you." Jesus knows just what we need before we ask. But He wants us to ask in faith believing and count Him faithful that promised. Jesus said, "My sheep hear my voice and I know them and they follow me." I am so glad that I have left all the world to follow Jesus; for Jesus said, "I am the light of the



world, he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness but shall have the light of life." "We'll walk in the Light, the beautiful Light; come where the dew drops of mercy are bright. Shine all around us by day and by night, Jesus the Light of the world."

Jesus said, "I am the good Shepherd, the good Shepherd giveth his life for the sheep"—His sheep. Oh, how good it is to know that the Lord is our Shepherd, so we'll not have to want for any good thing! Oh, how sweet and restful it is to lie down in His green pastures and to be led beside the still waters, and how sweet and blessed it is to have our soul restored and to be led in paths of righteousness for His name's sake. And when we are called to go through the valley of the shadow of death, we shall fear no evil, for the Lord is with us and his rod and his staff (Word and Spirit) they comfort us. Oh, what a rich feast we have when He prepares his table before us right in the presence of our enemies. Then He anoints our heads with oil (the oil of gladness) and our cup runs over and in our joyfulness we cry out, surely goodness and mercy shall follow us all the days of our life, for we will dwell in the house of the Lord (church of God) forever, Amen and Amen.

Now in conclusion, I want to say I have spent almost eighteen months with Bro. Pruitt and God's faithful workers in the Lord's Print Shop. I can truly say I have found this a heavenly place, and I thank God for the thousands of tracts and gospel literature that is going out to thousands of hungry souls. Thank the Lord.

I want to relate a little story I heard:

Two little girls moved into a new home where there was a big garden with flowers in it. One of the little girls came crying to her mother and said, "That's the meanest old rose bush; it has thorns all over it." Some time later the other little girl came running to her mother and said, "Oh, there's the nicest thorn bush out there in the garden; it has roses all over it."

Dear saints of God and readers of the "Faith and Victory" paper, does your thorn bush have roses all over it? From your glad and happy brother in the one body. Geo. W. Stephenson, Box 713, Guthrie, Ok.

## Correspondence

Ill.—Dear saints everywhere,—Greetings in Jesus' precious name. I felt like I should put my testimony in the paper. I never was so happy till I got saved. And I am still very happy, and I want to please the Lord more than anything. I love Him more every day.

I had my first experience the other day of asking an unsaved person—whom I didn't know very well—to forgive me. I didn't know exactly what it was that I did wrong, but I felt it. I think it had to do with thoughts. Anyway I knew what I was going to do when I went to school that morning after thinking about it most of the night. I saw her coming in the hall, and the devil was trying to tell me to wait till the afternoon. I knew that he would try to get me not to ask if I waited, so I stopped her in the hall. I asked her and started crying. She felt awful uneasy and kept edging away. She told me that it was all right, and she was just about to cry, too. I

hadn't thought that an unsaved person's heart could be as tender as that girl's was. I felt really good all afternoon after I asked forgiveness.

I have heard people say that when you have slipped a little and didn't make it right, you could keep from getting lower. But I don't believe you can keep the same level without making things right. You'd just get more and more in the devil's hands. I never again want to be any ways near the devil's hands. I want to get closer to the Lord and to be a good example before everyone. So pray for me. Your sister in Christ, Nancy McClain

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Calif.—Greetings to all blood-washed brothers and sisters in Christ,—I am so thankful to know that there are still a number of men and women throughout the land who are not all wrapped up in man-made church organizations. I believe that there are more and more people beginning to wake up to the fact that they must come out from among the man-made rules and regulations. A few of us here in Petaluma, California realize that we need an undenominational church of God here. We have a lot bought and paid for and plan to start building as soon as the good Lord works everything in order for us. Of course, we realize that we are his instruments and we must be pliable in His hands. Our next step now is to get a building permit through the City Planning Committee. We need the prayers of all you saints in behalf of this permit. Please pray earnestly that the Lord will speak to the hearts of everyone involved in getting it. I know the Lord can make a way where it looks very hard from the human standpoint. Let us all pray in one accord that the true church of our Lord Jesus Christ will grow, and grow, and grow. I do hope and pray that we can get a work started here. We had a Sunday School work going here in our home for about seventeen months. The city refused to extend our permit unless we did a lot of unnecessary things to the house, so that came to a halt last February. Pray for us.

A brother in Christ,

Floyd Northam.

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Tex.—Dear saints at the print shop—I can't put in words on paper the blessing that the "Faith and Victory" paper has been to me. It has built up my faith so much and is a blessing to my crippled son. I have been letting others read mine, and this morning the Lord spoke to me and told me to have it sent to some of my loved ones.

A sister in Christ,

Ada Lane.

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Calif.—Greetings to all of the saints,—I am very thankful for what the Lord has done for me this past year, healing my body, hearing and answering prayers.

I promised the Lord that if He would heal my body and give me health I would do more for Him than I ever have done. I feel that I owe my life to him. He has brought me through affliction and helped me to stand firmly for Him, for without Him we can do nothing.

Last August—I believe about the fifth of the month—I got up out of bed with a severe pain under my side. I could scarcely breathe and there was an awful roaring in my ears. It made me very sick. I went to the telephone and called my niece Wilda and asked her if she could give me Brother Chandler's name and address. She said she did not know his address. I thought Bro. Zinn was at Bro. Chandler's place, but he wasn't. I told her that I was very sick and wanted to get a request for prayer to the Bakersfield campmeeting as soon as I could. We quit talking and about five minutes later she called me and said, "Aunt Annie, I have the name of the folks

where Dad is staying." She didn't know whether they had a phone or not. Through Information I got the number and in five minutes got the message through, letting them know that I was very sick with gall bladder trouble and high blood pressure. In an hour or so the pain began to ease, also the roaring. My healing was from that hour; Amen. What a mighty God we serve! I have gained about twenty pounds and am doing my own work. The enemy tries to bring back symptoms, but I just resist him and claim my healing.

The Lord being my helper, I am putting forth every effort I can to help my children, that they may have a desire to turn to the Lord and serve him better this year. That is the burden of my heart. Pray with me that God will continually help me to be obedient and have a willing heart to turn and obey him. Your sister, Annie McKenney

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Pa.—Greetings to the saints of God,—As I read the many testimonies in the "Faith and Victory," which I have taken many years, I know you believe God's Word and practice it, which is important. I have often written in for prayer, and the Lord has delivered me.

Over two years ago I bumped my chest just above the breast. A lump formed, which had not given me any trouble; but now it is inflamed and troubling me. Every one who knows about it thinks I am very foolish not to have it X-rayed, and that will mean surgery. I always consult the Lord first. I always send to the people of God to pray, as I have done for 44 years, and he has preserved me many times. One lady told me this is only on the surface now, but could give me a lot of trouble, which I guess is true. But Asa trusted the Lord thirty-nine years, then got diseased in his feet. Yet in his disease he sought the Lord NOT, but the physicians. It has always seemed to me that was a challenge to him. So now in this time I need wisdom. Those around me who cannot trust the Lord and get fearful, are no help. My husband says he agrees with me about it, and he says he has a wonderful victory over asthma which he has had for years. He took the Lord at his word while a minister prayed for him and has been able to sleep well ever since—no wheezing nor short breath. I do praise the Lord. I often prayed that he could take the Lord as his Healer as well as Saviour.

We will both be 74 this year and the Lord has been very good. He still goes out every day and tunes pianos. He always has work and does not look his age, even though he has been bad with asthma.

Please pray for us that we will not make any mistake at this time of testing. It is very tempting at times when I feel pain and know there is trouble here. So if the Lord heals me of this, it will be a testimony for Him. Satan does not care when we give in, if it is only at the last minute. So I want God's will done, and will surely testify to it in your paper.

Mrs. Geo. Kelley

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Ala.—I feel impelled to write my testimony of the saving and keeping power of the Lord Jesus Christ. I am thankful to the good Lord for many blessings received all through my long life. I have lived well past the usual span of life and am trying to do God's will as near as humanly possible.

Mark 12:30-34 tells of the only church that will lead us to the heavenly gates. There are no degrees with God in sin. He that is guilty of one is guilty of all. Without the shedding of blood there is no remission or sin. Blessed be God! In 1 John 3, God tells us that those who are born of God, born of the Word and Spirit of God, do not commit sin because the Spirit of God is in us. The Bible says

that Christ died for our sins, and not for ours only, but for the sins of the whole world. There are only two sides, saved and unsaved. To be near the kingdom is not enough. We must be born from above.

The plan of salvation is summed up in few words in the Bible: "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved." The word believe is important. Historical belief is not enough; head belief is not enough; only heart and soul belief will save our souls. If we have a heart belief, we will do God's will, do things Christ would do, and leave off things Christ would not do. The Bible says, "He that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin. We must have faith—faith in God. "Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God. In Romans 10:9 we read, "That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus [That Jesus is Lord] and believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation." Baptism is a sign of repentance. The prayers of a righteous man avail much, but no preacher or priest can take away our sins and save our souls; only Christ can do that. There are many denominational churches, but they are NOT a means to salvation.

In Romans 12:1 we are admonished to present our bodies a living sacrifice. If we have done that, God would have our hearts and brains. We should use them to advance God's business, and also to use them in our business affairs and our work.

If we have been born again, our sins have been justified and taken away. We must appropriate the blood of Christ to our hearts and souls, and come by the way of the cross. We must repent and be baptized and do the will of God. We must belong to God's kingdom church—near is not near enough.

I have many trials, but praise God, I am walking in his way as near as I can and get great comfort from his holy Word. I hope all readers will pray for me.

—J. P. Ramey.

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Va.—Dear saints, greetings in Jesus' dear name,—I am still saved and encouraged to press on. Truly I mean to go all the way, because there is nothing back in the sinful life for me. I am a young saint and I am asking for special prayer in regards to my little business. I have been in this business one year in Dec. I wrote to Bro. Gibson concerning it, and the Lord has been blessing me. I also request special prayer that the Lord will send the right man to fill the job, for the most of them are drinking men or dope fiends. When I first opened my shop I took the Lord as a partner in my business. About three years ago when I was working for someone else, I bought two lots and dedicated one of them to the Lord's cause. It looked like it was a very hard thing to get a chapel built because there are just a hand full of poor elderly saints in Richmond. I prayed over it, and the rest of the saints here prayed, and I sold the lot that I had dedicated to the Lord's cause and used the money to buy the place where I am now living. Later, I am to rent the whole place out to two families. The real estate man said it would take me ten years to pay for it, but by renting it out it pays for itself in three years time. I also dedicated the house to the Lord, and after three years I can use that money to help support the gospel.

Please put this in the paper so the saints can pray over this. Your friend in the gospel, Henry S. Carr

Mo.—Dear Bro. Pruitt,—I am writing you this morning in the dear name of our Saviour. He has done so much for us and we are yet asking more. He said to cast all our cares upon him.

The first of June when Bro. Key and Bro. Foster prayed for me I got right up out of bed and went to meeting every night for two weeks and worked during the days. After the first two days, the tests began, and I still have them. I never stop working when I do. I have had a few in which it looked like I would fall dead, but I trusted the Lord and believed he would see me through. Bless his name, he did. If I were not trusting God I would have been gone long ago, but I am expecting to be strong in body, and I believe the time is at hand. I have learned a lot. I am thankful for the Lord's drawing me closer to him, and I want to please him and be an example. It would be a reproach on the cause for me to fail. The children told others about me and neighbors are looking on. The family knows not of the test I have had. I do not tell them. One time I almost gave up healing, but I know I was healed and I mean to have what the Lord has for me. He promised to heal us, and His Word is true. I believe God will take away every bit of this trouble. I have no desire to trust man. He said he would withhold no good thing from them who walk uprightly. I am willing to go if it would please Him, but I feel sure I can be of more service here. So please pray earnestly for me. I want so much to be able to give my full testimony for God.

We pray God to bless you in your labor for Him. I am expecting an answer to prayer. Sister Knapp.

Okla.—Dear Saints everywhere,—Greetings in Jesus' dear name. I am still saved and more encouraged to press this battle onward. I feel impressed to send my testimony of some of the wonderful blessings the dear Lord has bestowed upon us. He wonderfully healed me and all of my children of the mumps a few weeks ago. My greatest desire is to please him who gave his life that I might be free from sin.

I desire prayer for a better understanding in my home and in my church work. The Lord has been near and precious to me since I have been saved. Again and again he comes to my rescue in time of trials and tests. He surely is faithful to those who trust in him. When it seemed that I was at the point of falling, he made a way for my escape and gave me grace to press the battle on. Praise the Lord! I mean to go all the way with the dear Lord. Pray for me.

Your sister in Christ, Amelia Marie Lignons

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Dear Saints of God:—This finds me encouraged to press the battle on. The Lord has been so good to me again. I have called on him to heal and he has answered my prayers. I had sores about an inch in size start on my leg and it looked like a growth of some kind. It was red, hard and swelled but no break in the skin. It looked like it was all deep under the skin. It started on December 5th and kept getting worse and began to get sore. I was talking to Sis. Vera one day on the phone. I told her to remember me, which she said she would. The next day it was some better, but stayed that way and never healed up any more. A few days before Christmas, I decided the Lord wanted me to pray for the victory over it. I went to the Lord that morning. I said, "Lord if you will heal me of this by Christmas I'll know you're still with me (as I have had so many trials and tests lately. At times the Lord

seemed far away). That evening I noticed the skin had broken and was draining a lot. It came to a head like a boil then drained the next day which looked like rotten flesh. It healed before Christmas only the skin discolored from the scar. I do thank the dear Lord for hearing and answering prayer once again as he has done many times the last few years. I promised the Lord to testify if I was healed so am sending it in. Please remember me in prayer to keep true at all times and keep the victory.

In Christian Love.

—Evelyn Linch.

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Mo.—Dear Bro. Pruitt:—I'm so happy that He has changed our way of life, and that our friends are saints. We do appreciate this so much.

The Lord has laid it upon my heart to write to you. My husband is the one who had the terrible headaches for months, he had double vision and did not drive the car for over 5 months, and lost his appetite and at least 30 lbs. We went from one doctor to another. We were at Research Clinic in K. C. twice. We finally spent 9 days at Mayo's in Rochester, Minn. They all thought he had a brain tumor, but through tests could not find it. The final analysis was to perform an exploratory operation and try to find it. It wasn't that we were so afraid of the operation but we at this time realized we couldn't go on without God. We truly had given medical science every chance. So much time away from our family, and so much money spent. Realizing our need of God, we got on our knees there in the hotel room, and He surely was there waiting with open arms. Thank God for saving our souls, but he did much more. We took the next train out of Rochester. Soon after we got home, Paul was anointed and prayed for at the Chapel. His healing was not instant, but Praise the Lord from that day he did improve. The first great touch was for his eyes. He had a cover over them for so long, but soon he was driving the car. He began to gain his strength and weight. His headaches have not left him completely, but they are so much improved.

He has been working several months 12 hours a day. He has gained his strength and looks so good. At times I look at him and I am nearly overwhelmed over the great change that has come. Then I realize what a wonderful God we do serve. We just can't thank the Lord enough for all he has done for us. He has blessed us so many other ways, but I won't take up more space.

Most of all we are rejoicing that He has changed our lives. We certainly desired to please the Lord in every way, we miss nothing back in the world of sin. Pray for us that we will grow daily in the Lord, and that our light will shine so that others may see what a wonderful way the Lord has for us.

May God bless you in your work there.

—Bro. and Sis. Paul Taylor.

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Mo.—Dear Bro. Pruitt and all the saints,—I will send in my testimony once more while I can see. I want you to ask God to heal my eyes. Also I am deaf and have a Bell tone Hearing Aid, but can't understand well with it.

I am 89 years old and was saved 72 years ago, and sanctified 40 years ago the 27th of last June. Thank God, it all holds good. We got real soul food forty years ago, more than we do now. So many are going with the world now and there is lots of holiness being put out now. It is one of the devil's biggest traps. Many are deceived. I am so glad we can live a holy life like we read in Heb. 12:14, "Follow peace with all men and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord."

May God bless you all. Your sister in Jesus,  
—Lizzie Redfearn.

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Okla.—Greetings in the name of the Lord:—This evening finds me encouraged to live for the Lord as never before. He is so good to us.

I promised the Lord about two weeks ago I would write to the "Faith and Victory" paper if he would ease a very severe head ache that I had. He did not only ease it but also let me go to sleep.

It was Christmas day and we had gone to my folks for dinner, as all of us children were supposed to be there, except one. In the afternoon my head hurt so badly I couldn't stand any noise at all, but I wanted to go to meeting. About 6:30 it hurt so badly I told my husband I thought it would be better if we would go home. We had to go by the chapel so we stopped and the saints prayed for me but I felt like it would be better to go home. My head felt better about 8:00. It was around midnight I woke up and my head hurt so badly I couldn't lie still on the bed so we called some of the ministers to come and pray for me. They stayed for about an hour and a half and the Lord gave relief. I'm so thankful I know how to trust the Lord. Many, many times He has helped us in time of need.

The Lord has entrusted a precious baby in our hands to raise and we earnestly desire your prayers that we will raise her in the way He would have us to.

Your brother and Sister in Christ. Ted and Alta Bock.

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Dear People in Christ:—I'm sending in my testimony this a. m. to "Faith and Victory" that God's name may be glorified. I hope these few simple words might help some one else. I truly thank God for hearing and answering prayer. Some two years ago I sent in for prayer that God would heal me of a habit I had. I'm thankful this a. m. for your prayers and mine have been answered. I thank God for our health and all the goodness he gives us from day to day. I'm happy that I've learned to trust him. Pray for me that I will learn more of him each day. I'm sending in a small offering to use as the Lord sees fit.

One who loves the Lord.

—L. L.

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#### BOOK FOR SALE

We have just printed the book entitled, "How I Got Faith" written by Willis M. Brown, one of the Pioneer ministers of this Reformation. In this book he gives some stirring experiences of the mighty healing and protecting power of God. The reading of this book ought to stir any ones heart to a greater faith in God. You ought to have one or more of these books. They will be good to hand to your neighbors and friends. The price is fifty cents post paid to you. This book contains 200 pages and his picture.

A simple answer to prayer.—I lost a common pin in the grass where it dropped out of my hand. At first I thought I could never find it. But then it came to me, even if I did not need it, that God could show me where it was and I looked and there it was so I picked it up. The lesson I received was that God will always stand the test and answer our prayers according to his promises no matter how trivial they may seem, for faith honors God and God honors faith.

—C. W.

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La.—To all the saints and friends:—May God bless everyone and help you to make it through to glory is our humble prayer.

We feel like we want to thank each and every one through the little paper "Faith and Victory" for the many nice cards and letters in the sad hours thru which we passed in giving up our dear husband. My words are too frail to express what all these acts of kindness mean to us, just to know that others were helping us carry our load brought real comfort to our lonely sad hearts. We are made to thank the dear Lord for so many of the dear saints from other states that were present at the funeral. Some were from California, Okla. and Mo. besides dear saints from this state from different parts. Bro. C. C. Carver, Bro. and Sis. Key conducted the funeral which was blessed of the Lord. We feel that God has done all things well even though our home is vacant and our hearts are torn with grief. We sorrow not as others that have no hope but are looking forward to meeting our loved ones where there'll be no sad goodbyes.

—Lottie Joiner.

#### KINGLINESS

Do what you can to help those in need;  
He has supreme control,  
Over sin, self and the world;  
His kingdom's in his soul.

The Christian is a king. He belongs to the royal family. He must have a care lest he does something unworthy of this kingliness. He has great glory. He lives above the sensual. He dwells in an heavenly place. He feels within him that God sets a great value upon him, that he is the glory of God. He is kingly in all his thoughts, words, and deeds. There is beauty, nobleness and royal dignity in his life. He lives on a high plane. He walks with God and holds communion with Jesus and has angels as his attendants. He is in affinity with heaven and all things pure and holy. He does not mind the things of the flesh; he has the mind of Christ. He does not retaliate, does not threaten, does not insinuate evil, does not feel unkind, but is always kindly and heavenly in his soul. No ill-feeling lurks in his heart and no unkind words escape his lips. He is a king. He reigns over every evil passion. No uncharitable thought finds entertainment in his mind. He has a feeling of good will toward all men and an entire kingdom of peace in his soul. It is a pleasure to heap coals of fire on the heads of those who may not feel kindly or act kindly toward him.

## Prayer

Excerpts from a diary of Andrew Bonar, written in 1828 for only God and himself to know. Now he has gone to his reward, and it was given to the world by his daughter.

"By the grace of God and the strength of His Holy Spirit I desire to lay down the rule not to speak to man until I have spoken to God: not to do anything with my hand until I have been upon my knees; not to read letters or papers until I have read something of the Holy Scriptures."

"In prayer in the wood for some time, having set apart three hours for devotion; felt drawn to pray much for that peculiar fragrance which believers have about them, who are very much in fellowship with God."

"Yesterday I got a day to myself for prayer. With me every time of prayer, or almost every time, begins with a conflict."

"I see that unless I keep up short prayer every day throughout the whole day at intervals, I lose the spirit of prayer."

"Was enabled to spend part of Thursday in the church praying. Have had great help in my study of the word since."

"I find that real prayer is the sharing of the travail which makes God's Kingdom come."

This man is said to have been a strong minister of the "grace of the Lord Jesus," and in the wrestling communion of prayer he became mighty with God and man. Let us learn from his example.

—Sel. by Mrs. Marie Miles

### MEETING NOTICE:

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

The assembly meeting of the church of God will convene on the 24th of February through the 4th of March if it be the Lord's will.

It is located at 800 N. E. 3rd St.

We are inviting every one to come to this meeting, including saints and sinners, to receive the help that you need. Our desire is that the saints pray with us for the success of the meeting. Also to pray God to send Holy ministers to expound the gospel of God.

For further information write Bro. Manley Spears at 2704 N. E. 19th St., Oklahoma City, Okla. Phone GARfield 7-1033.

### MEETING REPORTS

The Annual California Assembly Meeting, held at Pacoima this year, closed Sunday night. To me, it seemed to be the best assembly we have ever had. The attendance was about as usual, but on the last day the auditorium was about full. I never was in a meeting that had any more sweet unity, as there was not a jar nor discord. Some sisters were so blessed that they got up during preaching and greeted other sisters. Another special blessing came when Bro. Harris sang a song. I don't be-

lieve there was a dry eye in the congregation. The Spirit of God came down and our hearts just melted, so all we could do was to sit and weep. The preaching was such that it inspired us to pull up stakes and go on to deeper and richer experiences in God. I do believe that we received more love in our souls than in any meeting of late years. There was no new light to contradict what we had, but a clearer light. That which was truth will always be truth, but we can get a clearer understanding of truth. Our souls were so touched by God's divine presence that our decisions reached a higher level than before, which means advancement in the rich truths of God's Word.

There were not so many at the altar as there have been at other meetings, but several of the older saints felt like they needed more help from God. The preaching seemed to form a chain of truth all the way through, which gives us the assurance that the Holy Spirit was leading.

Now the meeting has come and gone, but it leaves sweet memories, and we mean to do more for God this coming year than ever.

—E. M. Zinn.

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Fairview, Okla.—Dear saints,—In answer to prayer, God Almighty gave us a meeting in which was preached the Gospel of the Kingdom of God, which is now within His people. "I Jesus, have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in the churches. I am the root and the offspring of David, and the bright and morning star. And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst, Come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely." Rev. 22:16, 17.

We were happy to have Bro. Charles Smith from Shawnee, a God-sent minister, also Bro. Pruitt the last Sunday of the meeting. It gives joy to hear the everlasting gospel, and it is also a joy to help others to hear it. It is eternal life in the soul as we take heed. "Therefore we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard, lest at any time we should let them slip." Heb. 2:1. We thank all the saints that have helped to make this meeting a success for Jesus. Let the Holy One richly reward you. Your blood-washed sister in the one body,

Mrs. Abe Penner

## Obituaries

Bro. John Robert Lott, Rt. 4, Bristow, was born March 30, 1878 at Center, Arkansas and departed this life Nov. 13, 1955 at the age of 77 years; 7 months and 14 days. He lived in the Bristow community for 42 years and was a retired farmer. He was a member of the Church of God.

He is survived by his wife of the home, Mrs. Laura Lott; two sons: Jesse of Henryetta, Oklahoma and Troy of Wichita, Kansas; five daughters: Mrs. Esther Sherman of Bristow, Oklahoma, Mrs. Mamie Smith of Henryetta, Oklahoma, Mrs. Effie Wells of Ulysses, Kan., Mrs. Ruth Kueser of Wichita, Kansas, Mrs. Howard Johnson of Aurora, Ill., two sisters; 15 grand-children; 8 great-grandchildren, other relatives and a host of friends.

This brother has gone on to be with the Lord. We were at his bed side not many days before he passed away. He was as patient as anyone ever could be through all his affliction. Surely he is a great loss

to his family and to the saints. We are glad to know he has made heaven his home.

Funeral service conducted by Bros. R. Madden and D. H. Wheeler. Texts: Jno. 14:1-3; 1 Thess. 4:15-18. Burial in West Side Cemetery, Bristow, Okla.

Lucy Olive Norcutt was born at Sleepy Eye, Minn., June 15, 1895, and died unexpectedly at her home near Mapleton, Kans., Dec. 21, 1955, age 60 yrs., 6 mos., and 6 days.

The deceased is a daughter of Gilbert and Addie Kelley Norcutt, who preceded her in death. Also one brother, Noble Norcutt, and two sisters, Rachel Pruitt and Ella Norcutt preceded her in death.

Survivors are four sisters; Mrs. Ora Wentworth, Oakville, Washington; Mrs. Lottie Sloan, Auburn, Washington; Mamie and Naomi Norcutt both of Mapleton, Kansas, and two brothers: Myrl Norcutt, Decatur, Illinois, and Forest Norcutt, Mapleton, Kansas with whom she made her home.

Her faith was established in the Church of God. Our sister was always trying to help those who were in need. She will be greatly missed by loved ones and friends. We realize our loss is heaven's gain.

Burial was in the Yates Center, Kansas Cemetery. Services were held at Mapleton, Kansas, conducted by Brother Merrill Williamson of Webb City, Missouri. Texts: Heb. 9:27; 1 John 4:14.

Andrew Ross, son of George and Mary Ross, was born Dec. 25, 1871 in the town of Olaquaman, La. where he grew to manhood. He came to Oklahoma in the territorial days, making his home east of Dover. Here he met and married Miss Lula Sparks, Dec. 31, 1903.

To this union three children were born; one son and two daughters. One son and one daughter died in infancy. His daughter Mary passed in 1939, leaving 3 children, two boys and one girl. Mr. Ross and his wife cared for the daughter until his wife's death. About 3 years ago, his health began to fail and he was taken to the home of his son-in-law, Brother Henry Caldwell, where he was cared for until his passing Jan. 8th, 1956, 8:15 a. m. at the age of 84 years and 14 days. When asked of his standing with the Lord, he said "I am praying." He is gone and in the hands of God.

Funeral sermon by Ulysses Phillips assisted by Sis. Ada Davis. The body was laid to rest in Burn's Cemetery near Dover, Oklahoma. May God comfort those who so kindly cared for him in his last illness, and all the bereaved ones.

While Mr. Ross was not identified with the saints, he had a real love for them. His home was always open for cottage meetings, and he would always ask for us to come back. Many were the cottage meetings that were held in his home. It was in one of these meetings that Bro. Henry Caldwell was saved several years ago. We are sure they will be remembered by many who attended them.

—Ulysses Phillips.

Sister Virginia Mae Redwine was born in Missouri, May 3, 1889 and died Nov. 17, 1955 at the age of 66 years, 6 months, and 14 days.

She was a real saint of God many years and lived

plain simple life, filled her place in the home, community and in the church faithfully.

She was married to Willie S. Redwine, Nov. 27, 1904. To this union 7 children were born—5 survive.

Brother Willie S. Redwine was born in Texas, Jan. 25, 1886 and died Jan. 2, 1956 at the age of 69 years 11 months, and 8 days.

He heard the truth preached many years ago and at times would be under real conviction but never seemed able to surrender all to God. He was a good moral man and highly respected by all who knew him. He sought the Lord earnestly during Sis. Redwine's illness and after her death, until the Lord made His soul a real visit and before his death he left a definite witness and testimony that all was well with his soul.

The bereaved are: two daughters: Mrs. Lanora Helmick of Colorado Springs, Colorado, and Mrs. Alice Roberts, Shawnee, Okla.; 3 sons: Earl Redwine, Shawnee, Okla., Willis B. Redwine, Abilene, Texas; Roy Redwine, Sacramento, Calif.; eleven grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Each had several brothers and sisters, many other relatives and friends.

Both funerals were in Shawnee and conducted by Brothers Archie Souders and Charles Smith.

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Lula Bell Brown of Stoutland, Mo. was born Feb. 1st, 1888 and passed away Dec. 30, 1955 at the age of 67 years, 10 months, 29 days. She leaves to mourn her passing, her husband, George Brown; a daughter, Mrs. Virgie Justice; a son, Earnest Brown; 3 grandchildren; 2 sisters: Mary Whipple, Mrs. Becky Barnes; 1 brother, Fred Brown; 2 step-sisters, Mrs. Fannie Williams, Mrs. Mae Robinson; 2 step-brothers, Carl and Will Brown; one nephew and many friends.

She was saved several years ago. She loved and feared the Lord. Whenever she thought she failed to please him she would repent. She held firmly to the truth and the true church. She was kind, good, and patient, always willing to help others. We all miss her but God called her from her earthly sorrows and suffering and we know he does all things well. Funeral service by sister Essie Wilson of Springfield, Mo. Text: Rev. 14:12-13 and other Scriptures.

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## BIBLE STUDY

JESUS TEACHES GRATITUDE

February 5, 1956

Printed Portion: ..... Luke 17:11-19.

Luke 17:11. And it came to pass, as he went to Jerusalem, that he passed through the midst of Samaria and Galilee.

12. And as he entered into a certain village, there met him ten men that were lepers, which stood afar off:

13. And they lifted up their voices, and said, Jesus Master, have mercy on us.

14. And when he saw them, he said unto them, Go shew yourselves unto the priests. And it came to pass, that, as they went, they were cleansed.

15. And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, and with a loud voice glorified God,

16. And fell down on his face at his feet, giving him thanks: and he was a Samaritan.

17. And Jesus answering said, Were there not ten cleansed? but where are the nine?

18. There are not found that return to give glory to God, save this stranger.

19. And he said unto him, Arise, go thy way: thy faith hath made thee whole.

Memory Verse: It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord. Psalms 92:1.

Practical Truth: We should not fail to express our gratitude to God for what he does for us.

#### COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

Gratitude means appreciation of favors received; thankfulness; the state of being grateful. It seems there is a lack of gratitude around us daily. We live in such a fast world and we see people receiving from others and from God and going on without returning thanks. A layman was once heard to say that if he were a minister he would preach yearly on the text, "But where are the nine?" How much we do have to be thankful for. We are in debt to God for our homes, friends, loved ones, food, clothing, our country with its freedom, and above all else the blessings of the gospel and saving grace of our Saviour. Surely we can agree with the Psalmist when he said, "Let every thing that hath breath praise the Lord."

Take note to the faith of the lepers. "As they went, they were cleansed." See what obedience brought to them. What if they had said, "Oh, why go to the priest? That will not help until we can see we are cleansed." Would they have been healed? I say no. Surely we too will receive blessings from God as we keep his commandments and obey them. Jesus told the one that returned to thank him, "thy faith hath made thee whole." As we obey God's Word, we prove our faith and confidence in him and he will give us the blessing.

#### PARABLES ON PRAYER

February 12, 1956

Printed Portion: ..... Luke 18:1-14.

1. And he spake a parable unto them to this end, that men ought always to pray, and not to faint.

2. Saying, There was in a city a judge, which feared not God, neither regarded man:

3. And there was a widow in that city, and she came unto him saying, Avenger me of mine adversary.

4. And he would not for a while: but afterward he said within himself, Though I fear not God, nor regard man;

5. Yet because this widow troubleth me, I will avenge her, lest by her continual coming she weary me.

6. And the Lord said, Hear what the unjust judge saith.

7. And shall not God avenge his own elect, which cry day and night unto him, though he bear long with them?

8. I tell you that he will avenge them speedily. Nevertheless when the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth?

9. And he spake this parable unto certain which trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and despised others:

10. Two men went up into the temple to pray; the one a Pharisee, and the other a publican.

11. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, God, I thank thee, that I am not as other men are, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this publican.

12. I fast twice in the week, I give tithes of all that I possess.

13. And the publican, standing afar off, would not lift up so much as his eyes unto heaven, but smote upon his breast, saying, God be merciful to me a sinner.

14. I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other: for every one that exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted.

Memory Verse: The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much. James 5:16.

Practical Truth: We should pray sincerely, humbly, earnestly, and persistently.

#### COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

Prayer is the sincere desire of the soul unuttered or expressed. Sometimes it is the falling of a tear or the burden of a sigh. Sometimes it is the groaning of the soul that cannot be expressed in words but the Holy Spirit intercedes for us. "Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought; but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered." Rom. 8:26.

In our lesson we have two parables. In the first parable we find how the judge finally gave the widow what she asked for because she kept coming to him. Sometimes God makes us wait for reasons known to himself. Many times his delays may be to test our faith or in our pleadings unto him we become more humble and get in a condition so the Lord can answer our prayers. But Jesus says, "Shall not God avenge his own elect, (his children) which cry day and night unto him?"

The next parable brings out the lesson of how we should pray and in what spirit. It's not the long prayers that count but the earnestness and sincerity. God looks in the heart and knows all things.

#### JESUS DEMANDS A CHOICE

February 19, 1956

Printed Portion: ..... Luke 19:1-10.

1. And Jesus entered and passed through Jericho.

2. And, behold, there was a man named Zacchaeus, which was chief among the publicans, and he was rich.

3. And he sought to see Jesus who he was; and could not for the press, because he was little of stature.

4. And he ran before, and climbed up into a sycomore tree to see him: for he was to pass that way.

5. And when Jesus came to the place, he looked up,



and saw him, and said unto him, Zacchaeus, make haste, and come down; for to day I must abide at thy house.

6. And he made haste, and came down, and received him joyfully.

7. And when they saw it, they all murmured, saying, That he was gone to be guest with a man that is a sinner.

8. And Zacchaeus stood, and said unto the Lord; Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have taken any thing from any man by false accusation, I restore him fourfold.

9. And Jesus said unto him, This day is salvation come to this house, forsomuch as he also is a son of Abraham.

10. For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.

Memory Verse; Choose you this day whom ye will serve; . . . but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord. Joshua 24:15.

Practical Truth: Life's greatest choice is the one we make regarding our service of God and Christ.

#### COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

In the beginning God created us with a right of choice. Everything was wonderful for Adam and Eve in the garden as long as they chose God's way. All down through the years God has blessed those brave men, women, boys and girls that chose God and his ways, not only here in this life but has given them eternal life. There are only two ways. The narrow way leads to life but the broad way leads to destruction. ". . . I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing; therefore choose life." Deu. 30:19. Jesus told Martha that "One Thing Is Needful." And Mary had chosen the best thing in life and that was to sit at the feet of Jesus. If we choose God first he has promised that "all these things shall be added unto you." God told Asa, "The Lord is with you, while ye be with him; and if ye seek him, he will be found of you; but if ye forsake him, he will forsake you" (2 Chron. 15:2). So it is up to us if we want the Lord we must choose him but if we forsake him he will forsake us.

In our lesson today we have the account where Zacchaeus, a rich tax collector, chose Jesus. First he anxiously sought after Jesus and then Jesus sought after him finding him in the tree. Surely he opened his heart to Jesus' way and received salvation.

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#### TEACHINGS ON STEWARDSHIP

February 26, 1956

Printed Portion: . . . . . Luke 19:12-26.

12. He said therefore, A certain nobleman went into a far country to receive for himself a kingdom, and to return.

13. And he called his ten servants, and delivered them ten pounds, and said unto them, Occupy till I come.

14. But his citizens hated him, and sent a message after him, saying, We will not have this man to reign over us.

15. And it came to pass, that when he was returned, having received the kingdom, then he commanded these servants to be called unto him, to whom he had given the money, that he might know how much every man had gained by trading.

16. Then came the first, saying, Lord thy pound hath gained ten pounds.

17. And he said unto him, Well, thou good servant; because thou hast been faithful in a very little, have thou authority over ten cities.

18. And the second came, saying, Lord, thy pound hath gained five pounds.

19. And he said likewise to him, Be thou also over five cities.

20. And another came, saying, Lord, behold, here is thy pound which I have kept laid up in a napkin;

21. For I feared thee, because thou art an austere man: thou takest up that thou layedst not down, and reapest that thou didst not sow.

22. And he saith unto him, Out of thine own mouth will I judge thee, thou wicked servant. Thou knewest that I was an austere man, taking up that I laid not down, and reaping that I did not sow.

23. Wherefore then gavest not thou my money into the bank, that at my coming I might have required mine own with usury?

24. And he said unto them that stood by, Take from him the pound, and give it to him that hath ten pounds.

25. (And they said unto him, Lord, he hath ten pounds.)

26. For I say unto you, That unto every one which hath shall be given; and from him that hath not, even that he hath shall be taken away from him.

Memory Verse: He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much: and he that is unjust in the least is unjust also in much. Luke 16:10.

Practical Truth: We should be good stewards over all things God gives us.

#### COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

Jesus has gone to heaven and he has left a commission for us. He left this wonderful salvation and we are his ambassadors. We are to go forth and tell the gospel story. He said, "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world." Matt. 28:19-20. We are stewards over this salvation and also over the talents the Lord has given us. Each of us have a body and strength that we can use to work for Jesus. Someday we will be called into account for the way we use our talents. If we have wasted them we will be punished. If we have used them for the furtherance of the gospel we will receive a blessing.

When Jesus was here he said, "I am the light of the world." When he went away he said, "Ye are the light of the world." We are to carry on for the Lord.

Each pound was silver money equal to about twenty dollars, but with a purchasing power far greater than that of twenty dollars now.

The question is for us, "Are we being good stewards over what God has given us?"

M. M.

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