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### The Conquering One

Who is this that comes from Edom  
With His garments dipped in blood,  
With His visage marred and bleeding,  
Bearing all the wrath of God?  
He is traveling in the greatness  
Of His strength omnipotent,  
Treading now the awful winepress,  
To save a world from banishment.

Who is He now hanging yonder,  
Dying on that cross alone?  
O my soul, dost thou not know Him?  
Listen to His dying groans.  
Yes, I know Him, for He fastens  
On me now His look of love.  
He to purchase my salvation,  
Left His Father's home above.

Saviour, I would now draw near thee,  
And in silent wonder gaze.  
Saviour, for the love that bought me,  
Now I lift my voice in praise.  
Hallelujah! He is worthy!  
Join with me, ye heavenly throng;  
Join with me, ye saints and angels,  
While I sing redemption's song.  
—Mrs. S. E. Donovan.

### Are You A Sinner?

A sinner is a person who sins or does wrong, one who violates God's law; a transgressor.

Dear reader, if you are a sinner, whether you realize it or not, you are living in defiance of God's holy and righteous law; you are an enemy to God and to your own soul; in reality, you hate God; you do not please God nor regard his Son Jesus Christ. You are doomed to destruction; you are headed for the ditch. You help to promote all the misery, sadness, gloom, woe, despondency, and unhappiness in the world. I say you help to promote all these miserable conditions by your sinful ways and wicked conduct. You may be what you think, or would like to think,

a mild or moral sinner, and you may try to console yourself by saying: I am not nearly so wicked as so and so; I would not do this or I would not do that. But dear friend, if you are a sinner, you are lost. You are lost now and will be lost in all eternity except you repent while in this time world. God has already been wondrously good to you in that he has spared your life to see this day. There have been many who were born since you were and have not committed even as many sins as you have, and they are gone on, but you are yet here occupying space on God's footstool—still neglecting, still refusing to come under subjection to his holy will. Listen to the word of inspiration: "Though a sinner do evil an hundred times, and his days be prolonged, yet surely I know that it shall be well with them that fear God, which fear before him: but it shall NOT be well with the wicked, neither shall he prolong his days which are as a shadow; because he feareth not before God." Eccl. 8:12-13. Although a sinner should live to be an hundred years old, he shall be accursed, or he is still under the curse, the wrath of God is upon him. There is only one way of escape, and that is through repentance. "He that covereth his sins shall not prosper, but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy." "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" 1 Jno. 1:9.

Dear sinner friend, do you realize your worth? Can you give an estimate of the value of your soul? What would you give in exchange for your soul? Do you know that all heaven is interested in you? Do you understand that at this present moment you are an object of God's mercy? "But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us" Rom. 5:8. "This is a true saying, and worthy of all acceptation, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners." "For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life" John 3:16. What a wonderful thought! It should bring an inspiration of hope to every sinner to know that heaven is interested in his welfare. The Lord has said, "Likewise, I say unto you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth." A sinner is in an awful predicament.

It is a sad thing to see a sinner die in his sins: "And so I saw the wicked buried, who had come and gone from the place of the holy, and they were forgotten in the city where they had so done: this is also vanity" Eccl. 8:10. But thanks be to God, there is a way out. Jesus says, "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest." Jesus is the Shiloh, or rest giver, to the fallen of every nation who will heed his call and accept his invitation. Does your soul sigh for relief from the burden of sin and doleful bondage? It is not in your own power to sever the chains of bondage, but God has laid help upon one that is mighty. He is able to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them."

"There is a fountain filled with blood,

Drawn from Emmanuel's veins;

And sinners plunged beneath that flood

Lose all their guilty stains."

Dear sinner friends, that fountain was opened especially for you. Will you plunge in by faith today and be made whole? Come to Jesus while you may.

—Ulysses Phillips.

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## Bearing A Cross

Several years ago I heard a brother sing a song about "Bearing a Cross to Wear a Crown." I enjoyed hearing the song at the time, but its deep meaning seemed not to register in my heart then. A long while afterward I was going through a deep trial, was concerned and burdened about lost souls, and was suffering an affliction in my body when one day the chorus of the brother's song began to ring in my heart: bearing a cross. I thought of my own afflictions and thought within myself: surely all this IS bearing a cross. But when I began to meditate on the REASON for bearing a cross, was to wear a CROWN, God began to encourage my heart and bless my soul. I tried in vain to remember all the song, but could only remember the chorus, which may not be correct but it surely encouraged my heart to sing it.

I thought about the Scripture where Jesus said, "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up HIS CROSS and follow me." Matt. 16:24. This made me to know there IS a cross for each of us to bear in this life if we expect to wear a crown in heaven. Then the question is: what is the cross that Jesus speaks about here? Indeed we could not each go about carrying a wooden cross upon our shoulder, neither would such be glorifying to God. But let us consider that the first step is DENYING OURSELF! This means to refuse or to refrain from such things that the flesh would usually desire to have, for the purpose of drawing nigh to God, pleasing him with our lives, striving to do his will; yea, living soberly, righteously, and godly in this present world. Jesus denied himself of even the comforts of home, for he had no place to lay his head; yet he went about doing good to all. He was meek and lowly, kind, merciful, and long suffering; filled with humility, and his greatest desire was to do the will of his Father. He was a

man of prayer; yea, fervent prayer. At times he prayed all night alone. He was OUR example. We are taught to follow him who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth. The cross for Jesus meant suffering, soul and body. At the height of his ministry multitudes followed him. Some probably followed for the loaves and fishes, yet he was kind and good to all, healing their sick and teaching the kingdom of God. The time came when the multitudes forsook him and only eleven of his chosen apostles followed him into the garden, and there went to sleep while he wept and prayed alone. Here in Gethsemane he denied himself of his own life and suffered the agony of the sins of the whole world, realizing his own blood must be shed to atone for the sin of all nations. Here he agonized in prayer to his Father until his sweat became as great drops of blood. Here he resigned his will to his Father's will. Yea, the cup was most bitter, but he resigned to drink it for you and me. Surely the pain in his heart was the hardest to bear. It seems to me that here in the garden was the real CROSS. The song writer has well said, "Such love cannot be fathomed." Yet nothing else could suffice to take away our sins—no, nothing but the blood of Jesus. And when he submitted his will to the Father, yea, to be crucified, and there between heaven and earth shed his precious blood, God so honored his SON that he sent an angel from heaven to strengthen him. The soldiers came to take him. He offered no resistance. He was falsely accused and condemned to die; yet he uttered not a word. He was led as a sheep to the slaughter, and as a lamb dumb before his shearers, he opened not his mouth. Yea, he was willingly nailed to the CROSS atop Calvary's mountain. Having loved his own, he loved them to the end. Yea, all of this was the CROSS that Jesus bore for you and me. Beyond the cross was victory and a glorious resurrection. His death was not in vain. Praise the Lord. The apostle Paul tells us in Heb. 12:2 that for the joy that was set before him, he ENDURED the cross, despised the shame, but is now set down at the right hand of God.

Now let us consider the text again, Matt. 16:24. We are instructed to DENY ourselves, take up OUR CROSS and follow HIM. When I had meditated on this text, was made to see the joy beyond, God eased my burden, comforted my heart, and strengthened me, soul and body, to bear MY cross; yet looking not so much at the CROSS but the JOY beyond, and a glorious victory! The apostle Peter tells us in 1 Pet. 4:19, "Wherefore let them that suffer, according to the will of God, commit the keeping of their souls to him in well doing, as unto a faithful creator." Praise the Lord! Remember, it was God's will for Jesus to SUFFER, and may be his will for you and me. And it may be a CROSS to submit to God's will, but the joy lies beyond. Paul tells us (2 Cor. 4:16), "But though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day. Dear ones, when we keep our eyes on Jesus and our WILL submitted to him in ALL things, our trials, burdens, and afflictions will surely be less hard to bear. It may take US through the

GARDEN and cause us to weep and pray through the night; but as David hath said, "Joy cometh in the morning."

The Lord gave me the following lines to sing with the chorus which I heard, and oh, how it encouraged my heart, and still does every time I sing it. I trust it will also be a blessing to you and encourage your heart to press on and bear your cross to wear a crown.

**BEARING A CROSS**

Cho.—Bearing a cross, bearing a cross,  
 Bearing a cross to wear a crown.  
 We need the Light to guide us aright,  
 Bearing a cross to wear a crown.

Paul was a man who traveled sea and land,  
 Hardships and trials on every hand,  
 But grace did abound, and faithful he was found,—  
 Bearing a cross to wear a crown.

Three children one day when it was time to pray,  
 Did not the king's command obey,  
 So they were bound and in the furnace found,  
 Bearing a cross to wear a crown.

Now Joseph of old, the story we are told,  
 How Satan tried to turn him 'round;  
 But he was true, and in the dungeon "threw,"  
 Bearing a cross to wear a crown.

Poor Lazarus so sore, lay beside the rich man's door,  
 Who would not lend a helping hand—  
 But angels came down and poor old Lazarus found—  
 Bearing a cross to wear a crown.

Sometimes when we pray, the clouds are dark and gray,  
 Sometimes our heart is burdened down;  
 But on we will go and conquer the foe—  
 Bearing a cross to wear a crown.

Dear saints of God, be true in all for Him you do,  
 Some day we'll hear the trumpet sound;  
 'Twill not be in vain if HEAVEN we can gain—  
 Bearing a cross to wear a crown.  
 I desire your prayers. —Mrs. S. E. Abbott.

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**Something To Consider**

Dear people of God, let's consider PRIDE. I am stirred about pride and the inroads the enemy is trying to make, right among the true saints of the Most High.

Oh! you say, "I hadn't noticed it, or thought much about it." Well, permit me to say, like Paul in 2 Tim. 2:7, "Consider what I say and the Lord give thee understanding in all things."

I have a clipping taken from some Christian paper years ago. It is brown with age, and written by one W. B. Stevens. These are his words: "Pride—thou destroyer of soul and body; thou enemy of all righteousness; thou seducer and stray from hell; thou child of the devil, full of subtilty, mischief and wick-

edness. That's you! That's you vehemently!! I hate you with vehemence!!! And I'll fight you in the open with any weapon I can use as long as I have breath. I have no countenance for anything that resembles you. I have been a life long Prohibitionist; and have fought liquor with ballot, tongue, and pen; but I never hated liquor as I hate you."

Strong words, aren't they? but let's not say too strong where PRIDE is concerned. It ranks high among the evils of earth, yet is seldom opposed. Yea, it is nursed by the world and fed and carressed by throngs of professed church members. It is defended and clamored for by many well-meaning people, but its doom remains the same. Mark 7:23 says, "All these evil things come from within and defile the man."

So let us consider the ways of the Lord. The Psalmist says, "Though the Lord be high, yet hath he respect unto the lowly; but the proud he knoweth afar off."  
 —Ethel K. Miles.



**MEETING NOTICE**

**LOS ANGELES ANNUAL SPRING MEETING**

The Los Angeles Annual Spring Meeting of the Church of God, Lord willing, will begin March 30th through April 8th. All are welcome.

For more information write or call Bro. L. R. Summers, 207 E. 76 Pl., Los Angeles, Calif., Ph. PL 8-8319; or Bro. I. C. Chandler (Pastor), Rt. 6, Box 37, Bakersfield, Calif.; Phone Fairview 42950.

**Green Pastures, Okla.**

To all the saints far and near greetings in the name of Jesus. This is to let you know that our spring meeting will begin in Green Pastures, March 9th and continue through the 18th. Pray that God will have His way in the meeting.

Those coming in cars come highway 62 to Hill Top Station, north 1 mile. Those coming by bus or train to Oklahoma City, call Sis. Irma Allen, RE 64847. She will meet you. Bro. E. W. Sanders, pastor. Rt. 2 Box 39, Spencer, Okla.

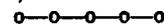
**NOTICE TO ALL LOVERS OF THE TRUTH**

The saints at Green Pastures, Okla. are contemplating on building a pavilion to be used for their annual campmeeting. The meeting each year has been well attended. The increase makes us feel the need of this building to accomodate the people who want to hear the Gospel. The building is to be 40 x 60 feet. They need means to buy material, also those who can help in the erecting of it.

This is a worthy cause and all who can should help in this work so they can have it ready for this summer's meeting.

Send all donations and free will offerings to Sister Clara White, Rt. 2, Box 75, Jones, Okla. or to E. W. Sanders (Pastor).

For further information write to Bro. E. W. Sanders, Rt. 2, Box 39, Spencer, Okla.



**All Day Services**

The saints in Tulsa, Okla. will have all day services every second Sunday of each month (until the Campmeetings start). Everyone is extended a hearty welcome to come and worship the Lord with us.

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#### Editorials

We know that by observation and by past events that have taken place that many false prophets have arisen since Christ declared they would and He said that they would deceive many and that because iniquity would abound the love of many would wax cold. All this is and has come to pass. While there are many false teachers and prophets in the world, yet it is possible and surely is true that there is also some true prophets that teach the truth and also have revealed to them at least some future events. We will also have to admit that the Devil tells the truth some times to deceive; also, according to Revelation, he works miracles in order to deceive the people and gather them together against the Lord and his dear saints in the earth (Rev. 16:13, 14).

We have recently received a prophecy from a person who has declared that God has been revealing future events to them in the forepart of 1955 of great destructions that would come upon the earth and over the world. This one claims to be ordered of God to

warn the people lest their blood be upon the head of this prophet. It was revealed that greater destruction would be upon the people in 1956. The revelation was that there would be mighty storms, floods, earthquakes, volcanic eruptions, cyclones, etc., that it would be like a raging storm over the world. There have already been heavy storms and an extraordinary amount of water falling on the west coast, which is unusual for that country, and some earthquakes. We read that all over Europe and the old countries they are having mighty storms and floods, more than were ever known. The snow storms and floods in this country in different places have been severe, and many lives have been lost. This prophet also says God revealed that the years of 1956, 57, and 58 will be years of judgment upon the Pacific coast. Great storms, mighty winds, hail, snow, heat will be awful, also rains and floods. This is to take place along the coast from Washington State down to San Diego; but especially to Los Angeles and county, and that they will take place over and over again and again. There is supposed to be a great earthquake that will level Los Angeles so that one can see to the mountains. The houses left standing will be few and far between, and the automobiles will practically all be ruined. The greater percent of the population will be killed, and many that are left will be invalids.

Now, you who read this prophecy can believe it or not, but we do know that God's wrath is surely kindled against a nation like this one. The people of this nation have had much light and knowledge and could have more if they would have faith and real heart belief in God. But wickedness has grown to such proportions in a material way and so much unbelief and spiritual wickedness in high places that it is no wonder that God is already sending great storms and floods in places that bring disaster, grief, death, and destruction in many ways. The crying need in this world today is found in Eph. 5:14, which reads thus, ". . . Awake thou that sleepest and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light." There are none so blind as those who shut their eyes against light. Jesus says, "If the light that is in thee become darkness, how great is that darkness." This nation of people has practically closed its eyes against true light, and now they are enveloped in great darkness and many people are pretending to follow the Lord, but what a disgrace they are bringing upon Christ, and they are also deceiving the people and keeping them in darkness.

I have just been reading after a man who uses large and high sounding words. He was laboring to try to prove by the Scriptures that Divine healing is not for us today, that it was only given in the early days to confirm the gospel and make believers. If there ever was a time when the gospel needs to have miracles and healing done to confirm it, it surely is now; for most so-called preachers have no faith for their healing and they so twist the Scriptures on the subject that they make unbelievers out of those that hear them and keep the people under their influence

in great darkness. It is amazing how hard some of them labor and how cleverly they wrest the Scriptures from their proper meaning to make unbelievers out of believers. They are fulfilling the Scriptures or prophecy found in the book of Nahum, second chapter, which is a prophecy of this present time. It reads thus in the 2nd verse: "For the Lord has turned away the excellency of Jacob, as the excellency of Israel: for the emptiers have emptied them out, and marred their branches." It seems that today the world is filled up with the devil's preachers—"emptiers," who by their cunning juggling of the Scriptures, empty the faith and belief in God right out of the hearts of those who take heed to what they say. Satan has so many "emptiers" in the world that it is hard for the unlearned in the cunning activity of Satan to keep a real living faith in God. All of Satan's most useful preachers and priests in the world today claim to be believers in Christ, and many of them have a show of faith and form of godliness, but in works and deeds deny Him. When brought right down to suffering with Jesus and bearing the reproach of Christ and manifesting unfeigned faith in God, they have ways of squirming out of it and covering themselves with smoke screen evidences. If there ever was a country ripening up for Communism control (and there have been many) this country is now swinging strongly that way. That old Pagan, Red Dragon, Devil power spoken of in Rev. 12:9, and again in Rev. 20:2, also referred to again in the 7th, 8th, and 9th verses of the same chapter, is loose a little season before the end of time and has gone out deceiving the nations and arraying them against the real truth of the Bible, deceiving them into erroneous teachings and atheism, and by their deceptive teachings are emptying real faith in the true God right out of the souls of men and women. "The wicked shall be turned into hell and all the nations that forget God." Psalms 9:17. It is wickedness in any heart to willfully reject Christ and his blood sacrifice for our sins; and it is also wicked for any one to be a professor of Christ and at the same time keep on sinning more or less in life and setting an example of unholiness before others, thereby causing them to be lost and travel the broad way to destruction with a profession. Folks who profess to be Christ's and yet sin some along in life are ascribing more power to the devil than to God. The god whom they serve is so weak that he does not have power to keep them free from sin, for the devil has so much more power than their god has that he makes them sin some along in life. Oh, thou unbelieving preacher and others, receive the warning of the apostle Paul, who said, "Awake to righteousness and sin not: for some have not the knowledge of God: I speak this to your shame." Any people who claim that they have to sin more or less in their Christian life do not have a true knowledge of God and are bound to be the servants of Satan, no matter how pious they seem to be. God never ordained and sent any man out to teach such contrary doctrine to true holiness and righteousness. "Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light."

Prof. George R. Stevenson, who has written an article in defense of the new Revised Version of the Bible, has used a lot of worldly wisdom, but at the same time he has displayed a regrettable amount of ignorance concerning the wisdom of God which is hidden from the wise and prudent and is revealed unto babes. In 1 Cor. 1:21, we read, "For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe."

In the last paragraph of his article, in trying to make light of those that believe the Bible as God has given it to us through the King James' Version, he spoke more truth than he seemed to know about, for he said in part, "Our people do not want to live, intellectually or spiritually, in the dark ages—they want an up to date Bible. Narrow minded folks will cling to the old Bible. Enlightened folks will accept the new Bible. I think that just about sums up the matter."

His conclusion harmonizes with the Holy Scriptures found in Matt. 7:13, 14, which reads thus, "Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat. But strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth to life, and few there be that find it." Those worldly wise folks with much human wisdom are broad minded, which identifies them with the broad way which leads to destruction; but those who are babes so far as worldly wisdom is concerned and meekly and humbly accept his truth, are narrow-minded according to the worldly wise folks. That identifies them with the narrow way which leads unto life eternal. In Mark 12:37, we read, ". . . And the common people heard him gladly."

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It seems good to the Lord for us to write a little to the saints concerning the choosing of a life companion. The choosing of a life companion should always be considered as a very sacred matter, and the will of God should be sought and obtained in the matter before any steps are taken to have any ceremony performed.

There is a Scripture in Proverbs 3:5, 6 which should be followed closely in all contemplated deals, whether it be in matrimony matters or business deals. This Scripture reads thus: "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not to thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and he shall direct thy paths." Notice that it says to trust in the Lord "with ALL thine heart." In other words, keep your affections on Him above the intended one and only act in the matter in a way to be glorifying to Him. Lean not to your own understanding. In other words, do not accept your own human reasonings about the matter, but allow His Spirit to dictate to you about the case. Human reasonings will often lead astray and cause one to want the fair face of one of social standing or perhaps look at the financial gain, when the wisdom of God would want you to look at the sober godly life and know that God by His Spirit is knitting your hearts together in love as one flesh. A saint of God should never encourage the attention of an un-

saved person, for the teaching of the Scriptures found in the latter part of 2 Cor. 6th chapter is squarely against such a marriage, and generally always the unsaved will soon cause the saved one to give up the Lord and trouble in life will be on hands, and many times there will be a divorce in future years. The Scriptures teach us that if we marry, let it be only in the Lord. When you are led together by the Lord and make your vows before Him, it means until "death do us part." To separate from that one and marry another would put you in the state of living in adultery, as Paul states in Rom. 7:3. God would not join you up to more than one living companion, nor to any one that is living in adultery.

When a couple gets married in the order of God, they should be careful to retain that first love in their hearts for one another and let it work in getting adjusted to each other for life. The husband should be to the wife as God is toward us. He cares for us and provides good things. He loves us so much that he looks over our weaknesses and lack of knowledge of many matters and just loves us anyway. In kindness he teaches us his better way and often refers us to his Word as an instructor. We are taught in the Bible that the husband is the head of the wife even as Christ is head of the church—his bride or wife.

The wife should honor the husband and seek to please him as a helpmate in life and they should be agreed together in love that their prayers be not hindered. The husband and wife should consult together on matters that may arise for decisions to be made, and with an agreement of prayer find out the mind of the Lord on matters at hand. When God draws a couple together and they are married, they twain become one flesh, and they should live that way and be that way toward one another.

Prov. 3:6: "In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths." You should acknowledge Him in family worship both morning and evening and look to him to direct you in any change or deal that may confront you in this life, and he has promised to direct you. I have found by long experience that he will do this very thing.

Reverence the Lord at all times and give Him first place in your hearts, for there will be times when you will need him much more than at other times. Take your place as a beggar at his feet, for you surely are dependent upon him, whether you acknowledge it or not. He has power to give and he has power to withhold. He causes the sun to rise on the good and on the evil, and sendeth rain on the just and unjust alike. He giveth you air to breathe, water to drink, and food to eat from the earth, upon which he sends rain to cause it to bring forth its fruits. All living creatures are dependent for their existence upon the Lord, the Creator of all living things. We should all personally honor and reverence Him and keep our place as a dependent creature and keep subjected to Him, returning the love day by day which he so freely lavishes upon us. Let everything that hath breath praise him with adoration.

Dear saints, keep praying that the Lord will enable us to get the larger printing press installed in His Print Shop. Some unexpected hindrances have come up. The office force is holding on to God for the removal of hindering causes. Please keep agreed with us. We have all confidence and faith in God's power to remove obstacles.

#### NOTES ON EVANGELISTIC EFFORT

A new tent for evangelistic purposes was purchased on Jan. 23rd at Tulsa, Okla., according to a recent letter from Bro. Charles Smith. The size is 40 feet by 40 feet; flame-proof, water and mildew resistant. The cost was \$814.00. A down payment of \$314 was made, leaving a balance of \$500, with plans to finish payment and pick up the tent in 60 days from date of purchase.

Just recently a special fund has been set up, known as the "Faith Pub. House Missionary Fund," for the sole purpose of aiding missions, both home and foreign, and general missionary work. From this fund was purchased on Feb. 8th a 24 foot house trailer from Bro. and Sister Ray Key of Hammond, La. They had offered it for evangelistic purposes for \$500, which was well under the market price, thereby making a sizeable contribution to this missionary effort. Bro. Smith will bring it to Oklahoma when he returns from holding meetings in La.

There is yet a need for 150 folding chairs and a ton or 1½ ton truck (with enclosed truck bed to keep tent and chairs out of the weather).

As the means are provided, this Missionary Fund will be used to finish payment on the tent, purchase chairs, a truck and incidental equipment and supplies for a complete evangelistic company, plus their support on the field as far as possible. This project can and will be successful in a great harvest of souls if the whole church gets under the burden with fervent prayer and means. Regular and consistent giving will keep the evangelists on the field. The interest already shown in this effort is appreciated, and the Lord will reward each one.

You may send offerings to Faith Pub. House or to the undersigned, and BE SURE to state that it is for Missionary Work. A note should be made here that all contributions to the Missionary Fund are deductible on income tax returns. —L. D. Pruitt, 1116 W. Washington. Guthrie, Okla.

(Later word from Bro. Charles Smith is that sufficient funds have been received to make the final payment on the tent and he is going to Tulsa after it today—Feb. 16th.)

Dinuba, Calif.—Greetings in the name of Him whom we serve.

Regarding the equipping and sending a company of evangelistic workers to the field of harvest of souls, we have a suggestion that we believe will be effective, if followed. This is surely a timely and very essential undertaking that many of the saints have long hoped and prayed earnestly that just such a group could be sent to the smaller communities and towns, as these are the most likely places to work with a tent.

We would especially like to call attention to the pastors of the congregations of saints to put this thought before their congregations. And it is simply this: If the heads of each family in the various congregations could lay aside the small amount of \$5 to \$20 within the month (and many could send in triple this amount very easily) we would be surprised how quickly a well equipped company of gospel

workers could be sent this spring. We should not be slothful in the Lord's business and respond promptly—not next summer.

Surely God's people will count it a real privilege to be a "worker together with Christ." Can we afford to overlook that commission Jesus gave "go into all the world and preach the gospel?" We all are not preachers, but does that exclude any because we do not preach?

We believe God's people will see the vision and will ask, "What will you have me do?" Some are willing to sell their homes, sacrifice their time and all they have for this evangelistic call. Can we do less than to take our place as a helper and sacrifice just a small amount?

—One interested in lost souls, Melvin Flynn.

## Obituaries

Stella Francis, daughter of the late Jess and Ann Trent, was born Jan. 26, 1878 in Granby, Mo. There she grew to womanhood and on Aug. 12, 1912 she was united in marriage with Paul Decocq. To this union five children were born. She and Mr. Decocq established their home in the Corsicana community and the 43 years of her life spent there will long be remembered by her family and friends as a life of loving kindness and service to those about her.

She loved her home, her family and friends, and during her illness she often expressed her appreciation of her loyal friends and loving family, never forgetting their acts of kindness toward her.

She accepted Christ as her Savior early in life and united with the Church of God of which she was a faithful worker and a devoted Christian.

On Dec. 14, 1955 she departed this life at the home of a daughter, Mrs. John Leonard, at the age of 77 years, 10 months, and 18 days. Other children surviving are: one son, Lefey Decocq of Purdy route, and two daughters, Mrs. Eunice Cole of Granby and Mrs. Faye Harrel of Purdy route; also three step-children, Henry and Louie Decocq of near Wheaton and Mrs. Emma Whipple of Forest City, Mo.; 15 grandchildren, 11 step-grandchildren, 12 great grandchildren, one sister, two brothers and many other distant relatives and friends.

The husband and one daughter preceded her in death.

Funeral services were conducted Friday afternoon at the Culver Funeral Chapel by Bro. S. Barton of Tulsa, Ok.

Carrie L. Johnson was born at Rochester, Minnesota February 15, 1878. At the age of two years she moved with her parents to a farm home at Lisbon, N. Dakota where she resided until 1904.

On July 9, 1903 she was united in marriage with Virgil M. Owen, to which union 12 children were born, three of whom died in infancy. One son, Lloyd, also preceded her in death in 1951 at the age of 43. She is survived by her husband; 4 daughters, Mrs. Legreid and Mrs. Owen Knox of W. Los Angeles, Mrs. Carl Erickson of Bemidji, Minn., and Mrs. Miles Evans of Hines, Minn.; 4 sons, Elmer of Hines, Minn., Clifford of Great Fall, Mont., Lester and Robert of Sherwood, N. D.; also one brother and one sister; 45 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.

She has lived in W. Los Angeles since 1945 and was associated with the congregation of saints that worship on the camp ground at Pacoima, Calif.

In her early 30's sister Owen accepted Christ as her personal Saviour and lived a Christian life of patience, faith and obedience to God and of prayerful concern for others. Those who attended her during her last illness said the memory of her quoting the Word of God would always be a comfort to them.

After a very definite talk with the Lord she was visited with the joy of His eternal love and said if the Lord saw fit to raise her to health again she would like to continue to teach children about the Lord.

During the hours of suffering the peace of God was a source of strength to her.

She departed this life Dec. 20, 1955, at the age of 77 years, 10 months, and 5 days. The funeral was conducted by Bro. and Sis. O. B. Wilson. Text: Rom. 15:4.

## Correspondence

Calif.—Dear saints,—The Lord has been impressing me to write my testimony, and I feel we should not put off what he tells us to do. I thank the good Lord for keeping me saved and enjoying the Lord. The way never grows old; it gets brighter and sweeter all the way. The Lord is revealing His truth to his people through wonderful messages. We should live close to Him in this evil time.

I want to tell about how the good Lord touched my body in August while the meeting was going on down at Pacoima. I hurt myself accidentally, it seemed. We called down there and the Lord did help me. My leg had been hurting me. Oh, I do thank God for touching my body. It surely did draw me closer to God and taught me to be more careful. My leg still bothers me. But I had them to anoint me Sunday night. It is much better, praise the Lord.

I had another trial this last week. My little granddaughter got ill—something wrong with her neck. Her parents aren't saved. But the saints came out and prayed for her. The next morning she was up and playing around the most of the day. The next morning she was worse. They came and prayed again. She still was bad so her mother and daddy had the Doctor. She didn't want him. She lay all day Sunday. It hurt her so bad to move her neck. That night at meeting I said I wanted them to pray that God would heal her neck so she could move it without hurting. You know when I got home she was up and sitting in her mother's lap. She has been better ever since. She holds her neck stiff so still pray for her. Praise the Lord, the devil cannot defeat Him!

I find the greatest trials are in our home. My mother is very poorly. She is 85. Her breathing is very bad. Pray for her.

We go to an old people's home and have a little meeting with them. One old lady seems to have a bad spirit. We want to know that she is right with God before He takes her on. So pray for her. I know we all need one another's prayers. We couldn't go on with out them.

Your sister in the Lord,

—Ada Leach.

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Colo.—Dear Bro. Pruitt and all the saints.— I send greetings in Jesus' dear name. I am still saved and encouraged to press on. I truly mean to go all the way with my dear Lord. He is all and in all to me. I truly thank God for hearing and answering my prayer. Dear ones, in 1921, I could not read God's Word, for I did not go to school. I was sick all the time. I could not go to school and learn to read. It was hard for me to know how to live for Jesus and to know what he wanted me to do. But I love my dear Lord and I do want to make heaven my home.

One day a man came to my home. I had just come home from church. He said to me "What chapter did he read?" I could not tell him. My mother said, "She can not tell you, for she didn't go to school." So you see how hard it was for me, not knowing what was in God's Word.

This man said for me to take the Bible and go in a secret place, pray to thy Father which is in secret and he will give you wisdom to read his Word. That was just what I did. Praise the dear Lord, I came in reading God's Word to my mother. I am so happy now that I just praise Him all the time for it. I can read the Bible well. Bless His holy name. Jesus is my teacher and I give Him all the praise for it.

He has healed me many times. One time I had a head ache. Bro. Geo. W. Stephenson prayed for me and I was healed. Praise the dear Lord for it all. I am asking you to pray for the healing of my eyes. I know he will heal them.

Now Dear saints of God, I need your prayers in all I do or say. I am asking you to pray for all of my unsaved children so they can have a home in heaven.

I love that song "Sin can never enter there" for heaven is a holy place. We know if we cling to sin till death, when we draw our latest breath, we will sink in dark despair, to the regions of the lost. Thus to prove at awful cost, sin can never enter there. It will stop you at the door, bar you out forevermore. Oh, "I'm glad I counted the cost. I've paid the price and obtained the prize. He saved my soul that was lost; and now my treasures are in the skies. I'm glad I counted the cost." Praise his name. Oh, I am so happy in Jesus all the time. I said I was alone, but I am not alone for my dear Jesus is with me all the time. Bless His holy name. I truly believe it won't be long till Jesus will come for His people. We need to do all we can to get souls saved and ready to meet him. It is time for lost souls to get ready, for that awful day that is coming, when heaven's trump shall sound and call the world to judgment, Oh, where will they be found? My prayer is that they will be ready to meet Jesus. From one who loves God and loves to serve him.

Your saved sister in Christ, —Mrs. Jeff Belveal.

Tenn.—Dear saints of God everywhere,—To the glory of God I want to testify this morning. I am so glad I am still redeemed by the precious blood and have a determination by his help and grace to follow him all the way. Praise his holy name.

Saints, I have a burden on my heart that I want all the saints to pray about. Now we know that we have the truth. What are we doing to send this truth and share with those on the foreign fields? Many are destitute for food and clothing and anxious to know about Jesus. I get a report monthly from the different fields and the need is very urgent. It seems to me that as many saints as there are scattered around, we should contribute to a fund to help (Gal. 6:10; Matt. 25:43). As yet I have never known if the saints have a fund for foreign missions. I would be glad to know. Also I have some unspoken requests that I desire the saints to pray about that God will undertake. I remember all of the saints in prayer and desire prayer that I be all God wants me to be. Pray for a mother and son who need God.

Mrs. E. A. Smelcer

Ohio—Dear saints and readers of "Faith and Victory" paper—Greetings to all in Jesus' dear name. I am sending in my testimony to the "Faith and Victory" because I believe it will be to the glory of God and for the encouragement of others for me to tell how wonderfully he blessed me, touching my body in answer to prayer. I don't think it would please the dear Lord at all for me to keep silent and not tell others how wonderfully he blessed me,

The second Sunday in January I took an acute attack of appendicitis. The pain was almost unbearable. I was so sick for two nights that it seemed I could not live. The saints here were gathered around praying earnestly to the Lord that he would heal me, and they called the saints in Akron to be in agreement of prayer with them. Then on Friday morning I had my wife to come by my bedside and I had a little talk with her about our personal affairs. Then I said to her, "Let us have prayer." I asked the dear Lord to show me just what his will was. And as I ended my prayer, this is what I heard: "My grace is sufficient; look at the ableness of God; do not look at the sickness." Then I asked my wife to help me to put on my bath robe, and she did. I got up, went into the dining room and sat there two hours. As I began to feel weak and nervous, I lay back down. On Saturday morning I got up and stayed up all day, praise the dear Lord. That severe pain was gone, but I was very sore in my stomach. By Sunday I was able to go to meeting, and am still up. Praise the good Lord! How I do thank him from the very depth of my heart. He has healed me so many times of different things. It is so good to trust the Lord and wait on him. I thank the dear saints for their prayers and kindness. Pray for me that I keep true.

A brother, James Crooks.

Calif.—Dear Workers:—Greetings in Jesus' dear name. We are still encouraged to press on, and trust this will find each of you likewise in the Lord.

A revival meeting was held in Phoenix, Arizona in January. There are only a very few saints in number there, but the Lord certainly met the faithful few and rested his blessings upon the meeting. The plain truth was preached and the few saints were much encouraged. Some received healing, one couple came for sanctification. The attendance was good, and a number of outsiders came in at different times.

It seemed like the singing, preaching, prayers, and testimonies were all direct from heaven and some of the songs alone bore a stern message. Oh, how our hearts melted as we enjoyed God's rich blessings along with the isolated saints there.

Sister Katherine Williams of Berkeley had been laboring there with the saints for awhile, but left at the close of the meeting. Bro. and Sis. Olson of Oregon stayed on at the close of the meeting and will be there indefinitely. Other ministers attending the meeting were Brothers Johnny Johnson, Leonard and Bud Gaines, Roosevelt Weldon and C. Hobbs.

The saints in Phoenix need your prayers. They are few in number and most of them were recently saved.

—C. Hobbs.

Illinois—Dear Brothers and Sisters in the Lord,—I promised the Lord that I would write my testimony to the "Faith and Victory" paper if He would heal my little girl's body. I do not know what was wrong with her, but she did not eat well and was very pale and complained with her stomach a lot. I wrote to some of the saints for an anointed cloth, and when I received it I anointed her, praying the Lord would heal her. And she was healed. She is eating better now and has a better color about her face. Thanks be to the Lord for this healing. The doctor also told me that this girl and my older daughter both had very bad tonsils and would have to have them taken out, but I wrote to the saints for prayer and they have been healed. What a mighty God we serve. The Lord has healed me and my children so many times there just isn't time and space to mention them all. But I am

so thankful I have him to go to in time of need. Pray that I will live closer to the Lord from day to day.

—Elsie Offerman.

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Mo.—Dear Bro. and saints everywhere:—We send greetings of love in Jesus' dear name. We feel impressed to tell of God's love and goodness to us here at Webb City. Surely He is doing great and wonderful things for all His faithful, trusting children. We are surely grateful to Him for the way he has so abundantly rewarded and blessed us since burdening our hearts about six years ago to sell out; leave our home, saints, relatives and friends in Louisiana. Surely Matt. 19:29 which says "And everyone that hath forsaken houses, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother or wife, or children, or lands for my name sake, shall receive an hundred-fold, and shall inherit everlasting life," has been fulfilled in our behalf.

The thing that encourages us most of all is how that God has worked in saving and adding some more precious saints to our number; to replace those that have triumphantly gone to their reward, and how that all are getting under the burden together for the cause here.

The chapel here is old and become quite depreciated as there were such few and no one to maintain it, but we are thankful how the Lord worked in helping us get it painted on the outside last fall, which was quite an improvement. He has also burdened us to borrow some money to do some more repairs inside including partitioning off a couple small Sunday school rooms as there is such a great need of them with four average size classes in the one building. We trust to have this work completed in the early spring and are trusting the Lord to burden some of his ministers to come hold a meeting for His glory. We are confident there are still more souls the Lord desires to reach here.

We desire the prayers of all the saints that the Lord will ever lead and direct us by His spirit and that His cause will prosper here as elsewhere in the land.

Yours in Him, —Merrill A. Williamson.

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Calif.—Dear Bro. Pruitt, and saints and readers of the Faith and Victory papers.—I feel greatly impressed this morning to write my testimony of how the Lord has blessed me both soul and body. First of all I am very thankful this morning to be saved, and sanctified, and very much encouraged to live saved and more stirred than ever before to press my way on. I am learning more every day that this is a pressing way. Every time we press through one thing there is always something else to press through.

I have been very sick the last two weeks but in this severe suffering God has shown himself mighty in my behalf. I am very glad I know God. If I weren't saved I would not stop until I found him. He is so precious to my soul, helps me in every time of need. One day as I was sick, I lay on my bed and as I prayed and meditated before the Lord he began to talk to my heart with this Scripture (1 Pet. 4:12) "Beloved think it not strange concerning the fiery trials which is to try you as though some strange thing happened unto you. But rejoice inasmuch as you are partakers of Christ suffering." He brought many wonderful thoughts to me for encouragement and help on many lines as I had been sick so long and many other things I had under gone. This scripture was so much help to me and the song in our book was brought to me (page 483) how Jesus suffered. He always went a little

farther all the way to Calvary (especially the second verse and the chorus). He let me know to please him we would have to always go a little farther and how Christ suffered so much for us. He was mocked, reviled and forsaken and even spit upon. Surely we can suffer a little more for his sake. If we are to be workers for Jesus we will have to do a little more. With Luke 5:4 came many encouraging thoughts. "Launch out into the deep and let down your nets for a draught." He let me know that he had many things in store for us if we let down into the deep. He says he has just as large a fish in the deep now as ever. Meaning by that that he has many wonderful blessings for us if we will only go a little farther to receive them—sometimes all the way to Calvary. There are many more wonderful things I could mention but time and space will not permit.

God has healed my body and I am very happy in my soul. I can't explain myself like others but I know in my heart what it means. I want to be as Peter and John in Acts 4:13. I want every one that I deal with to understand that I have been with Jesus. I need prayer much for the problems that face me from day to day.

Pray much for me and my family. Helen Gaines.

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Calif.—Dear saints, Greetings in Jesus' dear name.-- I felt impressed of the Lord to write my testimony for the little paper. Today still finds me saved and encouraged in my soul to be faithful in this life until the dear Lord is through with me here.

Most of you know or have heard of the afflictions on my body. My trust is fully in the hands of our great physician, the Lord Jesus. Although he hasn't delivered me of the afflictions yet, but he has blessed me in soul and body more than I have words to tell, praise his precious name. He has spoken many words of cheer and comfort to my soul encouraging me to press onward and upward and continue to trust him and keep my hand in his. The Lord spoke to me and said, "Keep trusting, keep pressing; it's not in vain." Surely we know it isn't. He has given me added strength and made me stronger in my body so that I am able to do little things here in the home.

At times the way looked dark. The clouds over head were too dark and heavy for the sun to shine through. Dear ones, when these times come the Lord is always standing by looking on and hearing our cries and he hasn't failed us yet and we don't expect him to, praise his precious and holy name.

Surely it pays to serve and trust in our great God. I love the Lord and my only desire is to please him in every way. I still desire your most earnest prayers in my behalf for we are still expecting the dear Lord to do a complete work. I want to be at all times submissive to his will. Also desire you to continue to pray for my dear companion who has stood by me so faithfully in our great trial.

I want to thank all the dear saints, friends, and loved ones who have written me letters of encouragement. I also want to thank the different ones for their "Get well cards" and birthday cards. These have been such an encouragement and blessing to me and may the Lord bless and reward each one of you is our prayer.

With Christian love, —Katie Joiner.

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Okla.—Dear Bro. Pruitt and all of God's people everywhere.—I awoke this morning about 4:00 o'clock and seemed sleepless. My thoughts at once drifted to how good the dear Lord had been to us; how He had

prayer so many times. I can't begin to thank and praise Him for all he has done for us. Praise His dear name.

I seemed so impressed to write a few encouraging words about prayer. He has answered prayer in our behalf so many times. If we don't get an answer the first time we pray, let us not faint but just keep on praying until the answer does come. He has promised in His word: "If ye abide in me and my words abide in you ye shall ask what ye will and it shall be done unto you." If we don't receive an answer let us search our hearts and lives and see if we do abide in Him and if His words do abide in us. Another thing we must pray according to His will. When we pray for lost souls, we know it is His will to save to the uttermost all who will come unto Him and repent. So let us pray on for lost loved ones and friends, and not give up until we get them all in to safety. As long as God gives us breath let us pray. God will bring it to pass at the right time. We are taught in the Bible there is a time for everything. We must not question but pray and wait. We need to praise the Lord for answered prayer.

I can't praise the dear Lord enough for answering prayer and saving my dear husband's soul during our 1955 Assembly Meeting here in Guthrie last December. I truly praise Him now for a Christian home. A home where we can pray and read and talk of the good things of God and His word. Praise the dear Lord.

I find when praying for material things of life it is best to tell the Lord we would like to have this or that and to use it to His glory. If it is not His will I don't want it; so if I get it I know it was His will and I must use it to His glory. We have gotten several different things for our home in this way. I am thankful to the Lord for every one of them.

I felt we needed a car to take an old couple and our grand-children to Sunday school. We had a pick-up but we couldn't all go in it. I asked a sister to agree with me in prayer for a car if I would use it to the glory of God. In just a few short months I could see God working. He let us have a better car than I ever thought of. I tried to think it was too nice for me. But it seemed to be the one, so I just praise God for every thing. Praise His dear name.

Your sister in the Lord, Mrs. C. D. Dilley.

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Miss.—Dear saints,—Greetings in Jesus' dear name. I wish to add my testimony to the glory of God and the good of others. I praise the good Lord. He has healed my body of much suffering and pain and keeps me saved, sweet in my soul. He sanctified my nature by the Holy Spirit. I am more determined to serve the Lord than ever before. I desire an interest in all your prayers.

May God bless you. —Mrs. Hattie Legg.

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Calif.—Dear saints of God, greetings in Jesus' dear precious and holy name,—Tonight finds me yet saved and more determined than ever before to press on for God. Have you accepted salvation? I am a young saint of God who became saved September the 3rd in the year of 1953 in the Church of God. I had conviction on the first of September but I didn't accept it, I rejected it. That night Brother Chandler preached a short message which really brought conviction. But on the next night I finally did accept salvation. The message was brought forth by Brother Carver. You alone have to make the decision. It's one of the hardest decisions you have to make while traveling down the road of life. The devil has so many tricky ways in getting your soul. If only the people could open their eyes for a minute and see what

a terrible condition the world is in today. On the night of September third Brother Carver's text was "The wages of sin is death but the gift of God is eternal life." In order to have the gift of God which is eternal life, we must turn to the Lord with all our soul, heart, and mind. In living a saved life you don't travel over a smooth road. You have temptations, trials, grief, longsufferings, and many other things.

But just think of how Christ suffered on the cross for us, and how he died to bear all of our sins. After all that Christ did for us I think a person is in a sad condition if they can't give their soul to God instead of serving the devil. But you would be surprised to know that some people do serve the devil. All the devil can do is to keep us in sin so that in the day of Judgment we'll go straight to hell and remain there for eternity, burning in a lake of fire and brimstone.

Think of the sweet heavenly home you could have if you would only give your heart to God and serve him. I really mean to serve the Lord this time and not turn back. When Satan comes around I'll do like Jesus did and say, "Get thee behind me, Satan." If I could only make the sinners realize what a big mistake they are making for not giving their heart to God. What is wrong sinner, haven't you any time for Jesus, or is your time too important? Are you so busy with the worldly things of life that you can't take time for Jesus? Oh, sinner, I'm pleading with you, please don't wait too late. The Lord may take you while you are asleep. A person never knows when the time will come for him to leave this world. Do not go out into eternity a lost soul. I was not happy living a sinful life. Living in sin can only bring you unhappiness later on in life. Oh, if you only knew the pain and agony you will be going through down in that awful lake of fire. Well, sinner in closing I can only say hell is not a pleasant place to go to. May God bless.

A sister in Christ,

—Irene Andrews.

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Okla.—Greetings to all the saints scattered abroad.—Tonight finds me saved and encouraged to press my way on for Jesus. Surely God is so good to us until we could not afford to turn back into the snares of the devil.

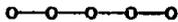
It has been quite sometime since I have written thru the paper, but I have continued in the faith once delivered to the saints. The Lord has done a lot for me physically and spiritually. I surely thank Him for all of his blessings and the saints for their prayers.

I have been thinking of some of the things that go to make up Christian character. Let us say that faith believes God's word. Patience awaits God's time. Hope expects all that God has promised. Love urges us to obey all of God's commandments. Then humility bows us low before God's throne; and last but not least, submission shuts our mouths in all the trying scenes of life. In summing up all the attributes of Christians, we have these: faith, patience, hope, love, humility, and submission. Let us strive to build Christian character every day so that we can influence others to follow our footsteps as we follow in the footsteps of Jesus.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all of the saints who sent donations on the chapel at Bristow, Oklahoma. I have tried to acknowledge each donation separately but one or two did not have a return address, so I'll thank them thru the paper. We have received \$157.00 thus far and we surely are thankful to each saint that sent an offering for this worthy cause. Bro. Wheeler, Bro. Foster, and the saints at Bristow say thank you and may God bless each of you is our prayer. This leaves only about \$95.00 yet owing on the

debt now plus a small amount of interest.

Much Christian love, —Sis. Dorothy Barton.



Cuba—Dear saints and readers of the "Faith and Victory."—Greetings and love to you in the precious name of Jesus. The name which is above all names and who has done so much for me, that I can't express it. I have been much impressed recently to send my testimony to the "Faith and Victory." I have been receiving it for a number of years. Some dear saints have been sending it to me. May the dear Lord richly bless them and make them ever to be a great blessing to their fellowmen. I am so glad I can say Jesus is more than this world to me. He saved me, sanctifies me, keeps me and heals me. Praise His name forever. Just recently He healed my body and I promised Him I would testify of it that others may know how very dear and precious He is to me. Every day I find His love dearer and sweeter to me and by His grace to help me I mean to make heaven my home. I can say like the writer of that song, "On Christ the solid Rock I stand, All other ground is sinking sand." Sometimes He makes my soul so happy, all I can say is praise the Lord. The more I praise Him the happier He makes me. Praise His name forever for saving poor unworthy me. I ask an interest in your prayers.

Your Sis. in the one body, —Sis. R. Maxam.



Ore.—Dear saints: Greetings in Jesus' dear name.—I feel like I ought to add my testimony how the dear Lord healed me of a roaring sound in my ears and pain in my head. I had been praying and the Lord would give me relief. At times it got so bad it sounded like someone sawing. One evening our oldest daughter and husband were with us and as we had family worship the scriptures came to me, "These signs shall follow them that believe—they shall lay hands on the sick and they shall recover." Our daughter laid hands on me and prayed and the dear Lord instantly healed me. All pains were gone and I am still healed. I am writing this for God's glory and to encourage any one that may be suffering like I did. The dear Lord is so good to us. He is a present help in every time of need. Praise His dear name. Your sister,

—Emma Luehring.



Okla.—Dear saints of God and readers of the "Faith and Victory" paper.—Greetings to all in our dear Saviour's name. Today I know (not think) I am saved, sanctified, and encouraged to press on in faith, believing God's holy word.

I am truly thankful for the many blessings of our dear Lord unto me and my family. Oh! How I love God with all my heart, mind, body and soul and want to please Him in all I think, say or do.

I can not with enough words thank Him for leading me into this pure, holy life which flows into my heart every day. He gives me power to overcome sin and the world. Being young in the Lord I do make innumerable mistakes (for man is not infallible.) When He reveals a mistake to me, after I make the same mistake over and over again, He gives me power to stop doing it and never do it again. Praise His name!

Read II Tim 2:19 "And let everyone that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity." Also read Heb. 12:4 "Ye have not yet resisted unto blood, striving against sin." Praise God, the omnipotent One, who saves us from our sins and (Matt. 1:21) not in our sins, and gives us eternal life. Otherwise we would die. (Ezek.

18:4, 20) "The soul that sinneth it shall die."

It is surely a truth, Christ came that we could have an abundant life. When I was in sin I was dead inside, but alive on the outside to the things of the world—pride of life, lust of flesh, lust of eyes. Here is a different picture now, since Jesus has given me His Holy Spirit to lead me. Just the opposite, now I'm dead on the outside to the world and its pleasures and pride, but alive inwardly to the things of God, and God is in us according to the New Testament epistles. Now we read in I Cor. 6:19, "What? Know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost, which is in you?" Col. 1:27, "Which is Christ in you, the hope of glory."

Dear ones, this life of a Christian is a life of constant watching and praying, and being so careful to please God, not man. If any reading this are not living up to all the light they have, I plead with them out of love for their dear souls, that they get their Bible, get down to business with God, maybe even shed a few tears and pray earnestly to God to help them see and come out into the Bible Way. It is the only way that will take them to Heaven. "There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death." Prov. 14:12, 16:25.

Oh! The Bible Way is straight and narrow all right, but God will walk with you down it. He has promised never to leave you, nor forsake you. God's promises are true. He can not lie. He says prove all things. I Thess. 5:21. So prove Him and see for yourself if you don't receive love, joy, and peace in your soul beyond all expectation. I and many others have proved Him and found it so. Praise be unto God!

Let's not just take things for granted, dear ones, just because someone says so. God gave us a mind to think with for ourselves and we are free moral agents. We can accept or reject God's authority, even doubt it, as Eve did in the garden by Satan's influence, and eat what we want to, go where we want to, and do what we want to. But God says, "That man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God." (Luke 4:4.) God expects us to obey Him and live a holy life before Him that we may be a peculiar people (Titus 2:14, not conformed to this world; but "be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God." (Rom. 12:2)

It is the will of God to heal us, and would like to testify of His mercy. On the 15th day of January, our son Sammy took bad sick in the afternoon. Dad Barton, Brother David Madden and some other saints came out. They anointed and prayed for him. He got worse toward evening, and I was afraid he was going into a convulsion like he had a year or so ago. Mom Barton called the saints that night at services and they sent special prayer to the throne of God on our behalf. Praise the Lord! He undertook, and Sammy didn't go into convulsion. God has stopped pain and touched sickness in our bodies many times for which we thank and praise Him.

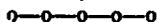
I read in the Word that "without faith it is impossible to please Him: for he that cometh to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him." (Heb 11:6) For God's doctrine is "let him that be the greatest among you be servant of all." God our maker will serve us if we just believe and obey Him. "No good thing will He withhold from them that walk uprightly" Ps. 84:11 "Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need." Heb. 4:16.

Pray for me. I am a young saint and not very well learned in Bible doctrine (God's doctrine), but I have found the Lord. And He told me in a dream, "Even though the whole world is against you, I'll be with you." That strong assurance has helped me very much to take root and grow. I study the Bible as much as I can and pray for God to give me understanding and knowledge in His Word. I have asked forgiveness for my mistakes when I know it was a mistake and tried to make all my wrongs right to my understanding. The enemy has tried to confuse me and accuse me, but by God's grace I have done the best I could do, and desire to do better.

I want to thank all the dear saints who have prayed for me, for through your prayers, I have received much boldness and strength to stand for the truth. I want to make the Bible my only authority, and ask God for guidance and help.

I have a great burden for those of my loved ones that are unsaved. Some of my loved ones are sick and need help in body. These last days are truly wicked and many are being deceived and confused. The imagination of men's heart is evil all the time. I pray that the Lord may give more young people a willing heart to consecrate wholly and uncompromisingly to serve Him and win souls.

Your sister in the Lord, —Mona Lee Barton.

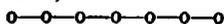


Mo.—Dear saints everywhere:—Greetings to all in the precious name of Jesus. I will write a few more lines and let you know how the dear Lord has been helping me. Last night I woke up and my nose was stopped up until I could hardly get my breath. I began to call on the Lord. I told him he would have to come right now and help me or I couldn't stand it. I told him if it was his will for me to get all right to help me now; if not to let his will be done. I told him if he would unstop my nose so I could get my breath good I would send a testimony to the "Faith and Victory" paper. Thank God he unstopped my nose. I surely did give his name all the praise for it. My desire is to go all the way with him.

I thank Him for the blessings he gives me each day. I want to obey him in all things and do his will the best I understand and know. I want to make heaven my home. Praise His name. He is so good to help us in our troubles, trials and tests when we call on him in the right way, believing with all our heart.

Please pray for me that my nose won't be so easy to stop up and cause me to smother. I thank you all for your prayers. I pray God will bless you all.

A sister in Christ, —Nancy Sweeza.



La.—To all the dear saints scattered abroad:—It has been some time since we have reported through this paper, but feel it may be pleasing to the dear Lord for us to write a few lines at this time.

We are so thankful we can say, that we still love the Lord with all our hearts. Our greatest desire is to please Him, and be found doing His will when He calls us from labor to reward, and hear Him say, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant." It will repay us for all we are called on to endure for Jesus' sake. We feel so unworthy of the least of his blessings.

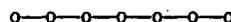
Both of us are kept busy in His service and we find that anyone who desires to labor for Him will find more than they can do and enjoy laboring in behalf of souls. It seems there is much need of personal work in these days when such a few outsiders attend services, but one soul gained for the Lord is worth so much. We need to

keep busy and alert at this work as any working man at his job. The Lord's work is the most interesting, most profitable work of any and pays the greatest dividends. Praise His dear name! The value of one soul cannot be compared to dollars and cents, it is so precious.

We want to tell you just how much we enjoyed our last Assembly Meeting held here at Hammond last November. It was one of the best. Several humble ministers were present who seemed to do such deep Holy Ghost preaching. It really fed our souls and strengthened the saints. Quite a bit of altar work was done and we hope each one is growing in the Lord and received a lasting benefit. We would like to mention the ministers present but for fear of perhaps forgetting one, we shall not. Also the attendance was good. We understand there were many precious meetings held through last year.

As the spirit of indifference seems to settle down more and more over the unsaved world there is more and greater need of us, as saints, to keep our souls stirred. We do not want to relax our hold on God and hold an empty profession when He calls us to give an account of our stewardship. I see very much danger on this line. We seem to be living in times similar to the days of Noah. God bless all you dear ones that we may be ready when the call comes.

Yours in His service, —Ray and Kathrine Key.



Calif.—Dear saints of God, greetings in Jesus' dear name,—I am saved and trusting God for body and soul. The last time I sent in my testimony, the good Lord had healed me of cancer of the neck. Now I will tell of God healing me of diabetes. I did not know what was the matter with me, at it was years since I used anything for my body. I was run down and lost 54 pounds. I now am up 22 pounds and feel fine. I was so bad I could hardly walk. When I tried to walk on the street, my feet would burn and hurt and my legs would go out from under me. My finger nails would become sore and come off one by one. I could not get enough water to drink. I would have sinking spells night and day; but the Lord would bring me out every time when I called the saints for prayer. My legs would cramp and ache with pain and my heart was affected. Sores and cracks came between my toes. My right kidney was in a bad condition. My health was so bad that the neighbors would talk about my terrible condition. But the Lord has healed me, and now they talk about how fine I am in health. I tell them all what the Lord has done.

To please my husband, I went to see a doctor. He said I had been a diabetic for a long time. He took a urine test, but I refused medical aid. I told him and the nurse that I trusted God. I had the church in Los Angeles to pray for me on Sunday. I thought I would leave sugar and starches alone, as the doctor told me I had to do. I gave my mother some jelly and the Lord impressed me to take some, too, which I did. God then told me to leave the doctor alone.

I took a trip to Oregon and had a bad time with my feet on the way. I would call on God every time and he would help me. When I arrived there, my toe was turning black. When I got back home gangrene had set in that toe, and my whole leg pained terribly. I went to the Lord in prayer and it started to get better. I then went back once more to the doctor. He said my urine was all right (it had been as thick as syrup). God had cured me. I showed him my toe and he said it was better. He wanted me to return, but I did not go back and the toe is well. I did have a fight with the devil, as the toe started

to get black two times after that, but I called on the Lord and as I trusted Him, He would help and did not let me get gangrene. Now it is well and looks as the others—all well and no blisters or sores, no finger nail trouble. Praise God! I have forgotten to drink water all day now. There are no more sinking spells. I can walk up stairs, up hills, and a long distance with no aches or pains. I can sleep all night and feel fine. I took no medicine, just trusted the Lord who is my Physician. When I would walk and feel a sinking spell coming on I would say, God is healing me and if there are to be shots he will have to give them to me. We do not have to trust in man, but in our heavenly Father.

I went to the all day meeting and ate sweets and starches. Some of the saints said, "Be careful." I did eat things which were against one with diabetes, but I thanked God and asked him to take care of me.

I went to a place in town where they were showing pictures of how diabetes acted and what to do. I saw a line of people and learned they were taking a free test. I took one and found out I am cured (I took this test just one hour after I had eaten those things which people with the disease should not eat). It has been months now since I took the last test. I am well.

My next door neighbor had toes off, then foot, then died. I wanted to talk to him, but God did not lead me. I found out that he did not believe in God nor churches. He did have terrible pain. Men cannot heal cancer nor diabetes, but our God can.

Pray for my unsaved husband. He has cancer going all through him and needs the Lord. —Bertha Lindberg.

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## Have You a Prepared Body for Service?

Last Sunday a week ago after reading and praying with my father, I went upstairs to pray, knelt down, asked God to give me something special from his heart right to mine. When I opened the Word, my eyes fell on these words which stood out: "A body hast THOU prepared me. LO! I come to do THY WILL, O God." (Heb. 10:5) And the Spirit carried me away in thought to heaven and some of the things that transpired up there before Jesus could come down to earth to do the Father's will. God had to depend on help from poor earthly creatures before HIS plan in heaven and earth could be perfected.

Almost all Israel was backslid. Would he find any one who was lined up with Him that He could be able to use? What did He NEED to accomplish His will and plan in heaven and earth? He needed some saints dead to self and alive to God, with a KNOWLEDGE of His word and plan and covenant; saints with a burden to see the promises of God fulfilled in them IN THEIR DAY; saints with faith; faith that God would answer in their day or time of life; saints who wanted God to send REDEMPTION TO EARTH SO MUCH THEY WERE travelling night and day; saints who were perfect before God in the keeping of all His laws and commands; saints who had laid their bodies on His altar and were willing to be used in any way God saw fit to bring to pass His plan for earth's redemption; saints who were led and directed by the Spirit; saints expecting GREAT THINGS OF GOD; saints willing to pay

God's price to receive great things.

"The eyes of the Lord are over the righteous and His ears open to their cries." So He had long listened to their pleading prayers. And "The eyes of the Lord run to and fro through out the whole earth to show himself strong in behalf of those whose heart is perfect toward Him." (2 Chron. 16:9)

So God found upon earth the bodies, the temples, the tabernacles he would need and he called Gabriel, one of His chief angels, gave him instructions, and sent him to earth with a message directly from God. His first call was upon Zacharias, a faithful priest of God who was ministering in the temple of God. Gabriel went in unto him and said, "Fear not, thy prayers are heard;" Thou shalt have that son you have been asking God for. He shall be a minister of God to continue on in the work of GOD and turn many to the Lord God; and HE SHALL BE FILLED WITH THE HOLY GHOST FROM HIS MOTHER'S WOMB. (Luke 1)

The word does not tell us so, but I imagine about that time God witnessed to Elizabeth there in her home that he had heard her prayers and would take away her reproach among men (barrenness) also fill her with the Holy Ghost; "Fear NOT, Mary," said Gabriel, as he came in unto Mary, "For thou hast found favour with GOD."

Remember, these saints were crying day and night, travailing and pleading for the redemption of Israel. Mary KNEW the old law and prophesy. The Son of God would be born of a virgin and upon His shoulders would be the government. (Isa. 7:14; 9:6-7.) It could be possible that Mary was praying, asking God to be glorified in accepting her body for the birth of the world's Redeemer. She had found favour with GOD; He was going to give her the desires of her heart, choose her from among earth's teeming millions to be the mother of JESUS.

To Simeon, that faithful, righteous man of God, led these many years by the Spirit, God had witnessed long ago: "Fear not, Simeon, thou shalt not die till thou hast seen the Lord's Christ."

Anna too, that aged prayer-warrior of GOD'S, got the witness God was moving in their behalf. Years of tears and prayers and fastings were all recorded before God in heaven. Yes, it is a great day when God sends the answers.

This little group was of one mind and one accord; all united in one constant prayer for the REDEMPTION OF ISRAEL; consecrated, dedicated, body and will wholly yielded to God to bring to pass His Plan and promise to them.

All these faithful warriors God needed on earth before Jesus would be able to come down to earth and say: "A body hast THOU prepared me. Lo, I come to do THY WILL O, GOD." YES GOD found them ON EARTH, accepted them and used them!

Then God took me in thought and search to see what was His plan for earth people today? What does GOD'S word PROMISE US TODAY? WHAT IS HIS COVENANT TO US TODAY? WHAT IS

HEAVEN'S PLAN for teeming millions on earth today? What is the NEED up there before GOD can send the answers down here? What is the need down here before GOD can find what he needs to accomplish His plan in heaven and in earth?

Does God have some special plan for 1956 He wants to accomplish? What does He see on earth?

Can He find the consecrated bodies, the temples, the tabernacles HE will need to accomplish His plan?

Does he see a united group of saints of ONE mind and ONE accord with a full knowledge of HIS WORD and plan and promise? For these days?

Does He have a praying, agonizing, travailing, pleading people crying DAY and NIGHT for HIM to fulfill HIS PROMISES UNTO US ON EARTH? ARE THEY A PEOPLE OF FAITH? EXPECTING GREAT THINGS? BELIEVING GOD WANTS THEM TO HAVE GREAT THINGS? WILLING TO PAY GOD'S PRICE SO HIS WILL CAN be done in earth and in heaven? and He can favor them with great things? Do they have a burden for His plans for earth's millions? for 1956? Are they a people with a VISION? God says: "Where there is no vision the people perish. (Prov. 29:18) Does He see His saints bound together as one, by and thru the love of God and the Spirit?

Just what does God see upon earth among the people that are called by His NAME. Is there just a little handful of true saints perfect before God in the keeping of HIS word, while the majority of "Israel" is backslid? and in need of REDEMPTION?

IF you have offered up your body to God, the Christ has been born in you and He will be working out the will of God in YOU.

IF we are the created sons and daughters of God we will have laid our bodies on His altar and say —gladly—"A body hast THOU prepared me—Lo, I come to do THY WILL O, God." Glorify THY self in the way THOU dost choose but fulfil THY promise and covenant unto us in THESE DAYS that we may be qualified vessels thru which THOU canst accomplish THY will and plan for 1956. Amen.

—Ada Scanlan.

AMERICA'S LITERATURE

In a recent issue of a Graphic Art magazine the fact was disclosed that America's largest printing bill is the printing of comic books, mystery, murder and sex literature.

Since people are reading this type of literature more than any other kind, attending the movies and watching the television which show this same kind of trash, is it any wonder that the morals of our youth is about gone?

Ninety million sex magazines are printed monthly and are read by teen-agers.

One million illegitimate babies are born annually. One million girls have venereal disease.

A major crime is committed in America every 22 seconds.

They are putting into practice the things they have read in this trashy literature, seen in the movies

and on television.

Forsake your sin and turn unto the Lord, or you will spend your eternity in hell. —Sel.

HELP NEEDED

The saints at Bakersfield feel the need of a larger chapel, as the congregation is increasing constantly. We plan to start building soon. We appreciate the help and support from everyone that can contribute to help us in this need whether with labor or finance. This is a worthy cause.

Any further information write or call: Bro. James Harris, Rt. 6, Box 35C (Phone FA 32079); Bro. A. W. Sherman, Rt. 6, Box 35C (Phone FA 22247) all of Bakersfield, Calif. Hazel Blackwell.

PRAYER REQUEST

Mo.—Dear saints of God: greetings in Jesus' dear name,—I am still saved and encouraged to press on. My little girl was awful sick. I called Bro. and Sis. Wilson and they came out and prayed for her. It wasn't long until she was healed and up playing.

I would like for the saints to pray that my husband will find work. I want to be ready when Jesus comes. Your Sister in Christ, Mrs. Louise Freeman.

Oreg.—Dear saints in general,—I feel God wants me to write a testimony of His blessings to me. About three years ago I wrote a request of prayer for healing in the "Faith and Victory" paper. I was in a very bad shape physically. God witnessed to me he would heal, but the healing was very slow. I can say I am almost perfectly healed of all this. Praise the Lord. I thank all who prayed in my behalf.

I have another physical need of healing that I may better serve the Lord in many ways. Please agree with me for this blessing from God. Thank you everyone. One of God's children, Mrs. Ed King.

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12 papers each month, one year .....	2.00
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JESUS FACES THE CITY

March 4, 1956

Printed Portion .....Luke 19:37-48.

Luke 19:37. And when he was come nigh, even now at the descent of the mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen;

38. Saying, Blessed be the King that cometh in the name of the Lord: peace in heaven, and glory in the highest.

39. And some of the Pharisees from among the multitude said unto him, Master, rebuke thy disciples.

40. And he answered and said unto them, I tell you that, if these should hold their peace, the stones would immediately cry out.

41. And when he was come near, he beheld the city, and wept over it,

42. Saying, If thou hadst known, even thou, at least in this thy day, the things which belong unto thy peace! but now they are hid from thine eyes.

43. For the days shall come upon thee, that thine enemies shall cast a trench about thee, and compass thee round, and keep thee in on every side,

44. And shall lay thee even with the ground, and thy children within thee; and they shall not leave in thee one stone upon another; because thou knewest not the time of thy visitation.

45. And he went into the temple, and began to cast out them that sold therein, and them that bought;

46. Saying unto them, It is written, My house is the house of prayer: but ye have made it a den of thieves.

47. And he taught daily in the temple. But the chief priests and the scribes and the chief of the people sought to destroy him,

48. And could not find what they might do: for all the people were very attentive to hear him.

Memory Selection: If thou hadst known, even thou, at least in this thy day, the things which belong unto thy peace! Luke 19:42.

Practical Truth: We should recognize Christ as our King and serve and honor him.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATIONS

In our lesson we read of Jesus riding toward Jerusalem while multitudes of his disciples praised him and glorified God. They threw palm leaves in the road and spread their clothes for him to ride over, proclaiming him as "King that cometh in the name of the Lord." Some asked him to rebuke his disciples for their display of love to him. But Jesus told them he knew the stones would cry out immediately if others did not praise Him. Today we do not hear very many praising the Lord. Messages will go forth and it does not seem to touch the hearts of the hearers and cause them to praise the Lord. Why this is true, could be discussed.

As Jesus came to the top of the hill and saw Jerusalem, He wept. Amidst the honor that was given him his heart was touched because of being rejected by the Jewish nation as a whole. He knew that they would be punished. He then told of what would happen to the nation which happened in 70 A. D. Titus surrounded the city and built a wall of masonry. But because they refused to surrender he had to destroy the city. The people were killed and not one stone was left upon another. Today nations are rejecting God. America as a whole is forgetting God. "The wicked shall be turned into hell and all nations that forget God." Psalm 9:17. Here is hope: "Him that cometh to me, I will in no wise cast out." John 6:37.

JESUS AND WORLD CONFLICT

March 11, 1956

Printed Portion: .....Luke 21:29-36.

Luke 21:29. And he spake to them a parable; Behold the fig tree, and all the trees;

30. When they now shoot forth, ye see and know of your own selves that summer is nigh at hand.

31. So likewise ye, when ye see these things come to pass, know ye that the kingdom of God is nigh at hand.

32. Verily I say unto you, This generation shall not pass away, till all be fulfilled.

33. Heaven and earth shall pass away: but my words shall not pass away.

34. And take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and so that day come upon you unawares.

35. For as a snare shall it come on all them that dwell on the face of the whole earth.

36. Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man.

Memory Verse: Heaven and earth shall pass away: but my words shall not pass away. Luke 21:33.

Practical Truth: We should be in a constant state of readiness to meet our Lord.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATIONS

Jesus spoke of the kingdom of God that he brought with him when he came. The Jews were looking for the Messiah to come and restore the temporal kingdom of David, with his throne in Jerusalem. They were proud of the temple there, which took 46 years to build. They would not believe Jesus when he told them that not one stone would be left upon another. They were looking for earthly power and prestige. Jesus was emphasizing the spiritual. "The Kingdom of God cometh not with observation (not with physical signs)—for, behold, the kingdom of God is within you." Luke 17:20-21.

Jesus spoke of the fall of Jerusalem and the things that would accompany it. He told of the persecution and dispersion of the Jews: "Led captive into all nations"—and so it was. But Jesus looked a little further into the future after these things would come to pass. He spoke of his coming in the end of the world and the Judgment. There would be distress of nations, perplexity, men's hearts failing them for fear. How, could he better describe present world conditions? Surely we need to be ready. We should not be taken up with the cares of this life lest the day come upon us unawares. Are we ready now? Life is uncertain and death is sure. The only safe place is on the Word of God.

JESUS INSTITUTES THE LORD'S SUPPER

March 18, 1956

Printed Portion: .....Luke 22:7-23.

Lk. 22:7. Then came the day of unleavened bread, when the passover must be killed.

8. And he sent Peter and John, saying, Go and prepare us the passover, that we may eat.

9. And they said unto him, Where wilt thou that we prepare?

10. And he said unto them, Behold, when ye are entered into the city, there shall a man meet you, bearing a pitcher of water; follow him into the house where he entereth in.

11. And ye shall say unto the goodman of the house, The Master saith unto thee, Where is the guestchamber, where I shall eat the passover with my disciples?

12. And he shall shew you a large upper room furnished: there make ready.

13. And they went, and found as he had said unto them and they made ready the passover,

14. And when the hour was come, he sat down, and the twelve apostles with him.

15. And he said unto them, With desire I have desired to eat this passover with you before I suffer:

16. For I say unto you, I will not any more eat thereof, until it be fulfilled in the kingdom of God.

17. And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and said, Take this, and divide it among yourselves:

18. For I say unto you, I will not drink of the fruit of the vine, until the kingdom of God shall come.

19. And he took bread, and gave thanks, and brake it, and gave unto them, saying, This is my body which is given for you: this do in remembrance of me.

20. Likewise also the cup after supper, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood, which is shed for you.

21. But, behold, the hand of him that betrayeth me is with me on the table.

22. And truly the Son of man goeth, as it was determined: but woe unto that man by whom he is betrayed!

23. And they began to enquire among themselves, which of them it was that should do this thing.

Memory Verse: As often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come. 1 Corinthians 11:26.

Practical Truth: The Lord's Supper is an enduring memorial of Christ's death for the world.

#### COMMENTS AND APPLICATIONS

The words of Jesus in verse 15 expressing his deep desire to eat his last Passover here in earth with all his disciples is very touching to us. It shows the love and the fellowship he had with them as all were gathered around him that night. He had some deep truths to give to them as they were entrusted with the great responsibility of carrying on his great work at his departure. Today as we, the children of God, meet together and observe "The Lord's Supper," our hearts are touched and we are moved very deeply. Our thoughts go back to that blood that was spilled on Calvary for us as we drink of the cup. Then as we partake of the unleavened bread that is broken we think of his precious body that was broken for us. Our hearts are filled with love, humility and thanksgiving realizing our own utter helplessness and our great dependence upon the atonement made for our sins.

Paul gives us warning not to partake unworthily. "Let every man examine himself." That is not a time to examine anyone else but to examine ourselves. Review our daily conduct, our attitude toward others and our devotion to Christ. Surely this is an individual manner. May we truly do as Jesus has asked us to do. "This do in remembrance of me." Great blessing will fall upon us if in the right spirit we partake of the Lord's Supper.

#### THE MEANING OF CHRIST'S SUFFERINGS

March 25, 1956

Printed Portion: .....Luke 23:4-18, 39-43.

Luke 23:4. Then said Pilate to the chief priests and to the people, I find no fault in this man.

5. And they were the more fierce, saying, He stirreth up the people, teaching throughout all Jewry, beginning from Galilee to this place.

6. When Pilate heard of Galilee, he asked whether the man were a Galilean.

7. And as soon as he knew that he belonged unto Herod's jurisdiction, he sent him to Herod, who himself also was at Jerusalem at that time.

8. And when Herod saw Jesus, he was exceeding glad: for he was desirous so see him of a long season, because he had heard many things of him; and he hoped to have seen some miracle done by him.

9. Then he questioned with him in many words; but he answered him nothing.

10. And the chief priests and scribes stood and vehemently accused him.

11. And Herod with his men of war set him at nought, and mocked him, and arrayed him in a gorgeous robe, and sent him again to Pilate.

12. And the same day Pilate and Herod were made friends together: for before they were at enmity between themselves.

13. And Pilate, when he had called together the chief priests and the rulers and the people,

14. Said unto them, Ye have brought this man unto me, as one that perverteth the people: and behold, I, having examined him before you, have found no fault in this man touching those things whereof ye accuse him:

15. No, nor yet Herod: for I sent you to him; and, lo, nothing worthy of death is done unto him.

16. I will therefore chastise him, and release him.

17. (For of necessity he must release one unto them at the feast.)

18. And they cried out all at once, saying, Away with this man, and release unto us Barabbas.

Luke 23:39. And one of the malefactors which were hanged railed on him, saying, If thou be Christ, save thyself and us.

40. But the other answering rebuked him, saying, Dost not thou fear God, seeing thou art in the same condemnation?

41. And we indeed justly; for we receive the due reward of our deeds: but this man hath done nothing amiss.

42. And he said unto Jesus, Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom.

43. And Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, To day shalt thou be with me in paradise.

Memory Verse: 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. Isaiah 53:5.

Practical Truth: The sinless one went to the cross that sinners might be saved.

#### COMMENTS AND APPLICATIONS

Surely our hearts are touched as we read about the sufferings of Jesus, and the love that held strong and true for every one of his enemies right up to the last. Those precious words, "Father forgive them for they know not what they do" ring in our souls with force. May we always remember Jesus' example and as things are done to us, feel as Jesus did. Surely there is no greater example of pure, undefiled love, not only for those who crucified Him, but also for us.

In Genesis, redemption was first promised and down on through the ages glimpse of this crucifixion of Jesus was given to different ones. Isaiah was given a clearer picture of it. He says, "Despised and rejected of men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief, "wounded for our transgressions, and bruised for our iniquities."

What a price was paid for the transgressions of the world! The thief testified on the cross that "this man hath done nothing amiss." Surely he was the "Lamb slain from the foundation of the world." If we will accept him as our Saviour we too will be with him throughout all ages to come. Let us today renew our consecration to the Lord. May the flame of love and devotion be kept burning in our hearts with greater intensity than ever before.

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