

# FAITH <sup>AND</sup> VICTORY

## The EVENING LIGHT WATCHMAN



Volume 26, No. 2

Printed at

Guthrie, Oklahoma

25c Per Year

May, 1956

### HE CARETH FOR YOU

Your cares may be many,  
And your friends may be few,  
Press on, little ones,  
He careth for you.

If the sky is cloudy,  
And the day is not fair,  
Pray on, dear ones,  
He will answer prayer.

You may be afflicted,  
And your health you may lose:  
Have faith in the Saviour,  
And his power he'll prove.

You may be rejected,  
By women and men;  
Live humbly and lowly,  
And the victory you'll win.

You may not be honored,  
You may not have fame,  
But the Lord keeps the record,  
He will not lose the name.

Trouble may arise  
And take you unaware;  
God sees and he hears,  
Yes, He knows and He cares.

If you have no silver,  
And you have no gold,  
There's a heavenly treasure  
That we all may hold.

If loved ones have left you,  
And your home is all bare,  
God is preparing us a mansion,  
And we'll meet them up there.  
By Gertrude Francisco.

### BREAK FORTH INTO SINGING—Isa. 49:13.

There is a beautiful story which tells of song birds being brought over the sea. There were thirty-six thousand, mostly canaries. The sea was very

calm when the ship first sailed, and the little birds were silent. They kept their little heads under their wings and not a note was heard. But the third day out at sea, the ship struck a furious gale. The passengers were terrified, children wept, the birds began to sing, first one, then another, until the thirty-six thousand were singing as if their little throats would burst.

When the storms rise in their fury in our lives, do we then begin to sing? (or count it all joy when temptations come thick and fast?) Should not our song break forth in ten-fold joy when the tempest begins? When a great sorrow came to me, I cried unto the Lord to help me bear it. And when the awful grief would seem to nearly burst my very being, God reached down and turned my grief into praise of Him. I couldn't praise him enough—such strange awe-filling joy, it never happened to me like that before. The grief was the loss of my only daughter. God was good to me then. I couldn't have borne my sorrow had He not helped me. I have had sorrows before, but this was something new and strange, yet with strength and joy and comfort, and praise of him, my Lord and Master and beloved Saviour. He made me to know He was touched with a feeling of my infirmity (or sorrow). And I love him for it, and because He saved me and made me clean through the blood. I desire very much of him that he keep me faithful to him till I finish my course here and can see him face to face.

—Georgia V. Morton.

—:::—

### A WORD OF ENCOURAGEMENT

We think of you often and pray for you, too, That God's richest blessings may rest upon you. May His kind loving Spirit 'ever brighten your way And keep you encouraged each hour of the day. He's a wonderful Savior, Companion, and friend; He never will leave us—on Him we can depend. We know you love him dearly, as we have heard you tell Of the many times in sickness He's always made you well. But still, there is a cross we know, for Jesus tells us so; There was a cross for Him to bear, and one for me and you. Sometimes it may seem heavy, when Satan tempts us sore, But may we look to joys beyond when life on earth is o'er.

There'll be no pain in that fair land, no tears to dim the eye,

No more parting in that home, eternal in the sky.  
So let us scatter sunshine here, and tell of Jesus' love,  
Until he comes to take us to our heavenly home above,  
Where there will be no parting, no night will ever come,  
We'll have a grand home-coming while Eternity rolls on.  
We'll tell redemption's story and talk with saints of old,  
And praise our loving Savior who led us safely HOME.

To Sister Sam Barton from Sister Sam Abbott.

—:::—

## THE ATTITUDE OF HUSBAND AND WIFE

"And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him: male and female created he them." Gen. 1:26, 27. "And the Lord God said, It is not good that man should be alone: I will make him an help meet for him. And the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept: and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof: And the rib, which the Lord God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man, and Adam said, This is now bone of my bone, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called woman, because she was taken out of man. Therefore shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: And they shall be one flesh." Gen. 2:18, 21-24.

In these foregoing Scriptures, it shows us the plan of God concerning the creation of man and the help meet, the wife. We have been burdened for some time and have felt led to write as the Lord has burdened our hearts on this thought, concerning the husband and wife and their attitude toward each other and their home life. We deeply feel in many cases, it has been made to be a one-sided affair, which we know is very much displeasing to God.

After God created man, he saw it wasn't good for man to be alone, so created woman for the helpmeet, right out of man's side, making it the nearest companion, one might say, from the bosom of man. God could have made a help meet just as easily from some other source, like he did the animals, etc. But God wanted a closer tie than that. So from the beginning God made husband and wife the closest tie there could be made, making them one flesh.

Now in the beginning we want to notice the young couples who go forth into holy matrimony and start out in this new realm of married life. How devoted they are to each other and how happy all seems. God intends for this to be, and God intends for it to continue on through life. However, there are things that both will have to readjust to, both bearing and forebearing with one another. Col. 3:13; 1 Cor. 13:7.

The husband's duty is to respect his wife. "Likewise, ye husbands, dwell with them according to knowledge, giving honour unto the wife, as unto the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life; that your prayers be not hindered." 1 Pet. 3:7.

He is to love her. "Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it." Eph. 5:25. "Husbands, love your wives, and be not bitter against them." Col. 3:19.

When one makes those sacred vows, that they will stand by them through sickness, poverty, and death, etc., they should never forget their vows to each other, keeping that love one for the other, that they will gladly share all things together, making it an equality.

"Have ye not read, that he which made them at the beginning made them male and female, and said, for this cause shall a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife; and they twain, shall be one flesh? Wherefore they are no more twain, but one flesh. What therefore God hath joined together, let no man put asunder." St. Mat. 19:4-6. Now we go back to Gen. 1:26 where it speaks of God creating man after his image and that man should have dominion over the fish, fowls, cattle, the earth, and everything that creepeth upon the earth. But God intended for the wife, the help meet to be on equal grounds with the husband, sharing alike, loving, and being loved as the bosom companion. If this kind of love exists in the heart of both, there will be no selfish living on either part. He will gladly share the money he has worked for and provided, for her necessities as well as his own, giving her freedom to spend as well as himself. She shouldn't have to even ask for her share. And the wife will not demand the pay check to have as all her own and spend as she pleases.

The wife is to love and reverence her husband. "That they may teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children." Titus 2:4. "Nevertheless, let every one of YOU in particular so love his wife even as himself; and the wife see that she reverence her husband." Eph. 5:33.

The husband and wife are to be faithful to each other. "Yet ye say, wherefore? Because the Lord hath been witness between thee and the wife of thy youth, against whom thou hast dealt treacherously; yet is she thy companion, and the wife of thy covenant. And did not he make one? Yet had he the residue of the spirit. And wherefore one? That he might seek a godly seed. Therefore take heed to your spirit, and let none deal treacherously against the wife of his youth." Mal. 2:14-15; 1 Cor. 7:2-10.

The wife is willing to be in subjection and obey her husband. Eph. 5:22; 1 Pet. 3:1; Titus 2:5. They will seek to please each other. 1 Cor. 7:33, 34.

The husband will be ready to comfort the wife. 1 Sam. 1:18. He also will consult his wife in the affairs of life. Gen. 31:4-16.

A good wife is from the Lord, and a blessing to her husband. Prov. 19:4; 12:4; 31:10-12. She is diligent and prudent. Prov. 31:10-28, 30, 31. She will be discreet, chaste, a keeper at home (Titus 2:5), doing all she can to make the home comfortable for her

husband and family. And the husband will provide for the wife and family. 1 Tim. 5:8.

So when both husband and wife do their part, as God has ordained it, there will be a happy home. "Her children arise up, and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her." Prov. 31:28. "Her husband is known in the gates, when he sitteth among the elders of the land." Prov. 31:23.

Let us be watchful and prayerful that we be not caught in the snares of the enemy.

Yours for sacred homes where Christ can dwell.

A sister, \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs. Murphy Allen.

\_\_\_\_\_:::\_\_\_\_\_

## GOD IS NO RESPECTER OF PERSONS

Man is the crowning feature of God's creation. Gen. 1:26, "And God said, Let us make man in our image after our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him, male and female created he them. And God blessed them, and God said unto them. Be fruitful and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and every living thing that moveth upon the earth."

The Word says that the Ethiopian was descendant of Cush. In Jer. 13:23 it is written, "Can the Ethiopian change his skin?" The Bible meaning of Ethiopia is "burnt faces."

Moses married an Ethiopian woman. Num. 12:1, "And Miriam and Aaron spake against Moses because of the Ethiopian woman whom he had married: for he had married an Ethiopian woman. And they said, Hath the Lord spoken only by Moses? hath he not spoken also by us? And the Lord heard it. (Now the man Moses was very meek above all the men which were upon the face of the earth). And the Lord spake suddenly unto Moses, and unto Aaron, and unto Miriam, Come out ye three unto the tabernacle of the congregation. And they three came out. And the Lord came down in the pillar of the cloud and stood in the door of the tabernacle, and called Aaron and Miriam: and they both came forth. And he said, Hear now my words: If there be a prophet among you, I the Lord will make myself known unto him, in a vision, and will speak unto him in a dream. My servant Moses is not so, who is faithful in all mine house. With him will I speak mouth to mouth, even apparently, and not in dark speeches: and the similitude of the Lord shall he behold: wherefore then were ye not afraid to speak against my servant Moses? And the anger of the Lord was kindled against them: and he departed. And the cloud departed from off the tabernacle; and, behold, Miriam became leprous, white as snow: and Aaron looked upon Miriam, and, behold, she was leprous. And Aaron said unto Moses, Alas my lord, I beseech thee, lay not the sin upon us, wherein we have done foolishly, and wherein we have sinned." (Verses 1 to 11).

These Scriptures are plain that all men, white, black, red, brown, or any other color, are created equal. We are taught that we are one in Christ and that Christ is no respecter of person, be he any color. Jesus says in John 17:11, "And now I am no more in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to thee, Holy Father, keep through thine own name, those whom thou hast given me, that they may be one as we are."

Gal. 3:28, "There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond, nor free, there is neither male, nor female, for ye are all one in Christ Jesus."

Eph. 4:5, 6, "One Lord, one faith, and one baptism, One God and Father of all who is above all, and through all, and in you all."

1 Tim. 2:4, "Who will have all men to be saved and come unto the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus."

I am sure the reader can understand that God makes no difference. If you are white, black, red, brown, or yellow, you are the sons and daughters of that great Creator. Why should we make so much difference on account of color? Shame on the preacher that cannot understand God's Word any better than to teach segregation!

1 Tim. 4:15, "Meditate upon these things; give thyself wholly to them that thy profiting may appear to ALL." The New Testament teachings are to all men, not to just white but to the black and all other colors of man. All men are God's creation. By him we were placed upon this earth, and by his (Christ's) teachings we are to be guided through regeneration by the Spirit of God. We are His by a new birth, and He is no respecter of persons. We all came from God and are commanded to return to God.

Your brother in Christ,

J. T. Roberts.

**Editorial Note:**—After Peter had that vision of the great sheet that was knit at the four corners and let down from heaven filled with all manner of four-footed beasts of the earth and wild beasts, and creeping things and fowls of the air, there came a voice to him: "Rise, Peter; kill and eat." But Peter said, "Not so, Lord, for I have never eaten anything that is common or unclean." And the voice spoke unto him again the second time: "What God hath cleansed, that call not thou common." This was repeated three times.

When Peter went to Cornelius and his household by special revelation of God, he opened his mouth and began to speak thus: "Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons: but in every nation he that feareth Him and worketh righteousness, is accepted with him."

In James 2:9, we read, "But if ye have respect of persons, ye commit sin, and are convinced of the law as transgressors." Brethren and sisters and dear readers, let us allow our consciences to be educated by the commandments of the Bible and thereby please God in all of our conclusions, deeds and words.

"Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth. Col. 3:2.

## "FAITH AND VICTORY"

This non-sectarian paper is edited and published each month (except August of each year, which is campmeeting month, and we omit this month to attend these meetings) by Fred Pruitt assisted by other consecrated workers at FAITH PUBLISHING HOUSE, 920 W. Mansur Ave., Guthrie, Okla.

(Entered as second-class matter June 30, 1930 at the Post Office at Guthrie, Oklahoma, under the act of March, 3, 1879.)

### —SUBSCRIPTION PRICES—

Single copy, one year .....	\$ .25
Single copy, five years .....	1.00
Five copies to any address, one year .....	1.00
Twelve copies to any address, one year .....	2.00

FAITH PUBLISHING HOUSE  
920 W. Mansur Ave., Guthrie, Oklahoma  
Phone Number 1479

### OBITUARY

Charles R. Wertz was born November 2, 1886 in Preble County and departed this life at the age of 69 years, seven months and one day, on April 1, 1956 in Dayton, Ohio. He had resided in Dayton for eleven years.

Bro. Wertz had been in poor health for the last two years but his trust was in the Lord. He had a stroke and went into unconsciousness, and slipped away to be in the arms of His Saviour that he loved so well.

He leaves to mourn his passing his wife, Ola; four daughters, Mrs. Nellie Staugler, Mrs. Gertrude Dixon of Dayton, and Mrs. Florence Tharp of Kansas City, Mo., and a son, Hershel Jacobs, and a foster son, Clifford Stumpff, both of Dayton, other relatives and many friends.

Burial was made in Roselawn Cemetery in Lewisburg, Ohio. Bro. Everett Abbott officiated.

### MEETING REPORTS

Our revival meeting began on March 10th and continued two weeks. It was conducted by Bro. O. B. Wilson and wife. The attendance and interest were good throughout the meeting. There were four at the altar for help. It seemed that all who attended received help and encouragement. At the close of the revival an ordinance meeting was observed. Thirty-three saints took part in the washing of feet and the Lord's Supper. God surely did work in this meeting by sending forth His Word under the anointing and we did get blessed. On Easter we had a large service especially in Sunday School.

The following ministers were used in preaching God's Word: Bros. Ira Stover of Dinuba, Calif., Clarence Hatley of Los Angeles, Calif., and Sis. Abbott from Thayer, Mo. Whittier is open for our traveling ministry.

We covet your earnest prayers, —E. M. Zinn.

The all day meeting, Easter Sunday, at Myrtle was good from the Lord. Saints from different places were here. The spirit of the Lord was with us in each service. In one of the morning services after the altar call was given, a man and his wife came weeping to the altar. Each testified that God had saved them. Others raised their hands for prayer. Surely it was a good day in the Lord.

Yours in Christ,

A. J. Sorrell.

## Editorials

Lately I have been thinking of the prophets, Christ, and the apostles and what great contradiction of sinners and professors they met up with and how that many of them did strive unto blood in order to do those things that pleased our heavenly Father. Some of them were tormented and slain as though they were worthless dogs. Think of the hardships that Moses endured. David was hunted to be killed as though he were an obnoxious vermin of some kind. Then we read of Job and what great sufferings he endured as the devil was literally turned loose on him, but he held his integrity and won the crown or full approval of God, and the devil in the end was miserably defeated in his plans to make Job sin and deny God.

Next comes the weeping Prophet Jeremiah who was cast into a dungeon where there was no water but mire, and he sank into the mire (Jeremiah 38:6). He had nothing to eat and was nearly starved before he was rescued. He received this evil treatment because he would tell the truth and give out the message that God gave him. In Lamentations the third chapter, he says, "I am the man that hath seen affliction by the rod of his wrath." In the 45th verse he says, "Thou hast made us as the offscouring and refuse in the midst of the people." He certainly did endure a great fight of affliction, but he was steadfast and unmovable and retained unfeigned faith in God.

When we think of the sufferings of Christ, there is no parallel, for he was poor and in poverty and had no place to lay his head. He was in general rejected by his own people. Many of them had hatred and murder in their hearts for Him even though they professed to be God's people. The first message that he gave out in the synagogue in Nazareth stirred them up and they tried to kill him, but God preserved him (Luke 4:29). They accused him of being an impostor and said he had a devil. He was scourged, beaten, slapped, spit upon, and finally was hung upon the cross between two thieves as though he was a criminal of the worst character. In order to get victory over this awful treatment, his soul was heavy nigh unto death and as he crept away and prayed, his sweat was as great drops of blood falling to the ground. In all of his praying he would end up with these words: "Not my will but thine be done." In his last breath before dying on the cross, he said, "Father, forgive them for they know not what they do." Oh, dear sinner friend, can you see the great agony and suffering that Christ endured that you might be freed from sin and have peace with God the Father? Jesus bore your sins in his own body on the cross and thereby appeased the wrath of God that was upon you. He made peace with God for you. Repent, believe, accept and receive full pardon through Christ.

Paul said that the Holy Ghost witnessed to him that bonds and afflictions awaited him in every city, but none of those things moved him for he had his face set like a flint against the world, wickedness,

and false teachers. He was beaten, stoned, and drug out of the city as dead. He was in perils of his own countrymen, in perils among false brethren, in prison often, scourged, and defamed, and he realized so much of it that he said (1 Cor. 4:13), "Being defamed, we entreat: we are made as the filth of the world, and are the offscouring of all things unto this day." But he kept his faith and confidence in God until the Lord said, it is enough, and his departure was at hand. His last testimony was thus: "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: henceforth there is laid up for me a crown, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but to all them also that love his appearing." 2 Timothy 4:7.

There is a crown of glory for every one that will bear the cross and endure unto the end and keep loving the Lord right on through all the trials and tests of life. Jesus makes it plain to us what we should do in order to stand the storms of life. That is to dig deep and lay our foundation of faith upon a Rock, then when the storms of life come our house will not fall. Again he says, "But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness: and all these things shall be added unto you." God will add all necessary things to us if we will make him first. Oh, brothers, sisters, and dear readers, look around and take note of the situation today. How few you find that are really making God first in their lives. Oh, precious souls, allow God's Word to stir your heart along this line. Jesus says in Matt. 7:24, "Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him as unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock."

o—o—o—o—o

It seems that many preachers today never get to the place where they have a clear understanding of the New Covenant teachings. Therefore, in their zeal, the enemy takes advantage of them and they are imposed upon with the law spirit in a degree and flies are found in the ointment and more or less bondage prevails. That is why in some places there is not so much liberty in testifying, because a law fear is too much in evidence. I must confess that I labored along that way for many years before the Lord opened my understanding to the definite clear teachings of the New Covenant. Of course, if one was not prayed up or was not living right before God, that would hinder liberty in testifying. In drawing conclusions, all these things should be considered. To always allow the divine love of God to prompt your actions will help you and bring you into a position where God can clarify your mind and heart along these lines. Think often of the sufferings of Christ for you and all mankind and his fervent love for all souls and how he did not quench the smoking flax nor break the bruised reed until he sent forth judgment unto victory. He bore and suffered long. "For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved." The gospel of the New Covenant preached with love for souls will work wonders, as the Holy Spirit will en-

lighten souls so they will see their lost condition or the more light they need to walk in; and, realizing it is God's Spirit revealing truth to them, they will gladly take it to heart and a change will be wrought in the heart and life.

The scripture says, in Galatians 3:26, "For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus." (Not by the old law, but by the new). Paul says in Romans 8:2, "For the law of the spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death." (The old law). In the 4th verse we read thus, "That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit." In Gal. 5:6, we read that the keeping of law doctrine when in Christ Jesus availeth nothing; but faith which worketh by love. That faith that worketh by love will keep one or help one to live in the New Covenant teachings with much freedom of Spirit and one will not think more highly of himself than he ought to think and self conceit and self righteousness will be reduced to a minimum. When one has passed through stages of development in the Christian grace and growth it is much easier for them to see what conditions others are struggling under who are striving for a crown. But Paul tells us that a man is not crowned unless he strive lawfully. To strive lawfully one would have to keep in harmony with the New Covenant teachings, for Christ dying on the cross fulfilled the law and the prophets and gave us a new commandment, which is found in John 13:34, 35, and also in the 14th chapter of John where he says, "If ye love me, keep my commandments." Oh, the blessedness of knowing and living in the fullness of the teachings of the New Covenant!

o—o—o—o—o

The Lord has been hearing prayer and working things out very nicely in regards to getting the larger press installed in His print shop. He has enabled us to make sale of the old press and we are expecting the man to move it out just as soon as we get this issue of the "Faith and Victory" paper printed. We have already ordered the larger press from the C. J. Johnson Manufacturing Co. of St. Paul, Minn. We will have to send someone with a large truck to get the press and bring it to the Lord's Print Shop. We have agreed to pay for the transfer of the press, which will be over \$300.00 as it is quite heavy, weighing over nine tons. The old press only weighs some over four tons. By the time we get the larger press installed in the print shop and a new motor and controls attached the cost will run over \$3000.00, but this larger press is needed in order to keep up with the increased demands for the papers, the gospel tracts, booklets and books which are being called for from all quarters of the globe.

We ask our readers to pray for us and the work He has called us to do as the need is great and souls are in a perishing condition everywhere.

All those that help in this printing work have become workers together with the Lord in getting the gospel to men by the printed page. The harvest is ripe and the laborers are few; surely there is much

to do. There are no idlers in the Lord's vineyard. The wages are eternal life through the Lord Jesus Christ.

In this issue of "Faith and Victory" paper you will find many of the campmeeting dates and notices inserted. The campmeeting season will soon be here; the first one will be held at Hennessey, Okla. There are so many campmeetings that some of them will necessarily be on the same dates. Every saved person and reader of this paper should attend one or more of these campmeetings. It is refreshing to the soul to meet with, and get acquainted with, other saints and if you need help in soul or body the Lord will be present in these meetings to grant you all the desires of your heart and His table of soul food will be plentiful. Come to these meetings to receive good things from heaven and not to find fault and to criticize or surmise and your soul will prosper and you will leave the meeting feeling that it was good to be there. The ministers should come filled with the spirit and power of God and should only get in the pulpit when they have a real message from God. They should look to God for grace to refrain from getting up when they just have some scriptures which they think will do to link together for a message or perhaps with the idea of just wanting to be on exhibition. The expenses and sacrifices made to keep these meetings up are far too great for the time to be worse than wasted, as many people come from long distances and they have a right to hear messages which are prayed down from heaven and not something just worked up or a cold storage affair. These are just a few hints that may be a help in the meetings.

It has always been so very easy for me to see that my way was right, but it has not always been very easy for me to see that the other fellow was right. But I have learned some things, and one of them is this: that the other fellow is just as likely to be right as I. I think I have learned that.

—C. E. Orr.

#### PROGRESS REPORT ON EVANGELISTIC EFFORT

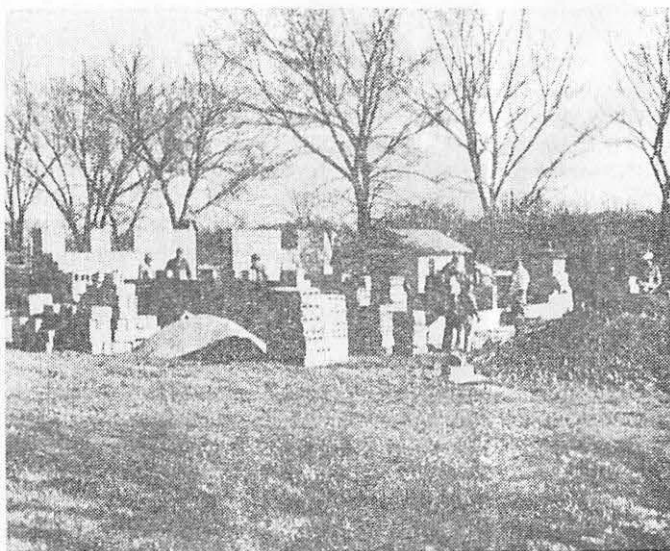
In the last report it was stated that a new 40 by 40 foot tent and a 24 foot house trailer had been purchased and fully paid for in preparation for a company of evangelists and workers to travel in the gospel work. This was a long step toward the goal of necessary equipment. However, since the last report the receipts of funds for completing purchase of additional equipment has been lagging somewhat. At present there is sufficient to purchase the seating equipment for the tent, which will cost about \$350.00. (Under consideration is a plan to purchase metal seat jacks, by which lumber is clamped together for seats and easily assembled and disassembled for hauling).

The next important item needed is a late model 1½ ton truck, preferably a Ford or Chevrolet, to be used to transport the tent and seating equipment, and to pull the house trailer. Of course, the truck bed will have to be enclosed, either by canvas or solid cover,

in order to protect the equipment in all kinds of weather. A new truck equipped will cost around \$2700.00. Perhaps our readers could help locate a good used truck for this purpose.

If this additional equipment is provided real soon, the evangelistic work should get started by the first of June. As we pray and work for the temporal needs of this effort, let us especially petition the Lord to supply qualified Holy Ghost-filled ministers and workers who are fired with a holy zeal and love for perishing souls in sin and darkness, and with a burden to spread the gospel by personal contacts and literature distribution. A world-wide field of service is open, and the challenge requires the declaration of a state of emergency for the whole church that they should pray the Lord of the harvest that He would call, qualify, and send forth more reapers.

Offerings may be sent to the undersigned or to this office, and specify that it is for the Missionary Fund. —L. D. Pruitt, 1116 W. Wash., Guthrie, Okla.



Picture of the workers and new building (28 by 40 ft.) under construction which will house the modern rest-rooms and storage room on the National Camp ground at Monark Springs (Neosho), Mo. Workers are on the job almost every Saturday. If you are within reach of the camp ground, they would appreciate your help on Saturdays, and the Lord will bless you for the sacrifice. Please send offerings direct to Bro. Ralph Beisly, R. 5, Coffeyville, Kans. He is the business manager and one of the construction workers.

#### PRAYER REQUESTS

Dear saints,—I desire your prayers for healing of a kidney ailment. I am trusting God for soul and body. I am still saved and sanctified wholly by two works of grace. May God bless you all. —Hattie Legg.

To every saint: Will everyone pray that God will make a desired change in a matter that seems hard to understand, but God understands? I am sixty-nine years old. This would mean much to me physically, financially, and

spiritually. Also pray with all earnestness to God to stop or thwart every effort and plan of the devil to bring in false teachings. —An humble servant of God.

### ALL DAY SERVICES

There will be all day meeting in Tulsa, at the Church of God Chapel, corner of Norfolk and Pine Place on the second Sunday, May 13, 1956.

We pray God to send ministers and saints filled with the Holy Ghost and with a burden for lost humanity and encouragement for the saints. —Bro. L. West.

All day services at Bro. Ed Tombleson, Rt. 3, Mansfield, Mo., May 1st.

The congregation at Myrtle, Mo. thought the Lord would be pleased for us to have an all day meeting at Myrtle, the first Sunday in each month throughout the year. Invitation is given to everyone to come with a burden on your hearts for every service. The Myrtle saints.

### MEETING NOTICES

The annual Young People's Meeting in San Bernardino, California will be held Saturday and Sunday, May 12th and 13th, with afternoon and night services on Saturday and all day meeting on Sunday. We urge all young people to attend these services, also a revival will be held at the close of the young people's meeting and will continue for a week or longer as the Lord directs.

We are expecting the Lord to burden ministers and gospel workers to help us in these services. We extend a cordial welcome to all.

The chapel is located at 978 W. 9th St., San Bernardino, Calif. For further information contact Bro. Edward Davenport, 1240 Orange St., San Bernardino, Calif., Phone 55-333.

Yours in Christ,

—A. Hobbs.

### CAMPMEETING NOTICES

#### HENNESSEY, OKLA.

The Hennessey Campmeeting will begin June the 10th. All are invited to come and help us in the meeting.

For any particulars write Bro. Thomas Davis, Box 441, Hennessey, Okla., or to Willa J. Williams, Rt. 1, Box 113, Hennessey, Okla., or to Sis. Ada Davis, Pastor.

Your sister in Jesus' love, Sister Willa J. Williams.

#### HOFFMAN, OKLAHOMA

The Hoffman, Okla. saints are planning their first campmeeting this year, Lord willing, June 22nd to July 1st. We are looking for the Lord to stir the saints and also sinners to come to this meeting. Bring your bedding. Places will be provided for sleeping quarters. The meeting will be run on the free-will offering plan.

For further information write to Bro. Andrew Ligons, P. O. Box 84, Hoffman, Okla. or W. W. Crawley, Pastor.

Your Sister in Christ, Lorene Payne (Sec).

#### HAMMOND, LA.

The 49th annual General Southern Campmeeting of the Church of God at Hammond, La. will be held on the

saint's campground from June 29 to July 8. The grounds are located about one mile southwest of the Ill. Central depot. We have good Greyhound bus, train and also mail service. Highways 51 and 190 lead here to Hammond. To reach the grounds take highway 51 to Red Top filling station on the New Orleans highway, then go west to dead end, and there is the campground.

The meeting is run on the free-will offering plan. Sleeping quarters and meals served as the Lord provides. All saints from near by bring your bed linens and towels.

Come whether you can help financially or not and enjoy the meeting with us. All are invited. We are looking to the Lord to send ministers of his choosing. There will be three services daily. We want to see folks saved and healed.

Anyone having provisions and donations send to Max Williamson, care of Post Office, Hammond, La, or to Ray Key, Route 1, Lorange, La.

Yours in Christ,

Sister Katherine Key.

#### AKRON, OHIO

The saints at Akron, Ohio extend a hearty invitation to all to attend our annual campmeeting. It will begin June 29th and continue through July 8th or as long as the Lord leads.

For further information write to Sis. Cordelia R. Jones, 740 Roscoe Avenue, Akron 6, Ohio.

Your Sister in one body,

—Cordelia R. Jones.

#### GREEN PASTURES, OKLA.

The Green Pastures Campmeeting will begin July 6th and continue thru the 15th. E. V. Sanders (Pastor), T. M. Hinton (Sec.).

#### JENA, LA.

The Jena, La. Campmeeting is to begin July 13 and continue through the 22nd. Phone 2-2198 or write for particulars to Ruth Murphey, Route 1, Box 43, Jena, La.

Guthrie, Okla. August 3-12.

Bakersfield, Calif. Campmeeting—Aug. 10-19.

California State Campmeeting at Pacoima, Calif. Aug. 24—Sept. 2.

#### MYRTLE, MO.

The sixth Annual Campmeeting at Myrtle, Mo. of this year will begin August the 17th to the 25th the Lord willing. This meeting, as usual, will be carried on as the Lord provides. We are looking to the Lord to send ministers of his choosing to preach the truth.

All of you that plan to come and camp on the ground, if possible, bring a pillow and covering for yourself. Beds with straw ticks will be furnished free as long as they last. The saints started a building here last year to be used for dining room; also to serve other purposes in taking care of all that come to the meeting. We would like to have this building in readiness to use for this campmeeting. The oak lumber for the frame work is now being laid on the ground. We are praying for a good carpenter who can take the lead.

We ask the saints to get a burden on your heart for this work with us.

Send your offerings to Bro. A. J. or Earl Sorrell, Rt. 1, Myrtle, Mo.

## Testimonies

Calif.—Dear saints,—I felt impressed to tell of God's goodness to me. I'm very thankful to be saved from sin, sanctified, and encouraged to press on for God.

The Bible is beginning to mean more and more to me. Through God's Word I can get comfort when I am troubled, strength when I am weak, and admonition when I need correction.

One evening my heart was burdened. I had a problem that was too much for me. Just before bed-time the Lord brought the 121st Psalm to my heart. "I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills from whence cometh my help. My help cometh from the Lord which made heaven and earth." This was so uplifting to my heart to know that my help wasn't coming from man who can and does fail, but my help cometh from the Lord which made heaven and earth. He has promised never to leave us nor forsake us.

The young people here in Fresno are very much encouraged.

We need your prayers, —Clara Trotter.

Mo.—Dear saints,—I want to thank the Lord for salvation and all his benefits. I have never written my testimony before but the Lord laid it on my heart to do so. It seems like I have an awful lot to thank the Lord for. On April 2nd a tornado hit our house and heavily damaged it. I heard a loud roar and started to get up when it hit the house and all I could see was plaster falling and the roof coming in. I ran to get my niece that was sleeping in the front room. When I got all of them woke up and outside, I began to thank the Lord for how he had helped us. I told my folks that the thing I was most thankful for was that if the Lord had taken me I would have been ready to go. Sometimes I wonder why some things have to be, until the Lord brings to my mind that all things work for good to them that love the Lord, and I have found it true in everything.

I made my decision a long time ago to live for the Lord and I have made mistakes and failures but he has helped me all the way. I need the saints' prayers that I'll ever be faithful and let Him have His way in my life.

—Prudie Broadus.

Okla.—Dear saints everywhere,—This evening the Lord pressed it upon me to write my testimony to the "Faith and Victory" as I promised more than a month ago.

My little 18-month old girl had the whooping cough and I asked the Lord to please heal her. Bro. Crawley, Bro. McMillan, Sister Jordon, and I all agreed in prayer that the Lord would touch her body and heal her. At the time she was very sick and would cough until she would almost be out of breath. After we agreed in prayer she got down out of my lap and went into the other room to play with the other children. How I thank and praise the dear Lord for his blessing. I didn't write my testimony at the time I promised and now the same baby has the measles and a very bad cold. But the Lord has shown me that he is going to heal her. Today I told the Lord that I was not going to eat nor drink until he gave her an appetite to eat, and he blessed her to eat food other than fruit.

I want to tell all others to please not put off telling of the wonderful blessings the Lord gives you. I believe this second illness was a reminder of the testimony I did not write.

I desire prayer in behalf of my unsaved husband, also remember me constantly in prayer. I always pray for all the saints everywhere.

E. Jordon

Dear saints everywhere,—Greetings in Jesus' precious name. This finds me saved and pressing on for Jesus. It is wonderful to know his ever-loving truth. I have been wanting to send in a testimony, testifying to the healing of my son from asthma. He is so wonderful and merciful. My son still has a touch of hard breathing when he gets a cold, but I ask the saints' prayers that he will be completely healed of this. I am seeking a closer walk with Jesus. Pray for me and my family.

Sister Loretta Miles.

o—o—o—o—o

Ohio—Holy greetings in the precious name of our risen Saviour. Today finds me saved and very much encouraged to press on and upward in this precious holy way. The Lord has been so good to me in many ways.

I have had many afflictions, but the Lord is true to his promise. "Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the Lord delivereth them out of them all." I fell down my stair steps one day and hurt myself. I did not break any bones, but I was very sore for quite a few days. Different ones suggested taking hot salt baths. I am so glad that I know how to strictly trust in the living God. I did not take any hot salt baths to draw the soreness out. I just had faith in God and he removed it out. Home remedies were not made for saints, rubbing alcohol, nor any other liniment. My Bible tells me that Jesus Christ is the same, yesterday, today, and forever.

The other day my feet began to swell while I was at work. On my lunch hour I took my shoes off, then prayed and just put the case in the Lord's hands. When my lunch hour was over my feet had gone down, and when I got home most of the swelling was gone. Today every bit of it is gone. I thank him so much for his goodness to me. He has also healed my daughter many times. I desire the prayers of all the saints.

Yours in Christ,

A. Stills

o—o—o—o—o

Mo.—Dear saints and readers of Faith and Victory,—Greetings of love to each of you in the precious name of Jesus. We are thankful that we can still say we are saved and sanctified.

We feel it will be to the glory of God to tell how He so wonderfully blessed our family recently. All of us took down with virus flu and before we were completely over it the children took the German or "black" measles. We had always heard that this type of measles were very dangerous as they usually caused some after effects such as pneumonia, bronchitis, or even tuberculosis. We had all five of the children down at once and the Lord wonderfully blessed all of them during their sickness except our baby, 17 months old. She took pneumonia and the measles went in on her. She was so very ill with such high temperature and lay in a coma for five days. (We have learned since that a nurse told one of the saints that babies nearly always die if they are in coma as much as three days). During that time it seemed like though we went forward and backward, to the right and to the left that we could not find God anywhere concerning our baby. She continued to grow worse until it seemed that life would depart from her. Different saints and ministers came in from time to time and prayed for her. Oh, the Lord was so good to give us the needed strength and courage to go through this trial of faith with victory in our souls. Many times we were told that our baby would die. Both my husband and I felt all along that it was God's will to heal her, and we searched our hearts to make sure that we had her fully consecrated to the Lord. One morning about 1:30 it seemed like she was dying as her

breathing was so short and rapid and sometimes would stop and she would struggle and catch her breath again. It was hard for us to see her suffering so. We said, "Lord, she's in your hands and whether you heal her or take her we don't intend to take her out of your hands. We don't understand why you do not seem to hear our prayers for her; but, Lord, you know the way that we take." Almost immediately her breathing began to get easier and within an hour she was broken out all over with measles. From that time on she has continued to improve and is now able to walk a few steps, though she is still very weak and frail.

Dear ones, it pays to trust God. In the few years since we have taken Him as our Physician he has healed us of many severe afflictions such as blood poisoning, food poisoning, broken bones, etc. Never once has He failed us. Our desire is to ever be found doing His will. We know that the trying of our faith is more precious than gold, and he never lets anything come our way only what is good for us.

We want to thank every saint that prayed for us or helped in any way to share our burden. It is the interest and love of the saints standing by us that helped us bear up under these fiery trials. Pray for us that we keep faithful. One who loves Jesus, Mrs. B. E. Goldsberry



Calif.—Dear saints everywhere,—Greetings in Jesus' precious name. I am still saved and sanctified and encouraged as never before to do the will of the dear Lord. I feel it is to the glory of God to send in my testimony.

I got sweetly saved in 1931 and made a decision in my heart to go all the way with the Lord; but somehow through trials and tests I had an up and down life. But in spite of all the trials and tests, I kept encouraged to live for him. I felt sometimes like giving up, but I just would not give over to the devil, and the Lord made a way for my escape. I got tired of this up and down life and decided to live for the Lord, matters not what it took. If it took suffering, persecution, I was ready and willing to do what the Lord wanted me to do. I would oftentimes ask for more grace to carry me through, but didn't know just how to go about getting help. About a month ago we had a ten day's meeting at Fresno. Ministers brought forth the messages from time to time on searching yourself to see if you have the Spirit of God. I began to search myself to see if I had the Spirit of the Lord and what it took to have Him. Bro. Trotter one night made an illustration on the board and brought it out so plainly that I saw just what it took to do the will of the Lord. I just submitted myself into His will and was sanctified that very night. Dear saints, I mean by God's grace to go all the way with the dear Lord.

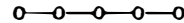
I am the only one saved in my family so I need your prayers very much. Pray much for my unsaved family. Your sister in Christ, Larrie Morris.



Tenn.—Dear saints everywhere,—Greetings in Jesus' dear name. As I sit here I rejoice in my soul because I feel that resurrection power in my soul. Praise His dear name. He means more than anyone or anything in this world to me. As I try to count the blessings, they are too many to count. I am so glad that I have been separated from this world. Oh, how it breaks my heart to see so many claiming Christ and yet going on hand in hand with the world! Oh, how sad to be lost and not know it. But we know anyone going right on looking like the world, acting and doing like the world is of the world and will hear those awful words spoken by the dear

Saviour, "Depart from me, I never knew you." I surely do not want to be in that way that seems right but I want to be in that way that is right, that straight way. I want to realize more day by day what it really means to be in that strait way.

I have much to praise the dear Lord for. One thing is for healing me of an affliction which I had in my body for nine or ten years. Before I was saved I spent much money trying to get cured for several years. While I was using the treatments it helped, but afterwards it was as bad as ever. When I got saved I never did go to any more doctors, but obeyed James 5:14. I was healed, but for some reason it came back on me. I wanted to be healed so much. I tried to receive my healing because the Word tells us we can be healed; but, dear ones, you know we must have faith. I promised the Lord I would write my testimony. Oh, I would become discouraged over it, thought I wasn't just right because I couldn't get healed, so one day when I received my "Faith and Victory" paper I planned not to open it but to send it on to a sick man in the hospital. The baby got it (I know God had a hand in it) and tore the little wrapper off. I thought I had put it up. So I sat down and read. I was reading some of the testimonies and they were such blessings to me. God really did give me faith, so right down on my knees I went to God and got my healing! Oh, how wonderful God is. He only wants us to trust and wait upon him. I believe if we have to wait for a long time it is for our good and God's glory or someone else's good. May the Lord help each child to wait upon him when our faith is being tried. Mrs. Charles Clayton.



Okl.—Holy greetings in Jesus' dear name. Today finds me still saved and much encouraged to press on for God. I am sending in my testimony. I promised the Lord if He would heal my grandson I would publish it that it may be a help to others to trust God. My little grandson three years old had the mumps and a breaking out in his nose and mouth. My husband and I prayed for him and also the saints at Hoffman prayed. He cried very often, then he would begin heaving up. He was really sick, but our trust was in the Lord. We would ask him if he believed the Lord would heal him and he would say, "Yes, Ma'am." So the saints prayed for him and we requested prayer for him. He would often ask us to pray, saying the Lord was going to heal him. He would get up in the morning telling me to look at his mouth. It was wonderful how the Lord healed his mouth and nose. I thank the Lord and the saints for their prayers. I realize we have the best doctor in the world. We do not have to go and be examined. Our doctor knows our trouble, and when we meet the conditions he will come to our rescue—that doctor is Jesus. I never thought about having the child examined although he was awfully sick, for my trust was in God. I am trusting God for soul and body. The enemy is after the saints, but let us stand true to God. He is a present help in time of trouble. I have found it to be so in my case. Saturday and Sunday I was awfully sick. My head, neck, arms, shoulder and entire body were aching and I was in great misery for awhile. My husband went to get Bro. Crawley. He, and others, came. They anointed and prayed for me and the Lord blessed inasmuch I was able to go to services Sunday morning. When I came home I was very sick, so I lay there talking to the Lord. I told him I wanted His will to be done, that I was willing to suffer for him. I suffered part of the night then went to sleep. I woke up feeling better. I thanked the Lord for that. Monday morning I was a

little weak and by 2:30 the misery was gone from my head, no aches nor pains. Thank the dear Lord, what a mighty God we serve. It seems like it affected my heart. It quivers so it makes me feel weak. I never had heart trouble before, but I know God can heal that because I mean to trust and work for him till he calls me from labor to reward. I ask all the saints to remember me in prayer. Yours in the one body, Mattie Lignons,



Oregon—Dear Bro. Pruitt and saints everywhere,—Greetings in Jesus' dear name. I have a request for prayer for Sister Loretta Miles. She has a bone dislocated in her left foot and it is giving her much trouble. She is on her feet all day long. She had it examined and was told that nothing less than an operation would do, that she would have to have the bone chipped. This injury happened several years ago. It had not given her any trouble since it healed until recently with the exception of a few years ago it gave her some trouble. They told her that if she did not have it taken care of soon that it would reach the heart and cause gangreen. Her trust is fully in the Lord. Her faith is weak and she desires prayer of all the saints for her healing in the foot. Also please pray for Sister Loretta's baby. He has a breaking out on his face and arm. It keeps spreading and may get into his blood stream.

I also have a request for prayer. I have trouble in the back of my head and neck. A disorder causes my neck to become very lame and it pains me at times. I do not believe in doctors. My trust is ever in the dear Lord who means all to me, and I know He is able to do all things. Praise His dear name.

Your sister in Christ,

Marie Clair.

Ohio—Dear Bro. Pruitt and saints,—Greetings to you in the mighty name of Jesus Christ our Lord. I am thankful to say that I am still saved and still satisfied to go all the way with the Lord. I got saved June 23rd, 1955 and have been growing every day and walking uprightly with God.

I have an experience to tell for the glory of God. I was desiring to buy a house. After looking at many of them, I signed for one that my wife had not seen. She was ill in bed and could not accompany me in searching for a house. The salesman told many lies in trying to sell the house. Thinking he was honest, I believed him and convinced my wife to sign also before she had seen it.

After she got up from bed and was able to see the house, she disliked it very much; and not being saved, began to say harsh things to me for getting her to sign.

I had often heard saints testify that God was a doctor, lawyer, or anything else you needed him for, so I began to call on him. I told him, that if it was his will, to get the people from whom I was buying the house to release me from my contract. The very next day the lady called and said she was going to leave it up to the real estate company, so I went to prayer again. Two or three days passed before anything happened. I went to God again and asked him to trouble that salesman night and day until he released me from the contract. The very next day the salesman came and released me from the contract, signing a written statement to that effect.

He had no sooner left than I said, "Thank you, Jesus." And I praised God all day long. What a mighty God we serve! The thought then came to me that the Lord allows us to go through some things to manifest his power. He certainly answered prayer. I am now in the process of getting another house, one that my wife has seen and we both like. Praise God forever!

The Lord certainly is talking to the young people here. Some have come, got saved, and have gone back into the world, but we are still holding onto God for them.

Saints, pray much for my unsaved companion, my brothers and sisters, and friends that are still struggling in darkness. Pray that the Lord will show them their condition. Pray for me.

Your brother in Christ,

Robert L. Jones.

## MY CONVICTIONS

Some few weeks ago I was very much burdened and troubled about the sin of tattling, and the poison effect it has to any people or nation. So while tossing on our bed at night, God gave me some serious thoughts on the line of the tongue of fire, how we can go out to any meadow with a very little spark or flame of a match and set it afire. Behold what a great space it will cover in such a short time, and what great damage is done. Perhaps houses after houses and people's lives are destroyed. So is the tongue of fire, as James 3:6 says, it is set on fire of hell. It seems that the idea of this awful sin in many cases is to destroy one's influence or defame a good name or character of some innocent person, which reminds us of that very proud man Haman in the Old Testament. He built, or had it built, a gallows on which he planned to hang the good man Mordecai. But the same gallows that he built was His own to die on. Behold, the trap we set for someone else will be our own.

Oh, how much good we can do with our tongues, if in full control. A great work can be built by talking on the victory side instead of talking defeat, defeat. The devil is defeated by the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus our Saviour. Lord, help us to learn this lesson and recite it by the way we live.

I am convinced and convicted in heart about this being one of the devil's big weapons to cause the people of God to lose confidence in each other, and get people confused in heart and mind. You can hear them say, "Where is the church of God?" or "Who are the true people of God?" While I was burdened on this line, the Lord helped me to get in touch with a Theme: "The Tongue of Fire," which follows. Please read it carefully.

Theme: THE TONGUE OF FIRE

Text: "The tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity: so is the tongue among our members that it defileth the whole body, and setteth on fire the course of nature: and it is set on fire of hell." James 3:6.

The tongue is an indication of spiritual health as well as physical health. James gets a shock as he receives a Holy Ghost revelation of the deadly, far-reaching effects of the sin of tattling, whispering, evil-speaking, defaming, bearing false witness, spreading wrong reports and repeating gossip. We need that same kind of shock today. The pulpit has become strangely quiet about something that the Bible emphasizes.

The Bible says: "Thou shalt not go up and down a talebearer among the people." There are no ex-

tenuating circumstances. The command is, "THOU SHALT NOT!" You cannot serve God and at the same time break this commandment. David said this about people with careless tongues: "The poison of asps is under their lips." The asp is a snake so deadly that its poison kills almost instantly and without remedy. Such is the poison of scandal and suspicion. "Behold," cries James, "how great a matter a little fire kindleth!" A match is carelessly dropped and a magnificent forest is reduced to an ash heap. It is a terrifying and sickening sight. And yet, neighbor, to drop a match in a vast forest and destroy millions of dollars worth of property is a slight matter compared with the business of **dropping words** which destroy homes, break hearts, blast lives, and spoil the work of God for generations to come. The Bible says: "Six things doth the Lord hate; yea, seven are an abomination unto Him; a proud look, a lying tongue, a false witness, and HE THAT SOWETH DISCORD AMONG BRETHREN." Here is a sin that draws the wrath of God as steel draws lightning! What high carnival there must be in hell as devils peering through the rusty grating watch the scandalmonger pass from home to home and from person to person sowing his poison seed! What could be more devilish than sowing "discord among brethren?"

Paul classes the backbiter with haters of God, murderers and fornicators and he says, "... they that do such things are worthy of death." Let me ask you, "Why don't we see the seriousness of this thing as God sees it?" It is not a trivial weakness. It is a moral collapse, so wicked that it is put into the same class as murder and adultery. The Psalmist asks the question, "Lord, who shall abide in Thy tabernacle, who shall dwell in Thy holy hill? In other words, WHO IS GOING TO HEAVEN?" The answer follows, "He that backbiteth not with his tongue, nor doeth evil to his neighbor, nor taketh up a reproach against his neighbor." To make sure about this read James again. He says, "If any man seemeth to be religious and brideth not his tongue, that man's religion is vain." As surely as two and two make four, God's "holy hill" is closed to the man or woman who can't control their tongues.

**WHY IS THIS SUCH A DEADLY SIN?** God alone knows the blasted hopes, the broken hearts, the wrecked homes and murdered influence which are the direct results of this sin. Nothing has been sacred to those who engage in this sin. Neither home, nor virtue, nor church, nor state, nor reputation have been safe from their attack. Think of what this sin will do to you unless it is confessed and cleansed from your life. It will destroy you. The Bible says, "Whoso diggeth a pit shall fall into it." First, it will cause you to become hard and harsh and cruel. It sears your conscience. Second, it will make you untruthful and insincere. Half-truths are passed along as truths. A knowing wink or a suggestive silence maligns a perfectly good character. A single sentence is taken out of its context and made to say something it was never intended to say. You watch for opportunities for self-advancement at the price of

another's misfortune. Third, this sin will turn you into a moral coward. Ninety-nine times out of one hundred you wouldn't dare face the person you have slandered. The Bible describes it like this, "His words are smoother than oil, while war is in his heart." It is a wonder that such a person dare profess manhood or womanhood, let alone religion!

Fourth, this sin will make you arrogant and careless. A man who doesn't bridle his tongue gets into the habit of appointing himself judge, jury, and court. He brings in his own evidence, passes sentence, and proceeds to punish the prisoner without any kind of investigation. Nothing that goes on behind the "Iron Curtain" could be more devilish. God's Word asks, "Who made thee a ruler and a judge?" And again, "Why dost thou judge thy brother, or why does thou set at nought thy brother?" And again, "To his own master he standeth or falleth." And once more, "Judge nothing before the time." Neighbor, God has never passed the prerogative of judgment to any of us. A day has been appointed when "God shall judge the secrets of men by Christ Jesus. Motives must be investigated, circumstances must be taken into account, and all the facts made bare. For fourteen years Joseph was thought to be guilty of a horrible sin. All the evidence seemed to prove him guilty. He went to prison as clean in heart and life as an angel and waited through the weary years for vindication. It's bad business to start judging people. Five, there is a tendency to lose all sense of high honor. The most sacred confidences are betrayed. Names are mentioned and matters passed on when there is no possible reason for doing so. Six, the person who indulges in this sin will begin to deceive himself. He will say that he is only repeating such and such a matter for the protection of the work of God. Otherwise he wouldn't think of mentioning it. His logic becomes, "Let us do evil that good may come!" One might as well say, "Let us serve the devil that Jesus may be glorified." We could go on and say, "Let us spread broadcast throughout all the land, all the faults, failures, weaknesses, and misfortunes of Christians and ministers for the protection of the work of God!" Any out-and-out sinner knows better than that. The Bible says, "He that is of a faithful spirit covereth a matter." The Bible says, "An ungodly man diggeth up evil, a froward man soweth strife." Let me tell you right now, friend, that nobody ever did spread scandal in the interest of holy living or the protection of the work of God. The Bible says, "If a brother be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual restore such an one in the spirit of meekness." Let's never forget that you can kill your neighbor with your tongue—you don't need a revolver!

**WHERE IS THIS SIN LOCATED?** Matthew asks this question, "How can ye being evil, speak good things? For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh. A good man out of the good treasure of his heart bringeth forth good things, and an evil man out of the evil treasure bringeth forth evil things. OUR HEART IS THE SOURCE of our conversation. It is the power behind our words. The

color of our conversation depends upon the condition of our heart. Character decides conduct. A wrong condition of heart will be indicated by a wrong use of the tongue. Jesus puts it this way, "A good tree bringeth forth good fruit; likewise an evil tree bringeth forth evil fruit." Paul puts it this way, "For whereas there is among you envying and strife and divisions ye are yet carnal!" Everybody in the Bible agrees that an outward evidence shows an inward condition. **THE HEART ISN'T RIGHT!** Friend, if this is your sin, if this is your trouble, you need to get right with God and then get right with your brother! You ask:

"WHAT IS THE REMEDY?" You'll need more than "an outward poultice." This poison is too deep. Your very life-stream must be cleansed. It will take something more than an outward lancing of festering sores. It must be the work of ". . . the very God of peace. . ." who can sanctify us wholly. My body must become literally the temple of the Holy Ghost.

You ask, "Can I really be changed like that?" The Bible says so. It says, "A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you. . . I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments and do them." That is plain enough. God says he will do it for you. Therefore believe Him. Turn toward God now, because you cannot save yourself. You have tried many times before to be different and you have failed each time. Realize that only God can miraculously change your life-stream. A new heart will soon produce new habits. The Bible says, "I the Lord thy God will circumcise thine heart that thou mayest love." **LOVE IS THE REMEDY FOR THIS SIN.** And God is the Author of that love. A nasty, critical, fault-finding life can only be changed by yielding yourself to God. The love of God will do for your heart and life what a mother's love does for a woman. You could hardly imagine a mother telling abroad the sins, the failures, and bad habits of her own children.

Repent. That means confession, and as far as possible, restitution. Help the person you have injured and repair the damage as much as you can. Do not just skim over. Get to the bottom of the thing. Tell God that you have been a sinner. Do not excuse yourself. Take all the blame. Ask for mercy and forgiveness. Stay on your knees before God until you know that you have a clean heart.

Out of a clean heart develop clean habits. Decide that from now on you will talk about no one behind their backs. From now on you will take the Bible way and go to thy brother and there "Between him and thee alone tell him his fault." Covenant with God before you leave your knees that from now on you will keep the other person's name and reputation as sacred as you would have them keep yours. David worked at this virtue. He said, "I am purposed that my mouth shall not transgress. . . I will take heed that I sin not with my tongue."

Learn to weed your thinking. "Whatsoever things are true, honest, just, pure, lovely, of good report. . . **THINK ON THESE THINGS.**" And stay away from talebearers. They are carriers of moral con-

tagion. They are scavengers. Avoid them as you would avoid the devil. Cultivate a hatred for sin. Learn to hate what God hates. The Bible says, "Ye that love the Lord, hate evil." Get on God's side of this question and stay there.

—Selected by W. C. McMakin.

---

### An Open Letter TO CHURCH MEMBERS OR OTHERS IN CONFUSION OR BABYLON

I would like to give you some Scripture verses, and you take your Bible and go through it with this letter. First, in 1 John 4:1, we read: "Believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God." You see, it reads "spirits," so we know by this that there are more than one spirit. When it says, "try the spirits and see if they be of God," you are to see if they fit with the Word of God. That is how we found the truth. Jesus says in St. John, "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life." In other words, Christ is the Truth and the Way—I have no way; my husband has no way, you have no way, others have no way. When we come to Christ, it is His Way, the only way we can be saved. I had to give up my way and take His (Christ's) way.

Every sect has a different way, does it not? A different doctrine, a different creed; and what does it make? nothing but confusion. You do not know which way to turn. What is confusion? Is it not Babylon? Now turn to Rev. 17:5 with me. God calls Babylon, "Mother of Harlots." Then if she is a Mother, she has to have daughters, does she not? This makes a family, but not God's family; for she has no husband. Read Gal. 4:23, 27, 30, 31.

First, let us see why God calls her "Mother of Harlots." Christ built a church when He was here, did He not? Built it on a sure foundation—"himself." Now another church sprang up and built on Peter, a man. You know who that is. All good commentators write that from the 16th century on up to now it was and is the Roman church, or Catholic church. And what does History say they did in the dark ages? They persecuted and killed all whom they could of the true followers of Christ—"the Church of God" which Christ built on Himself. Yes, they killed them by thousands; yea, millions; supposing that they had killed all, and set up their church in its stead; and so they have always said that their church was the first church. ("O full of all subtilty and all mischief, thou child of the devil, thou enemy of all righteousness, wilt thou not cease to pervert the right ways of the Lord") But thanks be to God who saved a remnant in the wilderness.

Go with me to Revelation 12, read the first six verses. We have a very old New Testament with historical notes that tells where God hid and kept her in the mountains and on St. Thomas Island, and also tells of her care and keeping; and, thank the dear Lord, I am of that branch today, Christ being the vine.

Now let us go again to Revelation 17:5. Who are the harlot daughters of whom God speaks? But first

let us take note of the fact that the Roman church took unto herself a name. God did not have anything to do with it, other than to call her by the name Babylon which means **confusion**.

Now for the harlot daughters in Rev. 17:5. These harlot daughters are the sect churches, for they, like unto the Mother church, have taken unto themselves names. God did not give them the names they have written on their buildings, but they took it upon themselves. None of the followers of Christ have such names, for such names are not recorded in Scripture, therefore they do not belong to God. Even the name of the Mother harlot which she has taken unto herself is not recorded in Scripture, which makes it very plain to see that these—the Mother harlot and all her daughters, which are the sect churches—are not born of God, else they would be called by His name. And furthermore they just quote and live by what Scripture they choose, whereas the Mother is the much more bold in that she has many other books which she keeps as sacred writings which altogether contradict God's Holy Word, of which even a little child who can read and left to itself will know of itself that they do not agree. How then can grown folks be so blind is beyond me. Now what do you think?

Now as recorded in the 4th chapter of Isaiah, they at this time are seeking to steal the true name from God's children and call themselves by the name God has his children called, even by His own name "the church of God." This is the devil's work to fulfill his promise to have the same name for his people, so in future generations no one can even see any difference in the name. **WATCH!** He, Satan, will claim the name that does not rightly belong to him. Again I say **WATCH!** Yes, they take the part of Scripture which pleases them for their creed and doctrine, and name themselves after men and teach for doctrine the commandments of men; such as, "You can't be saved unless you join a church," and other things not written in the oracles of God.

You and I were born into the earthly family, and we did not join it, either, did we? NO, we were born into it, and received the name ——— by right of birth.

Jesus says in the 3rd chapter of John. "Ye must be born again." Our first birth was of the flesh with the Adam nature after his fall (Read Genesis 5:3) or as Paul calls it, carnal nature. We must be born again to be fit to enter heaven. Being born of the flesh gives us no right to the spiritual kingdom. We therefore must be born of the Spirit since we know the flesh and blood shall not inherit the kingdom of God. This will bear the putting on of much stress. Be born again in heavenly places from above of New Jerusalem. She, "New Jerusalem" will then be our mother, spiritual Jerusalem. We are then become spiritual sons and daughters. Oh, consider the importance of this saying: "YE MUST BE BORN AGAIN." Read Eph. 2:5, 6.

We are dead in sin in the Adam nature, which is the nature of all flesh. When Christ comes in, He quickens us. If you will look in the old-fashioned Webster Dictionary, you will find that "quicken"

means made alive, or resurrected. The first resurrection is spiritual. Go with me to John 5:25-29. Now "Verily," which means truly—would Jesus be speaking anything that is not true? "The hour is coming, and now is"—as present time. This "IS COMING" and "NOW IS" means now is at this time and is coming for the time future until the Judgment Day, and no longer. When Jesus spoke these words, "IS COMING" was meant for us; and the "NOW IS" at the time he spoke was meant for those who were living at that time. "When the dead shall hear His voice." The dead here means dead in sin. "They that hear shall live." This is the FIRST resurrection. Now in the 29th verse it reads: "ALL that are in the graves shall hear His voice, and shall come forth, they that have done good to the resurrection of life, and they that have done evil unto the resurrection of damnation." This is the second resurrection at the last day. It says, "BOTH" evil and good. Babylon, which includes sectism, is teaching that the good will be caught up and the evil left here, which is false teaching.

We are reigning HERE NOW with Christ in our hearts, ruling us in righteousness for a period of time, since He came in the Spirit, "Holy Spirit." He could not stay here in the flesh and be here with me, in other states and countries, over in Africa, and elsewhere; so He told the disciples that it was expedient that He go away, for "yet a little while and ye see me not" (John 16:16-19) ending with, "And again a little while and ye shall see me." Now this is to say, "I shall depart in the flesh, for in the flesh I cannot be with you all in various different places, and beside now you are looking on me as material man and with carnal eyes, but when I return ye shall see me spiritually, and I will be in you, and you in me." Proof? John 14:19, "Yet a little while, and the world [carnal] seeth me no more; but ye see me: because I live, ye shall live also." Verse 20, "At that day ye shall know that I am in the Father, and ye in me, and I in you." What more or better proof would anyone want of the fact that Christ's followers do reign with Him now on earth or that God is dwelling here now with HIS PEOPLE?

Now go with me to St. John 4:23, 24. Here Jesus saith, "The hour cometh," same as "is coming" and also "now is," which brings in the same class of people in the same period of time from the day he spoke it until the end of time shall Christ followers worship the Father in spirit and in truth, "for the Father seeketh such to worship Him." That sounds very much to me like we had better do some seeking and searching ourselves, lest we be outside of the truth. Verse 24: "God is a spirit and they that worship Him MUST worship Him in Spirit and in truth." (only one way).

Please look up the definition of **shall** and **must** in the old fashioned dictionary—big ones like we used to have in Sample Run School. You say, "Why be so particular?" Because a friend of ours has a new one, and it is just as modern as people are trying to make Christianity today. God says to follow the old paths and remove not old land marks (Prov. 22:28). Why change ways, customs, and things, since Jesus Christ

is the same yesterday, today, and forever? We must be like unto His apostles of old, else we should not be counted as one of them. Past, present, and future—it was ever thus. This one thing people dare not change. So the changing is a duty that falls to us to make it in ourselves, to be like Paul of old and the rest of Christ's followers who were made like unto Christ. Praise God. (See also Jer. 6:16).

A dictionary like unto the one spoken of may be found in any fair-sized town, one that is reliable.

Let me speak yet a few words on harlots. Paul says in 1 Cor. 6:15, 16, "Know ye not that your bodies are the members of Christ? Shall I then take the members of Christ, and make them the members of an harlot? God forbid. What? Know ye not that he which is joined to an harlot is one body? for two, saith He, shall be one flesh." Notice Paul refers to these as fleshly body, not spiritual; for of a truth they cannot be spiritual without being born again. Therefore they that join with them have no spiritual birth. On the other hand, when reading the 17th verse, we read of a spiritual class of people: "But he that is joined unto the Lord is one Spirit (whereas in the 16th verse Paul says "one flesh" being yet carnal).

Paul makes Christ and the harlots two different bodies, and says, God forbid that we should join with harlots. And can you find a sect today that does not have worldliness and sin and sinners in it? Person after person uses tobacco, tea, and coffee, and they act, go, and do, and dress like the world. What they look for is a big crowd to make-believe that they are a WONDER, something great, much people. Well, to be honest with you, they will have that much in hell. ". . . the one from mount Sinai, which gendereth to bondage, which is Agar." Gal. 4:24b.

Oh, dear souls, I am so glad to be free in Jesus who paid all for me, and I am bought with a price. I am no longer a child of the bond woman (in bondage to man doctrines); and I want to be worthy of my calling, and be a good and faithful servant, looking to my Redeemer, Christ Jesus the author and finisher of my faith. It is glory to me to keep His commandments, not because I am forced to by law, but because "I LOVE HIM." I want to be in the light where Jesus is in the light, so I choose to follow along in the straight and narrow way (Matt. 7:13, 14) taking the whole Holy Bible way.

In 2 Cor. 6:11-16, Paul tells the Corinth assembly (Corinth is a city, and in it is the church of God, the same church is in Ephesus and Thessalonica, etc.), teaching them with his whole heart to be straightened in Christ's way, and not their own way. In the 14th verse he says, "Be not unequally yoked together with unbelievers." Here I will say that "unbelievers" means all those who believe not the whole truth. And this points the finger right at Babylon and all her harlot daughters; for they believe that God sanctions committing fornication with the world. And since they do these things, are they not ONE with the world? Well, they most certainly are, and they cannot deny this proven fact. Since this is the case, they are not Christians, for Christians are God's children. "What

fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness?" or Belial with Christ? As it may be said, good and evil do not mix, the devil and Christ cannot agree, for one counteracts against the other.

Sister Catherine Helen Halladay, N. Y.  
(To be continued next month)

Roll of 5 "Faith and Victory" papers, one year .....	\$1.00
12 papers each month, one year .....	2.00
25 papers each month, one year .....	4.00
50 papers each month, one year .....	7.50
100 papers each month, one year .....	14.00

#### NOTICE OF PRICE INCREASE

Beginning with the third quarter (July, Aug., Sept.) there will be a change in price of Sunday School literature. Primary Picture Roll will be \$1.50; cards 10 cents per set.

### BIBLE STUDY

#### THE CONVERSION OF SAUL

May 6, 1956

Printed Portion: ..... Acts 9:1-6, 10-19a

Acts 9:1. And Saul, yet breathing out threatenings and slaughter against the disciples of the Lord, went unto the high priest,

2. And desired of him letters to Damascus to the synagogues, that if he found any of this way, whether they were men or women, he might bring them bound unto Jerusalem.

3. And as he journeyed, he came near Damascus: and suddenly there shined round about him a light from heaven:

4. And he fell to the earth, and heard a voice saying unto him, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me?

5. And he said, Who art thou, Lord? And the Lord said, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest: it is hard for thee to kick against the pricks.

6. And he trembling and astonished said, Lord, what wilt thou have me to do? And the Lord said unto him, Arise, and go into the city, and it shall be told thee what thou must do.

Acts 9:10. And there was a certain disciple at Damascus, named Ananias; and to him said the Lord in a vision, Ananias. And he said, Behold, I am here, Lord.

11. And the Lord said unto him, Arise, and go into the street which is called Straight, and enquire in the house of Judas for one called Saul, of Tarsus: for, behold, he prayeth,

12. And hath seen in a vision a man named Ananias coming in, and putting his hand on him, that he might receive his sight.

13. Then Ananias answered, Lord, I have heard by many of this man, how much evil he hath done to thy saints at Jerusalem:

14. And here he hath authority from the chief priests to bind all that call on thy name.

15. But the Lord said unto him, Go thy way: for he is a chosen vessel unto me, to bear my name before the Gentiles, and kings and the children of Israel:

16. For I will shew him how great things he must suffer for my name's sake.

17. And Ananias went his way, and entered into the house; and putting his hands on him said, Brother Saul, the Lord, even Jesus, that appeared unto thee in the way as thou camest, hath sent me, that thou mightest re-

ceive thy sight, and be filled with the Holy Ghost.

18. And immediately there fell from his eyes as it had been scales: and he received sight forthwith, and arose and was baptized.

19. And when he had received meat, he was strengthened.

**Memory Verse:** Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain. John 15:16.

**Practical Truth:** Conversion causes one to become a new man in Christ Jesus.

#### THE COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

The conversion of Saul was a wonderful miracle. He sincerely thought that Jesus was an imposter and those who followed Him were destroying the Mosaic teaching that God had given them. He saw it crumbling and he felt it his duty to go out and stop it. How surprised Saul was when he met Jesus on the road to Damascus. No wonder he trembled. With sudden realization that his estimate of Jesus was wrong, that the lives of the Christians were acceptable to God, and other thoughts, he was lead to Damascus. No wonder he did not eat nor drink for three days. He spent his time praying and letting God talk to him. He could no longer be the same man. He had met Jesus.

God needed a man now to help Saul. Ananias was a man that was spiritually able and ready to obey God's every command. God works through human instrumentality to perform his work on earth. If the call had come to us at that time would we have been ready? God needs obedient saints today also. Ananias fearlessly obeyed God. The results were good.

God created the universe and everything in it. He can create in us His image and we will become a new creature in Christ Jesus. God has the power, but we need the faith. When we hear the gospel and it becomes mixed with faith it will produce salvation. In Heb. 4:2 we read of the gospel not being profitable to some because it was not mixed with faith. Salvation worked a change in Paul and that produced a change in the history of the world.

#### PREACHING TO THE GENTILES

May 13, 1956

**Printed Portion:** ..... Acts 11:1-18.

Acts 11:1. And the apostles and brethren that were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also received the word of God.

2. And when Peter was come up to Jerusalem, they that were of the circumcision contended with him,

3. Saying, Thou wentest in to men uncircumcised, and didst eat with them.

4. But Peter rehearsed the matter from the beginning, and expounded it by order unto them, saying,

5. I was in the city of Joppa praying: and in a trance I saw a vision, A certain vessel descend, at it had been a great sheet, let down from heaven by four corners; and it came even to me:

6. Upon the which when I had fastened mine eyes, I considered, and saw fourfooted beasts of the earth, and wild beasts, and creeping things, and fowls of the air.

7. And I heard a voice saying unto me, Arise, Peter; slay and eat,

8. But I said, Not so, Lord: for nothing common or unclean hath at any time entered into my mouth.

9. But the voice answered me again from heaven, What God hath cleansed, that call not thou common.

10. And this was done three times: and all were drawn up again into heaven.

11. And, behold, immediately there were three men already come unto the house where I was, sent from Caesarea unto me.

12. And the spirit bade me go with them, nothing doubting. Moreover these six brethren accompanied me, and we entered into the man's house:

13. And he shewed us how he had seen an angel in his house, which stood and said unto him, Send men to Joppa, and call for Simon, whose surname is Peter;

14. Who shall tell thee words, whereby thou and all thy house shall be saved.

15. And as I began to speak, the Holy Ghost fell on them, as on us at the beginning.

16. Then remembered I the word of the Lord, how that he said, John indeed baptized with water: but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost.

17. Forasmuch then as God gave them the like gift as he did unto us, who believed on the Lord Jesus Christ; what was I, that I could withstand God?

18. When they heard these things, they held their peace, and glorified God, saying, Then hath God also to the Gentiles granted repentance unto life.

**Memory Verse:** I perceive that God is no respecter of persons: but in every nation he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with him. Acts 10:34-35.

**Practical Truth:** Since the gospel is for all, we should have some part in carrying it to those who have not heard it.

#### THE COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

We find that under the blazing light of the New Testament church, not long after the receiving of the Holy Spirit, that more light came to the church. We find that the apostle Peter was called into question by the brethren and apostles. The Bible says they "contended with him." They felt Peter had done wrong. For about ten years after Pentecost they did not understand that the gospel was to the Gentiles and then another ten years passed by before this idea really took root in the minds of many and was given official sanction by the leaders of the church, even though Isaiah had said that salvation was for "all ends of the earth" (Isa. 45:22). Then Christ himself said, "Other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: (meaning the Gentiles) them also I must bring." (John 10:16) It of course, today is not a question with us that all nations should have the gospel. We are sure the Lord wants us to go into all the world and preach the gospel.

We today must measure up on the light received by Peter, that God is truly "no respecter of persons." He loves every person in the world regardless of color, race or nationality. If we have the love of God in our hearts we will love all also, and put that truth in practice.

#### THE CHURCH AT ANTIOCH

May 20, 1956

**Printed Portion:** ..... Acts 11:19-30.

19. Now they which were scattered abroad upon the persecution that arose about Stephen traveled as

far as Phenice, and Cyprus, and Antioch, preaching the word to none but unto the Jews only.

20. And some of them were men of Cyprus and Cyrene, which when they were come to Antioch, spake unto the Grecians, preaching the Lord Jesus.

21. And the hand of the Lord was with them: and a great number believed, and turned unto the Lord.

22. Then tidings of these things came unto the ears of the church which was in Jerusalem: and they sent forth Barnabas, that he should go as far as Antioch.

23. Who, when he came, and had seen the grace of God, was glad, and exhorted them all, that with purpose of heart they would cleave unto the Lord.

24. For he was a good man, and full of the Holy Ghost and of faith: and much people was added unto the Lord.

25. Then departed Barnabas to Tarsus, for to seek Saul:

26. And when he had found him, he brought him unto Antioch. And it came to pass, that a whole year they assembled themselves with the church, and taught much people. And the disciples were called Christians first in Antioch.

27. And in these days came prophets from Jerusalem unto Antioch.

28. And there stood up one of them named Agabus, and signified by the spirit that there should be great dearth throughout all the world: which came to pass in the days of Claudius Caesar.

29. Then the disciples, every man according to his ability, determined to send relief unto the brethren which dwell in Judaea:

30. Which also they did, and sent it to the elders by the hands of Barnabas and Saul.

**Memory Verse:** I have shewed you all things, how that so labouring ye ought to support the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, It is more blessed to give than to receive. Acts 20:35.

**Practical Truth:** Groups and individual Christians should have a concern for the temporal and spiritual welfare of others.

### THE COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

After the stoning of Stephen we find that some of the Christian Jews moved to other places and some settled in the big city of Antioch which is in Syria. They loved the Lord and began to tell their neighbors about Jesus and the great plan of salvation. The Gentiles were tired of their pagan worship, that did not do anything for them in their hearts. They accepted the plan of salvation and found that their hungry hearts were fully satisfied. They in turn told their friends and neighbors and a large group gathered together to worship the Lord. News came to Jerusalem about the large number of believers in Antioch. They sent Barnabas, a man full of the Holy Ghost and had much wisdom. He was able to understand the feelings of others and therefore able to help them. The congregation continued to grow. Barnabas sought for Paul to help him. Paul's deep love for God and boldness helped and the two labored a year there.

The disciples were first called Christians at Antioch. The word Christian means Christ-like. It would be well to study closely the life of Christ and see if we can rightfully claim the name Christian. In Acts 26:28, Agrippa was almost persuaded to be a Christian.

### SHARING THE GOSPEL WITH THE WORLD

May 27, 1956

Printed Portion: ..... Acts 13:1-4, 44-49.

Acts 13:1-4. Now there were, in the church that was at Antioch certain prophets and teachers; as Barnabas, and Simeon that was called Niger, and Lucas of Cyrene, and Manaen, which had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch, and Saul.

2. As they ministered to the Lord and fasted, the Holy Ghost said, Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them.

3. And when they had fasted and prayed, and laid their hands on them, they sent them away.

4. So they, being sent forth by the Holy Ghost, departed unto Seleucia; and from thence they sailed to Cyprus.

Acts 13:44. And the next Sabbath day came almost the whole city together to hear the word of God.

45. But when the Jews saw the multitudes, they were filled with envy, and spake against those things which were spoken by Paul, contradicting and blaspheming.

46. Then Paul and Barnabas waxed bold, and said, It was necessary that the word of God should first have been spoken to you: but seeing ye put it from you, and judge yourselves unworthy of everlasting life, lo, we turn to the Gentiles.

47. For so hath the Lord commanded us, saying, I have set thee to be a light of the Gentiles, that thou shouldest be for salvation unto the ends of the earth.

48. And when the Gentiles heard this, they were glad, and glorified the word of the Lord: and as many as were ordained to eternal life believed.

49. And the word of the Lord was published throughout all the region.

**Memory Verse:** We are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God. 2 Cor. 5:20.

**Practical Truth:** It is our duty as Christians to share the gospel with those who know it not.

### THE COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

The church at Antioch enjoyed salvation and they wanted others to enjoy it also. A stir came into their midst to send forth someone to tell others about Jesus. After fasting and prayer the Holy Spirit showed them whom to send. They obeyed the Lord and sent forth Paul and Barnabas. Here is a lesson for us to observe. We must let the Holy Spirit have the lead in everything. Unless the Holy Spirit is in the words spoken, the singing, the praying, the preaching, our worship is in vain. Jesus said, "God is a spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth." How important it is that we have the leadership of the Holy Spirit. We should not wait until we get to the meeting house to ask the Holy Spirit to lead but we must come filled with the Spirit, ready to worship the Lord. Even after we come we must continue to yield ourselves to God so He can be worshipped in the Spirit. We should sing in the Spirit and with the understanding. Not just say words from our lips, but sing from the heart, raising our hands in worship to the Lord as the Bible teaches us.

Lets pray that God will give the church of today a greater missionary spirit. Let's say to the Lord, "Here am I, send me or help me to send someone else."

—Mrs. Marie Miles.