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### THE FALL OF BABYLON

"Babylon, the great, is fallen!"

This word from Heaven on high:  
It comes to condemn those spirits  
Who loveth and maketh a lie.

"Babylon, the great, is fallen!"

Now the cage of a hateful bird!  
Filled up with the unclean doctrine,  
Where the truth is so seldom heard.

"Babylon, the great, is fallen!"

Not even a candle shall shine!  
Not there the voice of the Bridegroom,  
But wickedness will there combine.

To kill the WITNESSES of God—

Those peaceful, fruitful Olive trees  
That furnish life, and joy, and love  
For sinful mortals such as these.

But those who hurt these Olive trees  
Shall they themselves be quickly slain,  
And suffer loss of Heaven's peace—  
Eternal torment they shall gain!

Another voice now greets our ears

Above the world's wild, noisy dins:  
"Oh, come out of her my people!  
Oh, share not in her awful sins."

O child of God in Babylon maze,

Obey this voice of God and come  
Back home to Zion's dwelling place—  
The happy, blood-bought Christian home!

O let us all be one in love!

O let us all be one in truth!  
In spirit one, one Lord above,  
One holy, happy band, forsooth!

Then shall the Church break forth with joy,

As in the happy days of old,  
And joyous shouts, so glad and free,  
Ring out, "One God, one faith, one fold!"

—J. L. Hendrix.

### I Being in the Way, the Lord Led Me To the House of My Master's Brethren

Genesis 24:27

These words were uttered many years ago by a God-fearing servant of Abraham's who, at his master's request, was called to go on a special journey to procure a future bride for his only son Isaac.

Abraham, being at a ripe old age and one whom God had wonderfully blessed in all things, was at this time especially concerned as to a life companion for his beloved son. He was decidedly against a daughter being chosen from among those Canaanites by which he lived. He surely must have weighed spiritual influence, as influence is contagious either for good or evil. And being aware of this, great precaution must be taken to choose one who was worthy to fill a position as wife for his only son who had been reared strictly in the fear of the Lord.

In reading the account of Abraham's life, we can discern he was a person of real spiritual discernment and one whose example is wise to follow. First, to be trusted with this all-important matter he must necessarily put it in the hands of one who truly feared God, therefore would actually know the worth of prayer. Now, this servant starts on his mission in no wise trusting to his own decision nor to another, no difference how intelligent or how learned that person may be. It must be God's leading, and that alone.

I can imagine how all along that journey he prayed **without ceasing**, even requesting a sign from the Most High lest a mistake be made regarding the right person. Could God disappoint when such faith was being exercised? when such fervent petitions were being made? No! positively no! for is He not a prayer hearing and a prayer answering God? To condense this episode, we read how in every measure prayer was wonderfully answered even to the giving of a sign. The servant, realizing this, and he being so thankful and appreciative, could affirm: "I being in the way, the Lord led me to the house of my master's brethren."

How thankful and prayerful the saints of today need to be lest we get discouraged and faint by the way. It requires a constant looking above. History

repeats itself. Abraham is not alone in seeking a bride for his only son; for is not the Father above seeking a special Bride for His only Son Jesus Christ who some day will come in the clouds with power and great glory to receive His own?

In Ephesians 5:27 a description is given of this Church or Bride, and nothing less will pass inspection. It is "a Bride without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, holy and without blemish." According to Prov. 14:12 we are distinctly told, "There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death." It requires much watching and praying lest the saints of God get side tracked and the preaching of **smooth things** be presented, therefore when the Bridegroom arrives unexpectedly we be found without the wedding garment. We can only afford to stand before our Master clothed in His righteousness, for we have none of our own.

Evil days are here; Satan assuredly seems to be loosed for a season and is going about to deceive the nations from the four quarters of the earth, even to deceiving the very elect if possible. I am wondering if he is not afflicting the bodies of the saints, as so many are standing in the need of prayer for healing. Apparently the time has arrived as prophesied: "There is not a famine for bread or a thirst for water but of hearing the words of the Lord" (Amos 8:11).

As Abraham sent a dependable representative to attend to his matter of business in his day, so doth God expect His representatives to be true in declaring the whole council of God in these days—ambassadors who will, regardless of persecution, financial difficulties, or whether it be in the most isolated places or city or town they may be called to labour, do it cheerfully with the reward of perishing souls in view.

As the writer has observed the testimony of Abraham's servant and has been encouraged by it, so may the servants of God be encouraged through prayer, at last to affirm also: "I being in the way, the Lord led me to the house of my Master's brethren" and therefore receive the reward of the faithful in inheriting those mansions prepared from the foundation of the world. When the Master has come and calls for His Bride, washed in the blood of the crucified One, hallelujah's will ring in that city so fair; when the Redeemed have gathered to praise Him up there.

—Laura Bowman.

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### THE LORD IS IN THIS

Jacob awakened, startled, from a dream. The dream was about a ladder reaching from earth to heaven with angels ascending and descending, and the Lord stood above it. "And Jacob awaked out of his sleep, and he said, Surely the Lord is in this place, and I knew it not."

Jacob was traveling alone, in a strange land. He was oblivious to the fact that he was especially watched over and cared for by God.

This lesson should encourage our hearts. We need not fear when we are seemingly alone and forsaken, or when there seems to be little purpose in life.

God above is watching over us, his children—bless the Lord!! When our feeble eyes are finally opened to God's purpose in our trials or afflictions, then we can say as Jacob: "The Lord is in this: and I knew it not."

—Alberta Cook.

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### ARE WE FRIENDS OF JESUS?

Jesus says, "Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you." John 15:14.

Dare we say we are friends of Jesus if we do not obey his commands? In John 14:21 we read, "He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me."

Naturally we love our friends and want to be with them and do them good; so if we are friends of Jesus and love him, we will want to walk closely beside him where we can hear his gentle voice and feel his divine presence. We read in James 4:6: "God resisteth the proud but giveth grace unto the humble" (verse 10) "Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up." He will not walk with the proud and the scornful; humble thyself to walk with God.

No life is sweeter than the Christian life: walking hand in hand with Jesus, listening to his loving voice, ready to obey his commands. We read in 1 John 5:2, 3, "By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God, and keep his commandments. For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous. For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world." verse 4a. So many people find it hard to obey God's commandments because they have not died out to the world. It grieves them to be ridiculed or evil-spoken of because they still love the world and its ways. We are told in 1 John 2:15, "Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him."

"Be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God." Rom. 12:2. We are not to pattern after the fads and fashions of the world, neither in our dress nor in conversation, words, actions and thoughts. We are to be a separate people, live holy, righteous, and godly lives in this present world (Luke 1:74, 75; Titus 2:11, 12).

The reason the world hates God's people is because they do not revel in sin with them, but their affections are set on heavenly things. They love God with all their heart, soul, mind, and strength, and seek to please him in all they do. They are living for heaven and eternal life and not for the sinful pleasures of this short decaying life.

There is not a friend like Jesus, bid the scoffing world adieu  
For if you're ashamed of Jesus, He will be ashamed of you.  
There is not a friend like Jesus when you draw your life's  
last breath,

If you'll be his friend while living, He will be your friend  
in death.

There is not a friend like Jesus, what a blessed thot to be,  
Folded in his arms of power ever in eternity.

(Three verses of No. 103 in Evening Light Songs.)

—Cora Brant

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### FIVE PRAYER RULES DERIVED FROM THE BIBLE

1. Entire dependence upon the merits and mediation of the Lord Jesus Christ, as the only ground for any claim or blessing. (John 14:13, 14)

2. Separation from all known sin. If we regard iniquity in our hearts, the Lord will not hear us, for it would be sanctioning sin. (Psalm 66:18)

3. Faith in God's word or promise as confirmed by his oath. Not to believe him is to make him both a liar and a perjurer. (Hebrews 11:6; 6:13-20).

4. Asking in accordance with his will. Our motives must be godly: we must not seek any gift of God to consume it upon our own lusts. (I John 5:13; James 4:3)

5. Importunity in supplication. There must be waiting on God and waiting for God, as the husbandman has long patience to wait for the harvest. (James 5:7; Luke 18:1-10)

The importance of firmly fixing in mind principles such as these cannot be overstated.

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### NOTICE

The date for the 1957 National Campmeeting at Monark Springs, Mo. is July 19 to 28, inclusive.

The Guthrie, Okla. Campmeeting date for 1957 is August 2nd to 11th, inclusive. If at all possible, please arrange all other campmeeting dates so that they will not conflict with the National campmeeting.

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### EVANGELISTIC REPORT

After the tent meeting closed at Bristow, Okla., the evangelistic company moved to Wichita, Kansas. Leaving Bristow on the evening of July 4th with loaded truck and trailer house, they traveled most of the night to reach Wichita, having had a tire blowout and truck stuck in the mud enroute.

At Wichita where Bro. Lewis Williams is pastor, the meeting began on July 5th and continued about two weeks. A good meeting was reported, considering the disturbances by several severe wind and rain storms.

From Wichita Bro. Charles Smith, his family, and company came to the National Campmeeting at Monark Springs, Mo. On the way they had trials of faith with tire trouble. After this meeting Bro. Smith returned his family to their home in Shawnee, Okla. Then Bro. Smith and Bro. Jerry Quave moved the tent and equipment from Monark to Huntsville, Ark. where they began a meeting a mile south on the highway on August 3rd. At this writing (Sunday, Aug. 19) the undersigned, with others from Guthrie, are here in the tent meeting, which is the last day of the meeting. The interest and attendance have been very good—many have been under conviction, but not willing to make a decision and turn to God with their whole heart. The saints from Neosho and other places have been

faithful to help in this meeting, and the Lord will bless them for this service.

Sister Lottie Joiner was in this meeting a day or two, but was called away on account of the illness of her mother. Bros. Orié Young and David Madden also helped some in this meeting.

These gospel workers—Bro. Smith and Bro. Quave—are traveling strictly by faith with no promise of support except that which God has promised, and He has not failed them yet, but the outlook sometimes seems dark and the trials of faith are on every hand. If one would look at the lack of outward visible results, one might say that it is not a paying proposition, but it is God's will that every creature should hear the gospel, and this is the responsibility of the whole church. Let us all be "workers together" and keep this gospel work and tent equipment going wherever God directs.

Bro. Smith has a request for prayer that God will increase the capacity and efficiency of this evangelistic company by burdening additional consecrated and qualified ministers and singers to travel with them. One special need is for a qualified brother to lead the song services.

Bro. Smith says, the Lord willing, the next tent meeting will be held at West Monroe, La.

All offerings for this evangelistic effort sent to us or to the office will be kept in a separate fund to be used to keep the equipment in repair and cost of moving it from place to place. Funds for this purpose have been coming in very slow for the past two months.

—L. D. Pruitt, 1116 W. Wash., Guthrie, Okla.

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### MEETING REPORT

The annual National campmeeting at Monark Springs, (Neosho) Mo. began on Friday morning July 20th for a ten days meeting. This being a national campmeeting, saints came from many of the different states. It was reported that about thirty-four ministers were in attendance. There were a goodly number of seekers for spiritual help, and twelve were baptized. Many cases of healing were witnessed on the grounds. One outstanding case was a young man who was stricken with what seemed to be a heart attack. He was unconscious for a time and no pulse was found, but through prayer God healed him.

One brother who had been with a false doctrine heard of this truth and campmeeting and came to see for himself. When he came to the edge of the grounds, he said, "This is what I have been looking for." He declared his freedom, cast his lot with the saints and was baptized again. God is gathering his saints into one and building Zion, a church without blemish and without spot, composing a habitation for God to dwell in.

Many different improvements had been completed for the convenience of the saints, but the latest improvement was a large two-story building. The upstairs is used by the sisters, and showers and rest rooms are downstairs. The first story is of cement blocks, which will make it last indefinitely. The initial cost was great, but its durability and convenience makes it not high in cost.

A terrific rain came and it seems that surface water got into the well, polluting its water. Plans are made to cement the pipe line so this trouble will never bother again.

A correct account has been kept during the progress of improvements, showing where all the money has been spent. As we listened to the report we were made to know that wise investments had been made. The improvements were very necessary.

—E. M. Zinn.

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#### DOVER, OKLAHOMA CAMPMEETING

The Dover, Oklahoma Campmeeting will begin, the Lord willing, August 31st and continue on through September 9th, 1956 inclusive. It is located one mile north and two and one half miles east of Dover. Dover is on highway 81. We will gladly meet anyone coming on the Bus if notified in time. We are expecting cool nights, so bring blankets. Pray much for the meeting.

Send offerings to Henry Caldwell or to Ulysses Phillips, Dover, Oklahoma.

#### MEETING NOTICE

Oregon Assembly Meeting: —November 9-18, 1956.

## Editorials

The campmeetings this year are quite well attended and the preaching is straight and clear. Some souls are saved in every meeting and believers sanctified, infilled with the Holy Ghost. Bodies are being healed, and the work of God is going on to his glory and the edifying of the saints in light.

My wife and I attended the campmeeting at Hammond, La. and had the pleasure of seeing some souls saved there, and enjoyed the fellowship of the dear saints in those parts. We also attended the National campmeeting at Monark Springs, Mo. A large crowd attended this meeting. The new building with modern rest rooms and dormitory above was a great blessing to those in attendance. At Monark, as at other places, the preaching was good with much anointing upon the ministry. Souls were saved and believers were sanctified with infilling of the Spirit of truth.

The next meeting was the State Campmeeting at Guthrie. Good clean messages of truth went forth with a good effect. A few souls were saved and many were blessed.

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Since the State campmeeting is over the office force for the "Lord's Print Shop" is back at work. Preparations for printing the September paper are being made in full swing, and at the same time the Little Giant automatic printing press is turning off the tracts at the rate of 3400 sheets per hour. The automatic folding machine will soon be set to work folding these tracts ready for use. The Lord has supplied his print shop with another worker, Sylvia Forbes, from Pacoima, California. She is taking hold of the work nicely and will no doubt prove a blessing from God for his printing work.

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Anyone who is saved and will study the Scriptures with an unbiased mind will soon find that the proper name for saved souls in this world is "Church of God." Some other names are used in referring to the people of God, yet none other is used in such a specific sense time after time as is "Church of God." The meeting house is not the church, but the saved people constitute the church. The church (saved people) go to the meeting house to worship God together in hymns and spiritual songs, making melody in their hearts unto the Lord Jesus Christ. There He feeds the church of God which he has purchased with his own blood. The whole set-up of the church can be traced back to the Father, for if God the Father had not given his Son as a blood sacrifice for the church, there would have been no saved people or church in this world. Jesus prayed the Father to keep his believers through the Father's name that they may be one as we are. Read John 17:11: "Holy Father, keep through thine own name those whom thou hast given me, that they may be one, as we are." Sixty-five years later than this Paul verified the Lord's words, saying (Eph. 3: 14, 15), "For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, of whom the whole

family in heaven and earth is named." Paul teaches us in 1 Cor. 11:3 that the man is the head of the woman and Christ is head of man, but that the head of Christ is God. And Peter tells us in 1 Peter 2:25 that we were as sheep going astray; but are now returned unto the Shepherd and Bishop of our souls. God has appointed Christ as Shepherd and Bishop over the Church, his family of born again souls. Paul addressed his epistles in places to the "Church of God" as follows: 1 Cor. 1:2; 2 Cor. 1:1; 1 Thess. 1:4; and in 1 Timothy 3:15 he spoke of it as being the "church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth."

During the dark ages of Catholicism when the saints were so persecuted that they hid away in caves and dens, the true name for the church or family of God was lost sight of. When light began to break in upon the souls of some honest hearted priests and they renounced the "Beast" power and rule, they soon began to form human organizations and make themselves into sects, calling themselves Lutherans, Baptists, Methodists, and other names not sanctioned of the Lord. Thus born again souls were scattered in a thousand or more sects as time went on.

In 1880 God began to use D. S. Warner in declaring the whole truth and by his teaching brought the right name back to God's people, which is the "Church of God." He also taught divine healing, entire sanctification, which is the infilling of the Holy Spirit, and the oneness of God's saints. The evening light began to shine as the morning church had done. The saints rejoiced greatly in the evening light truth for thirty or forty years; but about fifteen years after Bro. D. S. Warner's death leaders among the saints began to digress from the truth. Slowly there crept in among the leaders (Jude 4) ungodly men who had lost God out of their hearts and were receiving a worldly religious spirit instead. They led the big majority of the saints and others to throw their arms around the world. In due time they lost their identity as being the true church, and yet claimed the name.

There was much crying and weeping among the cleansed saints and honest-hearted believers, but this apostasy had such a strangling hold upon the movement that it dragged almost all of them along with it. Today almost all of their congregations that are in good standing with the head at Anderson are so worldly dressed and have taken up with the ways of sectism insomuch you cannot tell them from the coldest and spiritually dead sects of the world.

In the year of 1917 the Lord began to reveal to us the compromising spirit that was working among us as the church of God (Trumpet people) and our heart was grieved. We took it before the Lord with soul weeping and fasting. In this time of waiting upon the Lord He gave us a vision of what was taking place. He made it so vivid and clear that the whole movement was being swallowed up by the world. At that time some of the brethren had resented the compromise and had begun to publish a paper at Carthage, Mo. called "The Herald of Truth." Effects of the compromise caused dissension among themselves over questions and leadership, and they broke up in confusion.

They were scattered in the year of 1922, or near that time.

The vision the Lord gave me when in grief and fasting was as follows: I was standing by a large river. In the middle of it I saw a man and boy in a one horse buggy driving up stream (cars were not plentiful at that time). I called to them to get out of the water for the river was rising and they would be drowned. They gave me no notice. I called louder and louder, but they just kept going up the stream and paying no attention to my loud calling. Presently I saw the water get higher and higher until buggy, horse, man, and boy were swallowed up and disappeared beneath the rushing stream of water. Before they went under and while I was calling for them to get out, the Lord spoke to me, saying, "You had better get out." I noticed that the water was upon me about ankle deep. I stepped out of the water and began to travel on a hard, rough, rocky, and briery road. The Lord made clear to me that the horse and buggy, the man and the boy represented the whole Trumpet movement which was then called the "Church of God" and the boy signified the "Herald of Truth" paper and its followers, for a worldly carnal spirit was evidently working among them and they were destroyed—devoured themselves—and the honest sincere ones among them were confused and scattered.

At the time of this clear vision that the Lord gave me, I was living on a farm on the plains of New Mexico and had proclaimed the truth of the Church of God in different places for twenty miles around me. Very few would accept this precious truth which was shining so brightly in my soul. In the year of 1918 the Lord led us to sell out and clearly directed us to come to Guthrie, Okla. At Guthrie we began to work in a print shop which L. Y. Janes had set up and was at that time severed from the compromise movement. For four years and one-half the Lord had me learning the primary principles of printing, and in 1923 He separated me from him and left me with some printing equipment and definitely led me to go ahead with the printing. Since that time I understand that L. Y. Janes has gone with the old Trumpet compromise and is fellowshiping it with name on their year book and the adornment under his chin, which was the beginning mark of the worldly religious spirit that grew until spirituality was destroyed and they lost their identity as being the "Church of God."

In March, in the year of 1923 the first "Faith and Victory" paper was printed and circulated. It meant much to step out practically alone and by faith print and send forth this unadulterated truth. Truly we had a hard road to travel, but God gave grace and kept us encouraged, even through the following few years of tests and hardships and with very few to fellowship who were in sympathy with the truth. But God inspired and led us to print and send out the old time truth of this Reformation and continue to hold the truth in righteousness until others began to see and accept the truth. It has now been 33 years since we began to print and send out the old time truth. The "Faith and Victory" has made its way into thous-



such "an example, that ye should follow his steps" (1 Pet. 2:21), and God himself counts it so valuable, and God by his Spirit has revealed it to my inmost soul; my great desire is to search and know this wonderful grace of humility, and to do as God says to do: "Seek ye the Lord, all ye meek of the earth; . . . seek righteousness, seek meekness" (Zeph. 2:3). Here the meek are plainly told to "seek meekness."

God was dealing with Israel, his chosen people, "Forty years in the wilderness, to humble thee, and to prove thee, to know what was in thine heart, whether thou wouldest keep his commandments, or no. Who fed thee in the wilderness with manna, which thy fathers knew not, that he might humble thee, and that he might prove thee, to do thee good in thy latter end" (Deut. 8:2, 16). Again Israel is admonished: "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways: then will I hear from heaven, and forgive their sin, and will heal their land" (2 Chron. 7:14). David says, "The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit: a broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise" (Ps. 51:17). God hates pride, and "Hezekiah humbled himself for the pride of his heart" (2 Chron. 32:26). "For thus saith the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity, whose name is Holy; I dwell in the high and holy place, with him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones" (Isa. 57:15). "To this man will I look, even to him that is poor and of a contrite spirit, and trembleth at my word" (Isa. 66:2). "In lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves" (Phil. 2:3). Jesus "made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: and being found in fashion as a man; he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross" (Phil. 2:7, 8). Then let us who are saved "Be clothed with humility" (1 Pet. 5:5).

There are other verses along this line which are valuable, but these are esteemed very highly by your brother in the Lord. —Charles H. Weir.

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"Humble modesty is more often right than a proud and boasting spirit."

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## CAN GOD?

"They tempted God in their hearts by asking meat for their lust. Yea, they spake against God; they said, CAN GOD furnish a table in the wilderness? Behold, he smote the rock that the waters gushed out, and the streams overflowed; CAN HE give bread also? CAN HE provide flesh for his people?" Psa. 78:18-20.

How many people, like Israel, are asking CAN GOD? They ask, Is God among us or not? CAN HE save from sin in time of famine of hearing the words of the Lord? CAN HE give victory over sin in time of trials and temptations? CAN HE give young people joy or must they go to the world for entertain-

ment? These and many more questions are asked by honest hearts who are seeking the way of the Lord.

The people of the world want to see people like Joseph, returning good for evil without accusing and finding fault. They say, "I know God kept the three Hebrew children from worshiping the image when everyone else bowed down to it. Not even the smell of fire was found on them and the king's word was changed because they trusted God (Dan. 3). He kept Daniel praying when the other officers conspired with the king against him. He felt no hurt in the den of lions because he believed in God, while the other men were broken in pieces before they touched the bottom of the den. But that was in days gone by.

## GOD CAN, IF

If people could only realize "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever" (Heb. 13:8) is true today, GOD CAN and will keep His people today if they come and obey Him. "He (Jesus) is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by Him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them" (Heb. 7:25). The trouble is, God does not find enough men with perfect hearts toward Him (2 Chron. 16:9) to work through. The Holy Ghost helped men when He came upon them only at times to do their work. How much more CAN HE help when He comes to be in us (John 14:11) and we abide in Him? God wants to use His people today as He has before, but too few really believe what God's Word says. When trials and temptations come, GOD CAN and will make a way (1 Cor. 10:13) if we trust Him, the same as He did for Jonah (Jonah 1:17; 2:10) by covering us with His hand (John 10:28, 29) while the wind is howling and the waves dash high and take us to dry land or say, "Peace be still," then a wonderful sweet calm will sweep over our souls because we love Him and keep His commandments.

Where are the young people who believe Eccl. 12 enough to obey it? What will our reward be when our works are brought into Judgment? Will God say, "You fulfilled your duty?" Or will the lust that wars in our members prove we are a friend to the world and an enemy to God? James 3:1-4? How many claim the promise of John 14:12, 13? Jesus said, "He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father. And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son." He has gone to the Father, but what kind of works are being done? How many believe He went to prepare a place for the pure and holy only? They expect Jesus to be kind and loving to their loved ones though they do all the works of the flesh and bear no fruit of the Spirit (Gal. 5:14-23). They say, "Nobody can, nor believes one can, live without sin. Why preach the truth to others? they will not believe nor obey it. They want something nice. Why anoint and pray for the sick? God does not heal, and they remain sick." Do we believe God has chosen us to bring forth fruit that remains (John 15:16) and

pray like one of old, "Give me Scotland or I die" and hold on until the revival comes and God is glorified in His children?

Young people say life with Jesus is too tame. They want something exciting and thrilling like the rodeo. But what could be more thrilling than Paul fighting with beasts (1 Cor. 15:32) and Daniel sleeping in the den of lions? They want money, but who has riches compared to King Solomon's (2 Chron. 1:12)? They pride themselves in running from the officers of the law, but David had some thrilling experiences while fleeing from King Saul (1 Sam. 18:1; 2 Sam. 1:27). They like the cold and rain, sleep under bridges, but refuse to consider walking with Jesus who had not where to lay his head (Matt. 8:20). The only thing I see tame about salvation is what Jesus tames.

Jesus said, "All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world" (Matt. 28:18-20). What more could we ask for? God's eyes are searching this earth (2 Chron. 16:9) to find someone who will let Him work through them to help humanity. Would you qualify if He chose you?

Who will volunteer to live years without sin in Egypt's dungeon (isolated), returning good for evil as Joseph did, in order to be next to the king (minister), and let God use you to give bread (preach the Word) in time of famine (Amos 18:11) to the hungry (sinners) and care for the brethren (saints), or go through the fiery furnace to change the king's word and save our country from Communism, or defy the angry mob, go in the lions' den and save our youth from Marijuana, heroin, and such like?

—Laura H. Birden.

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LOVE IS—

Slow to suspect—quick to trust.  
Slow to condemn—quick to justify.  
Slow to offend—quick to defend.  
Slow to expose—quick to shield.  
Slow to reprimand—quick to forbear.  
Slow to belittle—quick to appreciate.  
Slow to demand—quick to give.  
Slow to provoke—quick to concilate.  
Slow to hinder—quick to help.  
Slow to resent—quick to forgive.  
For Love's Baptism, let us plead and pray.—Sel.

## CORRESPONDENCE

Mo.—Dear saints of God and readers of "Faith and Victory" paper,—By the help of God I write this little testimony of how the dear Lord healed me when I came back from Monark Springs campmeeting. I do not know what it was, but the dear Lord knew. I was suffering so I thought of what Jesus said when he was suffering: "My God, my God, why hast thou

forsaken me?" But the dear Lord is a present help in time of need. His precious promises are sweet to his trusting children. O, there is nothing so wonderful as to be a child of God and have that sweet peace in our souls. I had Bro. Ed Whipple to send a message to Faith Publishing House for prayer. The dear Lord healed me. Then my mouth became very sore. It seemed like little blisters. The dear Lord healed my mouth. Live or die, my trust is in God; for if the dear Lord wants us to go home to be with him, it is far better, or if he has some more work for us to do he will heal us and help us to work on.

O, we see so many precious souls unconcerned about their precious souls. Oh, the horrors of hell! (16th chapter of Luke). O, the home Jesus has gone and prepared for them that love him. I love Jesus and the dear saints of God and every precious soul. So many precious souls are going to a devil's hell. That is all the old devil has for them who die in sin unprepared to meet God in peace. People who go to a devil's hell send themselves there. God's Word tells us to pray for more laborers. Truly, the harvest is great and laborers are few.

O, how I did love to hear the precious truth and enjoy the good meeting at Monark Springs! It was wonderful, and precious souls were saved, sanctified, and bodies healed. Praise the dear Lord!

Pray for me, for there is much to do for Jesus. The dear Lord has shown me some precious souls whom he has helped me to win to him and they have gone to the glory world. When I was first saved over or about thirty-five years ago an old lady was sick. I visited her, read and prayed, and she got saved and went to the glory world. She was a Methodist before she got saved. I did not want the Methodists to preach her funeral. A sweet voice said to me: "They can't hurt her soul now." O Jesus is so precious! We serve a mighty God. Sister Mary Whitmore

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Calif.—Dear saints, Greetings to all,—I have thought for some time that it would be to the glory of God to send my testimony to the "Faith and Victory" paper, how God so wonderfully healed my husband of cancer of the lungs after several months of illness—he hemorrhaged for three weeks steady almost day and night. In the after part of the night (it was Saturday about 1 o'clock) it was so severe he could scarcely breathe. The blood coming up in his throat would strangle him—it seemed like as much as a cup of blood at one time. He began to see the seriousness of his condition and began to search his life. At one time he said: "What a pity that I have wasted my life instead of being in God's service." Shortly after our marriage when we met the saints he had the call to preach, but failed to obey the Lord—became slack. It seemed he could not keep saved very long at a time. He thought with our large family he had to go ahead and farm and work to support them, and neglected the Lord's work—sad but true.

One morning he was worrying over his condition and said to Ebert: "Son, I want you to take me up to town and get an X-ray if I possibly can go." The next morning we got the return from the X-ray. Ebert came in very sad. Husband said, "What did it show, Son?"

Ebert said, "Dad it showed you have congested lungs." I saw Dad wanted to know more about it, so I asked what the X-ray did show. Ebert said, "Mother, oh cancer! One lung is already gone and the other one-half gone." He said it looked like a cobb webb, real hollow, only a few streaks. I felt Dad should know what it was, so I

told him it was cancer. He just cried like a baby and said, "I know God can heal me!" He held his hand high and kept saying, "God can heal me." Seeing his faith so steady really encouraged my faith. I said, "Yes, Dad, we know God can heal you."

My daughter had been caring for him day and night. She became so distressed and worried that she just fainted by his bed side. I asked her to please go home and rest, and said I would sit there by him and everything would be all right. Dad and I just spent the entire day praying. About four o'clock in the evening he said, "Let's pray one more time." We prayed and he seemed perfectly satisfied, saying there was not one thing in the way. Bro. Robinson had been coming to see him almost every evening. This evening when he came he asked, "How are you, Bro. McKinney?" and shook hands. Dad answered, "Brother Robinson, I've got genuine salvation." How we did rejoice and cry for joy. I told him there was not one thing to hinder him from being healed. We prayed and it seemed all heaven just came down over us. Distress, heart-aches, sadness all went. At that moment I knew God had given me the evidence that he was healed. He started that song, "Although I fall asleep I shall wake eternally In His likeness with his great salvation. Happy in the Saviour, I am happy in the Lord." For quite awhile we just praised the Lord and rejoiced. I said, "Dad, the work is done." He answered, "I know it."

For his supper he had boiled eggs, one pork chop, crackers, and milk. When six o'clock came he was sound asleep—slept two and one-half days and nights. Once in a while he would clear his throat and spit in a vessel. There was not a trace of blood any more. He said, "Thank God there is no more blood." The odor left instantly. Before he was healed if you just opened the door that awful odor was nauseating. We changed his bedding. When it was all out, there was no more odor. It is marvelous how God healed. He went to the kitchen to eat. He left his bed room and went out on the front porch to see it rain two or three days after he was healed.

The young doctor that went through high school with Ebert could not understand why his hemorrhaging stopped and how he could go to the kitchen for his meals. He said, "Ebert, your father had a strange case." After Husband passed away with heart trouble and hardening of the arteries this doctor came to Ebert and said, "If your mother will sign this paper for me, I will perform an autopsy free just for my own satisfaction." I signed it. This is what he sent to me: "I find no trace of cancer on either lung.—Dr. Druary" Praise the Lord forever.

—Sister McKinney.

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Kansas—Dear saints,—I feel it would be pleasing to the Lord for me to add my testimony. As you all know, the Lord has certainly worked mightily, and in His own way, in my behalf. I could never thank or praise Him enough.

About three years ago, I believe it was, the devil took possession of my soul and persuaded me to cut my hair, leave home, refuse my dear family and the saints, all against my will. I was a helpless prisoner in the hands of the devil.

Right away I was committed to a mental hospital where the old devil had complete possession of my soul, actions, and speech. Several times the devil tried to make me kill myself, but that the dear Lord would not allow. Many times the devil caused me to be locked in a tiny seclusion room where he would make me inflict wounds upon myself until doctors and aides would unlock the

door to give me heavy sedations (dope), and restrain me to my bed with heavy straps. It is surely through the mercy of our precious Saviour that I am alive today.

I realize that many tears were shed and many prayers ascended to the throne of Grace in my behalf. Praise the dear Lord for answering prayer.

February 11, 1956, the Lord allowed me to escape the hospital, but the devil wouldn't let me come home until 17 days were wasted in the foolishness of the world. March 7, 1956, Mother and Daddy laid hands on me and really rebuked the old devil until we got victory and he left me. Praise His holy name! There was much rejoicing in our home that day. The authorities came into our home Tuesday, April 3, 1956 and took me to the Olathe jail. But the Lord gave me sweet peace within and I had my trust and life completely in His dear hands. So I knew no harm could befall my soul.

The next morning Mother and Daddy were allowed to take me to the hospital instead of the police (one of the many answers to prayer). Now I am allowed to be home every Thursday night until Sunday night. I truly thank the Lord tonight for being saved, sanctified, and baptized. I was sanctified and baptized at Monark campmeeting July, 1956. I certainly am thankful for being allowed to attend campmeeting. It was so precious to me.

I want to take this opportunity to thank the many precious saints for their great concern and many tearful prayers for my poor lost soul. I certainly love every one of you. One thing I am really thankful for is my family. Daddy, Mother, Alta Mae, Bob, Carol, and I are all saved, sanctified, and baptized and determined to go on for our precious Saviour.

I still need your prayers that I may be released from the hospital soon, because I feel my work there is finished. We can never praise our precious Saviour enough.

My only advise to the saints is this: always stay so close to the Lord that the devil cannot possibly interfere.

Pray for us.

Your little sister in Christ, Dorothy Jean Harmon

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Louisiana—To the saints everywhere I want to tell how the Lord has had mercy upon me and dealt with me.

For about five weeks I had been having an intermittent hurting down the center of my chest which sometimes extended down into my left arm. Three times it was severe enough that I had to be in bed for a day or two and had to call my husband home from work. Then on Wednesday, May 9, my chest had hurt down the center very bad all day. I felt too tired and ill to go to prayer meeting that night, but felt our presence was needed and determined we would go anyway. After returning home from service and going to bed I was stricken with a severe attack and was near death. My husband called his mother and dad to come over and pray. The Lord undertook for me and I slept through the night, and it seemed I would be all right. During the attack we had a long distance call from Oklahoma that my uncle had just died with a heart attack.

The next morning my husband left for work at 6:15 since I seemed to be doing well enough. About twenty minutes later I had another attack. I was unable to get out of bed to get to the telephone, but my three-year-old son awakened just at that moment and I told him to go next door and tell our neighbor that I was sick and to come. She came at once and called my husband and Mother and Dad Carver. They arrived at the same time and began to pray earnestly for me; and God, who is always faithful, blessed me again.

Through the days ahead I would have had sinking spells but God always came to our rescue and sustained us. I was near death and grew worse it seemed every day. The saints here felt the need of help in prayer and several long distance calls to different places and saints were made. All the time that I was so sick I felt an assurance that God was willing to spare my life—even raise me from the dead if sometime I should slip away before the saints could pray or before they were aware. I was so weak I was just a faint heart's beat or a breath from death.

It was difficult to care for me, and it was decided a hospital bed should be rented. I had to be fed, I couldn't sit up, and I could barely turn over. I couldn't speak above a whisper. I do not have the capacity of words to tell the feeling of that desperate weakness. I can only thank our God for helping me through it.

On Tuesday evening, May 15, they brought a hospital bed and mattress. When Mother and Dad Carver and Sister Ruth Murphey came in they fell on their knees immediately and began to call on God earnestly for me. I was very bad at the time. As each one led in prayer I clung to every word, looking for hope that there might possibly be in the promises from the Scriptures that they quoted. Some Scriptures already quoted before in prayers had stuck in my heart: "They shall lay hands on the sick and they shall recover"; "If ye abide in me and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will and it shall be done"; "If ye ask the Father anything in my name, I will do it." And now as they prayed: "Cursed be the man that trusteth in man, and maketh flesh his arm, (but) blessed is the man that trusteth in the Lord, and whose hope the Lord is." My soul was crying out for verification of the Lord's promises and I rose up on one arm interrupting their prayer: "Why can't I have that NOW? Why can't I be healed now."

Mother answered so sweet and calm: "You can if you have faith to believe it."

I lay back down and prayer continued. The prayer by that time seemed so long. My heart and soul were reaching out for that promise of healing and I thought I would be healed if they would only hurry and get thru. Dad Carver was praying and the words came through: "Thy word is forever settled in heaven." I raised up and interrupted them again, but this time it was with an exclamation of "God has healed me!" Praise and thanksgiving began to ring forth in that little room from every one. We were joyful, and how thrilling to our hearts it was to praise and thank God and give him honor and glory and blessing. I had breath to shout aloud now when a few minutes before I could hardly speak. They had prayed that I might be given strength to be moved somehow onto the hospital bed, but we had no need for that bed. Thank the Lord, I didn't have to even be across that bed.

Sister Ruth Murphey was just passing through Shreveport to visit her family in Missouri, but she said God didn't let her go on before coming to help pray.

Christ is still our great Physician. We trust in no other.  
—Genevieve Carver.

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Calif.—Dear saints,—I feel impressed to tell of God's goodness to me. I am very thankful to be saved from sin and sanctified. I am encouraged to press on for God, for He is so good to me. We sing a song, "He is so good to me I cannot tell it all." I do not think any of us can tell it all. I am glad to be saved and glad I have a mind to live for God in such a time as this. I am glad for all the saints and send greetings to all in the name of our Lord

Jesus who loves us all. I want all the saints to pray for me that I will keep living for the Master and work on.

Mother Motley

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Colo.—Dear readers of "Faith and Victory" paper,—I thank God for touching my body and enabling me to attend most of the meeting at Monark Springs. It was heavenly to meet with the dear saints and hear the gospel messages straight from the throne of God. How we should appreciate God's true ministers who do not shun to declare the whole counsel of God in these perilous times. One sermon was worth the long trip. The prayer meetings and testimonies were very encouraging. A sister who shared my cabin was quite sick most of the time, and in caring for her I took the virus and was sick all the way home and for almost three days afterward. Whenever I would take a little water or milk it would immediately start cramping and pains. I could get very little rest and was losing weight and becoming weak in body. Friends said, "Get the doctor." God said, "Apply your anointed handkerchief." When I applied it with prayer, God instantly touched my body and the cramping and pains ceased. I knew God had healed me. From that moment I have been able to drink and eat without suffering, and am gaining my strength. Praise God! He is just as willing to heal us as when He was here in person. I would gladly suffer any time just to hear His voice and feel his healing touch. By his grace I mean to live closer to Him, where I can hear His gentle whispers. I thank all for your prayers and still need prayers for my loved ones and myself that I may know and do God's will. E. C. Johnson

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Calif.—In the 14th chapter of St. John we read, "Let not your heart be troubled; ye believe in God believe also in me." Those are Jesus' words. Oh, how wonderful to believe in our Father whose all-seeing eye is watching over us day and night and He never fails to supply our needs. I can praise Him for his healing power. In March I could not lie with my left ear on the pillow because of a roaring and singing in my ear. I prayed and the dear Lord healed it. Then I had a hacking cough and he healed it in answer to prayer. Glory to His name, he is so precious to me. He keeps the joy bells ringing in my heart every day. I am saved, sanctified, and kept by the power of God.  
—Claudia Sidener.

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W. Va.—Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,—I am glad to tell the world that I am saved and I pray for the deepest experience that God has to offer.

I want to tell the world of His wonderful healing power. On Nov. 6, 1955 I gave birth to a son and following it on Nov. 9th I had a minor operation then a major operation because of some complications. I was in a very weak condition. The doctors had no hope for my recovery and all my family gathered in the hospital. The next week I was not permitted visitors. Prayer was requested all around for me and on Nov. 13th prayers were answered. God touched my body in a marvelous way and I was released from the hospital. Five weeks later I started taking care of my children and home. Only such strength could come from God. The nurses and doctors were amazed at my speedy recovery. Thank God, I feel better than ever. I am so thankful that God saw fit to spare me to come home to my three sweet children and good (but unsaved) husband. I pray that I'll rear them in the right way, and that God will save my husband and heal his ulcerated stomach.

I also want to testify to another outstanding healing.

I had a breast infection which the cancer clinic and several doctors said they had never seen anything like. The flesh was partly eaten out and it caused misery and pain for about five years. Thank God, the flesh is healed over and I have very little trouble with it. Pray that God will make my body completely whole. I know that He can heal anything. I am so thankful for a praying mother, sisters, and brothers, in-laws, and friends. I pray that God will keep my faith strong and also give me strength physically and spiritually. My greatest desire is to live closer and do God's will. Phyllis Kinzer

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Ala.—Dear saints,—Greetings in the name of Jesus. I thank the Lord this morning for what he means to me. I am saved with a determination to go all the way with Him. I thank the Lord for the wonderful way that he answers prayer. Just a few days ago my little grandchild's arm was swollen. She would scratch it and it would become infected. I knew the Lord could heal it so I began to talk to Him about it. I told Him that if He would heal it I would testify to it. That was on Friday night. Praise the Lord, the next morning the swelling was almost gone. I just kept asking the Lord to heal it and before the day was gone her arm was normal.

I am asking the saints to pray for my strength in the Lord. I also have an unspoken request. Pray that the Lord will straighten things out. A sister, Alma Lathan

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Pa.—Dear saints, Greetings in the name of Jesus,—I thank the Lord for all of His blessings to us. About two weeks ago I had an awful pain in my body and I suffered that way for about a week. I told the Lord if he would heal me of it I would testify through the "Faith and Victory" paper. The Lord touched my body the next day and I haven't felt it since. Bless His sweet name.

I have an unspoken request and ask the saints' prayers. Remember my loved ones in prayer that they will be saved before it is too late. Pray for the healing of my mother also. May the Lord bless each one is my prayer.

Christian love,

Avis Tinsley.

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Cayman Island,—Dear readers of the "Faith and Victory" paper. I can truly thank and praise my Saviour for saving my soul. I am also happy to report victory in my soul over sin and the devil. I know the Lord has saved and sanctified my soul and my prayer to him is that He will give me grace to stand firmer on His promises and move and go forward for him until I see Him in glory one sweet day. Praise His holy name for ever. Please pray for me. Please do this for me while I thank you. I now will close with love and best wishes, hoping to hear from you soon. God bless you. Naldie Scott, Creek P. O. Bluff, Cayman Brae. B. W. I.

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Mo.—Dear Bro. Pruitt and Workers,—Greetings in our blessed Redeemer's name. Truly He is precious to my soul. He has preserved me both body and soul thus far. I truly thank Him for all blessings bestowed. Surely they are without number.

I have been very ill and the Lord touched my body. Not realizing that I was overtasking my strength one day I did too much. That night I had an heart attack or nervous collapse or something like that. The Lord blessed and spared and healed but the devil tried to make me fear another attack. I am weak and it naturally makes my heart pound. When it would start that fear would come. I began to pray for more perfect love "because perfect love casteth out fear." 1 John 4:18.

Surely the dear Lord did bless and now I have the victory. Oh! how precious He is, and His ways past finding out. I have learned so many precious lessons during my illness that I could not have learned any other way. I surely thank Him for it. I desire to sink deeper and grow stronger in the Lord. Tho it takes trials and tests of all kinds it is worth all of it, for that is when God is so near. I think of the three Hebrew children how the Lord walked right beside them in the fiery furnace. So it is when we are tried He is right beside us. The song says, "No matter what happens He will care for me \_\_\_\_\_, By His mighty hand He'll enable me to stand, No matter what happens to me." Praise the dear Lord. So, saints of God, look up; for God is God and is still ruling and will always rule. So if God be for us, who can be against us? Praise the Lord for His great love and care for us.

Keep true and pray for me that I will ever be his faithful child. Mrs. Lavern Moles.

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Mo.—Dear Saints: Greetings in Jesus' name.—Page 136 in our song book is a part of my testimony. The Lord impressed me to write my testimony through the "Faith and Victory" paper. When God wants us to do something for Him, we better be up and doing our Father's business. The Lord has blessed me in so many ways through all of my sickness. I just can't thank him enough. Bless his holy name. I just feel happy all the time for I know the Lord has spared my life for a cause. I had a nervous breakdown. The Lord helped me through that, and then my heart gave away. I am still praying for the Lord to touch my heart and give me a heart so I can work for Him.

A few weeks ago I had a very bad cold and very severe coughing spells. Again the Lord healed my body. In this spell of sickness the Lord showed me what he wanted me to do. I guess I was in a vision. It seems I was lying there all alone, but I had been watching something hanging on the wall. It was a most beautiful sight to see. About that time a shadow came in behind me. It was "Jesus." I asked Him what that bright light was. He said, "It's your crown." I said, "It sure is pretty." I asked Him if I could take it back home. He said in such a kind voice, "Not now, you can have it when you come home, but you have some more work to do before you can have it." Dear ones, pray for me that I do God's will in all things and my hands will not be idle. I am surely wanting to win that prize that is awaiting my coming.

A sister in Christ,

—Mrs. H. A. DeCoq.

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Okl.—Dear People in Christ:—Just a little testimony to tell you what God has done for me. I shut a car door on my own fingers and cut them awfully bad on both sides of two fingers. My sister was with me. I thought she was going to faint just seeing them. I wasn't the least faint and I asked God to give me strength to bear the pain. We weren't far from home. When we got there I bandaged my fingers up. I was praying all the time for God to heal them. Thank the Lord! They didn't get bad and not near as sore as one would think. Several of my neighbors wanted to take me and have the cuts sewed up. My faith in God said, "NO!" It has given me more faith than I had before. I pray that this will help some one else to trust God more. I know there is nothing impossible for him to do.

Pray for me that I can live nearer to the Lord each day. Respectfully, a reader who loves the Lord.

Oklahoma—Dear precious Saints and the readers of the "Faith and Victory" paper,—It is with much love in my heart that I send greetings in our Savior's name. I surely thank the Lord for the many blessings He bestows upon me. My heart is full of praises unto Him.

As I have been meditating on the blessings of the Lord and just what He means to me, I felt an urge in my soul to write my testimony. The Lord has done wonderful things for me and I find His promises still true. I know He will never leave me nor forsake me as long as I trust in Him and do His will.

By the help of the Lord, I want to write a little about that wonderful peace and contentment we have in Him. I wouldn't want to exchange the peace I have for anything the world has to offer. Isaiah 26:3 says "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee." Our perfect peace comes when we keep our minds on the Lord and trust in Him. The world cannot experience perfect peace because they neither keep their minds on Him nor trust Him. I was made to realize the value of peace and contentment today more than ever before.

As I conversed with my foreman in the past, he has made remarks that let me know he could see a difference in my life and his. Today he came to my desk and told me to get ready for an operation. He was seated in a chair beside my desk. I looked at him and asked him what kind of an operation I was to prepare for. He then stated that he wanted someone to perform an operation that would transfer just half of the peace and contentment I had, to his anatomy. I hesitated then answered that I could tell him how to get more than my half would be (meaning he could have a complete supply and I could retain all that I had too). His reply was "How's that?" I then informed him that my peace and contentment came from someone else. He said he understood what I meant, but I wonder if he really understood the depths of what it takes to have real peace and contentment. It encouraged my heart, to know that others looking on can tell who has that wonderful peace and contentment that only our Saviour can give. I'm so glad I have learned the secret of abiding in Him and trusting Him for all things.

Again in Isaiah 32:17-18 we read, "And the work of righteousness shall be peace; and the effect of righteousness quietness and assurance forever. And my people shall dwell in a peaceable habitation, and in sure dwellings, and in quiet resting places." Jesus spoke the following words, "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you." John 14:27. How thankful I am for these precious words establishing the fact that we are a peaceful people when our life is surrendered to him.

This afternoon the first verse of the song "Constantly Abiding" has been ringing in my heart. "There's a peace in my heart that the world never gave, a peace it can not take away; Tho the trials of life may surround like a cloud, I've a peace that has come there to stay!" I thought of the recent experiences of having some stern unkind words spoken to me, but still my heart loved the souls of the ones speaking and that peace and contentment just lived right on. Oh, I do thank the Lord for peace in my soul. I'm satisfied in Jesus and find He's all I need. Much more could be written about peace and contentment, but I trust these words will be a blessing to others. Words cannot express the happiness I find in serving the Lord.

Pray for me that I may be found doing His will.  
Your blood washed sister, Lois Jane Whipple.

## Obituaries

Dietrick Luehring was born February 24, 1876 in Esperka, Germany, and came to the United States while still a young man. He married Emma Mueller Jan. 24, 1900 in Kansas. They moved to Brownsville, Oregon in 1928 where he was a farmer until his retirement. He passed away the morning of July 27, 1956.

He is survived by his wife; four daughters: Mrs. Augusta Taylor and Mrs. Elizabeth Smith of California, Mrs. Bertha Kelly of Portland, Ore., and Mrs. Elsa Morford of Lebanon; five sons: August of Vorrallis, Ore., John of California, Louis of Eugene and Ernest of Lebanon, Ore., Edwin of Sweet Home; one brother: Louis of Kansas; one sister: Mrs. Alvina Fegtmeyer of Germany; thirty-three grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Bro. Luehring was converted into the Church of God in 1907. A short while before his death he sang in German: "I know my name is written there" with increasing strong voice. At last his voice faded away, ending in "Praise the Lord." He died with a faint smile.

Bro Luehring has been a cripple for a number of years in his knees. He attended campmeeting at Jefferson and partook of the ordinances. The Lord answered prayer and gave him an easy passing. Services were held at Lebanon by A. E. Harmon and Verl Kliever. Text: Eccl. 3; Theme, "Time."

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James D. McCaskill was born in Aberdeen, Miss., Nov. 1, 1879, died in Shreveport, La. June 16, 1956, age 76 years, 7 months, and 15 days. He was married to Jewell Dodd Mar. 3, 1916. To this union three children were born. Glen Travis and Douglas preceded him in death. He leaves his wife, Jewell; his daughter, Mrs. Wanda Laprezioso; and three grandchildren of Sacramento, Calif.

I was privileged to visit and pray with him for several months before his death. He was laid to rest near Lena, La. Funeral services by the writer, C. C. Carver.

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### SEVENTY YEARS OF MARRIED LIFE ENDED.

Brother Simon P. Post was born May 1, 1861 near Jerseyville, Ill.

Sister Fannie A. Post was born Sept. 10, 1868 in Amazonia, Mo. They were united in marriage April 25, 1886. To this union was born two sons and three daughters.

They came to Logan County, Okla. in 1889 and settled on a claim between Lovell and Marshall, later moving to the home address 1720 East Springer, Guthrie, Oklahoma, in 1939.

On April 25, 1956 they celebrated their seventieth wedding anniversary.

They were both saved in 1893 under the ministry of Brother George and Sister Mary Cole. They lived a very loving and devoted pair of lives to the end.

Sister Post departed this life July 6, 1956 at the age of 87 years 8 months and 26 days.

Brother Post departed this life only four days later on July 10 at the age of 95 years, 2 months and 9 days.

They were preceded in death by one son, and one daughter. They leave to mourn their passing, one son, Edd Post, near Lovell, Okla.; two daughters: Mrs. Melden Bryan, Newkirk, Okla. and Mrs. Mary Canady, of Bellflower, Calif; ten grandchildren and sixteen great-grandchildren; also Sister Post's sister, Mrs. Luda Mae Peters, of Oklahoma City, Okla. and a host of other relatives and friends.

Brother and Sister Post leave behind very precious memories, to all who knew them, where ever they lived.

Lord I will labor on and pray,  
While I have life and health from Thee.  
I'm sure that I can do no more,  
Dear Lord when death shall call for me.

But then why should I be afraid  
Or fear to cross the foaming sea?  
He who stilled the storm one day,  
Will speak when death shall call for me.

In loving memories, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Dilley.  
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Winfred Kenneth Brown, was born April 11, 1925 died August 4, 1956. He leaves to mourn his passing, his father and mother, his wife Maxine, two daughters Beverly and Brenda, two brothers and a host of friends and relatives.

Bro. Brown had a lingering illness. He came to the Midway Camp Meeting and decided to go all the way with the Lord. He then attended the Monark Springs Camp Meeting. He made many friends at these meetings. Many earnest prayers went up for him but God saw fit to take him to Himself.

Funeral services conducted by C. C. Carver, the writer, and Sister Ruth Murphey.

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Joan Elizabeth Hall, daughter of Douglas and Nyda Hall, was born August 26, 1950 and died August 3, 1956, age 5 years, 11 months, 8 days. She leaves to mourn her passing, her parents; a sister, Alice; a brother, James Douglas; her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Nichols, and Mrs Maud Hall; as well as a host of relatives and friends.

Little Jo Beth became ill last April with a facial paralysis. The Lord cleared it up in about three weeks, contrary to the doctors prediction of one or two years. But other afflictions came and Bro. Hall was charged with criminal negligence, because they didn't resort to medical aid. Jo Beth was taken by force to the hospital where she died four days later. Bro. Hall is under bond and may be charged with manslaughter and tried in courts. However the doctors have declared she had an incurable kidney affliction and they could not help her.

She was laid to rest in the Saint's cemetery near Loranger, La. Funeral services by the writer assisted by Bro. Max Williamson, C. C. Carver.

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Eugene Hayes was born in Louisiana, Feb. 4th, 1882, and passed away at Watonga, Oklahoma June 8, 1956 at the age of 74 years, 4 months, and 4 days. He was the son of Mack and Sarah Hayes. In 1903 he was married to Louise Moore at Jonesboro, La. To this union 8 children were born. His wife and two children preceded him in death. At an early age he professed a hope in Christ, and united with a church. At the time of his passing he was a member of the Church of God of Okeene, Okla. In 1908 Bro. Hayes moved to Boley, Okla. and in 1925 to Blaine County, Okla.

He is survived by three sons; Henry and William Hayes of Tucson, Arizona, and Jessie of Pacoima, California; three daughters, Mrs. Sarah Fulmer of Fay, Okla., Mrs. Katie Fulmer of Maderia, California, and Mrs. Josephine Jackson of Chandler, Arizona; three sisters, Mrs. Bessie Villila of Tucson, Arizona, Mrs. Synthia Darkus of El Centro, Calif., and Mrs. Samathia Eves of

Meeker, Okla.; 26 grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren; and other relatives and friends.

Burial was made in Sun Set Cemetery 10 miles west of Watonga. Sermon by Bro. Ulysses Phillips. Text: Job 14:1-2, John 14:1-3 and other scriptures. May God comfort those that mourn.

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Thomas Daniel Short, son of Zoner Frank and Ada Ward Short was born June 21, 1925, died July 7, 1956. He leaves his wife, Betty, and daughter Faith deLee, his parents, three brothers and 10 sisters besides a great number of relatives and friends.

On December 21, 1946 he was united in marriage to Betty Myers.

His funeral was conducted at the Saint's Chapel in Oak Grove community near Loranger, La. by C. C. Carver.

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Brother Charles B. Cooper was born in Kansas, June 11, 1885 and departed this life July 5, 1956 at Okla. City, Okla.

He was married to Miss Ollie Harper in December 1908. To this union was born three children — two passing away as infants.

The bereaved are his wife Ollie; one daughter, Mrs. Texal Petty; two grandchildren of Okla. City, Okla.; one sister, Mrs. Cordelia Smith of Independence, Mo.; two brothers, John Cooper of Fort Smith, Ark. and George Cooper of Cheyenne, Okla. and other relatives and friends.

He was faithful until the end. He talked of a better home that was waiting for him.

Funeral services were conducted by Carlos Jones.

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Martha Holdeman was born August 19, 1882 to Alpheus and Elizabeth Holdeman. She was united in marriage to Henry G. Pletcher July 1, 1902.

She was converted in 1906 and was a minister for 30 years. She lived close to God through life and was always ready to do for others in preference to herself. She departed this life on June 5, 1956.

She leaves to mourn her departure one sister, Linda Esters of Okla. City; one brother, Bill Holdeman, Perryton, Texas; three daughters: Mrs Paul Gibson, Mrs. Ezra Gibson and Miss Ruth Pletcher all of Springfield, Missouri; six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren, and a host of relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held at Rainey's Chapel of Springfield, Mo. and burial was in East Lawn Cemetery.

Services were conducted by O. C. Porter of Guthrie, Okla. Text used: 1 Cor. 13:9-13 and 2 Cor. 5:1.

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Susan Ann Fletcher born October 21, 1882, died Mar. 29, 1956, age almost 74 years. Sister Fletcher loved the saints and the truth. She was in several campmeetings, and dearly loved the campmeetings. She made many friends among the saints. We mourn her passing but rejoice to know her sufferings are over.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Dear Saints:—Greetings in Jesus' dear name:—I am writing a prayer request for the paper. I have been having cramping and vomiting spells. I want help in prayer that God can be glorified. I will praise him for it all just as God's will be done. A sister in Christ, Esther Dickey.

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Greetings to the Saints:—I have some afflictions. I want the Lord to heal me of the Stipes that I have

had ever since I was a child. I have been anointed several times but it seems like I need more faith. Pray for my faith to be increased. Also pray for my eyes that I may be able to see how to read better. There is a numbness that has been in my mouth for two years. My trust is in the Lord both soul and body.

Your sister in Christ,

Lizzy Jordan.

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## BIBLE STUDY

### THE ROYAL LAW

September 2, 1956

Printed Portion: .....James 2:1-13.

James 2:1. My brethren, have not the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory, with respect of persons.

2. For if there come unto your assembly a man with a gold ring, in goodly apparel, and there come in also a poor man in vile raiment;

3. And ye have respect to him that weareth the gay clothing, and say unto him, Sit thou here in a good place; and say to the poor, Stand thou there, or sit here under my footstool:

4. Are ye not then partial in yourselves, and are become judges of evil thoughts?

5. Hearken, my beloved brethren, Hath not God chosen the poor of this world rich in faith, and heirs of the kingdom which he hath promised to them that love him?

6. But ye have despised the poor. Do not rich men oppress you, and draw you before the judgment seats?

7. Do not they blaspheme that worthy name by the which ye are called?

8. If ye fulfil the royal law according to the scripture, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself, ye do well:

9. But if ye have respect to persons, ye commit sin, and are convicted of the law as transgressors.

10. For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all.

11. For he that said, Do not commit adultery, said also, Do not kill. Now if thou commit no adultery, yet if thou kill, thou art become a transgressor of the law.

12. So speak ye, and so do, as they that shall be judged by the law of liberty.

13. For he shall have judgment without mercy, that hath shewed no mercy; and mercy rejoiceth against judgment.

Memory Verse: My brethren, have not the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory, with respect of persons. James 2:1.

Practical Truth: A true church is a democracy in which fellowship among the members is manifested in various ways.

## COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

Real love makes a person want to do something for the object of their love. In our lesson we are taught that the "Royal Law" is, "Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself." We take good care of ourselves, don't we? We like for others to be good to us, don't we? Then that is the gauge for us to go by in doing good to others. As we look upon the person that has gone deep in sin our hearts are touched because we not only see the man, but we see the soul that will be lost unless it is rescued from the clutches of the enemy. We then set to the task of trying to rescue that soul. It's not the sins we love but the soul.

Our lesson teaches us that it is a sin to have "respect to persons." That means treating one person better than another, or having a better feeling toward one than another. God looks on the heart and knows all things. We should not let education, rich or poor, race or color, station in life sway us in anyway as we look upon a person. We should love the souls of people and seek to help them. That would not mean for us to indulge in their sinful practices in order to help them. We should try to show others a better way and lead them to God. God was "not willing that any perish" and that divine love of God in us causes us to feel the same way toward everyone.

## THE SOURCE OF HUMAN CONFLICTS

September 9, 1956

Printed Portion: .....James 3:4-5; 4:1-12.

James 3:4. Behold also the ships, which though they be so great, and are driven of fierce winds, yet are they turned about with a very small helm, whithersoever the governor listeth.

5. Even so the tongue is a little member, and boasteth great things. Behold, how great a matter a little fire kindleth!

James 4:1. From whence come wars and fightings among you? come they not hence, even of your lusts that war in your members?

2. Ye lust, and have not: ye kill, and desire to have, and cannot obtain: ye fight and war, yet ye have not, because ye ask not.

3. Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts.

4. Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is enemy of God.

5. Do ye think that the scripture saith in vain, The spirit that dwelleth in us lusteth to envy?

6. But he giveth more grace. Wherefore he saith, God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble.

7. Submit yourselves therefore to God, Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

8. Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded.

9. Be afflicted, and mourn, and weep: let your laughter be turned to mourning, and your joy to heaviness.

10. Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up.

11. Speak not evil one of another, brethren. He that speaketh evil of his brother, and judgeth his brother, speaketh evil of the law and judgeth the law: But if thou judge the law, thou art not a doer of the law: but a judge.

12. There is one lawgiver, who is able to save and to destroy: who art thou that judgest another?

Memory Verse: Follow peace with all men. Hebrews 12:14.

Practical Truth: Most of the sources of human conflict are the wrong desires in unregenerate hearts.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

The source of human conflicts comes from the heart. The words we speak come from the heart. The tongue is the member of the body used by the mind to let others know what we are thinking or feel. Sometimes things are spoken through ignorance or a lack of wisdom on the speaker's part and when the person sees the wrong he should be quick to correct it. Some people say that a person might as well say a thing as to think it. I feel that is not good advice. If you are thinking a thing it is not harming anyone but you, but if you say it, it will harm those who hear it. As in past lessons, we should keep our hearts full of love for everyone and then we will only speak those things that are helpful.

Wars, fightings among you, lust, wrong desires comes from an evil heart. Ahab permitted Naboth to be killed so he could secure his vineyard. Covetousness and envy comes from a heart that is unregenerated.

God "resisteth the proud." There are many Bible characters that became exalted that God brought low. Nebuchadnezzar ate grass as an oxen until he learned that God rules "in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever he will." (Dan. 4:32) Many Bible characters who were humble were given grace, as our lesson teaches. Let us strive to be humble, submit ourselves to God, then power will be given us to "resist the devil, and he will flee from you."

CHRIST AMONG THE CHURCHES

September 16, 1956

Printed Portion: ..... Revelation 1:9-11, 17-18; 3:14-22.

Rev. 1:9. I John, who also am your brother, and companion in tribulation, and in the kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ, was in the isle that is called Patmos, for the word of God, and for the testimony of Jesus Christ.

10. I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and heard behind me a great voice, as of a trumpet,

11. Saying, I am Alpha and Omega, the first and the last: and, What thou seest, write in a book, and send it unto the seven churches which are in Asia; unto Ephesus, and unto Smyrna, and unto Pergamos, and unto Thyatira, and unto Sardis, and unto Philadelphia, and unto Laodicea.

Rev. 1:17. And when I saw him, I fell at his feet as dead. And he laid his right hand upon me, saying unto me, Fear not; I am the first and the last:

18. I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death.

Rev. 3:14. And unto the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write; These things saith the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of the creation of God;

15. I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot.

16. So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth.

17. Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with

goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked:

18. I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see.

19. As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent.

20. Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.

21. To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne.

22. He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.

Memory Verse: Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me Revelation 3:20.

Practical Truth: It is of utmost importance to us that we should continually place a proper emphasis upon spiritual things.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

Persecutions arose with vehemence against the early church of God. The apostle John was banished on the Isle of Patmos, a small rocky island not far from Ephesus. On the island God gave him a vision of things which he had seen and which are and are to come. (Rev. 1:19) In interpreting Revelation, we should keep this thought in mind.

Notice in verse nine, "your brother, and companion in tribulations." We will all suffer tribulations but should receive comfort in knowing that every person that makes it into heaven is our companion in that suffering.

The Lord's day is Sunday, the day in which our Saviour arose. On this day Jesus appeared to John and told him to write the things showed him to the seven congregations of the church in different places. Jesus was in the midst of them for their encouragement and blessings, also for their punishment and rebuke. He warned them that he would withdraw from them unless they measured up. We are glad that the Lord had a "few names even in Sardis" and in the other six which had "not defiled their garments." These with all, down through the ages, that are faithful will live with the Lord in white, which is the robe of righteousness.

THE KINGDOM TRIUMPHANT

September 23, 1956

Printed Portion: ..... Revelation 7:9-17.

Rev. 7:9. After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands;

10. And cried with a loud voice, saying, Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb.

11. And all the angels stood round about the throne, and about the elders and the four beasts, and fell before the throne on their faces, and worshipped God,

12. Saying, Amen: Blessing, and glory, and wisdom,

and thanksgiving, and honor, and power, and might, be unto our God for ever and ever. Amen.

13. And one of the elders answered, saying unto me, What are these which are arrayed in white robes? and whence came they?

14. And I said unto him, Sir thou knowest. And he said to me, These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

15. Therefore are they before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple: and he that sitteth on the throne shall dwell among them.

16. They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more; neither shall the sun light on them, nor any heat.

17. For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters: and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes.

**Memory Verse:** The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever. Rev. 11:15.

**Practical Truth:** People who are spiritually victorious in this life will share the everlasting victory of the redeemed in heaven.

#### COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

What a wonderful scene that John, the Revelator, saw in heaven. Notice that all nations, kindreds, people, and tongues stood before the great throne of God, and the Lamb, which is the Saviour, Jesus Christ. White robes are a symbol of purity and righteousness. The palms in their hands are symbols of joy as were used in the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem. John 12:13.

As we read of the shout of praise that went up, it causes our own souls to add praises with them crying, glory, blessing, thanksgiving and honor be unto our (my) God and Saviour, Jesus Christ. John saw the angels in the great throng, yet they could not thank God for redemption as the white robed throng could. Praises here in this life rise from the hearts of those who have been "born again" and I feel they will not grow less in heaven but will increase as we will have put on an immortal body and will be able to praise the Lord to the fullest. I am sure, over there, we will to the fullest extent understand more about God and our Saviour and that will bring greater praises and adoration from our hearts.

Where did this robed throng come from? The elder tell us that they came up out of great tribulations. Dear ones, let us take courage. It will be worth all the tribulations that we may go through here to be numbered among the blessed standing around the throne of God. No hunger there, no heat, no trouble, no heart aches, no tears, for "God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes." Praise the Lord!

#### THE GREAT INVITATION

September 30, 1956

Printed Portion: .....Rev. 22:1-5, 8-9, 16-21.

Rev. 22:1. And he shewed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb.

2. In the midst of the street of it, and on either side of the river, was there the tree of life, which bare twelve manner of fruits, and yielded her fruit every month: and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.

3. And there shall be no more curse: but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it; and his servants shall serve him:

4. And they shall see his face; and his name shall be in their foreheads.

5. And there shall be no night there; and they need no candle, neither light of the sun: for the Lord God giveth them light: and they shall reign for ever and ever.

Rev. 22:8. And I John saw these things, and heard them. And when I had heard and seen, I fell down to worship before the feet of the angel which shewed me these things.

9. Then saith he unto me, See thou do it not: for I am thy fellowservant, and of thy brethren the prophets, and of them which keep the sayings of this book: worship God.

Rev. 22:16. I Jesus have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in the churches. I am the root and the offspring of David, and the bright and morning star.

17. And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. and let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.

18. For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophesy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book:

19. And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophesy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book.

20. He which testifieth these things saith, Surely I come quickly. Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus.

21. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen.

**Memory Verse:** The Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely. Rev. 22:17.

**Practical Truth:** The invitation to a satisfying spiritual experience in this world, and to glorious rewards in the world to come, goes forth to all men.

#### COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

God's heart was broken when sin entered the hearts of Adam and Eve. Sin, which brings suspicion, sorrow, remorse and separation from God had entered into the human race in the beginning. But don't you hear God calling to you as he called to Adam, "Where art thou?" You that are lost in sin, come and partake of the "water of life" that is "proceeding out of the throne of God and the Lamb." It is pure and will purify your souls and make you clean from all sin. In God we find all we need, not only salvation for the soul but "healing of the nations." Praise the Lord.

The great invitation has gone out. The Spirit of God is saying, "Come." In the still hours of the night the Spirit of God whispers, "You need God, come unto Jesus now, give Jesus your life." The Bride of Christ, which is the church, says, "Come." All of God's children are pleading for you to "Come." The great call is going out to all, to "Whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely." Won't you heed the call? God wants to give you, "beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness." Ia. 61:3.

Notice we are not to add to or take away from that which is written in this book. Mrs. Marie Miles.