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### A POEM OF PRAISE

Oh, come and let us praise the Lord  
For all His wondrous ways,  
He is so good to every one—  
Oh, give Him thanks and praise.

He is so loveable and kind,  
He doeth all things well;  
He saves us from our every sin  
And keeps us out of hell.

Oh, then praise God, ye saints of light,  
Lift up your voice in praise;  
He daily loads with benefits  
All those who love His ways.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,  
To His worthy name give praise;  
Praise is comely for everyone,  
Praise our Saviour all our days.

Let everything that breathes praise God  
For all His wondrous ways,  
Praise Him every living soul,  
To His wondrous name give praise.

And when our work on earth is done  
And our time has ceased to be,  
Then our song of praise rolls on  
And on through all eternity.

—George W. Stephenson.

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### LOVED

When we feel unloved we have little purpose in life. We all want to be loved. It is natural, isn't it, to seek affection? It is good to feel that someone really cares whether we are happy or sad, well or ill, saved or unsaved. How sweet the confidence of a trusted friend . . . tender advice from a godly parent . . . the handclasp of a dear saint . . . a word of encouragement from a ministering servant of God . . . the smile of a baby . . . We belong, don't we, to those who love us?

Brethren, how much then should we belong to God? "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." Jno. 3:16.

Can we ever fathom the depths of this much quoted Scripture? God loved the world, in its wicked and sinful condition, enough to send his Son—His only Son—that those of us who believe on Him might not perish. The fact that He didn't want us to perish shows great love in our behalf, but to give us the gift of eternal life—how do you phrase that kind of love?

Think of Jesus. He gave His very life's blood for us. What supreme love divine! Regarding his life, He said, "No man taketh it from me, but I lay it down of myself." John 10:18. In Eph. 5:26, 27, "Christ also loved the church and gave himself for it, that He might sanctify and cleanse it . . . that He might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that it should be holy and without blemish."

It is evident then, that we are loved—every one of us, sinner or saint. What are we doing about it? If we spurn or ignore the greatest love heaven or earth has ever known, surely God's wrath will be poured out upon us. But "If ye keep my commandments ye shall abide in my love." "This is my commandment, That ye love one another as I have loved you" Jno. 15:10-12.

—Alberta Cook

Loved! then the way will not be drear;  
For One we know is ever near,  
Proving to our hearts so clear  
That we are loved.

Loved when our sky is clouded o'er,  
And days of sorrow press us sore;  
And still we trust Him evermore,  
For we are loved.

Time, that affects all things below,  
Can never change the heart of love He'll show;  
The heart of Christ with love will flow,  
And we are loved.

—Selected from "Streams in the Desert"  
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Dear Suffering Soldier of the Cross,

Greetings to you in the precious name of Jesus. Be encouraged to keep looking to the Lord. To wait for God, and to suffer His will, is to know Him in the fellowship of His sufferings, and to be conformed to the likeness of His Son. Let this suffering work for your good. Let it be the tool of drawing you closer to the Lord. God is never in a hurry. When we get in a condition so God can answer our prayers, He does it speedily. I am sure you have read of how Joseph of the Bible was sold into Egypt as a slave, then a lie was told on him by his mistress and he was put in prison. But through all these years Joseph kept his faith and confidence in God. He knew God would deliver him as He had made him know before he was sold that He had a special work for him to do. We too, should be like Joseph, be more careful to learn the lessons in the school of sorrow than we are anxious for the hour of deliverance. "Though he slay me, yet will I trust in him." Job 13:15. "For I know whom I have believed." 2 Tim. 1:12. "Blessed are all they that wait for him." Isa. 30:18. "Though I walk in the midst of trouble, thou wilt revive me." Psalms 138:7. "This poor man cried, and the Lord heard him, and saved him out of all his troubles." Psalms 34:6. The time came for Joseph to be delivered. The king dreamed a dream, and God caused him to let the king know that there would be seven years of plenty and then seven years of famine. Joseph suggested that the king fill storehouses with grain to feed the people in the years of famine that were to follow. The king appointed Joseph to do this, thus he was a free man again. He was able to save his own family and the lives of the Egyptians. When Joseph looked back over his life of sufferings, he told his brethren, "But as for you, ye thought evil against me; but God meant it unto good, to bring to pass, as it is this day, to save much people alive." Gen. 50:20. Do not push away the tool God is using to fit you for some higher service or to sit on a throne. God is our refiner and is sitting by and will not let the fire be any hotter than to the point where he can see His face reflected in your life.

Oh, may the Lord bless you and cause you to just yield yourself more and more into God's hands and say with Jesus, "Not my will but thine be done." Pray much and praise the Lord for each little blessing that comes your way. Talk to the Lord in your heart and let Him talk to you. God loves you and will bring you forth victorious. Never count defeat, always count victory as yours. At the end of Jesus' temptations, recorded in Matt. 4, it says the angels came and ministered unto Him. The Lord will do the same for you. Job says at the end of his sufferings that "the Lord blessed the latter end of Job more than his beginning." Job 42:12.

Dear suffering soul, keep your eyes on Jesus. Keep an Amen in your heart to all the will of God. God is fitting you for service.

Much Christian love,

Sister Marie Miles.

"Be you to others kind and true

As you would have others be to you."

## Wide Publicity Given Monark Meeting; The Church a 'Spectacle unto the World'

"Ye endured a great fight of afflictions; partly, whilst ye were made a gazingstock both by reproaches and afflictions; and partly, whilst ye became companions of them that were so used." Heb. 10:32, 33.

Spread on the front page of many newspapers across the country was the fact that a campmeeting of the Church of God was held at Monark Springs, Mo., July 20-29. (Most of the folks did not know, however, that this National meeting had been held there annually for the past 18 years, and that the well, drilled in 1946 on the 5-acre camp ground, had furnished abundance of good water up until the time of the last meeting.) The point of all this publicity was the supposition or speculation that contaminated water from a 187-foot-deep well on the ground had infected the hundreds who had attended the meeting with typhoid fever, and they in turn were spreading the disease to many states as they returned home. The newspapers followed with a "scare" campaign, sparked by misinformed doctors, and made many untrue and conflicting reports as to the number and cause of deaths in different states of those who had attended this meeting. Naturally, our readers who have read or listened to news reports are confused and want to know the truth about the situation.

Here is a factual summary up to this date—Sept. 15th.

This year, for the first time, new modern restrooms, showers and wash rooms, with properly constructed sewage and disposal systems, were built on the grounds. Plumbers in Neosho with years of experience gave advice on construction of the septic tank, etc., and competent plumbers were on the job most of the time. The septic tank is 200 feet from the well and the overflow basin is 181 feet away.

On Tuesday, July 17, Mr. F. H. Moellenhoff, Newton County Sanitary Inspector, came to the ground and took a sample of the water for testing. This was three days before the meeting began on Friday, July 20th. On the first Sunday and Monday of the meeting it rained 5 or 6 inches, which resulted in the well water being cloudy, smelled and tasted bad. The next day, Tuesday, July 24, the trustees stopped the use of the water for drinking and cooking, and for the remaining days of the meeting water was hauled from Neosho and from the farm home of Bro. Amos Porter, who has an approved water well. On the next day, Wednesday, July 25, the written laboratory report was received on the sample taken on July 17th, which stated that the well was unsafe for drinking purposes and that there was a presence of colon bacilli. However, the use of the water for drinking had already been stopped before receiving the report. On the same day, July 25, Mr. Moellenhoff took a second sample of the water and returned an identical unsafe laboratory report on the following Saturday, July 28th. If the health department had been as prompt in giving us a report on the first sample as they were on the second sample, we no doubt would have not used the water at all for drinking at any time during the meeting. The officials state that these first two samples were not tested for typhoid, and why, we do not know. The many subsequent tests of the water for typhoid germs by State and U. S. health doctors have never revealed any at all.

During the meeting the trustees, following instructions of the local health department, placed concentrated chemical dye at three possible sources of contamination, but the dye never showed up in the well. However, on

August 30th, a month after the meeting closed, Mr. Moellenhoff, under the direct supervision of several State and Federal doctors, placed one pound of Pyla-tel Fluorescent Yellow chemical in the septic tank, letting the water run into the tank for several hours. When a check was made the next morning at 10:30, the chemical color was found in the well water, which definitely points to the source of the contamination, but how and where it gets through to the well has not been determined. A Missouri District Public Health Engineer was to come to the campground this week and check the well and sewage disposal system. Possibly he would call in a State geologist to study the sub-surface rock formations for likely crevices or openings. After these examinations, then written recommendations or advice will be given to the trustees on how to correct the whole situation.

At Neosho, Mo. on Sept. 8th three of the National campground trustees—Bros. Ralph Beisly, Amos Porter, and the undersigned, along with other interested parties—met with Dr. E. A. Belden, Missouri State Director of Communicable Diseases, Jefferson City, Mo., and the Newton County health officials. We gave them detailed information on the water well and recent construction of the sewage disposal system, and discussed several theories of how the contamination reached the well. Plans were made for further study and correction of the trouble. They appreciated our desire to cooperate with them.

Dr. Belden asked us what our teaching and practice was as a church in regard to the use of doctors and medical aid, and how far we were willing to co-operate with them in matters such as blood tests. Our teaching was outlined to them from the Scriptures, and we were privileged to testify to definite cases of divine healing, and how God healed His people through the prayer of faith without the use of medicines and drugs.

We asked Dr. Belden of the cause of the death of Shirley Allen, Mansfield, Mo., who had attended the Monark meeting and died Aug. 22nd. He stated that laboratory tests showed she had typhoid fever, but terminated with pneumonia. A letter from her parents, Bro. and Sister Murphy Allen, substantially agrees with this report, and further stated that the tests were made after her passing.

Dr. Belden also stated that of all the Missouri families who had attended the Monark meeting and were contacted and tested only one existing and one suspected case of typhoid had been found as of Sept. 8. Those two are Dallas and Ovie Campbell, Diamond, Mo.

Dr. Belden definitely stated that in repeated laboratory tests of the well water no typhoid germs had ever been found, and that now they were seeking other possible sources of typhoid such as milk supplies, or perhaps a "carrier" person or persons who handled food, etc.

In response to a question, Dr. Belden replied that the affliction which seized so many during the meeting was not typhoid. Many other persons who had never attended the meeting were afflicted the same way. Evidently it was a virus or acute dysentery which might have been aggravated by the water condition at the first of the meeting, and spread rapidly.

It was pointed out by Dr. Belden that there is no danger now of any one taking the typhoid on account of being at the Monark meeting because the incubation period has already passed. The object now is to prevent the spread of the disease through proper sanitary precautions in the care of those who are now sick.

We would advise the saints to co-operate with the health officials as far as possible in preventing the spread of typhoid by observing strict sanitary rules around the

sick, and submitting to various tests where required. In the states of Missouri, Louisiana, Kansas, and California the officials have completed a program of testing all persons known to have attended the Monark meeting. So far, however, Oklahoma with the longest list of names has not taken tests in all counties, but all were contacted to see if any were sick. Those suspected were tested, and there are now six known cases of typhoid among those who attended the meeting from Oklahoma, but no deaths. (Sept. 20—More extensive investigations are being made by Drs. Trotter and Neill of the U. S. Health Dept.)

Contrary to all previous newspaper reports, there has been only one death from typhoid among all those attending the Monark meeting, and that was Shirley Allen of Mansfield, Mo. So far as is known, no one who was not at the meeting has taken the disease from those who were, and we are praying and trusting that it will not spread any farther.

Typhoid is an infectious disease which people get only by eating or drinking something contaminated by body wastes which contain typhoid germs. In 90 percent of cases the person will come down with the disease (if God does not intervene) within 3 to 14 days after taking the germ through the mouth. In some cases it may be five or six weeks later.

Fifteen persons known to have or have had typhoid since the meeting:

Ovie Campbell, Mo.—Condition improved.  
Dallas Campbell, Mo.—Condition improved.  
Cynthia Miller, Mo.—Condition recovered.  
Maxine Brown, La.—Condition recovered.  
Katherine Key, La.—Condition improved.  
Margaret Eck, Kansas—Condition improved.  
E. J. Kirchner, Minn.—Condition improved.  
David Souder, Okla.—Condition improved.  
Linda Taylor, Okla.—Condition improved.  
Pearl Johnson, Okla.—Condition much improved.  
Vernon Miles, Okla.—Condition improved.  
Dicky La Faver, Okla.—Condition recovered.  
Wes Coffey, Okla.—Condition improved.  
Charles (Chuckie) Elwell, Calif.—Condition improved.  
Eddie Ewbanks, Calif.—Condition improved.

Though the source of the typhoid is not known, the campground trustees deeply regret that anyone took sick because of the water situation (which was unknown to them) and that typhoid was contacted by anyone in attendance. The sewage disposal system was located and built in good faith, but you can be assured that the whole situation will be corrected, though it may mean the cost of drilling a new well, and that stricter precautions will be taken in the future.

—L. D. Pruitt, National Campmeeting Secy.-Treas.

### SONG BOOKS OUT OF STOCK

I regret to inform our readers that the "Evening Light" song books are out of stock. It will be several months before we shall be able to reprint and restock them for sale. If you want to send in your order for the song books to be sent to you when they are ready to ship, we shall be glad to hold the order for the books.

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Bro. Whipple of Minn., an apostle of the Indians, once said, "For thirty years I have tried to see the face of Christ in those with whom I differed." Are you doing that?

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**Editorials**

Our souls go out in praise to God who is the ruler of this universe. His eyes are in every place beholding the good and the evil. He is looking this universe over to find those whose hearts are perfect toward him that he might show himself strong in their behalf. It seems that real living faith in God is hard to be found; very few will stand true to God when the pressure is on. Many seem to be like a nut on a bolt with threads nearly worn out. God cannot depend on them to stand true and faithful, bear reproach, and suffer with Jesus in order to be genuine witnesses for Him in this professed religious world.

Since sending out the last issue of the "Faith and Victory" paper we have received many letters of encouragement. The Lord is making the contents of the paper a blessing to many precious souls. The paper is getting into new homes as it is passed from one to another and sometimes sent through the mail to friends and loved ones. Honest hearted souls love the truth and will receive it with open hearts like Zacchaeus did when he came down from the tree—it is written that he received the Lord joyfully. He opened his heart fully to the Lord, and his love was so great for his new-found friend that he said to the Lord, "The half of my goods I give to the poor, and if I have taken anything from any man through false accusation, I restore him fourfold." This was a good confession, and Jesus said at once, "This day is salvation come to this house"—he had become a son of Abraham in faith and spiritual experience.

In looking through the book entitled, "Josephus Works" we find an account of Jesus. Josephus was a Jewish Historian and wrote a history of the Jews. He made no claim of being saved, but set down facts concerning the acts of the Jewish nation. In this History we find the following words about Jesus our Saviour:

"Now, there was about this time Jesus a wise man, if it be lawful to call him a man, for he was a doer of wonderful works, a teacher of such men as received the truth with pleasure. He drew over to him both many of the Jews and many of the Gentiles. He was the Christ. And when Pilate at the suggestion of the principal men amongst us, had condemned him to the cross, those that loved him at the first did not forsake him: for he appeared to them alive again the third day as the divine Prophets had foretold these and ten thousand other wonderful things concerning Him; and the tribe of Christians, so named from him are not extinct at this day. The crucifixion date was April the 3rd, 33 A. D. The resurrection was on April the 5th."

You will notice that this historian said Jesus was a teacher of such men as received the truth with pleasure. Zacchaeus received the Lord joyfully, and it should be that way with us today. We should just embrace the whole truth and have no reserve in our heart and joyfully go on suffering with Jesus, living godly in this world. Paul says that everyone that will live godly in this world will suffer persecution. The

majority of the religious people do not know God any more than they did when Jesus came in body and began to proclaim the gospel of freedom. Therefore they ridicule, cast off, and often persecute the children of God in the world. It is written in Hebrews 13: 12, 13, "Wherefore Jesus also, that he might sanctify the people with his own blood, suffered without the gate. Let us go forth therefore unto him without the camp, bearing his reproach. For here we have no continuing city, but we seek one to come. By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to his name." When we consider the greatness of our God and the great things he has in store for the faithful, it ought to make us praise God under all the trying scenes in life. Evil-hearted men will often speak evil of you, will slander you, will scoff at you for believing all the Bible and practicing it, and some will even lie on you. All these things and many more the humble child of God will bear and suffer with joy in their souls. The apostles who were beaten and were bruised and bleeding went from the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer shame for his name. (Acts 5:41). Brethren and sisters, let us not be ashamed of Jesus in this sinful and adulterous generation of people.

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The new Miehle Printing Press was used in printing the September "Faith and Victory" paper, and it worked nicely. The motor equipment is now fixed on it. We thank the Lord that He has given this press for his work here in His print shop. It is a blessing from the Lord, and (if the Lord wills) it will be printing the gospel of salvation for years to come. It will be hard to estimate the many souls that will be saved through reading the pages of printed matter from this press.

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We have been thinking much about the condition that existed at the campmeeting at Monark Springs, Mo. this summer; not only in regards to the water supply being defiled, but also the many and divers kinds of conflicting reports which came out in the newspapers and over the radio concerning the spread of typhoid fever.

At first it was thought the well water became contaminated by some heavy rains that fell there two days after the meeting began—a seepage of surface water getting into the well. The health officer was called, and he thought there were other causes for it. However all drinking of the water was stopped before the health officer was called and water was hauled for drinking and cooking purposes. I want to say that the board of trustees is working with the health department in finding the cause and clearing away the trouble so when campmeeting comes next summer the well will be pure and uncontaminated. We do not expect this thing to occur again.

Health departments all over the country have been stirred up about the water condition there and the spreading of typhoid fever. However, a recent personal contact with the Missouri State Health of-

ficer from Jefferson City, Mo. has given us truth on the matter. He has stated that many tests have been taken of the water in the well at Monark Springs camp ground and they have not found any typhoid fever germs in it. Many conflicting reports have gone forth, also quite a few exaggerated and untrue reports have gone forth, which leaves a much darker picture than really existed. The papers and radios reported that several had died in California, Missouri, Louisiana, and Oklahoma. I wish to say that we are in touch with nearly all the saints and the ones who attended the campmeeting (by mail, also telephone), and we know of only one that has died who attended the Monark Springs campmeeting as a result of typhoid fever. However a number of typhoid fever cases have developed in different states. God has been very gracious to those thus afflicted and has rebuked fevers and healed bodies at different times, while others have been permitted to linger on for some time before healing came. I was afflicted for over a week after the meeting, and became so weak that I was unable to get to the office for two days. Some of God's ministers visited me and I asked them to obey the Scripture found in James 5:14, which reads thus: "Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord: and the prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord shall (not maybe) raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him." When they anointed me and laid their hands on me and were earnestly praying God to heal me, the thought came to me of Jesus being our High Priest who is touched by the feeling of our infirmities (Heb. 4:14, 15, 16). While they were yet praying, the Lord sent his healing power through my body, and I was healed at once. Even before they took their hands off my head, God had done the work and I had no more sickness after that day. Blessed be the name of the Lord! He is truly a healer in Zion.

God has always taught that his people should depend on him alone for their healing. When he was delivering his people out of Egyptian bondage by the leadership of Moses he said in Exodus 15:26, "I am the Lord that healeth thee." In Psalm 105:37 we read, "He brought them forth also with silver and gold: and there was not one feeble person among their tribes." When we think of the multitude that was delivered out of Egypt—over a million people—and not one of them was in a feeble condition, we can see how God cares for his own children. The Lord never did intend for his children to trust in the physicians of earth for their healing. In Chron. 16:12, 13, we read where Asa was diseased and "his disease was exceeding great and he sought not to the Lord but to the physicians" and he died. Read some preceding this and you will find that God was highly displeased with Asa because he trusted in the arm of flesh and not in God. Job said his comforters were all physicians of no value. We also have the account in Mark 5:25, 26 of the woman who was sick for many years and "had suffered many things of many phy-

sicians and had spent all she had, and was nothing bettered, but rather grew worse." When she touched Jesus she was made well at once. God does not want his people to resort to earthly remedies for healing. One man said that he would follow the Lord where-soever he went, but wanted first to go home and take care of his father and bury him. But Jesus said, "Let the dead bury the dead, but go thou and preach the kingdom of God." There are plenty of dead people walking around on the earth—people who have no living faith in God who will trust in the arm of flesh for healing, but let the fully-redeemed keep their faith and trust fully in God. When Jesus said, "Let the dead bury their dead," he meant that those living all around his father were dead in trespasses and sins, and they could take care of his father and bury him when he was dead.

Paul teaches us in 1 Timothy 6:13 that Jesus Christ made a good confession before Pontius Pilate of God, whom he said quickeneth all things. Let us turn to the latter part of the 18th chapter of John and the 19th chapter and read of his confession which he set for us as an example of one that really and truly believes in God. You can read in 19:11 the answer that Jesus gave Pilate in the conclusion of his conversation, which was after Pilate had said, "Knowest thou not that I have power to crucify thee, and have power to release thee?" Let us read Jesus' answer: "Thou couldst have no power at all against me, except it were given thee from above: therefore he that delivered me unto thee hath the greater sin." It is that way today; for the rulers of the darkness of this world can have no power over his sanctified children, only as God permits it.

Paul tells all who are saved to "put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil, for we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places."

Then he exhorts us to put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. He then tells us what the armour is composed of. Read this in the 6th chapter of Ephesians. Let us not weaken and faint in these evil days, but hold strong for God when the pressure is on and be a good witness for the Lord. According to the prophecies and the Scriptures the saints are facing much persecution, as time is closing up quite fast in this world. Some may be allowed of God to be put in jail and some may be slain for the word of their testimony. But remember, dear ones, that the rulers of the darkness of this world can do no more than is allowed of God from above. Hold to the Scripture in the 8th chapter of Romans: "All things work together for good to them that love God." Just keep loving God and witnessing for Him.

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#### NOTICE OF OREGON ASSEMBLY MEETING

The Lord willing, we the saints of Jefferson, Oregon will have our assembly meeting Nov. 9 through the 18th. The meeting will be run by free will offerings. Meals

will be served in dining hall. All lovers of the truth are invited to attend. All will be cared for.

Ministers of the Lord's choosing will be present to bring us the Word of Life.

Those coming by train come to Albany and some one will meet you if you will let us know. Those coming by Bus get off in Jefferson. The chapel is one and one half blocks from bus station on Hazel Street.

For further information write Bros. N. C. White, or Harry Davis, Stayton or Emma Busch, Scio, Oregon.

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We feel clear before the Lord to make a slight change in the subscription rates to the "Faith and Victory" paper for the convenience of the office girls in taking care of the subscription lists, and also to encourage three year subscriptions and trial subscriptions for three months.

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May God bless you each one.

—Editor.

## EVANGELISTIC REPORT

The following letter from Bro. Charles Smith is the latest report on the progress of the evangelistic tent meetings (The letter was written Sept. 13th.):

Jena, La.—Dear Brother Lawrence,—Today we greet you in the name of the Lord. Our hearts are still rejoicing in the Saviour's love. We are thankful to be numbered with the saints here on earth. It is for sure that if we are not with them here, we cannot be in long eternity. Our hearts are surely challenged by the Spirit of God for a daily nearness to the heart of God. Our ambition is to be our best for God and His cause, and we solicit your prayers that God will help us in every needed way and that our lives be accounted for good.

We, Jerry Quave and myself, returned to Huntsville, Ark. on the 25th of August where we had left the trailer and bus after the meeting. The Lord blessed us with a good day in services at the school house in the country, Upper Wharton. In the afternoon we had a baptismal service. Monday the 27th we left for West Monroe, La. We got as far as Eldorado, Ark. by midnight, went to bed for a few hours and started early Tuesday, 28th, for West Monroe. The Lord blessed us with a good safe trip, and by dark the tent was up. We started the meeting on Wednesday, the 29th. The meeting carried a good interest, and we feel there was lasting good accomplished. There was some altar work, quite a few expressed their desires for prayer, and some publicly made statements of the profit the meeting was to them. The saints from Midway and Shreveport congregations were very faithful to attend and help in the meeting. On Sundays we had all-day meeting. Sisters Lottie Joiner and Ruth Murphey were there for all the meeting. Brothers C. C. Carver and Willard Esters came all they could. The saints at West Monroe are certainly worthy of our prayers that God will raise up a good clean work there for the glory of God. The meeting closed Sept. the 9th.

We moved here to Jena, La. on the 10th. The Lord blessed us to get a good location about 14 miles out in the country, and the meeting started last night, the 12th. This is quite a thickly settled neighborhood, and it seems the interest will be good. The truth had been lived in this community years ago, and it seems there is still a deep appreciation for those saints who are now gone. This meeting will probably close the 23rd, unless the Lord specially leads to continue longer. Then we plan, Lord willing, to move to Baton Rouge, La., to start a meeting the 26th.

We would like to see more results, but it seems the time we are living in, people just will not have the Truth. The Lord has not failed us yet and we are looking to him for every need. When the actual need arises, the Lord has been faithful to be there to help.

We heard from Sister Key (Wed. 12th), and she is doing just fine, gaining fast it seems. The folks believed she was on her way out. Thank the Lord. We trust the dear ones up that way are on the mend, too. Surely, it is time for God to smite this thing.

Bro. Lawrence, we still have our standing request that the Lord will lead us by His Spirit and that qualified workers will be available for the times ahead. May God bless you and yours in your labors for Him is our humble prayer. Yours for the gleaning of souls, Charles Smith.

Since the campmeetings are over the congregation on the Sapulpa Highway will resume their custom of having All-Day Services each fifth Sunday, beginning Sept. 30th.

## CAMPMEETING REPORTS

The Hennessey campmeeting began June 1st and ended the 10th. Many saints were present from different places. The Lord wonderfully blessed the preaching of His Word and the fellowship of the saints was sweet. Everyone was encouraged. Several were at the altar of prayer seeking for spiritual help. The Lord saved some of them. Seven or eight ministers were present at various times during the meeting. A number came for the healing of their bodies. The Lord blessed in each service. He wonderfully blessed on all lines and supplied all needs, for which we thank and praise His great name.

—Sister Ada Davis, Pastor.

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The Pacoima, Calif. Campmeeting closed on Sunday night, Sept. 2nd. Several were saved, some sanctified and many were prayed for healing. God surely did meet suffering souls as they met Bible conditions. About nine or ten were baptized. A goodly number attended the meeting though the typhoid scare may have kept some away. The health authorities visited us at the camp site. We co-operated with them all we could.

Some more cabins are being planned also an ice house was discussed but no definite measures to build it were taken.

Sunday afternoon for the 2:30 service Bro. Jones gave us a lecture. He works among the dope addicts (himself having been an addict for 27 years). He had been delivered out of the clutches of heroin and other opiates. The chapel was filled to hear him. He is also a minister and seemed to believe much as we do. His lecture or message was surely real good for our younger generation who meet up with these drugs in our schools according to his reports.

The preaching during this campmeeting was truly heart searching and deepening and the teaching was truly edifying. Much of the preaching was on the same lines. The anointing of the Lord caused the Word of God to be heavenly and rich to our souls. We were made to reach out for greater things. As the campmeeting seasons are over we can sink down in meditations and digest the precious truths of the last year. —E. M. Zinn.

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The 6th annual Campmeeting here at Myrtle, Mo. has come and gone again. We prayed much for this meeting and surely the Lord did answer our prayers.

There were quite a number who attended this meeting from different states. The Lord did bless in this meeting. Several were saved, others received sanctification, and twelve were baptized. Our earnest prayer for all is keep true to the Lord in every way.

The saints are thankful how the Lord has blessed us here with a much larger dining hall. We want to thank each and every one that has helped in any way. We want to especially thank the young people. It was wonderful how they helped to carry the work on in the kitchen. We would like to say to each of you to keep encouraged and to watch and pray. Saints pray for us that we be like the Lord would have us to be in every way.

We will continue to have all day meeting the first Sunday of each month Lord willing.

With Christian love,

Saints at Myrtle.

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Greetings in the name of the Lord Jesus, to all the saints and lovers of the truth who may chance to read this. The Dover Campmeeting has come and



gone, we are thankful for the way God has blessed us, before, through, and after the meeting. We are encouraged to press on a few more days in the battle against sin and wickedness. The Lord sent forth his Word on different lines. The saints were made to rejoice. We believe there was a settling down, and reaching forth among the saints for that power and grace that will enable them to stand the trials and tests just ahead.

The meeting was not as largely attended generally as in past years for various reasons. Illness with some who had contemplated on being here, an epidemic scare, and a few other causes.

The Word seemed to be directed for the most part to the saints, as there were not very many unsaved in attendance, however the Lord gave them their portion, warning and exhorting to flee from the wrath to come. There were a dozen or more ministers present, some were only here one day, some three days and a goodly number throughout the meeting. One soul was sanctified, after listening to a minister pleading and exhorting one who had not received the experience to put on the whole armor that they might be able to stand the tests and opposition on the journey of life. The gospel standard was lifted up, the Word was close and cutting at times, but the saints came through with a hearty amen, and a decision to be true to God till life shall end.

We were glad to have three out of state ministers with us: Bro. H. Chaney of Ohio, Bro. L. Williams of Kansas, and Bro. L. Gaines of California. These were used of the Lord in expounding the Word. There was an overflowing crowd the last Sunday of the meeting, then the parting time came that brought a tinge of sadness. We closed with peace and harmony. We hope to meet again, but according to previous records we know someone will be missing. May we all live so in touch with God and each other that we will be ready for the summons.

Pray for us. Ulysses Phillips and Henry Caldwell.

#### HAMMOND AND OAK GROVE REVIVALS

The saints at Hammond and Oak Grove, Louisiana have decided not to have the usual assembly meeting this winter. They believe that a revival at either or both places, as the Lord may lead, will be more beneficial.

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#### Notice Of Thanks and Appreciation

Dear Bro. Pruitt and the Saints:—Greetings in the name of Jesus. I am writing to thank the many saints for their prayers, co-operation, and many cards. We also want to thank the saints and friends for their offerings sent us in our time of need. May God bless every one is our prayer. At this writing my wife, Katherine, is much better. We believe victory is ours, Praise God.

Your saved brother, —Bro. Ray Key.

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Okla.—To the saints everywhere,—We want to thank all of you for your prayers, telephone calls, letters, get-well cards, flowers, and gifts sent to Vernon since he has been sick with typhoid fever. It has meant more to us than you will ever know. He has been sick four weeks now, and the Lord has been very precious to us. He is gaining slowly, and we feel he is on the road to health. Continue to pray that the Lord will strengthen his body. We are glad that we were permitted to trust the Lord completely—without medical aid being forced upon us. We do thank the health department for allowing us to trust

God. They have watched the case closely. At this writing, Vernon's fever is gone. He has been very low, but the Lord saw fit to spare him to us. Surely we are serving a great God; and we feel like saying with the poet: "How Great Thou Art."

With much appreciation we remain,

Carl and Marie Miles, Carl, Jr., and Vernon.

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## Thou Shalt Love The Lord With All Thy Heart

This is a subject of the greatest importance, and should be well understood, as our Lord shows that the whole of true religion is comprised in thus loving God and our neighbour.

It may not be unnecessary to inquire into the literal meaning of the word love. To love is to act vehemently or intensely because love is always active, and will act in every possible way; for he who loves, is with all his affection and desire carried forward to the beloved object, in order to possess and enjoy it. Some interpret it to be completely at rest, or to be intensely satisfied: because he who loves is supremely contented with, and rests completely satisfied in, that which he loves. Others, that a person eagerly embraces, and vigorously holds fast, that which is the object of his love. Lastly others suppose it to be—I admire, and I rest, because that which a man loves intensely, he rests in, with fixed admiration and contemplation. So that genuine love changes not, but always abides steadily attached to this which is loved.

Whatever may be thought of these etymologies, as being either just or probable; one thing will be evident to all those who know what love means, that they throw much light upon the subject, and manifest it in a variety of striking points of view. The ancient author of a MS. Lexicon in the late French king's library, stated "A pleasing surrender of friendship to a friend:—an identity or sameness of soul." A sovereign preference given to one above all other, present or absent: a concentration of all the thoughts and desires in a single object, which a man prefers to all others. Apply this definition to the love which God requires of his creatures, and you will have the most correct view of the subject. Hence it appears, that by this love, the soul eagerly cleaves to, affectionately admires, and constantly rests in God, supremely pleased and satisfied with him as its portion; that it acts from him, as its author; for him, as its master; and to him, as its end. That by it, all the powers and faculties of the mind are concentrated in the Lord of the universe. That by it, the whole man is willingly surrendered to the Most High: and that through it, an identity or sameness of spirit with the Lord is acquired—the man being made a partaker of the divine nature, having the mind in him which was in Christ, and thus dwelling in God, and God in him.

But what is implied in loving God with all the heart, soul, mind, strength, etc., and when may a man be said to do this? 1. He loves God with all his heart, who loves nothing in comparison of him, and nothing



but in reference to him:—who is ready to give up, do, or suffer any thing in order to please and glorify him:—who has in his heart neither love nor hatred, hope nor fear, inclination, nor aversion, desire nor delight, but as they relate to God, and are regulated by him.

2. He loves God with all his soul, or rather, with all his life, who is ready to give up life for his sake; to endure all sorts of torments, and to be deprived of all kinds of comforts rather than dishonour God; who employs life, with all its comforts and conveniences, to glorify God, in, by, and through all: to whom life and death are nothing but as they come from, and lead to God. From this divine principle sprang the blood of the martyrs, which became the seed of the church. They overcame through the blood of the Lamb, and loved not their lives unto the death. See Rev. 12:11.

3. He loves God with all his strength (Mark 12:30; Luke 10:27) who exerts all the powers of his body and soul in the service of God: who, for the glory of his Maker, spares neither labour nor cost—who sacrifices his time, body, health, ease, for the honour of God his divine Master;—who employs in his service all his goods, his talents, his power, credit, authority, and influence.

4. He loves God with all his mind, (intellect) who applies himself only to know God and his holy will:—who receives with submission, gratitude, and pleasure, the sacred truths which God has revealed to man:—who studies no art nor science, but as far as it is necessary for the service of God; and uses it at all times to promote his glory:—who forms no projects nor designs, but in reference to God, and the interests of mankind:—who banishes from his understanding and memory, every useless, foolish, and dangerous thought, together with every idea, which has any tendency to defile his soul, or turn it for a moment from the centre of eternal repose. In a word, he who sees God in all things—thinks of him at all times—having his mind continually fixed upon God, acknowledging him in all his ways: who begins, continues, and ends all his thoughts, words, and works, to the glory of his name—this is the person who loves God with all his heart, life, strength, and intellect. He is crucified to the world, and the world to him:—he lives, yet not he, but Christ lives in him. He beholds as in a glass the glory of the Lord, and is changed into the same image from glory to glory. Simply and constantly looking unto Jesus, the author and perfecter of his faith, he receives continual supplies of enlightening and sanctifying grace, and is thus fitted for every good word and work. O glorious state! far, beyond this description! which comprises an ineffable communion between the ever blessed Trinity and the soul of man!

This is the first and great commandment. It is so, 1. In its **antiquity**: being as old as the world, and engraven originally on our very nature.

2. In **dignity** as directly and immediately proceeding from, and referring to God.

3. In **excellence**; being the commandment of the new covenant, and the very spirit of the divine adoption.

4. In **justice**; because it alone renders to God his due, prefers him before all things, and secures to him his proper rank in relation to them.

5. In **sufficiency**; being in itself capable of making men holy in this life, and happy in the other.

6. In **fruitfulness**; because it is the root of all commandments, and the fulfilling of the law.

7. In **virtue and efficacy**; because by this alone, God reigns in the heart of man, and man is united to God.

8. In **extent**; leaving nothing to the creature, which it does not refer to the Creator.

9. In **necessity**; being ever to be continued on earth, and never to be discontinued in heaven.

—Clarke's Commentary

### *Love Is Patient and Kind*

We may be well versed in the Bible, be able to discuss it intelligently, but unless we have the love taught in the Bible, we amount to nothing. We may zealously uphold the doctrines of the Bible, but unless we have love, it is sounding brass. A profession of faith without love is pretense, because love is essential to Christian experience.

Paul said, "Love is patient and kind" (1 Cor. 13:4, RSV). True love will change one's scheme of living. We live in a fast age, expect things to click, and when they don't, many people get tense, snappy, impatient. True love is patient and understanding. It doesn't condemn or judge. It asks, "Why did this happen? What was the cause?" It tries to understand. True love makes allowances for mistakes, shortcomings, and errors of judgment in others.

Duty, pride, the keeping of peace in the family may demand patience, but patience does not always include love. One may be patient and still be inwardly critical and resentful; he may not possess kindness.

When we allow ourselves to be harsh and critical with each other, our fellowship becomes sour. If we have love for one another, our fellowship will be rich, winning, persuasive. People will want to be a part of it.

"Love," says Paul, "is not jealous or boastful." Jealousy is a condition of one's inner life; boastfulness is an outer expression. Jealousy, which has been with us since Cain's murder of Abel, warps, embitters, and poisons human relations. Men often become secretly jealous when the life and work of others overshadow their own.

There is one perfect cure for jealousy. It is perfect love. If perfect love will cast out fear, it will remove jealousy.

When jealousy gets the best of one, his attention is centered upon himself. When love controls one, his attention is lifted from self to others and God. Real love rejoices in the achievements of other people.

Boasting is one means whereby some people try to satisfy their craving for attention and praise. Some religious folk tend to boast, to talk about their great spirituality. If we live holy lives and possess genuine love, we don't need to boast about our spirituality in

order to make others realize what we have. Won't such love speak for itself? Won't the fruits of the Spirit be evident?

"Love is patient and kind; love is not jealous or boastful" (1 Cor. 13:4). Love seeks no reward, craves no headlines, wants no recognition. It is a silent power in human life. Love is of God. —J. W. F.

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## Does The Bible Condemn The Use Of Tobacco?

We shall begin our studies by asking some questions, which if you will answer honestly in your heart, will become the first stepping stones in helping you to determine whether the use of tobacco is condemned in the Bible or not. First, is the use of tobacco unclean? (This applies to dipping and chewing). In the twenty-three years of my ministry, so far as I can remember, everyone I have asked this question have admitted that it is. Some say, "It is just an old filthy habit." I wish here to give due credit to the honesty and truthfulness of the tobacco user in admitting what they know to be true. Now the question arises, "does the Bible condemn uncleanness? The answer is found in Rom. 6:19; Gal. 5:19.

How much uncleanness does the Bible condemn? The answer is found in Eph. 5:3, "ALL uncleanness." Then if dipping snuff and using tobacco is an unclean, or filthy habit, it is wrong according to the Word of God. What does God instruct us to do about this? His instructions are very simple, clear, definite, and easily understood. His instructions are: "Touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, and will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty." "Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us CLEANSE ourselves from A-L-L FILTHINESS of the FLESH and SPIRIT, perfecting holiness in the fear of God." (2 Cor. 7:1). The Apostle James says, "Wherefore lay apart (or lay aside) A-L-L filthiness . . . and receive with meekness the ingrafted word." (Jas. 1:21). These instructions are so simple that a school child can understand them. When the word is fully obeyed, then Jesus can look upon us and say, "Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you" (John 15:3). Complete obedience to the Word of God will cleanse our heart and life from all sin (1 John 1:7) and from all unclean and filthy habits.

Second, I should like to ask you, "Does the Bible condemn 'lust of the flesh'?" The answer is found in Gal. 5:17; Jas. 1:14, 15; 1 John 2:15; 1 Cor. 10:6; Rom. 6:13; 13:14; Gal. 5:16, 24; 1 Tim. 6:9; 2 Tim. 2:22. All these scriptures condemn "lust of the flesh." The Apostle Peter says, "Dearly beloved, I beseech you as strangers and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul." (1 Pet. 2:11). The Apostle Paul says, "And they that are Christ's HAVE crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts" (Gal. 5:24). Since the Word of God so emphatically condemns "lust of the flesh," then it is very necessary that we understand what lust of the flesh is. The

dictionary gives us this definition: "To desire something strongly. Strong desire to possess and enjoy. Bad desire or appetite." So then according to this definition, "lust of the flesh" is having a "strong desire or appetite" for the things which satisfy and gratify the desires of the flesh, and which are not for the betterment of the soul. Do you have a "strong desire" or "craving appetite" for tobacco when you do without it for a while? When you use it then is this craving satisfied? When you try to quit it, do you feel bound by the habit? It overcomes your will power? It enslaves you? Then you are in bondage to a "lust of the flesh." This applies to smoking (as well as other ways of using it). You need to lay this habit down, for the good of your eternity-bound soul, and to the glory of God.

### WE ARE TO BE EXAMPLES TO OTHERS

The Apostle Paul advised Timothy, "Be thou an example of the believers" (1 Tim. 4:12). To be an example of the believers means that we set a pattern, or example, before them by the life we live, that we would be happy to see them following. Do you feel that using tobacco is a good pattern for others to follow? If so, why do so many fathers and mothers try so hard to keep their children from using the weed? Jesus Christ is our example or pattern. He never smoked a cigarette nor used tobacco in any form. He would not smoke if he were here today (Heb. 13:8). No one could use it and be a godly example to others. We are instructed in God's Word: "Whatsoever ye do, do ALL to the GLORY of God" (1 Cor. 10:31). No one can do ALL to the glory of God and use tobacco, for the habit is not glorifying to God. I advise you to quit the habit and be an example of the believers. You will either be a "good example" or a "bad example."

—E. A. Vannoy.

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## Are We Really Thankful?

"It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord, and to sing praises unto thy name, O most High." Psalms 92:1. One of the most valuable secrets of a close walk with the Lord is thanksgiving. We should appreciate the goodness and mercies of God. Along with that we should be grateful for the trials, disappointments, and persecutions, as well. The God whom we serve is Almighty and wise. His eyes are over us and his ears are open to our cries. Wonderful Savior, isn't He? We have no reason to be unthankful. It is somewhat easy to be. He has promised to supply our needs according to His riches in glory; but our wants can be opposite to His will. In 1 Thess. 5:18 we are exhorted to give thanks in everything, "for this is the will of God in Christ" concerning us. The Lord is concerned about his trusting children, and will not suffer more to come upon us than we can ably bear. Thanksgiving is a key to a successful life with Christ. Real communion with God is found more when we are thankful.

We live in an unthankful world; and it is easier than we think, sometimes, for saints to be somewhat unthankful, and not be awakened to the fact. We can

be so ambitious that we are hindered spiritually. Young people, especially, can in a degree want to be like the Jones', so to speak; and want what others have. It is better to follow the Lord closely and locate His will step by step. He may permit the Jones' to have a good income, an excellent bank account, a beautiful home, new car, and what not; but my lot in life may be in poverty to the extent that I have to pray constantly for the Lord to make a way for me.

We have our own choice; we can be thankful or we can begin to complain. We can accuse or try to blame others, but we are much happier if we locate the Lord's will to see if it is in our cup. We are told in Philippians 4:6 to give thanks in the time that we have a request before God.

It seems to me that David, along with a heart of repentance, had thanksgiving with it. Time and again he gave praises to the Lord. He cautioned us to give thanks. We cannot begin to thank the Lord enough for his goodness and mercy to us, but I am persuaded that we can do better than we do. If we are contented with what we have, we will be more thankful. Thanksgiving is very essential to a successful, balanced, Christian life.

—Sister Vivian Hattley

## CORRESPONDENCE

La.—Dear saints,—I feel it is my duty and that it will be glorifying to the dear Lord to write my testimony to all the dear saints and readers of the "Faith and Victory" paper. This morning finds me saved and enjoying salvation. We can say with the Psalmist David (Psalm 103:3), the Lord has forgiven us of our sins and heals all of our diseases. The Lord permits sickness, afflictions to come our way, but we can truly say they are all good for our souls.

On August 25, 1955 the Lord permitted a severe cold to seize my body with some fever. I was confined in the house most of eight months. The saints and ministers were very precious to us and prayed for and with us all through this seige of affliction. We thank everyone and the Lord for the privilege of having the true people of God to pray for us and encourage us. We love every true child of God with a love the worldly minded people know nothing about. The Lord healed my body of this sickness, put me on my feet, and gives me strength to do quite a bit of manual labor. We are endeavoring to use our bodies and lives to please our Saviour who has done so much for us. Yours in Christian love, Oscar E. Williamson

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Mo.—Dear saints everywhere,—I feel like sending in a testimony—the Lord has done so much for us.

While at Monark Springs campmeeting our four children and my husband took sick. After coming home, the children improved until they were well, but my husband took very bad sick. He suffered so much we called for prayer, but it was not God's time to heal yet. He grew worse for more than a week. We had prayer for him again, but he still suffered. He thought he could not stand it. His right side was so sore he could hardly move. It seemed like it would burst, and he cramped very severely. He had been down on the floor trying to vomit, but could not. After prayer he stretched out on the bed. I could see he was very sick (he said later he thought he was dying). My faith took hold; I laid my hands on

his head and rebuked the devil and commanded the pain to leave. It did, and never returned. He stayed sick at his stomach for another week—could hardly eat a thing without vomiting or trying to. We called Uncle Ed Whipple for prayer. They were sick too, but they came and prayed and God healed him. He started eating and drinking. The devil was not through with him though. Floyd had hardly swallowed his food—was yet at the table—when he tried to make him vomit; but, praise the Lord, we whipped him out. Several times after that the devil would make him sick. Sometimes he would be very sick at his stomach when eating time would come; but he would eat anyway, and right there he would win a battle. His sickness would go away and we would rejoice in the Lord. This went on two or three days. The devil saw we just would not give up so he just let go. We are so glad for the blessing we got out of this thing. He was well before we knew it was typhoid. We are so glad for all the blessings that fall on us day by day. Sis. Floyd Knapp.

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Okla.—Dear saints of God,—Greetings once again in Jesus' precious name. This afternoon surely does find me much encouraged to live for our precious Saviour—He has done so much for me lately. Praise His holy name!

I feel I would like to tell how the Lord has worked in my behalf. I was required to take the typhoid test. Three different doctors took the test. All three tests showed I had the typhoid germ in my system. So the saints and I prayed earnestly that I would not get down with it, and that the Lord would kill the germ and heal me through and through.

Truly this evening I can say He has. Yesterday I received the results of my second test, which showed negative. Thank the Lord! The doctors said that was unusual for the first test to show positive and for the second one to be negative. I told him the Lord had healed me. I told one of the doctors I knew it would show negative, that there wasn't a doubt in my mind, because I had prayed earnestly and fully submitted it into the hands of the Lord. I prayed without doubt or wavering, looked up to God by faith, and believed He had healed me.

Surely I have much to be thankful for. He means so much to me. I am glad we have a living God whom we can trust and cast our burdens upon. He has been very near to me during this time. I have been off from work for three weeks now. During this time I have been reading and digging deeper in the Word of God. Surely He has already taught me many lessons, for which I am very thankful.

I thank the dear saints of God for all of your prayers. Pray for me that I'll ever stay true and faithful unto the end. Your sister in Christ, Malinda Penner.

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Calif.—Dear saints and all,—Greetings in the love of our wonderful Saviour and Healer. First of all and most important, I thank God that I am saved tonight. I thank and praise God that He healed my soul, as my sins were sinking me to a devil's hell. I realize this was done by the God of love and mercy and the prayers of God's children. Thank the Lord!

I would also like to thank and praise God for raising me up from my sickness (typhoid fever), and I was able to attend church services Sunday (Sept. 15) after a little over a month in bed. I thank the Lord that he permitted me to stay at home all during this sickness, and I didn't have to take any medicine—I had no medical help. I want God to have ALL the glory for letting me stay at home and for raising me up. In God's Word Jesus says, "I will

never leave thee nor forsake thee." I can truly say that through all my sickness Jesus was right with me. Oh, how I love Jesus. I am thankful to the Lord for the good He got to my soul in my sickness, drawing me closer to Him and getting me more ready for heaven.

A lot of people here on earth live like they were going to live here forever; but I am just a pilgrim here and want God to do and permit the things that will guide me to heaven. Praise the dear Lord!

I learned another lesson in this sickness. I have always had such a fear of death; but one night when I was bleeding so bad and nearly passing away I can remember Jesus being so near to me and so sweet. Tonight I do not have that fear, as I am convinced that if Jesus goes with me I can go anywhere, even to death. Praise the dear Lord!

I wish to thank all of you for the cards, gifts of love, and prayers. Please pray for me that I'll be faithful in the service of God.

Your brother in Christ, Charles R. Elwell.

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Okla.—Dear Saints of God,—Greetings in Jesus' name. I am sending my testimony for the "Faith and Victory" paper. I feel it would be to the glory and praise of the good Lord. I do thank the Lord I am saved this afternoon. I have it settled in my heart to live for the Lord the rest of my life because the dear Lord has been so good to me. He brought me from a bed of affliction so many times. I had four operations, a cancer, and other afflictions. The doctor and neighbors said I couldn't live. I prayed to the Lord. I am still in the land with the living. Blessed be His holy name. Saints pray for me. I am very nervous at times, and I know the Lord will heal me because he healed me so many many times. I mean to go right on.

Pray for me that I be faithful and do my duty on all lines.

A sister in Christ, — Viola C. Black.

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Mo.—Dear Saints,—Greetings in Jesus' sweet name who has and is doing so much for His trusting children. I am so thankful tonight for all the dear Lord is doing for us. Surely we have found Him to be a very present help in time of need. I feel I need Him more than any one else. I am so weak and unworthy but in our blessed Lord we do find needed strength. Praise His sweet name.

I feel led to tell of a few things the dear Lord has done for us in the past few months. Early in the spring our son cut his fingers on the lawn mower. One was almost cut to the bone. It was paining and bleeding very much when he came into the house. We began to pray and wash the blood away, and the dear Lord stopped the bleeding. The pain was still there. We called the saints for prayer but still it pained him some. Then little David Marler wanted to talk with our son. He told him he had been praying for him. While they were talking over the phone the pain all stopped and it never did hurt him any more unless he hit it against something. The Lord healed it until one could hardly tell it was even cut. We do thank the dear Lord for this.

While we were at Monark Springs Campmeeting we experienced some wonderful healings. My husband took very sick with some kind of kidney trouble. (It had bothered him once before and before getting any permanent relief he had to go to the hospital and have

his kidney drained.) He was unsaved then. He was lying on a cot, suffering awful severe pain when one of the ministers (Bro. Carver) came by and inquired if he was sick and if he believed in prayer and that the Lord could heal. My husband answered that he did. He didn't know if the Lord would heal a sinner. Bro. Carver felt impressed to pray for him and while prayer was going up my husband said he was instantly healed. He felt the pain all go down and out his feet. He said he felt like shouting he felt so good. Praise the dear Lord for His wonderful healing power! That night my husband got saved and delivered from the desire of tobacco. I thank the dear Lord for saving and keeping power.

On Monday after we came home from Monark, my daughter, Cynthia came home from school with fever. We prayed for her and the Lord healed her instantly and she got up and studied her lessons and went to school nine more days and came home again with fever. It lasted for two weeks. We called the saints for prayer. We also called Bro. and Sis. Gibson. They came and prayed earnestly for her healing and in just a few days her fever was all gone. Praise the dear Lord! Then she took a hurting in her hip. Bro and Sis. Gibson came by again and prayed for her and the Lord wonderfully touched her and she was so much better. Now the paining has come back and seems worse than before. We are standing as the Bible says, "having done all to stand; stand therefore . . ." Eph. 6:13-14. So we earnestly desire the prayers of all the saints that the dear Lord will rebuke this hurting and remove it completely. We know God is able to finish the work He has started. Praise His sweet name.

Last week for two or three days I had fever, but kept a rebuke against it and the dear Lord completely healed me. Thank Him forever. Almost everyone knows that Cynthia had the symptoms of typhoid fever. Although we haven't had positive proof yet, we believe that was what it was.

We wish to thank each one for their earnest prayers in the behalf of our dear daughter. They mean more to us than we can express in words. We pray God will bless each one in a special way and keep each one of His dear children encouraged and pressing on unto the end. Pray for husband, children and myself that we keep faithful and be a light for Jesus. Pray for my unsaved children and those in deception.

With Christian love, —Mrs. Cecil Miller.

Washington D. C.—Dear Saints and friends everywhere,—I want to testify to the goodness of the Lord. The Lord saved my soul a few years ago and he has been keeping me from sin every day. I am thankful to report victory over all unrighteousness. We are living in a world full of sin and evil, with death all around us. Oh, how it pays us to be watchful and prayerful at all times for we know not the day or hour that the Lord will come. There is so much joy and happiness in serving the Lord. Pray for me that I will continue to serve him so that he will get the glory out of my life and that men and women may see that there is a reality in serving God.

Your brother in Christ, —Victor B. Phillips.

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Calif.—Greeting to all my sisters and brothers in Christ.—I have exhausted my vocabulary searching for words in which to praise my dear Lord, yet, in vain did I search for I found not a one that was complete enough.

By refusing to pray and read God's Word as I ought I starved my poor soul to death and plunged head-long into sin unaware of my soul's leanness, "nothing but the skin and bone—a horrible sight." Thanks be to God, the dear saints and my mother were concerned, shedding many tears and sending up many prayers to the ears of my dear Saviour; they spent many hours. I was totally blind; thus I became rebellious, revengeful and disrespectful of my mother's orders and instructions. Not one happy, peaceful moment did I encounter while idling my time off in sin. During the services at the Bakersfield Campmeeting, I laughed and made merry and walked in and out of church refusing to give God's Word my full attention and respect, thus I escaped.

God saw fit to bring my foolishness to an end, showing me just where I stood. On the third day of the Calif. State Campmeeting, (while on the grounds) my Pastor (Bro. Chandler), said that he wanted to talk to me; of course I knew what he was going to talk to me about, thinking to myself I would go home so he wouldn't talk to me, then I would be able to live in sin and enjoy its pleasures a little longer. I had begun to like the taste of sinful things. Before I could leave the grounds I took sick with a severe cold and asthma—one of the worst attacks of asthma I have ever had. I had to stay in a sitting position in order to get my breath. Although numbers of saints (among them ministers) came in tears and talked and prayed with me concerning my body and spiritual condition, I remained the same. Four nights later Bro. Chandler arrived and after he told me what he had purposed to tell me, I saw myself, lost in sin and bound for torment. (If we don't run to God we'll run into trouble!) I repented and God forgave me. The next day I was walking around, well again. Praise the Lord!

In two months I was in sin again, walking over sound advice and instructions. I fell victim to the enemy and he held me fast. I couldn't turn jazy records loose. I loved them more than I did Christ. Two weeks after I had admitted to myself (Christmas Eve) that I didn't possess Christ, I became ill with the severest case of asthma that I had ever had in my life. The following day I called for the Pastor and he came over and prayed with me. I repented of my sins and the Lord had mercy. Praise His dear name! I continued to suffer in my body. Satan tormented me with accusations of death. I couldn't walk two steps without being so exhausted that I had to fight for breath or it would be the end of me. In my struggle to breathe I caused my bed to shake with every breath. Praise God, He stood by me, for I was indeed like a ship tossed and driven and battered by and in any sea. It brings tears to my eyes and gratitude to my heart when I think of God's blessings in that trial. My mother stayed near me day and night. My Pastor prayed with and encouraged me just before these severe attacks would come. The Lord gave me scriptures such as: He promised never to leave me or forsake me; He'll not put any more on us than we are able to bear; and the 23rd division of Psalms. I can't thank Him enough for he was so good to me.

During my third severe attack it seemed as though I had not long to live for I could not catch my breath. It was then I realized I could no longer depend on my mother's prayers or the pastor's. I didn't bother to call them. I had to pray for myself. I learned precious lessons to my soul. As soon as my heart said amen to God I was instantly healed.

I had suffered three days and nights with that lab-

ourous breathing and my body was so weak; my stomach so sore. I did not see how I could bear any more suffering. Glory be to God He knows the fitting moment. He never comes too late. The next morning after my sickness there were no symptoms whatsoever of my sickness. Praise the Lord! I am yet saved and sanctified and more encouraged to live for God. I have peace deep within my heart that I shall endeavor to keep there as Christ leads me by the hand to my home in the glory land. I covet your prayers.

Your Sister in Christ,

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—Arola L. Spirling.

Mo.—Dear Sis. Miles and all at the Lord's Print Shop,—I send greetings in the name of our precious Saviour. This finds me weak in body but with a determination to press on for God. With all the tests and trials I've gone through lately I don't know what I would have done without the Lord.

I had a sore in my nose that had been there three years or more. I had prayed for God to heal it but it didn't seem to get any better. It bothered me a lot. It would get a hard scab on it and I'd have to pick it off because it hurt my nose then it would bleed. About seven months ago it had been bothering me and I just said, "Lord please heal that sore." After the lights were out I felt like I wanted to blow my nose, which I did. I felt something come out and I turned on the light. I looked and I know it was that sore. It was all right for three or four days then it tried to come back. I just kept saying, "Praise the Lord for healing my nose." It just disappeared and hasn't bothered me since. It has been seven months or more. God gets all the glory because no human hands ever touched it besides myself.

I'm so glad I had the "Faith and Victory" sent to my daughter. Her husband's father is a Pentecost minister and they had her confused about sanctification. Bro. Pruitt had an article on sanctification in the paper a few months back and she read it and it cleared it all up for her. She wrote and told me, "Mamma I was just about ready to be deceived but Bro. Pruitt's article has straightened me out. Praise the Lord." Another lady I had it sent to wrote and said, "Truly they are God's people." Pray for my daughter as she is going through a pretty hard trial right now and pray for my children that are with her. Pray also for my heart condition and a cough. May God bless you all and supply all your needs.

—Sis. Helen K. Jennings.

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Okla.—Dear Saints,—While I was at prayer meeting tonight the Lord impressed me to write my testimony how the Lord healed our little boy. He gave us grace to trust the Lord when all the neighbors were against us. We don't know what all was the matter with him. We believe he had pneumonia and probably a case of polio from the way he acted. He was very sick and had an awfully high fever. He seemed to be paralyzed on one side.

I went over to the neighbors to call Bro. Richard Madden to pray for him. They heard me tell them to pray. They wanted to take him to the Doctor. I told them I didn't want to take him. The man told me the Doctor could do more for him than anything else. I don't want to go into details and tell all that happened. It would take so much space. The Lord has completely healed him. One of the neighbor women apologized to me for getting so mad at us for not doing something for him.

I also want to thank the Lord for the strength and

health he has given me to take care of my family. We need all the saints' prayers.

With love,

—Louise Brewer.

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Kans.—To the dear Saints,—Greetings of much love to you in the precious name of our Lord and Saviour: Today finds me rejoicing in the goodness of God and with a greater determination than ever to go all the way with my Saviour. When I look back and see how God has been with us, especially within the last five weeks, my soul mounts up with praise and I feel so unworthy for all the blessings he has bestowed upon our home. Through all the suffering and afflictions God has permitted to come to our home, my Saviour has certainly been beside us. When mother turned for the worse, I was out praying, begging God to show us His will. He spoke so sweetly to my soul and said, "The victory's yours." The whole burden left and I felt so relaxed in God's arms knowing He was going to undertake. Then we saw Mother grow worse after that but our trust was in the Lord. We should trust and not be afraid. The devil wasn't satisfied with what God had showed us. He came around and whispered, "If she'd die the victory would be yours for she would be out of her suffering." Praise be to our God, once more He was beside us and comforted our souls.

When the health authorities began such a stir about this typhoid, the devil once more came around trying to make us afraid and ashamed. We looked to God again. He brought the scripture to our minds in Romans 8:35-39. It was such an encouragement to me. Then he also brought the promises to my mind, "If God be for us, who can be against us?" and "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world," and also the scripture in Hebrews, "I'll never leave thee nor forsake thee." Oh, with these precious promises, how could we be afraid or waver?

God has certainly kept His promises. He has truly been our shield and buckler and a present help in time of trouble. Time will never permit us to praise him enough.

We believe it would be good to let the saints know how mother is. After having fever for all but the last four days of five weeks the Lord has healed her and is giving her much strength. How our souls magnify God for his great love shown toward us.

Please remember me in your prayers that I will always be found doing God's will and always drawing close to Him.

Yours in Christ,

La Verna Eck.

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Okla.—Dear Saints everywhere,—Today I am truly thankful for salvation and for the wonderful peace in my soul. I'd rather be serving the Lord than anything else. I find this blessed way is growing sweeter day by day. Although I have met many trials and tests, I can truly say that I have victory in my soul today over all the powers of the devil. Our blessed Bible tells us to "Resist the devil and he will flee from you, draw nigh to God and he will draw nigh to you." James 4:7-8. Truly that is my soul's desire to be all that the Lord would have me to be and to live a consecrated life in the sight of God.

I thank the dear Lord for being near me in time of trouble and sickness. About two weeks ago I took bad sick with a terrible cold. I was in bed most of the time for about a week, but God saw fit to bring me out of it and I do praise His holy name for it. I

do thank the saints for all their prayers. I am thankful that God has a people who will put their trust in Him and forsake all the world. The Lord is ready and waiting to help his people at their earnest request. I have two little plaques in my room and all during my illness these two little phrases found on them were a source of great help and inspiration to me: "I will trust and not be afraid" and "The Lord God will help me." We surely need to trust and not be afraid for God promises that he will help us.

I have been reading the Bible a lot recently. More and more of God's precious truth is brightening my pathway day by day. He has been helping me to have better understanding of the Word of God. Surely there is not one book in the world to compare with the Bible. It is something that will stand forever and forever. The people who obey its commandments and teachings will stand forever. They will live and dwell with Christ throughout the ceaseless ages of eternity. Above everything else in this life I want to live according to the Word of God and be in that number that will enter the gates of heaven in the golden, everlasting day that the Lord has told us about.

Another source of encouragement and joy that I have found is in the beautiful songs of Zion. I just love to sing these songs and to hear all the saints in sweet harmony lift their voices in song, singing praises to the Lord. One song that has been precious to me especially the last few days is "Farther Along." In this time of puzzling happenings and perplexing predicaments for the people of God we need to remember that someday we will understand these things fully and will see just how the Lord worked for our good and His glory. One verse of the song says:

Faithful to death said our loving Master  
A few more days to labor and wait  
Toils of the road will then seem like nothing  
As we sweep through the beautiful gate.

Truly that is so, dear ones, in heaven we will firmly agree that eternal life is worth all the heartaches, trials, and the persecutions that we have gone through here in this world.

God has done so much for each of us (for sinners, too). I don't see how people can go on and trample God's mercy, live in sin, and know that Jesus paid it all on the cross of Calvary to make a way for our escape. Truly it means something to live for the Lord. I need the prayers of everyone to stay true to God and be the kind of soldier he wants me to be. Dear ones, we are in a battle. We need to put on all the armour of God to stand against the enemy. We need to pray for each other more and live a blameless life in the sight of God. May God help his saints everywhere to draw close to Him and keep true and faithful is my prayer.

Yours in Him,

Leslie Busbee.

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Okla.—Greetings to all the dear Saints,—Today finds me saved and sanctified and encouraged to press my way to glory. I promised the dear Lord if He would heal my little girl of an awful cold she had, I would write my testimony. Truly the Lord wonderfully touched her body and completely healed her of that cold. I can't thank the Lord enough. It is my desire to go all the way with the dear Lord. I desire the prayers of the saints to pray for me that I receive wisdom and understanding how to rear my daughters in the fear of God. It means a lot to rear children in this old sinful world.



There is so much to entice them. I need your special prayers (because my husband is unsaved) that I be a faithful wife and no stumbling block.

Your sister in Christ, Dorothy Goudeau.

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Ark.—Dear Bro. and Sis. Pruitt, Greetings in the dear Lord's name.—This is the woman you prayed for at Myrtle in the tent. You also prayed for my husband. I went to church that evening after you all prayed for us. I have been doing fine since; no fever or any trouble.

Pray that I will be able to stand up and praise His holy name, and do His will. I want to hold to His hand no matter where he leads. I want to gain more faith day by day and do whatever the Lord wants me to do. Please pray that I will understand just what he would have me to do.

We enjoyed the campmeeting very much. We hope to be able to attend more every year.

Yours in Christ, —Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Williams.

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Okla.—Dear Ones, Greetings to you all in the precious name of Jesus.—This writing leaves me saved by God's grace. I mean by His help to stay with the dear Lord. He has done so much for me. I do thank the Lord for how he has healed my body so many times. I had a thought in mind and I thought to myself if the Lord would heal me I would write my testimony, but the Lord has been so good to me I decided I would send my testimony anyway.

I desire the prayers of the saints that the Lord will grant me my heart's desire. Please pray for my unsaved loved ones that God will save them before it is too late.

Your sister in the one body, —Susie Jones.

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La.—Dear Young Saints,—I am encouraged this afternoon to live for the Lord. I am thankful I can say I am saved and sanctified. Many people today can not say this.

Surely we have to read God's Word and pray much if we expect to keep saved. The Lord has been dealing with me along this line. I need your prayers that I will live a life that the world may see I have something they do not possess. Let us all be encouraged to live for the Lord.

I need your prayers very much as I start to school. Pray for me.

Christian love, —Doris Esters

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Ill.—Dear Saints, Greetings of love in Jesus' precious name.—How wonderful salvation is! There is such sweet peace in your soul in knowing that you are ready for Heaven if God should call for you. I know that if the Lord were to call me right now that I'd be ready to go. It makes me feel so good down inside to be assured of that. The Lord has truly been wonderful to me.

The Lord blessed me in a situation just recently. While down at the Monark Campmeeting, I got poison ivy just above my right eye. My eye started swelling. By the time I got home it was looking pretty bad. I went up to see if I could work with it on my eye. They told me that I couldn't. They needed me pretty bad at work so they were pretty upset about it.

The boy they had working for them when I started got poison ivy on his hand and I don't believe it is completely healed yet, at least he still isn't working. He trusted doctors.

They all know up there that I trust the Lord for

every illness. They knew that I wouldn't go to a Doctor for poison ivy. We prayed earnestly for my eye and the Lord started drying it up the first day. Every few days I'd go up and show them how the Lord was healing it. They were greatly surprised. I was back working in one week, thank the Lord.

I was prayed for at Monark for two reasons: one unspoken and the other was for the sickness that was going around. The Lord so wonderfully healed me of it all. I can never thank Him enough.

I need all your prayers that I'll always do what the Lord would have me to do. I want to keep drawing closer to the Lord day by day.

Yours in Christ, —Nancy McClain.

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Miss.—Dear readers of the "Faith and Victory."—Today finds me much encouraged to press on in the name of Jesus Christ our Saviour and Lord. Not long ago I had an awful scald under both of my arms which pained me quite a bit. I told the Lord if He would only heal it up I would write my testimony in the "Faith and Victory" paper. Praise His name! in several days both places were completely healed up and I give His precious name all the praise for it. Pray for me that I may continue in the Faith.

Yours in Christ, D. G. T.

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Okla.—Dear Saints, Greetings in the name of the Lord.—I am still saved and by God's help and grace I mean to keep saved. I want to tell how the Lord blessed me when I had an abscess on my tooth. My face and neck were hurting me very much. I went to meeting and the saints prayed for me. All the pain went to the tooth that was giving the trouble. It was so sore I could not sleep. I prayed and asked the Lord to take the soreness away so I could sleep and I would send my testimony for the paper. He took the soreness away and I was able to sleep. The next day it started paining again. My husband said, "If that was my tooth I would do something about it but you won't." My trust was in God. I prayed and asked Him to bring the abscess to a head and the Lord did. I know he is just the same today.

Pray for me that the Lord will bless me in my body. I have a tumor or something. I know the Lord knows what it is and if it is His will he will heal me. If it is not his will to heal me I still know he heals all kinds of diseases. Pray for me that I will keep humble and do the little things he will have me to do.

Yours in Christ, Lillie Stevenson.

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Calif.—Dear Saints,—I wish to send in my testimony for I feel like the Lord has been more to me than what I can tell. He saved me about two months before campmeeting, and in that meeting I was sanctified.

As the saints in Bakersfield know, my oldest niece got saved. She backslid before she got sanctified. So pray that she will get saved again. Pray for me that I will keep true to the Lord no matter what happens.

May the Lord bless you, —Thomasene Taylor.

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Okla.—Dear Bro. Pruitt and Saints.—Greetings in the precious name of the Lord. This comes to let you know I am the lady who wrote you last February 21st and told you how I read your tracts and was gloriously saved. I am still living for the Lord with a stronger determination to live for Him than before because I have



been sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. Life is getting sweeter for me every day. I used to be a miserable wretch. I read your tracts and realized my lost condition and surrendered my self to the Lord. Now I have a burden for lost souls and I too want to be able to help save someone.

I like your paper very much. It helps me much spiritually.

—Vera Crawford.

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Calif.—Dear Bro. Pruitt and Workers at the print shop, Greetings to all.—I am glad to try to do my best for the Lord who has done so much for me. He healed me when I could not walk. I want to send my testimony to all as His Word said. Bless His dear name. I love the Lord for all he has done for me and aim to live for Him as long as I live or he lets me live. Praise His dear name.

Yours in Christ,

—Eliza J. Fields.

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La.—Dear Bro. Pruitt, Greetings in Jesus' name.—It has been a long time since I sent in my testimony. I am still saved and living for the Lord. I love the Lord with all my heart.

We have a nice little church but it has been a long time since any one has been saved. Pray that souls may get saved. Please pray for me. My ankles swell during the day, but the swelling goes down during the night. Pray for my sister who has high blood pressure and feels bad so much. She is saved. I thank the Lord for the long life He has given me. I thank Him for every blessing He gives me.

Your sister in Christ,

—Annie Tooley.

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In Eph. 1:13, 14 we read that after we had believed we were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise, which he says is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession (this body) unto the praise of his glory.

By this we learn that the Holy Spirit given us is the earnest or small portion of our inheritance and acts as a seal that we belong to God until the time the body is changed from a mortal body to a glorified body. We should not feel that our bodies belong to us any more than our souls, for God through his Son has purchased on Calvary's cross both soul and body to be used in this life to his glory.

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## Do You Need Power To Overcome?

I feel like the Lord has impressed me to write this article for him, for his glory and honor. As I look on the religious professors today and see the little or no power at all that they have over the flesh and the devil, it makes me to know that they are not the people of God. God wants His people to have power over the flesh, sin, and the devil. In order to have that power and be the witnesses in this world that He wants us to be, we must be filled with the Holy Ghost (Acts 1:8).

God doesn't want us to keep repenting month after month, year after year. He has something that will preserve us in this world and in the world to come. (1 Thess. 5:23; 2 Tim. 4:18). Read all of the fifth chapter of 1 Thess. Read it carefully and prayerfully, and obey it. Then you'll be ready for "the very God

of peace to sanctify you wholly" (23rd verse). If you are living up to this fifth chapter of 1 Thess., there is no reason at all why you should not seek for this blessed Spirit and receive Him. Desire Him, seek Him with your whole heart; then believe God that He will sanctify you according to His Word. (Luke 11:13).

Most of all, lay your all on the altar and sacrifice all to God to have complete control over all your belongings and loved ones. Then self must be slain. Oh, this I believe is the hardest struggle to the seeker. Present your body a living sacrifice to God to do what He will with it. Consider nothing yours, but all belongs to God. Die out completely to self, home, money, time, talent, family, friends, and all. Turn them loose and turn them over to God. Then when you have done all you know to do, believe with all your heart that God hears your prayer. Then the Holy Spirit will do His work and cleanse out the carnal nature (all impurities of the heart). He will reign righteousness in your heart and dwell there, and give you the power you need to conquer the flesh, sin, and the devil. You'll need this power to face the giants (evil powers) that seek to devour your soul. "Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil." Eph. 6:11.

Your blood-washed brother, Donald Sharp.

## A PICTURE

In my memory's garden is painted  
A picture so sweet and so clear:  
In the picture is peace and contentment,  
Not a cloud, not a doubt, not a fear.

'Tis a picture of a soul all surrendered  
To our Jesus, so gentle and kind,  
Who bestows rich blessings upon us,  
Not a truer friend can you find.

The picture reveals true happiness,  
A face that is lighted with cheer,  
Because as through life they are pressing,  
The voice of the Master they hear.

His voice speaks so soft and so gently,  
Does not stir hatred, envy, or strife,  
But is a voice full of love and compassion  
To bring peace and contentment thru life.

My friend, are you found in this picture  
Where peace and contentment abide?  
Or are you still in a state of confusion,  
Casting these gifts of the Saviour aside?

Please surrender all to your Saviour  
Won't you lay aside every weight?  
May you find peace and contentment  
Before it's eternally too late.

—Lois J. Whipple.

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## Obituaries

Shirley Ann Allen, oldest daughter of Murphy and Natalie Allen, was born May 12, 1936 and passed from this life Aug. 22, 1956, at the age of 20 years, 3 months and 10 days.

She leaves to mourn her passing: her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Murphy Allen; three sisters; Mrs. Carol Sorrell of Myrtle, Mo., Janice and Jeanie of the home; two brothers; Wilbur and Terry of the home; her paternal grandparents; Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Allen of Mansfield, Mo.; her maternal grandparents; Mr. and Mrs. Waldo Burke of Forest City, Mo.; besides a host of relatives and friends.

She accepted the Lord as her Saviour very young in life and proved faithful to the end. She loved to work in the service of the Lord and to fill her place in the Body as it pleased Him.

She was a loving daughter and sister, being thoughtful of others. She was respected and loved by all who knew her.

Funeral services were conducted by Bro. Richard Madden and Bro. Darius Gibson in the Bergman-Miller Funeral Home; interment in the Mansfield Cemetery. Scripture text: Isa. 57:1, Pro. 11:8; and Titus 2:11-15.

### NOTE OF APPRECIATION

Dear Saints scattered abroad,

We greet you in Jesus' sweet name! We are encouraged to press the battle on. Truly we are living in the last days. The devil is raging against the saints. We feel that God is allowing this to deepen us all in Him. This should draw us all nearer to God. No doubt we all have prayed that the Lord stir us up. Now it has come, so let us draw near to God with a true heart in full assurance of faith. After we have suffered awhile make us perfect, stablish, strengthen and settle us.

We want to express our thanks and appreciation to all the saints, for their offerings, lovely cards, and encouraging letters, and sincere prayers, during this time of need. Truly it has meant more than we can ever express in words. God bless you all.

The Lord has been wonderful to us through it all, and we say amen to his will although we miss her greatly. We feel that Heaven has gained another jewel. God had revealed to us His will in taking her on. Shirley was deepening down in the Lord and was consecrating her life more and more. She told us before she had taken her bed that she was considering giving up her job, so she could give her time more to the service of God.

We desire to be faithful to the end. May the Lord bless each one of you. We know he will not forget your works and labors of love.

Yours in Him, —Bro. & Sis. Murphy Allen & family.

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Dear Shirley has gone to Heaven;

And we surely miss her so,  
But the life she lived while here  
Helps us to onward go.

We think of her as an example,  
Which was lived unto the end,  
And we surely trust that everyone  
Will live to meet her again.

We seem to see her happily  
Sitting at Jesus feet,  
Beckoning to all the saints to come,  
Where all is joy complete.

We mean by the grace of God,  
To meet her again some day  
Where there will be no parting,  
And no more "farewells" to say.

—Effie Miller

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### IN MEMORY OF LITTLE JO BETH HALL

#### A New Little Girl In Heaven

"Oh, what do you think the angels say?"  
Said the children up in Heaven,  
"There's a new little girl coming home today,  
She's almost ready to fly away  
From the earth we used to live in;  
Let us go and open the gates of pearl,  
Open them wide for the new little girl!"  
Said the children up in Heaven,  
"God wanted her here, where His little ones meet,"  
Said the children up in Heaven,  
"She will play with us in the golden street!  
She has grown too fair, she has grown too sweet.  
For the world we used to live in,  
She needs the sunshine, this dear little girl,  
That gilds this side of the gates of pearl!"  
Said the children up in Heaven.

"Far down on the earth, do you hear them weep?"  
Said the children up in Heaven,  
"For the dear little girl has gone to sleep,  
The shadows fall and the night clouds sweep  
O'er the earth we used to live in;  
But we'll go and open the gates of pearl.  
Oh, why do they weep for their dear little girl?"  
Said the children up in Heaven.

"Fly with her quickly, O angels dear,"  
Said the children up in Heaven.

"See, she's coming! Look there! Look there!  
At the jasper light on her sunny hair,  
Where the veiling clouds are riven!  
Oh, hush-hush-hush; all the swift wings furl!  
For the King Himself at the gates of pearl  
Is taking her hand, dear, tired little girl,  
And leading her into Heaven!"

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"Little Jo Beth has fallen asleep,"  
Said the children up in Heaven.  
"Oh, Daddy and Mother, why do you weep?"  
Her suffering is over, she's resting so sweet;  
She's playing with us on the gold paved street!"  
Said the children up in Heaven.

By G. W. Stephenson

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Mrs. Martha Caroline James of Louin, Miss. was born October 6, 1880 and departed this life September 1, 1956 at the age of 75 years, 10 months and 25 days. She died after a lengthy illness.

She is survived by three sons: Benjamin James of Moss, Miss., Alvie James of Biloxi, Miss., and Velma James of Mobile, Ala.; one daughter: Mrs. Mollie Berkmyer of Alliston, Pa.; one sister: Mrs. Addie Graham of Moss, Miss.; three half sisters: Mrs. Maggie Gregory of Louin, Miss., Mrs. Trudie Windham of Columbus, Miss., and Mrs. Estelle McDonald of Laurel, Miss.; three half-brothers: Walter McNeil of Hattiesburg, Miss., Oscar McNeil of Louin, Miss., and Ezra McNeil also of Louin, Miss.; 8 grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, and a host of other relatives and friends. Her husband, Willie Madison James, preceded her in death on Sept. 15, 1946.

Sister James (known as mother James) was born into the Church of God a number a years ago according to St. John 3:7 and Psalms 87:5. She was truly a devoted Christian, wife, mother and friend. She lived an unselfish life so willing to do for others; denying her own self to help others and make them happy. She was looked upon as a pillar in the Church of God. She is gone but not forgotten.

Sermon by D. A. Gibson. Text used: 1 Cor. 15:19  
2 Cor. 5:1, Heb. 6:18-19.

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Floyd Lamberson, son of Joseph and Arvilla Lamberson, was born October 13, 1912 at Brockport, Pa. and departed this life Wednesday, July 18, 1956 at the age of 44 years, 9 months and 5 days.

He was united in marriage to Elizabeth Buckingham November 19, 1932. To this union four children were born: three sons and one daughter; Roy of Wayne, Pa., Raymond, William, and Arvilla of the home. He is also survived by five brothers: Joseph, Lawrence, Leonard, and Elmer all of Salamaca, N. Y., and Irvin of Great Valley, N. Y.; one sister; Mrs. Harold Vance, Falls Creek, Pa.

Funeral services conducted by Bro. and Sis. D. A. Gibson. Text used: 1 Cor. 15:19, Prov. 11:7-8.

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Bro. H. R. Holdcraft of 1105 W. College Ave., Guthrie, Okla. was born July 11, 1866 near the town of East Enterprise, Indiana and passed away Aug. 7, 1956 at the age of 90 years and 27 days.

He spent his childhood days and grew to manhood in this community. He married Eliza Davis of Carrollton, Ky. They spent their early married life near East

Enterprise. To them, while living in the East, four of their eight children were born.

They moved to Oklahoma in the year of 1904 arriving at Chandler, Okla., March 4th. The family lived near Chandler for about thirty years; most of the time in the Pleasant Ridge School Community west of Chandler. Bro. and Sis. Holdcraft were saved in the old Pleasant Ridge school house the same year they came to Oklahoma under the preaching of Bro. Charlie Forbes. Sis. Holdcraft preceded Bro. Holdcraft in death Dec. 28th, 1930. Bro. Holdcraft in 1935 married Eliza Pearce of Guthrie. They have made there home near and in Guthrie the past 20 years.

Bro. Holdcraft leaves besides his wife Eliza, eight children: two sons and six daughters; Clarence Holdcraft of Okla. City, Okla.; Forrest Holdcraft of Norman, Okla.; Violet Ingram of Oilton, Okla.; Mabel Ebbs of Okla. City, Okla.; Ruth Leslie of Okla. City Okla.; Hazel Soulsberry of Chandler, Okla.; Elsie Soulsman of Texas; and Nadine Jones of Louisville, Ky. He also leaves 15 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren, and a host of friends in the community where he had lived. Bro. Holdcraft lived a devoted Christian life for 52 years. His passing is our loss but his gain.

Mrs. Lon Ingram.

"No mortal can guess the day or hour—  
Not even the season or year;  
But all to whom He has given power,  
Believe that Christ's coming is near."

## BIBLE STUDY

### THE CREATION STORY

October 7, 1956

Printed Portion: .....Genesis 1:1-5, 9-12, 26-28, 31ab.

Genesis 1:1. In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.

2. And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.

3. And God said, Let there be light: and there was light.

4. And God saw the light, that it was good: and God divided the light from the darkness.

5. And God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And the evening and the morning were the first day.

Genesis 1:9. And God said, Let the waters under the heaven be gathered together unto one place, and let the dry land appear: and it was so.

10. And God called the dry land Earth; and the gathering together of the waters called he Seas: and God saw that it was good.

11. And God said, Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb yielding seed, and the fruit tree yielding fruit after his kind, whose seed is in itself, upon the earth: and it was so.

12. And the earth brought forth grass, and herb yielding seed after his kind, and the tree yielding fruit, whose seed was in itself, after his kind: and God saw that it was good.

Genesis 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.

27. So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.

28. 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 over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.

Genesis 1:31ab. And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, it was very good.

**Memory Selection:** And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold it was very good. Genesis 1:31.

**Practical Truth:** The universe and this world, with the myriads of things in it and upon it, were planned and created by God Almighty.

### COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

God is eternal but the universe is not eternal. We find recorded in our lesson that everything we see had a beginning. Man has spent much time, money and energy trying to find out how everything began. The answer is given in the Bible. God created everything. God spoke and everything came into existence. The sun has been obeying God ever since God spoke. The vegetables, herbs and animal life have been reproducing according to the plan of God since the beginning. We can say with the song writer, "How great thou art."

Man was created in the image of God. Man's personality was so near like God's that God could have fellowship with man and enjoy communing with Him. God in His own wisdom chose to make man with the right of choice, capable of thinking, feeling and loving. God did not make us a machine and force us to love Him. More glory is received from a man who willingly, of his own choice, chooses to love, serve, and commune with God. God knew also that He took a risk in making man a free moral agent. He was willing to pay the price of giving His own Son as a sacrifice for our sins to bring man back in communion with Him after he yielded to temptation and sinned. The fall of man brought the need for the redemption of man.

### THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

October 14, 1956

Printed Portion: .....Exodus 20:1-17.

Exodus 20:1. And God spake all these words, saying,

2. I am the Lord thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.

3. Thou shalt have no other gods before me.

4. Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth:

5. Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the Lord thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me;

6. And shewing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments.

7. Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain; for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.

8. Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy.

9. Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work:

10. But the seventh day is the sabbath of the Lord thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maid-servant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates:

11. For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it.

12. Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee.

13. Thou shalt not kill.

14. Thou shalt not commit adultery.

15. Thou shalt not steal.

16. Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour.

17. Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that is thy neighbour's.

**Memory Verse:** Thou shalt have no other gods before me. Exodus 20:3.

**Practical Truth:** Since Christ came we now have power to obey the Ten Commandments.

### COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

The gospel was preached to some savages in Bolivia with no results. Finally they were drilled in the Ten Commandments. The whole camp was changed and the result was, they saw their guilt before God and saw their need of salvation through Christ. The law is "our school master to bring us unto Christ." The law says, "Thou shalt" and "shalt not." In the grace dispensation if a person hates his brother, he is a murderer. 1 John 3:15. Jesus says, "A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you." John 13:34. This is the eleventh commandment. If we keep it we will keep all the other laws.

The first four commandments are our duties toward God. The last six commandments show us our duty toward man. Jesus sums up the whole Ten Commandments when he says, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbor as thyself." (Luke 10:27). We need to watch our hearts with all diligence that we keep them filled with love. All the FRUIT of the spirit is bound up in love. Notice it says, "fruit of the Spirit." Gal. 5:22-23. Joy is LOVE exalted; peace is LOVE in repose; long-suffering is LOVE enduring; gentleness is LOVE in society; goodness is LOVE in action; faith is LOVE on the battlefield; meekness is LOVE in school; temperance is LOVE in training. God is LOVE and when we are "born again" we are born of LOVE.

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### GOD'S COMMAND TO TEACH

October 21, 1956

Printed Portion: .....Deuteronomy 6:1-9, 20-25.

Deut. 6:1. Now these are the commandments, the statutes, and the judgments, which the Lord your God com-

manded to teach you, that ye might do them in the land whither ye go to possess it:

2. That thou mightest fear the Lord thy God, to keep all his statutes and his commandments, which I command thee, thou and thy son, and thy son's son, all the days of thy life; and that thy days may be prolonged.

3. Hear therefore, O Israel, and observe to do it; that it may be well with thee, and that ye may increase mightily, as the Lord God of thy fathers hath promised thee, in the land that floweth with milk and honey.

4. Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God is one Lord:

5. And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might.

6. And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart:

7. And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou riseth up.

8. And thou shalt bind them for a sign upon thine hand, and they shall be as frontlets between thine eyes.

9. And thou shalt write them upon the posts of thy house, and on thy gates.

Deut. 6:20. And when thy son asketh thee in time to come, saying, What mean the testimonies, and the statutes and the judgments, which the Lord our God hath commanded you?

21. Then thou shalt say unto thy son, We were Pharaoh's bondmen in Egypt; and the Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand:

22. And the Lord shewed signs and wonders, great and sore, upon Egypt, upon Pharaoh, and upon all his household, before our eyes:

23. And he brought us out from thence, that he might bring us in, to give us the land which he swore unto our fathers.

24. And the Lord commanded us to do all these statutes, to fear the Lord our God, for our good always, that he might preserve us alive, as it is at this day.

25. And it shall be our righteousness, if we observe to do all these commandments before the Lord our God, as he hath commanded us.

Memory Verse: These words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart: and thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children. Deut. 6:6-7.

Practical Truth: We are all responsible for giving heed to the words of God and for helping to make them known to others, and parents are especially responsible for the religious instruction of their children.

### COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

How precious are the words of Moses in verse 23, "And he brought us out—that he might bring us in—" God brought the Israelites out of the land of Egypt that he might bring them into the land flowing with milk and honey, the Canaan land. We can apply that today as a type of what God does for us now. Egypt is a type of sin and the Canaan land is a type of sanctification, or the second work of grace. He brings us out of sin so he can bring us into complete fellowship with him by being filled with the Holy Spirit. When God brings us out of any condition he gives us something better.

The responsibility of parents for the religious instruction of their children is great. Surely God will hold us responsible if we do not teach them while they are young. It's in that little tender heart we want to plant the truths of God's Word. They will not depart from it when they grow older, even if they go in sin. It takes a lot of time. When we, as parents, see that our child is concerned about its spiritual welfare we should drop everything right then and pray with it while God is talking to it. This is the time for us to pray with them. We must work with God in teaching it and instructing it. Verse seven should be obeyed today. Family worship should also be observed. Naturally children will feel that things talked about frequently in the home are important.

### THE SHEPHERD PSALM

October 28, 1956

Printed Portion: .....The 23rd Psalm.

Psalm 23:1. The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

2. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.

3. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

4. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

5. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

6. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Memory Verse: The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. Psalm 23:1.

Practical Truth: God cares for those who put their trust in Him.

### COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

There are many wonderful truths in the twenty-third Psalm. In the entire Psalm there is expressed a sense of security in the Lord's presence. This security is very personal. Although the individual sheep is a member of the flock, it is not lost in the flock. The shepherd knows each by name and takes care of each one. He protects them from danger and leads them into quiet places. Oh, the rest, the heavenly rest that Jesus, the good Shepherd, gives to His sheep. He leads us into green pastures. One sister said she found her green pastures on the sick bed. Many a soul has found satisfying pasturages after being led through alleys that were dark. Times of crisis have led people to trust in God as they never had done before.

The Lord one time gave me some precious thoughts concerning the table that the Psalmist said was set, "in the presence of mine enemies." It seemed that as we sit at the table prepared by the Lord when our enemies are pressing close around, we can find large dishes of love, joy, peace, long-suffering, kindness, faith and forgiveness to eat to our full. How precious it is that God will bless us that our cup will run over. Truly we can find all we need for our soul in Christ.

—Mrs. Marie Miles.