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### Would You Have Victory?

Would you have the victory over doubt and sin?  
Step out on the promise of God's written word.  
Would you have sweet peace abiding deep within?  
Obey the message of your loving Lord.

There is a way an overcomer to be;  
And one must pursue it with vigilance true.  
Faith and obedience brings the victory—  
Fear not, but trust in God; He'll take you through.

Seek not for some way to glide along with ease,  
In faith gird up your loins as a soldier strong;  
Because from such ones the enemy flees—  
Cry out and shout and sing the victor's song.

Would you make progress and gain the fair height?  
They are not won by careless indifferent toil;  
Those who succeed must pray both day and night,  
Lest the foe should in some way their efforts foil.

Do not attempt in your own strength alone  
To fight the battles that confront you each day;  
Trust Him who bore the cross for sin to atone;  
He's ready to help you all of the way.

Then all will be well, and your soul can rejoice  
To know above all things that God is with thee;  
So yielding to Him, let His will be your choice,  
For this is the way to have sweet victory.  
—Ulysses Phillips.

### WORSHIP

St. John 4:19-24

In St. John, chapter four, beginning with verse nineteen, we read, "The woman saith unto him, Sir, I perceive that thou art a prophet. Our fathers worshipped in this mountain; and ye say, that in Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship. Jesus saith unto her, Woman, believe me, the hour cometh, when ye shall neither in this mountain, nor yet at Jerusalem, worship the Father. Ye worship ye know not what: we know what we worship: for salvation is of the Jews. But the hour cometh, and now

is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him. God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth."

Here we have the subject of worship discussed by a seeking soul and the Saviour. This was not a new subject of controversy, because from the early days of the creation it was in the heart of man to worship, and it is recorded in Genesis that both Cain and Abel offered an offering to the Lord. But because of the attitude of Cain's wicked heart, God could not bless him as he could Abel, who had a humble heart. This caused the argument, and Cain killed his brother. Thus worship was a controversial subject from the beginning. And because men followed the path of sin, their desire for worship found expression in many ways which were not pleasing in the sight of the Lord God who created them. So men have worshiped almost every creature—from the sun, moon, and stars to the beasts and creeping things. They have made images of different things and bowed down in worship to them, calling them their gods.

This is termed idolatry by the Word of God, and condemned, because men have placed these objects of worship before the true God in their hearts. Their consciences are defiled, and they are unfit to stand in the presence of the living God (2 Cor. 5:10).

This same principle is true today with people who put any object, person, or thing first in their affections instead of the true and living God, His Son, His will, and His kingdom (Matt. 6:33). People worship the thing that is first in their affections. They may not do as folks did back in Bible times—fall down and call something their god—but they will make many sacrifices in order to give honor to the object of their affections. Jesus says to them as he did to the woman: "Ye worship ye know not what."

But to those who have believed on the Lord Jesus Christ with all their heart, He says, "The true worshippers shall worship the Father in Spirit and in truth. For God is a Spirit and they that worship Him must worship Him in Spirit and in truth, for God seeketh such to worship Him."

The definition of worship is: "To give divine honor or religious service to."

Jesus set us the perfect example of worship when he said, "I do always those things that please the Father." (St. John 8:29). There are some things about our lives which we might not feel like is worship, but there is a way for us to live so that every act of our lives will be an honor to our Lord and Redeemer. That is, after we are saved, to give diligence to see that we do nothing that we know would displease Him. Thus every act will be accepted by Him as an act of honor, or worship, and we can fulfil the Scripture given us in 1 Cor. 10:31: "Whether therefore ye eat or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God."

When we trust God for saving our souls or healing our bodies or our children's bodies, we are worshipping God who teaches us to do so. Jesus is OUR Physician, Mark 2:16-17; Jesus is THE Physician, Mark 5:25-28; Jesus is the BEST Physician. Praise God, He is better than all the physicians of the world.

May God bless all of our readers is our prayer.

—Ray Key

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## Shall We Worship Jesus?

### A Serious Defect in the Revised Standard Version Of The Bible

THE TRANSLATORS of the RSV of the Bible seem to have followed a deliberate policy of detracting from the Deity of Christ whenever they saw a chance to do so. We believe we can prove this tendency in the way they translated the word *proskuneo* (to worship) in the New Testament. Let us compare the translations of several passages in the New Testament as rendered by the AV and the RSV. In Matthew 8:2, the AV (Authorized Version) reads:

"There came a leper and worshipped him, saying . . ."

The RSV (Revised Standard Version) reads,

"A leper came to him and knelt before him, saying."

This is a deliberate weakening, to say the least, of the Greek in this text. The word *proskuneo* means either to do homage (to a superior person) or to worship (when applied to Deity). The RSV translators here deliberately reject the idea of "worship"—used in both the AV and the ASV (American Standard Version)—and give it the very weak rendering "knelt before him."

The translators of the RSV admit the word *proskuneo* means worship, for they so translate it in Hebrews 1:6; also in Matt. 2:2; John 9:38; Rev. 19:10 and 22:8. They seem so utterly capricious and arbitrary in their translations! For why did they translate the same word (*proskuneo*) "worship" in John 9:38 and "kneel before" in Matthew 8:2, Matthew 9:18 and Matthew 15:25, when the context of these passages is so similar?

Certainly, the context in the Matthew 8:2 passage indicates the Deity of Christ: for He said to the leper, "I WILL" cleanse you—so showing forth both His sovereignty and His deity—and by His own power and authority He performed a creative miracle and brought the man's flesh back whole and clean again. Who but GOD could do a miracle like that? And yet

the RSV translators, ignoring the context, translate this word (*proskuneo*) with even a lesser meaning than that of doing homage to a superior person! With this subtle move, they seek to make Christ a mere man, and that in the face of the fact that a score or more of recent and older translations render the word *proskuneo* in this verse as "worship" (it is so rendered in the Basic English translations, the British Revised of 1881, the American Standard of 1901, Rotherham's New Testament, the Catholic Revision of 1941, etc., etc.)

The RSV did the same thing in the case of the visit of Jairus who came to see Jesus, asking Him to bring back to life his daughter who had just died. See Matthew 9:18. The AV and the ASV render this verse,

"Behold, there came a ruler, and worshipped him, saying, My daughter is even now dead . . ."

But the RSV rendering is,

"A ruler came in and knelt before him, saying, My daughter has just died . . ."

In what may appear to the uninformed to be a good translation—possibly even a superior translation, due possibly to greater knowledge (?) or more light from ancient Greek MSS—is in reality a perversion, a subtle effort, incited possibly by their unitarian views, to take out of the passage anything that would leave the suggestion or give the impression that Christ should be worshipped.

Since none but God can raise the dead, and the Lord Jesus here raised Jairus' daughter from the dead, He certainly proves His Deity. Then why not worship Him? And why not use the correct translation, and render the word "worship" when applied to deity?

The RSV repeats this crime against both the Bible and Christ and the souls of men (by turning men aside from the truth of Christ's Deity) by the same mistranslation in the case of the woman from Canaan who came to Jesus, asking for healing for her demon-possessed daughter (see Matthew 15:25); and in the case of the mother of the sons of Zebedee, who came to the Lord Jesus, asking of Him future position for her sons. (See Matthew 20:20). —Fred John Meldau

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## Strength

The Lord is my strength and my song. Ex. 15:2.  
As thy days so shall thy strength be. Deut. 33:25.  
The strength of Israel will not lie. 1 Sam. 15:29.  
Seek ye the Lord and his strength. 1 Chron. 16:11.  
The joy of the Lord is your strength. Neh. 8:10.  
I will love thee, O Lord my strength. Psalms. 18:1.  
O Lord, my strength and my redeemer. Psalms. 19:14.  
The Lord will give strength unto his people. Psalms. 29:11.  
God is our refuge and strength. Psalms. 46:1.  
I will go in the strength of the Lord God. Psalms. 71:16.  
Their strength is to sit still. Isa. 30:7.  
In quietness and in confidence shall be your strength.  
Isa. 30:15.

Put on thy strength, O Zion. Isa. 52:1.  
Love God with all thy strength. Mark 12:30.

## Does God Care About Our Hair?

The remark is often made that God does not care about the way we fix our hair, neither does He care whether it is long or short. I beg to disagree with those who have such an attitude. It seems that God has taken special note of the hair. When God created man and woman he made them each with hair of a different scale-like design, "a pattern distinctly its own." Dr. Milton W. Eddy, who has perfected a system of identifying each person's hair, says that relatives have hair similar in the medulla, the very center of the hair. If God has taken that much thought of our hair, to cause each child that is born into the world to have hair, each with a different scale-like design, then He surely cares about how we fix it, and whether it is long or short.

In Numbers, the 6th chapter, one of the requirements or vows of a Nazarite was that he should not cut his hair, but let it grow. This was a special permit for a man to have long hair so he could be different and be recognized as a Nazarite. Today we do not have any such command or permit, as this was recorded in the Old Testament. We see that at that time God did care whether a man's hair was long or short. When Samson disobeyed the command, he lost his strength, but it returned when his hair grew out—in answer to his prayer.

There was another time that God took special note and care about the hair. When the three Hebrew children were put into the fiery furnace, God so protected them that others took note of it. "Nor was a hair of their head singed." Dan. 3:27. God did care about their hair.

At another time God mentioned the hair. The Apostle Paul was on a ship that was being severely besieged by a storm, and the lives of all on board were in danger. God told Paul that he was going to spare their lives, and made this statement: "for there shall not a hair fall from the head of any of you." (Acts 28:35). In reading farther we find that not one was lost. How wonderful it is to us to know that God did not let one hair fall from the heads of those men as they splashed in the water, struggling to get to shore. God surely does care about the hair.

Then we find the words of Jesus, making us to know that He cares about the hair. He said, "But the very hairs of your head are all numbered." (Matt. 10:30). O dear ones, God does care, Jesus cares, the Holy Spirit cares; don't you care to please the Holy Trinity?

Someone says, "Yes, I care, and take special care to have it well set and cut to the latest style." Does that please the Lord, or does it satisfy the pride in your heart? We can only find the answers in the Bible.

In Prov. 6:16-19, where we find the list of the seven things that God hates, is a sin called, "a proud look." So if our hair is fixed in such a way that it has a proud look, then it is not pleasing to God. God is our judge and he knows what is in our hearts. We

know that we are going to be judged by the Bible, therefore it is our duty to measure by the Bible, isn't it?

Let us read the first fifteen verses of 1 Corinthians, the 11th chapter. Here we find that the Apostle Paul brings out the thought of a woman praying, or prophesying, with her head uncovered. He says in the fifteenth verse: "Doth not even nature itself teach you, that, if a man have long hair, it is a shame unto him? But if a woman have long hair, it is a glory to her: for her hair is given her for a covering." Her hair is her covering. In the first verses we read that Christ is the head of the man and the man is the head of the woman. So if she prays or prophesies with shaven or shorn (the definition of shorn is shear, which means clip or cut) hair she dishonors her head, which is the man, and in turn is Christ. To sum up the teaching of the Apostle Paul, we say that the woman dishonors Christ if her hair is cut, and a man dishonors Christ if his hair is long. This is very plain, and it is grievous to see so many trying to get around it. We must face the Word of God.

In 1 Tim. 2, it reads, "In like manner also, that women adorn themselves in modest apparel [not in shorts, neither low neck or sleeveless dresses] with shamefacedness and sobriety; not with broided hair, or gold, or pearls, or costly array." Referring to the words "broided hair," the margin says "plaited hair." One dictionary definition of plaited is "interwoven." In studying the customs of those who lived when this was written, we find that a custom of that day was to braid strands of gold in their hair, or other things. "Adorning the hair" is what Paul was trying to point out as something God is not pleased with.

I feel that we should each one look to the Lord to teach us how to fix our hair in an easy, becoming way. When I got saved my hair was short. The Holy Spirit made me feel that I should roll it up. I felt like that was more becoming to my profession in following the lowly, humble Christ. I did that the best I could, and when it became longer He impressed me to fix it in a plainer manner. I obeyed the Lord even though my husband and others thought the other way I had fixed it looked more becoming. The Lord knew that I thought so too—more than I should. God deals with each of us in a different manner; but it is our duty to obey Him. He does not require all to fix their hair alike; so we cannot and do not bind anything upon anyone. Each one should look to the Lord to know how to fix her long hair.

In the third chapter of Isaiah the prophet Isaiah reproved the daughters of his day for their pride and told them what the Lord was going to do to them. He said that God "will smite with a scab the crown of the head of the daughters of Zion." The twelfth verse reads, "instead of well set hair, baldness."

I say with the Apostle Paul, "Consider what I say; and the Lord give thee understanding in all things." 2 Tim. 2:7. —Mrs. Marie Miles.

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"Often in a wooden house a golden room we find."

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## Editorials

It is with pleasure in the Lord that we are permitted by Him to send out another issue of the "Faith and Victory" paper. The many letters of appreciation and testimonies of those whose souls the Lord has been blessing as they read its contents inspire our hearts to know that our labors are not in vain in the Lord. We appreciate very much those whom the Lord can talk to and they obey his voice in sending means to keep the literature going forth to the thousands of readers who live by the words that proceed from the mouth of God. Our souls must be fed on the Word of God or they will die just like our bodies would die if they were not fed with literal bread and meat.

We pray much to the Lord that his Spirit will work in us both to will and to do of his good pleasure so we can be workers together with the Lord in getting the pure unadulterated Gospel to men by the printed page.

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The Lord has burdened us much of late concerning the slimy and crafty way that the anti-Christ spirits are working in the world to undermine living faith in the living God. The devil is not satisfied with the religious colleges of the land turning out infidel preachers, but he has succeeded in getting a company of his agents together (great men of earth) to make up a "new version" of the Bible. They have woven their atheistic ideas into the Scriptures in such a way as to make the readers doubt the miracles recorded there; also to make men believe that Christ was just a political leader not born of the Virgin Mary and not the Son of God, that the Bible is not a holy book, and that it is the work of men and not inspired of God.

We have recently printed a supply of 32-page booklets which contain the account of a debate that two men had on the subject. One stood for the new version of the Bible and the other held for the old fashioned Bible, the beloved King James translation. This booklet is very interesting and enlightening on this subject. In it you can read what the promoters of the new version stand for and of the anti-Christ spirit which prompted the writing of this new bible, which the religious world has gone after and is swallowing the poison doctrines into their dried-up souls. In time to come the reception of such poison doctrines will hatch out a host of infidel preachers, who will by their teaching shrivel up the spiritual life of believers like bugs would do a pumpkin vine. We are certainly living in perilous times, and souls need to be warned about the activities of these anti-Christ men and women who are sweeping millions of precious souls into communistic atheism and infidelity.

I wish I could get this booklet into the hands of every Christian in the world, that their eyes might be opened to the works of Satan and anti-Christ. We shall be glad to send you one of the booklets for the asking. We have not printed a large supply of these booklets, so we do not want to send them out where they will only be wasted; but we shall be glad to send

you one if you will let us know that you want it to read or hand out to others. You may obtain ten of them for twenty-five cents, or if you want a large quantity we can print them for you at a reasonable rate. I am sure a very profitable way to spend the Lord's money would be to get a large supply of these booklets and hand them or send them out to Christians; for this surely should help to keep them out of the snares of Satan and anti-Christ. If you will read the booklet and really have a burden for souls with Christ, I am sure you will agree with me.

We have an authentic list of over a hundred and fifty places in the New Testament where these translators have left out verses or words or made other changes.

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The Holy Bible is full of warnings against these anti-Christ spirits and false prophets and teachers that will come in sheep's clothing to deceive the very elect if possible.

In the 24th chapter of Matthew, beginning with verse 23, we read what Jesus has to say by way of warning his disciples against these false prophets and teachers. He says in part, "Then if any man shall say unto you, Lo, here is Christ, or there; believe it not. For there shall arise false Christs and false prophets, and shall show signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they would deceive the very elect." In the 28th verse it is written, "For wheresoever the carcase is, there will the eagles be gathered together." Carcass in a spiritual sense would refer to these dead sect churches which are so numerous in the world. Eagles or buzzards would mean fowl spirits or evil spirits—spirits that get into many, causing them to make an idol of their church and causing them to have a profession without a possession of Christ, and to choose pastors with atheistic spirits. This would include lying spirits, adulterous spirits, worldly religious spirits, proud spirits, carnal spirits, anti-Christ spirits, hateful bird spirits, and filthy-lucre-loving spirits. If you want to read more about what inhabits these dead, human, worldly churches, just turn and read Revelation 18:2 and Jude's epistle.

Not only are we warned against these spirits by Jesus' own words, but the apostle John by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit wrote in his first epistle, 2:18, that many anti-Christ were in the world even at that time, and he warned against them. It seems that they have multiplied a million-fold since his day.

The apostle Paul, writing of these last days, said in part, "Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day will not come [Christ's coming] except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition." Some claim that the Catholic pope is the "man of sin" referred to here. He is no doubt a man of sin and is anti-Christ in spirit; but I am persuaded that any company of men who are anti-Christ in spirits would be termed a "Man of Sin." Any man or company of men that would put the mother of Jesus ahead of Jesus Christ the Son of God or would deny the virgin birth of Jesus would be anti-Christ in spirit and doctrine.

I am persuaded in my own mind that the second coming of Christ will be after Satan has worked with all power and signs and lying wonders. In 2 Thess. 2:10 we learn that some perish, being deceived and unrighteous, for they receive not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. He said God would send them a strong delusion that they should believe a lie that all might be damned who believe not the truth. Brethren and sisters, we should by all means keep loving the truth, the self-denying way, the crucified way with Jesus.

In Revelation 16:12-14 we read about the three unclean spirits like frogs which have come out of the mouth of the Dragon (Paganism) and out of the mouth of the Beast (Catholicism) and out of the mouth of the false Prophet (Sectism or Protestantism). It says that they are spirits of devils working miracles, which go forth unto the kings of the earth (not of heaven) and of the whole world. These evil spirits under a cloak of religion are in the world today and are doing many wonders and even working miracles to deceive. God is allowing the satanic forces to do these things, and in this the elect are being tested and tried.

In the 20th chapter of Revelation this anti-Christ and anti-God spirit is mentioned as again deceiving the nations (8th verse) and gathering them together to battle. It says that the number is as the sand of the sea. That old pagan satanic spirit under the cloak of Communism is deceiving the nations by the multitudes, and they are almost innumerable. They are battling against the saints of God and their Christ. These spirits are anti-Christ and anti-God. The ninth verse tells us that they compassed the saints about (they are doing it now) and the beloved City—the people whom God inhabits. Then God steps in and sends fire down from heaven and devours them. This will take place just before and at the coming of the Lord. The resurrection will take place and those who possess the Spirit of Christ will be changed and caught up to meet the Lord in the air and all the wicked will be burned up, and their souls will be thrust into hell where the worm dieth not and the fire is never quenched. No doubt many of the saints will be slain and some thrown in prison and some beheaded before that day comes; but God, who is just, will avenge his elect who cry unto him day and night. In the 10th verse we read that the devil and his crowd will be cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the Beast and the False Prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night forever and ever. You notice that the Beast (Catholicism) and the False Prophet are already there and this anti-Christ and anti-God spirit of Paganism called Satan and the Devil is the last to be cast into the lake of brimstone and fire. This satanic spirit clothed with the word "Communism" is the one to battle against the saints and to go down just before Christ appears and the judgment sets.

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Sister Charlotte Marshall Allen was born in Buena Vista, Alabama, January 18, 1883, and departed this life June 5, 1956 at the age of 73 years, four months and 18 days, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Irma Allen.

She was the daughter of Milton and Judy Marshall. Her parents and her three brothers and sister preceded her in death.

On December 16, 1903 she was married to George Allen who also preceded her in death on January 5, 1953. To this union twin daughters were born. Although she was the mother of only two children, she assisted in the rearing of 15 other children.

Sister Allen heard the truth preached by Brother Robinson in 1919 and embraced it as her standard of life. She was very earnest and sincere with her convictions toward God. She learned that the way to serve God was to serve her fellowmen, and she gave herself to that, wholeheartedly living for others. She ministered to the saints, cared for the sick, and worked hard to rear her family.

On January 15, 1956 she took sick. She bore her illness with patience and was a source of encouragement to those who visited her.

Sister Allen's survivors include: two daughters, Mrs. Irma Allen of the home and Mrs. Ora Horn of Oklahoma City; an adopted daughter, Mrs. Gertrude Mason of Oklahoma City; and a step-son, George Allen of Castle, Oklahoma; four grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, all of Oklahoma City, and many other relatives, friends, and saints to mourn their loss, which we feel is heaven's gain. Funeral conducted by Bro. M. Spears. Text: St. John 11:25.

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Bro. Otis J. Benight passed away at his home 1411 N. Quanah St., Tulsa, Okla. He was born near Terre Haute, Indiana August 28, 1874, and died at the age of 82 years, and 18 days. His wife preceded him in death in 1947.

He is survived by one nephew, Hamilton De Noan, Lebanon, Mo. Bro. Benight accepted the Lord at the age of 74. Although he had some spiritual failures along the way, we believe he died in peace, at last.

The funeral was at the Moore Funeral Home, and burial at Jennings, Okla. The services were conducted by Bros. Richard Madden and Sam Barton. The text was taken from the 22nd chapter of Matthew.

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Mrs. Helen Gaines, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Blackwell, was born May 30, 1921 and departed this life at her home at 1001 Lakeview Ave., Sunday morning September 30, 1956 at the age of 35 years and four months. In 1937, she, with her parents, moved to Bakersfield where she remained until her death. She was united in holy matrimony to Mr. Orville Gaines July 24, 1939. To this union four children were born.

She first accepted the Lord in her early childhood. Through many trials and tribulations, she later became established in the Lord and found great joy in the service of the Master. Shortly before she was called away she told her loved ones that she was ready to go. She counseled her children that they could and should live in a way that they will be ready when the Lord calls for them. She will be greatly missed by all, and especially by the young people for her faithfulness in services. She was the young people's treasurer and their assistant Sunday school teacher.

She leaves behind: a husband, Mr. Orville Gaines; father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. John K. Blackwell of Bakersfield; two daughters, Margie Erlene and Barbara Jean; two sons, John Leonard and Orville Lee of Bakersfield, California; five sisters, Mrs. Mayetta Piarro of Rosamond, Calif., Mrs. Henrietta Francisco, Miss Hazel Blackwell, Mrs. Bernice Jackson, and Miss Janice Blackwell; two brothers, Mr. Grant Blackwell, and Mr. Willard

Blackwell, all of Bakersfield, and many other relatives saints and friends.

Funeral services were conducted by Bro. I. C. Chandler, assisted by Bro. Z. E. Francisco and others. Texts: 2 Timothy 4:6-8. Interment, Union Cemetery.

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#### NOTE OF APPRECIATION

Dear saints, neighbors, and friends:—We wish to thank each and every one of you for your prayers, love, and kindness shown to us during the long illness of our loved one, Helen Gaines.

First, we especially want to thank the Lord for his goodness and tender mercy, and then the dear ministers and loving saints who stood by us night and day, singing and praying for the Lord's mercy to be extended to us.

Also, we are thankful for the beautiful Get-Well cards that so many dear ones sent. They, also, were encouraging and uplifting.

Since Helen's passing we have received kind words of sympathy, many beautiful cards, telegrams, and many love offerings. Oh, how we thank each and every one of you. We also appreciate the many dear ones who came miles and miles to show their last respect.

We desire your prayers that we will ever live worthy of the many good blessings the Lord bestows upon us.

—Bro. and Sister J. K. Blackwell and family, and The Gaines family.

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### The Special Two Months Offer

Unfold the enclosed self-addressed envelope and you will find spaces marked off for ten names and addresses of friends and neighbors whom you want to receive the "Faith and Victory" paper for two months, beginning with the 1957 January issue. Write the names and addresses on the lines, enclose a dollar bill, check, or postal money order, write name of the premium desired in the blank space, then fold the envelope back as it was, stamp and seal. This offer will expire December 10, 1956. Send the names as soon as you can. This liberal offer is made possible by the free-will offerings of the saints and others.

**PREMIUMS OFFERED:**—Take your choice of one of the seven premiums offered below for sending in the two months subscriptions. Please send postage stamps to cover cost of mailing premium, if convenient. Do not forget to write name of premium you have chosen inside of the envelope on which you send the names.

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#### "THE BEAUTIFUL WAY" BOOKS

We have the back numbers of "The Beautiful Way" papers bound in book form for sale. It has a good cover with over 200 pages. Most of these books are different as we are using papers that were printed in 1950 and up to this last year. The stories are good for children especially at the age of eight to twelve. Children under this age enjoy them being read to them.

These books will be postpaid to you for one dollar (\$1.00). Order today to give as Christmas gifts or for children who like to read. They will receive many truths that they will never forget. It will help in the moulding of their character for right and for God.

#### PRAYER REQUEST

To the Saints: greetings in the name of Jesus. I am saved and living to all I know according to my understanding.

Please pray for Sister Clark at Tullahassee who has been sick for four months.

—Lizzie Randels.

### Meeting Notices

#### REVIVAL MEETING NEAR OKEENE, OKLA.

A revival meeting will begin Nov. 9th and continue as long as the Lord leads, seven miles east of Okeene and two and one-half miles south, at the meeting house on the Lewis Droke farm. Ministers will be present to preach the old time Gospel.

#### TULSA ALL-DAY MEETING

The Lord willing, the saints of God of Tulsa plan to have all day meeting each fourth Sunday of the month beginning Sunday, October 28, 1956, until further notice.

Pray for us that God will bless in our undertakings in His dear name.

—The saints of Tulsa.

Bro. Barton—Pastor.

#### CALIFORNIA STATE ASSEMBLY MEETING

The California State Assembly meeting of the Church of God will be held December 28, 1956, to January 6, 1957 on the saints' camp ground located at 12312 Osborne Pl., Pacoima, California (a suburb of Los Angeles). Pacoima is located between Burbank and San Fernando. Those coming by car from the east or south, come out of Los Angeles on San Fernando Road (U. S. Highway 99) and go on through Burbank and Sun Valley. Then at Osborne Street (there is a traffic signal at this intersection) turn right and go little more than half of a mile to the camp ground. Those coming by car from the north, drive on through San Fernando on U. S. 99 to Osborne St. (the 4th traffic signal after you leave the town of San Fernando) and turn left to the camp ground. It is between San Fernando Road and Glenoaks Blvd. on Osborne Place, which goes straight on where Osborne St. curves.

Those coming by bus or train from the north get off at San Fernando except if you ride the streamline train.



It does not stop at San Fernando. In that case, get off at Glendale. Those coming from the east or south get off in Los Angeles. Those arriving by bus or train phone EMpire 9-3608 from the station and someone will pick you up. It will be some better if you can let us know a day or two in advance by mail when you expect to arrive, and someone can be there.

Places will be provided for everyone coming to stay, and beds are available for a rental of \$3.00 each.

The meeting is run on the free-will offering plan throughout except the equipment that has to be rented. We do not want anyone who wants to be there to stay away because you feel you cannot pay, because God's people share one another's burdens and God has always bountifully supplied the needs of the meeting. This meeting is held in the interest of souls and God's kingdom, and God has always blessed and supplied able ministers of the New Testament who are able to expound the Word, pray the prayer of faith, and give good sound advice to those who have spiritual problems. We are expecting this meeting to be no exception to this rule and anticipate the same visitation from the Lord as in former years, and urge all who love the truth and work of God and especially those who need help in soul or body to make your plans to attend this meeting. And let us all fast and earnestly pray for good success in the Lord.

Will be seeing you at the Assembly meeting, Lord willing.—Ostis B. Wilson, 12312 Osborne Place, Pacoima.

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#### WICHITA, KANSAS ANNUAL MEETING

The Wichita, Kansas Annual Assembly will begin, the Lord willing, Nov. 23, and continue to Dec. 2. We are praying the Lord to send Holy Ghost ministers to help in this meeting. We are expecting the Lord to give us a good harvest for souls this year. We desire the prayers and co-operation of all saints for the success of this meeting. We stand for the old time Truth by being justified by faith, sanctified by the Holy Ghost and divine healing by the power of our great God.

A place for those who stay for the meeting will be provided. Many of the saints' children are up here and need to be saved along with others. If you can't come, help in sending someone else.

For further information write Bro. Lewis Williams, 1536 Pratt St., Wichita, Kansas. Phone HO. 4-8481.

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#### LOS ANGELES ASSEMBLY MEETING

The Los Angeles Assembly Meeting of the Church of God will be held, the Lord willing, Nov. 23 - Dec. 2nd in the saints chapel at 1381 E. Walnut St. There will be services every night with day services Friday through Sunday of both week ends.

We desire the earnest prayers of all the saints for the success of this meeting. We desire the Lord to save some one and the saints receive the needed help for their souls and bodies. Everyone is welcome and will be cared for.

For more information write or phone the pastor; Bro. I. C. Chandler, R. 6, Box 37, Bakersfield, Calif. Phone Fairview 42950 or Bro. T. R. Summers, 207 E. 76 Place, Los Angeles 3, Calif. Phone PI. 88319.

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Sun set and evening star,

And one clear call for me.

May there be no mourning at the bar

When I set out to sea.

## Reports From the Evangelistic Field

Bro. and Sister Stover and Bro. Abbott just closed a tent meeting at Duffy, W. Va. Bro. and Sister Stover were to hold a meeting at Richwood, W. Va. in a chapel after this meeting. The following letter from Sister Ruby Stover is a report of the Duffy tent meeting:

S. Charleston, W. Va.,—Oct. 10th.

Dearest Marie,—Greetings of love in Jesus' dear name. Oh, how we love the dear Lord today for His many blessings to us unworthy creatures! We want to do everything we can for poor lost souls, whom He died to save, in return for giving us peace and victory in our souls. "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me bless His holy name!"

We found the Lord very precious to us in the Duffy, W. Va. meeting. I just wish I had time to tell you the many things we met and how the Lord worked. The people in general listened to the meetings so eagerly and paid good attention—but some, of course were against it and would not come out. As it went on and news of the preaching scattered, it began to stir things. When the Word kept coming down on sin and a holy life and God's church being pure and holy, it's members were all born into it by spiritual birth and lived free from sin and when they sinned they were cut off, it would be so quiet and the people sat spell-bound. They said they had never heard anything like it before. People kept coming until the tent would be almost filled night after night.

The Word kept coming down on hatred, envy, malice, and jealousy, ALL outside of Christ; what it meant to be in God's kingdom; and the people would agree that was the truth.

We made a lot of new friends, and I believe the meeting was not in vain. They invited us into their homes. We climbed the mountains on foot and visited home after home. We answered questions and talked, sang, and prayed with them. Several said they heard more Bible and truth in this meeting than they had in the last fifteen years—and some they had never heard before. I believe some would take their stand for the truth if they knew how or had someone to lead them.

The last night was very precious. The tent was overflowing and people told us over and over how they appreciated our coming there.

The people had been warned that we would come there and beg for money and take the money that rightfully belonged to their preacher; so we let them know in the beginning that we never passed a hat or plate or asked for money at any time and asked them not to stay away for that reason. They were truly puzzled with us. But the people were nice in many ways. Some gave eggs and butter and vegetables, and the Lord was precious, so we have not suffered. But we are a long ways from home, and we truly thank the Lord for the offering. Oh, it is sweet to trust Him for everything! We'll be glad to get papers at Richwood. We still have some literature. The people at Duffy liked them well and I will be sending in some names for the paper soon.

Bro. Abbott took the tent back to Springfield, Ohio, and did not plan to come over here to Richwood, W. Va. Love, Ruby and all.

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The following tent meeting reports in letter form are from Bro. Charles Smith. It appears that the tent meetings will have to be postponed until next year because of unfavorable weather conditions in most parts of the country. Perhaps the climate in Florida and south Texas



would permit tent meetings during the winter months. In the meantime, let us continue to pray and be "workers together" with God in His great cause in getting the good news of full salvation to every guilty soul. Possibly the Lord would impress his saints to sacrifice of their means to the extent of supplying and equipping several more evangelistic tent companies to start out next summer.

—L. D. Pruitt.

The tent meeting at Jena, La. (Sept. 12th to 23rd) was good. There was hardly any outside interest; what I mean, they did not come under the tent. They parked in their cars all around the tent but usually left before the meeting was over. This was the most peculiar place I was ever in—the main religion being hard-shell Baptist—and I mean just that. The electric man said to us, "I'll tell you, any preacher God would send in here, He is just trying to punish him." There is one thing for sure though, they will have had a chance and at the judgment we shall be clear. We did quite a lot of personal work, but they seemed very distant. On one Sunday night there were five at the altar. Two of them were Baptist men, and they really exposed sin in their lives, and were saved. It seemed so good to see them so faithful when the rest in the community were so hard. The meeting was worth all our efforts just to see them get help; but our hearts are still burdened for the others who need God so badly. Sister Lottie Joiner, who has been used of the Lord in delivering some wonderful messages in the last three meetings, was in this meeting also.

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Baton Rouge, La.—October 8, 1956—Today finds us still saved and much encouraged to press on in the great service of God. The greatest ambition of our life is to spend and be spent in the service of God. The least we can do is to give our all to God and humanity. For real joy in our lives it must be: JESUS FIRST, OTHERS SECOND, ME LAST. That is what we want to come out of our life as long as we live, whether few days or many. We solicit a standing interest in your prayers that God will ever lead and anoint us by His Holy Spirit.

Surely God has been good to the saints during this terrible typhoid seige. It is nothing but a miracle that some have come through it, and also that more did not get the contamination of typhoid. There was surely a reason for this happening, and I believe it has drawn the saints to their knees more than common. We trust no other cases will occur. "The Lord is good and He doeth good." Praise His name.

This is surely a precious meeting. I believe there has been more visible results in it than in any this summer. We had quite a time getting a lot first, then meeting all the requirements of the city. We had to have another pole system for the electricity—the man who owns the lot made us a gift of one he had. Then the fire department would not pass on the tent until we got a telegram from the place where we purchased the tent to verify the statement that it is fire or flame proof. We had to wire Tulsa for it, and they co-operated immediately. Then we went right on getting things ready for the meeting. There has been a real good interest. We feel that some have received definite help from God. There has been some good altar work and we are expecting more. Several families have seen the signs and come for meeting and have been coming ever since. They seem honest and glad they got in touch with the saints. Each Sunday we have had all-day meetings, and they have been precious. The dear saints from Hammond, Loranger, and Batchelor have been real faithful to come all they could, and it has been a

great pulsation to the meeting. We had thought of closing last Sunday, yesterday, but the interest has been too good to close, and we felt it would displease the Lord to do so. We are continuing as long as the Lord leads. Surely it is a sacrifice, because I have been gone from home six weeks last Saturday, but felt definitely led to stay on here. A number of folks have been coming out and seem to be enjoying the meeting. We surely would like to see a congregation of saints raised up here. We believe it could be easily done. There is a great interest here; a number of the saints' children live in this city.

Sister Lottie Joiner is also here in this meeting, and the Lord has wonderfully used her.

We plan to go home from here. It seems a shame to not use the tent during the winter months, but we cannot go into these far isolated places without more help. I cannot lead the singing and do a lot of the preaching, too. We are burdened for God to continue to work.

They are to have a meeting in Shawnee some time in October, and we desire to be in it; then they are wanting another meeting near Huntsville, Ark., and I feel definitely led of the Lord to go back there—and from there as the dear Lord leads.

Yours for the gleanings of souls, Charles R. Smith.

## Testimonies

Okla.—Saints, if we follow the strait and narrow highway, we shall have peace and happiness. To follow it, we must get the Lord's road map, the Bible. This map shows the way to heaven. The markings are plain. The Lord's patrols are angels. They will help us on the way to that sweet land and will protect us. We will not have to buy gas nor change tires, but the Lord will furnish all that we need to keep us traveling on, if we will trust Him. With the Holy Spirit as our comforter and constant companion, we need never become weary or lonesome on this highway. Let us all do our best to travel this wonderful highway, and not look back. If we keep faith and follow our map, we shall keep the victory, which is needed as never before. The end of time is surely near; for the majority of people are refusing to follow the Lord's map and His strait narrow road. They seem to enjoy the road where they can see signs such as: "Two miles to a beer tavern." Such signs are not on God's road. Let us trust in the Lord and He will not allow us to have any wrecks on this road.

Please pray for me, a helpless cripple, having been in three car wrecks and one train wreck, and I have asthma so bad I am on my feet less than two minutes a day. My neck was stiff and my heart hard, so the Lord had to humble me down to make me meek. Now I love Him more each day. Write to me. Box 642, Tipton, Okla.

Your brother in Christ, John B. Gregory.

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Kans.—Dear saints,—Today finds us much encouraged to hold fast to God's unchanging hand. Truly, we find He is just the same yesterday, today, and forever. When I was but a child ten years old the Lord saved me. When I was twelve He sanctified me wholly; and I remember how I promised Him that I was His to do with what He wanted to do and I would do anything He wanted me to. It is so good to submit all to the Lord and keep it submitted. It takes away the fear of what might happen. The devil is ever trying to make the people of God afraid to give the Lord full control. I heard one brother testify once. He said he was afraid to say he would trust the Lord for himself and his family for he didn't know what might happen. Today we see that this man has

taken one of the by-paths which makes it easier for him to live without dying out to self. Such ones cannot have peace in their souls that comes by giving all. Truly, we can "only be blest and have peace and sweet rest" when our all on the altar is laid.

This summer the Lord permitted me, as well as others of his children, to have typhoid fever. We had no other desire than to trust the Lord. When the health nurse came to see us, we told her how long we had trusted the Lord, and trusted him also with all of our family, and taught our children to trust him. We told how the Lord had never failed us, and that we would trust him now. She was very nice, but said we would have to have a doctor diagnose the case. We gave her permission to send him for that purpose only. He, too, was very nice and never mentioned medical aid, but told me: "The only thing that can pull you out is your faith in God, and I know you have. Don't lose your courage now, for it is the only thing that will help."

I became very sick, suffering much with my neck and head. I also had gas pains until I would lose my breath. My husband would have to work with me until I would get my breath again. I almost went into pneumonia, and was delirious much of the time, having fever often times reaching 105 degrees. I became so weak that I could not even turn myself in bed nor feed myself. I had fever for almost five weeks; but, praise be to our Lord, He had mercy on me and touched me by his mighty power, and healed me of the germ and fever. He began to add strength to my body and put flesh upon my bones, and enabled me to be up again. At present I am able to help with the house work; and I rode twenty-five miles last Sunday, Oct. 1st to meet with the dear saints at Coffeyville for the first time in eight weeks. The trip did not hurt me. Surely God is good to his people. I feel like David of old: "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits: who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases."

We want to thank all the dear saints for their love shown to us. We received so many cards and letters that we will not be able to write each of you; but they were such an encouragement to us. Oftentimes my eyes would fill with tears and we would ask God to bless you. Also we especially wish to express our appreciation to the Tulsa, Webb City, and Neosho saints for their visits, interest, and prayers. Bro. David Madden was very faithful to come and stay while I was suffering most and help bear the burden. The Lord surely did bless in sending Bro. and Sister Roy Harmon to pray and give us encouragement and preach to the saints while I was sick. They were without a minister one Sunday out of six. Bro. Harmon and family made that 169-mile drive each week-end. Thank God for consecrated saints.

I do not feel like I would be doing justice to all if I closed without saying my family was precious. My husband took charge of caring for me, Laverna did the house work, washing, ironing, and cooking, and she and Deloris helped to wait on me, doing all they could. Donald and Marilyn made many trips to do all they could. And they were all like a rock in the billows with their faith steadfast.

The dear saints here at home were very precious. It seemed they felt they could not do enough, so we just sent word that they had done enough. Oh! praise the dear sweet love of God that binds us all together.

We feel God has had His way with the people of God by permitting this affliction. We deeply sympathize with Bro. and Sister Allen and family and Sister Brown who lost their loved ones. But as we each one submit to

God's will we shall be able to see the steadfastness of the young saints—even the youngest one among us (Linda Taylor), how true to God she has stood in all the suffering man has caused her to go through. Surely, God has a people who, in these perilous times, will stand true like the apostles and prophets. Truly it is our desire to be in that number.

"Must Jesus bear the cross alone and all the world go free? No, there's a cross for everyone, and there's a cross for me." Yours in Christ, Margaret Eck.

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Calif.—Greetings in the precious name of Jesus.—I am saved, sanctified, and very much encouraged to live for the Lord. I have no other desire, but to please the Lord on all lines regardless of the tests and trials and burdens of this life. They all draw me closer and closer to the Lord. I am just thankful for this wonderful salvation and how it satisfies my very soul. I am glad for the joy and peace and satisfaction I find in Christ Jesus. The song says: "Peace which passeth understanding, Joys the world can never give, Now in Jesus I am finding; In His smiles of love I live." Truly the Lord is precious to me. I find Him to be a present help in every time of need, also a great burden bearer.

I can say He surely lifted the burden and helped us out in a miraculous way during the sickness and passing of our sister. He proved himself real in our behalf and lifted the burden that we bore. When my sister was so severely sick, just the thought that she might pass away seemed almost unbearable. (As some of you know, we are a family that is very close together.) After she passed away, the devil stepped in as usual, but thanks be to God, he had to step back. The Lord stepped in and lifted the burden; and, oh, what comfort He did give! He blessed in such a way it surprised me. We shall miss her, but one thing that is such a consolation to us is, we all have a chance to meet her again. If we live true and faithful lives as she did, we surely shall see her again in the great beyond where we shall never part any more.

We covet your prayers that we will ever hold to God's unchanging hand. —Hazel Blackwell

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Guthrie, Okla.—Dear ones:—What a mighty God we serve! Today we want to express our sincere thanks and gratitude to all the dear saints for their prayers and concern for us in our deep trial. Surely we are serving a mighty God, and he has a peculiar people. They love one another and are like our God.

Linda is home now and day by day gaining her strength. How we do appreciate God's love and help. We are looking to God, by his grace, to be more like Him.

Your sisters, Linda and Evelyn Taylor

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Okla.—Dear Saints,—I'm happy to report victory in my soul. I have a greater desire to serve the Lord now than ever before, and I mean to go right on. I've been praying for a closer walk with God. He has given this to me. The more I read from the Bible the more precious it is. Truly it is a beautiful book. We all need to dig deeper in the Lord. If we grow slack, the enemy will step in and destroy our souls. So let's be on guard.

The Lord has many blessings for His people. He will give us whatever we desire if we ask and believe. We know that every good thing comes from Him. Many times, though, we'll pray for something, and then when we get it, we'll forget to thank Him for it. We're taking

too much for granted. Hebrews 13:15 reads, "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."

Pray for me that I'll continue to grow in the Lord and please Him in everything I do.

Christian love, —Erona Classen.

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La.—Dear Bro. Pruitt,—I feel like the Lord will be pleased if I send in my testimony. I'm still saved and sanctified, and encouraged to go all the way with the Lord. Truly the Lord has blessed our home by saving my husband. Many prayers have gone up for his salvation and the dear Lord heard and answered them. Praise his name!

We have a burden we'd like for the Lord to work out, and would appreciate the prayers of the saints. Also, my husband has something wrong with his voice and most of the time he can't speak above a whisper. He is trusting the Lord for soul and body and doesn't take medicine of any kind. Please pray that the Lord will undertake for him.

I'm still sorely afflicted in body, too. I haven't been able to eat solid food for almost three years now. At the present time, I am eating mostly rice and broths. Some days I can eat ice cream and cream of wheat, but the Lord knows all about it. I have no desire to turn to the arm of flesh for help. I believe I've been feeling some better lately, even though I can't eat much. I don't have as much pain as I did, and I'm thankful to the Lord for that. Surely my greatest desire in life is to please the Lord. I need the prayers of all the saints that I'll keep true to God.

Your Sister in Christ, —Viva La Croix.

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La.—Dear readers of the "Faith and Victory," Greetings in the name of Jesus.—I do thank and praise the dear Lord for salvation and all He has done for me, which is much. I'm happy in my soul because of peace and and freedom from sin and condemnation. It makes one feel so good and happy when he has no ill will toward any one—just love for all. The opposite to love makes one feel miserable.

Even though I have peace and happiness in my soul, yet there is a sadness and burden, and I shed many tears for the lost. It brings great grief when we see our own dear loved ones—our own flesh and blood—so unconcerned about the great danger that lies just ahead of them. I fear many who do not intend to be lost in a devil's hell will be awakened when it is too late to do anything about it. God is so good and merciful to people now, but some day His mercy will be turned to wrath, and the people will cry for mercy; but it will be too late.

I do want to thank the Lord for His healing power. Last February, Husband had a bad case of flu. Then in May, he took it again and was well just two weeks when he had an attack of something in his stomach that seemed rather serious; but the Lord healed him.

I had something to come on one arm and also on one of my cheeks that resembled warts. They were about two years coming up, but the Lord removed both, for which we do thank and praise Him. We want to be faithful to the end of life's journey.

Pray for us. —Mrs. A. E. Flynn.

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Mo.—Dear Young Saints,—I'm thankful today for what the Lord has done for me. Surely He has been good to me by sparing my life when I had typhoid fever.

I took sick on Aug. 9th and had fever only two weeks. We called Bro. and Sis. Gibson. They came and prayed for me. The Lord really did bless me. After the fever left, I had a hurting in my left hip, and I couldn't walk on my leg, as it would hurt so bad; but the Lord healed it. A month from the day I took sick, I was able to walk around by myself. I limped for quite awhile but today one can't even tell that I've ever been sick. Praise the Lord! Everyone around here can see the hand of the Lord in my healing. I want to thank each one for their prayers, cards, and gifts. Pray for me that I'll keep saved and sanctified.

Yours in Christ,

—Cynthia Miller.

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Okla.—Dear Saints:—Surely the Lord is good to those that serve Him. I am so thankful for what the Lord has done for me. He has surely been near to me. I surely do thank all the saints for their prayers. The Lord surely did hear and answer prayer and did a wonderful work in my body and healed me of typhoid fever. The health doctor wanted me to take medicine but I refused and told him my trust was in the Lord. I was so sick at times I didn't care whether I died or lived. At one time I almost died but the Lord saw fit to spare my life a little longer. I have gained my weight back and most of my strength, too. I am thankful to be living for the Lord and my desires are to sink deeper in Him. I desire your prayers that I will ever stay true and get closer to the Lord.

Yours in Christ,

—Vernon W. Miles.

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Mo.—Dear saints; greetings to all in the precious name of Jesus.—It is again I try to write a few lines to let you know what the dear Lord is doing for me. He blesses me every day and gives me joy down in my soul. I thank his dear name for what he does for me, and for saving my soul and helping me to be willing to follow Him all the way. I have tests and trials at times and there is no one to call on but the dear Lord and you dear ones; but, thank the Lord, he is willing to bless me in every time of need. He never has forsaken me, and I do not believe he will so long as I trust him and have the faith to believe in him.

Remember me and my family in your prayers. My son Arthur and wife are not very well. Please help me pray that God will heal them.

I pray that God will take care of you.

Your sister in Christ,

Nancy Sweezea

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Okla.—Dear Saints of God, Greetings in the precious name of Jesus.—This leaves me still saved and encouraged to live and work for God. He has done so much for me, I feel like it would please the dear Lord for me to write a few words for His glory and honor.

I do thank the Lord for saving my soul and putting a desire in my heart to do the things that are right. He said in His Word to make mention of his doings among the people, that His name may be exalted. I do thank the dear Lord for His goodness and mercy to me, and how he gives me grace to go through the trials and tests of this life. I am more encouraged than ever before to live and work for God.

Just before the Boley Campmeeting started, one of my daughters had a headache. She said she had had it about a week and then it went into paralysis in the right side of her face. I prayed for her and requested prayer for her in prayer meeting. The first two or three days she did not seem to get any better, but got worse. She

went to school and some one told the teachers that she had a stroke in her face. One of the teachers wrote me a note asking me to take her to a doctor before sending her back to school. She said, "Mamma, I can't go back to school until you take me to a doctor." I asked her if she didn't believe the Lord would heal her. She said, yes, if I'd have her anointed and prayed for. So I did just that. Two brethren from Akron, Ohio came to Hoffman and were at prayermeeting with us that night. They anointed her in the name of the Lord and the Lord healed her. I could see that her face was straightened up before we left the meeting house. I became more burdened for her and took her to the Lord. He sent help to us, and she went back to school the following Monday with her face straight. The teachers asked what we had done, and she told them she had been anointed and prayed for. She said one of the teachers said, "I knew she was going to do that." Praise His dear name forever and ever! So many people know the Lord heals, but it seems like they just can't trust Him. They trust man, but Jesus is my great physician. He can heal all manner of sickness and diseases. The Lord healed her without the doctor seeing her, praise His dear name. I was willing to trust in the Lord and His promises, if she didn't go back to school for a long time but the Lord made me to know it wasn't going to be long before she would be back in school. In spite of all the talk, "Take her to a doctor," "You don't know but what she will be that way a long time, even the rest of her life," the Lord was revealing to me that it was but for a very short while. I just rested on His promise, because I had faith in Him. He had healed us so many times. I was just willing to trust the Lord even though she was not allowed to go to school.

We heard about a boy having the same thing she had. His parents took him to a doctor. He wore a plaster on his right eye. When we heard from him last, his face hadn't straightened up yet.

We had another test to come our way. September 6th our house burned down and burned nearly everything we had. We just saved one bed, sewing machine, a chair, and 7 or 8 dresses of the three oldest girls. The rest was burned up. I was greatly encouraged by the Word of God when He said, "All things work together for good to them that love God." Thank the Lord how He has blessed us and has given us so many, many things! Let us love the Lord, and be encouraged to live for Him when things come our way. We may not understand all, but He knows all things and will make a way for us.

Pray for me that I will be all in this life He would have me to be. Only one of my children is saved. She is 12 years old. Remember her in prayer, that she will grow strong in the Lord, and also that the Lord will stir my husband, and that the rest of the children will get saved before it is too late.

I do thank the saints for their prayers, and thank the Lord for how He is blessing us.

Your sister in the one body, —Amelia Ligons.

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Mo.—Dear Bro. Pruitt, Greetings in the precious name of Jesus,—My neighbor, Mrs. Loyd Dollins, had your "Faith and Victory" paper sent to me and I enjoy it very much. I do long for people to know the truth and live for God. Brother and Sister Dollins have been such a blessing to me.

I want to thank you and all the saints for praying for me. God wonderfully healed me of the affliction I had for three and one-half years. I had severe sciatica attacks but haven't had an attack since April 4th, last

spring. How I do rejoice and Praise God. God can do wonderful things for us if we will just trust Him and ask Him. God has done so many things for me. So many times I have seen God's protecting hand in my life, and each time I have thanked Him. God allows trials of all kinds to come into our lives for a purpose, and we just say, "Thy will be done, O Lord." He knows what is best for us. We realize we are just the clay, and God the potter. We know He wants to make a fit vessel for His use. How I do want to be faithful in the service of our King at all times.

How I long to see my husband saved. Please remember him in prayer. I also request that you pray for my distant cousin, Charlotte Cox. She has a bad cancer. It is so bad her limb and hip are swollen very much. I was so glad to have an opportunity to talk to her and tell her what the Lord had done for me. Praise the Lord!

Bro. Pruitt, please send me some tracts. Sister Dollins and I have been visiting homes and having prayer with people. We are trying to encourage people to come out to our worship services and hear the Word preached. Please pray for us.

I'm enclosing a small love offering for the Lord's work. Use it any way that God leads. How I long to give to the work of the Lord. I am glad I can give a little and thank God.

May God bless His saints everywhere and bless you in His work is our prayer.

Your sister in Christ,

—Lena Bowman.

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Calif.—Dear Saints,—For some time we have felt impressed to tell of the goodness of the Lord. We are so thankful for His dealings with us just recently. We had been asking the Lord to increase our faith to take in more divine healings.

Very soon after this, our little girl came down with a fever. It was just a week before we were to go back home. At first we didn't think much about it, but when it lingered for several days, we became concerned. The Lord gave us the Scripture, "It is the Lord. . ." 1 Sam. 3:18, making us know He had a hand in it. Soon our boy complained of what seemed to be the same thing, about a day before we were to leave. We began to get in earnest then. Our brother-in-law and Mother agreed in prayer. As he was praying the Lord witnessed to us of His power, and the next day they were different children.

I felt the Lord was especially good to us all summer in protecting us against the awful typhoid. Although we were in a position to contact it, the Lord saw fit to spare us from it, but our hearts were certainly burdened for those who were afflicted with it.

One night, after fasting and praying for a sister who was at the point of death, the Lord brought the scripture to my mind, "men ought always to pray and not to faint." It made me to know of His greatness. Oh, how it encourages us! Our faith took deeper roots and we knew the next time we would hear about her she would be better; and it was so.

We are desiring to live where we can touch God, so please pray for us. We have learned, however, when we ask for an increase in faith, we are asking for trials. May we stand firm.

—O. A. Davenport.

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Mo.—Dear Brothers and Sisters and other readers: I greet you all in Jesus' dear name.—Tonight I am rejoicing in the Saviour's love, and enjoying this great salvation that Jesus bought with His own blood for us.

Oh, how great is His love and how wonderful; what a blessing it is that we can have peace, joy, comfort and strength day by day. It is worth more than all this world. If dear sinners only knew what Christians enjoy, surely they would want to give up sin and serve the Lord. He alone can give rest, peace, joy and satisfaction. Yes, salvation really satisfies our longing souls. Without Jesus and His love, we are never truly satisfied.

Truly dear people, it pays to serve God. He is a refuge in every storm of life; a safe abiding place. There is no other place that is really safe. It is only safe when we are living for God and ready to go when He calls. Dear ones, you who are saved, don't turn back but keep looking up. There is nothing to turn back to. Life, we know without Him is a sad, dreary life, so keep pressing on.

Jesus trod this way before us. He was despised and rejected of men. He bore all our griefs and sorrows. He loved us while we were yet in sin, and saved us. We offend in turning back. Read Hebrews 12:3. When we are tempted, tried and mistreated in this world, let us consider Jesus. Think how He was treated and what He endured, all for us.

Let us just come boldly to the throne of grace. Heb. 4:15-16. We can find mercy and grace to help in time of need. No matter what the trials or troubles are, or how great they are, God's grace is sufficient. He will be with us. Let us all press on and be encouraged. He will never let us have more than we can bear. 1 Cor. 10:13. We can't bear it alone, but we can with His help and grace. The promise of eternal life is to those who endure to the end. We don't know how soon the end may come to our life, so let us be true each day. How sweet it will be, to be ready when He calls and to go home to rest forever.

May God bless each one of His children and keep them encouraged. May the unsaved readers prepare to meet God, is my prayer.

Your Sister,

—Becky Barnes.

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Oregon—Dear Christian friends,—I have received the "Faith and Victory" for two or three years now, and certainly enjoy reading it very much. Perhaps the thing that has impressed me the most, is the stand you take for Holiness for God's people. It certainly is a shame the way professed Christians have tried to lower God's standard of holiness. It has come to the place where it is almost impossible to tell who is a Christian and who is not. I trust you will never cease to cry out against this trick of the devil which he is using to try to get our souls.

I have just been reading about the home going of our sister, Shirley Ann. Whenever I read something like this, it makes me appreciate more and more what the Lord really means to me, Christians, for truly we have much to be thankful for, praise God. Even though I never knew Shirley, somehow, just reading about her and the way she lived her life for Jesus, makes me want to live more the way God wants me to.

I thank you very much for your "Faith and Victory" paper. I appreciate it, and the prayers that come with it. May God bless you very much for them.

A brother in Christ,

—Daniel Robinson.

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Calif.—Dear Saints, Greetings in Jesus' name.—I feel it would please the Lord to send my testimony to the paper. I am so happy in the Lord, and happy to be a child of God. Sometimes, I feel like just shouting His praises to everyone.

I attended the revival meeting in Whittier, California, and enjoyed every minute of it. Sister Abbott preached a wonderful sermon. I felt so happy to be there with all the dear saints from all over; some I hadn't seen in years. I live so far away from the saints and I miss them so much. When I do get to be with them, there is such a good feeling of unity and oneness, all seeing eye to eye. I try to store up enough good things from God's bounteous table, to take home with me. I love the saints of God and thank Him for the joy of being with them.

Mother, Sister McKinney, comes down to see us quite often. We have Bible reading, praying and singing of hymns. We have Sunday School lessons from the little "Faith and Victory" paper. It takes a lot of praying to keep a revival in my heart every day, since I'm not privileged to be in meeting. Last time Mother was here, she taught me the hymn, "Jesus Is All the World to Me." I sing it all the time while I'm working. He is my strength from day to day. The Lord has ever been a present help in healing in our home. Without Him I would fall. Praise His dear name.

I would like to request prayer for my unsaved husband and 19 year old son. Also, pray that this boy will stop smoking cigarettes. Pray for me that I will grow in grace and know more how to serve my Saviour. That is my desire.

—Sister Lucille Allen.

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Texas—Dear Ones,—I will write some of my experiences as they have been on my heart for sometime, and as God leads I will write my first real testimony. It happened some few years ago, when I was in bad health for several years. I lost a companion in 1935, and this was when I needed spiritual help from God. Then in 1945 I lost my youngest son in the service of his country. With all this in my life, I soon knew that God was the only hope for all things. I began to trust Him more. Then in 1950 I had an operation for piles and hemorrhoids. They had lingered on for years. I would have trusted God and prayed but I see now that I lacked faith. I went to the hospital in Center, Texas where I live. I knew the doctor well, as a good family doctor. I also did carpenter work in the building of this hospital. My companion was a patient in this same hospital and of the same doctor, so you can see I have been through a good many trials. I am thankful to Jesus, today, that He has given me light of God's Word. Light began to come a few days after my operation in 1950. It was a bad condition for it had gone so long; but thanks be to God for His healing power.

I stayed in the hospital a few days and I would suffer severely most days. They gave me some rest medicine for pain and it kept me until I got home. I also took some home with me. Here is the real answer. One morning I was aroused with severe pain. I took my rest medicine and got worse. I took the fourth dose of medicine late in the day. Every time I took it I got worse. Then I got so low I knew I could not make it without the Lord's help. I came to the point of death and knew it. Then just before too late, I got all my disobedience and sins together and brought them to the foot of the cross of Jesus Christ and prayed the prayer of faith—to let this cup pass from me if the Lord willed; not my will, but His will be done. I told the Lord if it was His will to heal me, I would do what He wanted me to do. As soon as I prayed the prayer of faith, the Lord came in my room to my bedside and touched me and healed my body. I really felt the power of God

go through my body. It was as a shock of electricity, Praise His dear name. I have not had that pain any more. I know when He heals, it is pure and clean. Then I knew, without doubt, that God is real. I wish every soul could have this same assurance of the healing power of Jesus, and His power in saving souls. I am trusting Him with all my soul and doing service for His name's sake. I mean to go all the way with Him.

I pray that this will help some lost soul somewhere, and be a blessing to the saved people. Thanks be to God, I know He is real. Pray for me that I will ever be in the center of God's will. I have seen some people healed after being prayed for. I do want to receive everything God has for me. I hope everyone that reads this, will come to know that God can be just as real to them. May God's mercy be upon a lost world.

Yours in Christ,

—W. O. Miller.

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## Atheism Speaks

### THE DYING WORDS OF SOME INFIDELS AND OTHER NOTORIOUS UNBELIEVERS

So many people will not be honest with themselves and face the facts squarely during their lifetime; but when they come down to die they see how they really stand with God. In the past, many infidels have spent their lives denying the very existence of God and continually blaspheming His Holy Name; but as they were dying, they realized their mistake. In many cases they received such a fearful revelation of their impending doom that their family and friends fled from the scene.

We are indebted to Edgar J. Wrigley for compiling from various sources the last words of these infidels and other notorious unbelievers: and we here-with quote some of them.

"I would gladly give one hundred and fifty thousand dollars," said Charteres, "to have it proved there is no hell."

"Until this moment," said Sir Walter Scott, "I thought there was neither a God or a hell. Now I KNOW and FEEL that there are both, and I am doomed to perdition by the just judgment of the Almighty."

"I am suffering the pangs of the damned!" exclaimed Tallyrand, the French statesman.

"I am taking a fearful leap into the dark!" said Hobbs.

"I'm lost! Lost! Lost!" cried Infidel Adams when dying, "I'm damned! Damned! Damned forever!" His agony was so great that he tore his hair from his head as he passed away.

"I am damned to all eternity!" exclaimed Edwards.

"O Christ!" cried Voltaire. "O Lord Jesus! I must die—abandoned by God and of men." For his condition had become so frightful that his infidel associates were afraid to approach his bedside. After he passed away, his nurse said repeatedly, "For all the wealth of Europe I would never see another infidel die."

"Stay with me," pleaded Paine. "Stay with me, for God's sake! I cannot bear to be left alone!"

"I would rather lie on that stove fire," said M. F.

Rich, "and broil for one million years than to go into eternity with the eternal horrors that hang over my soul! I have given my immortality for gold; and its weight sinks me into an endless, hopeless hell!"

"The devils are come! The devils are come! Hell and damnation!" cried Freedom as he passed away.

The anguish of Volney, the atheist, concerning the future was something awful to behold. Nothing could calm his fears. He kept crying out, "My God! My God! My God!" until he fell back dead.

"Give me more laudanum," pleaded Mirabeau, "That I may not think of ETERNITY!"

"I can see the old devil in the bedroom!" exclaimed A. T. Adams as he passed away.

"Devils are in the room," cried Brown, "Ready to drag my soul down to hell! It's no use looking to Jesus now; it's too late!"

When Kay was dying he cried, "Hell! Hell! Hell!" with a terror which no pen can describe. It was more than his family could endure and they fled from the house until everything was quiet.

"O Thou blasphemed, yet indulgent Lord!" prayed the dying Altamont. "Hell itself is a refuge if it hide me from Thy frown!"

"What argument is there now to assist me against matters of fact?" asked Sir Francis Newport. "Do I assert there is no hell while I feel one in my own bosom? That there is a God I know, because I continually feel the effect of His wrath. That there is a hell, I am equally certain, having received an earnest of my inheritance already in my own breast."

Lest his friends should think he was going insane, he said to them: "You imagine me melancholy or distracted: I wish it were either: but it is part of my judgment that I am not. My appreciation of persons and things is more quick and vigorous than when I was in perfect health. O! that I was to lie a thousand years upon the fire that never is quenched to purchase the favor of God, and be reunited to Him again! But it is a fruitless wish. Millions and millions of years will bring me no nearer to the end of my torments than one poor hour! O Eternity! Eternity! Eternity!" As death seized him, he uttered a groan of inexpressible horror and cried out, "O! the insufferable pangs of Hell! O Eternity! Forever and forever!"

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## BIBLE STUDY

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### THE SUFFERING SERVANT

November 4, 1956

Printed Portion ..... Isaiah 53:1-12.

Isa. 53:1. Who hath belived our report? and to whom is the arm of the Lord revealed?

2. For he shall grow up before him as a tender plant, and as a root out of a dry ground: he hath no form nor comeliness; and when we shall see him, there is no beauty that we should desire him.

3. He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were



our faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

4. Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted.

5. But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.

6. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.

7. He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth.

8. He was taken from prison and from judgment: and who shall declare his generation? for he was cut off out of the land of the living: for the transgression of my people was he stricken.

9. And he made his grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death; because he had done no violence, neither was any deceit in his mouth.

10. Yet it pleased the Lord to bruise him; he hath put him to grief: when thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin, he shall see his seed, he shall prolong his days, and the pleasure of the Lord shall prosper in his hand.

11. He shall see of the travail of his soul, and shall be satisfied: by his knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many; for he shall bear their iniquities.

12. Therefore will I divide him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he hath poured out his soul unto death: and he was numbered with the transgressors; and he bare the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

**Memory Verse:** He was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed. Isaiah 53:5.

**Practical Truth:** In order to make our salvation possible, Christ suffered in our stead.

#### COMMENTS AND APPLICATIONS

The topic of our lesson bears out these thoughts all through the lesson: He was "an offering for sin," "He had done no violence." "He hath borne our griefs" our sorrows. The chastisement that was laid on him was for our transgressions and our iniquities—the iniquities of us all—that we might be healed. Having borne the sin, he "made intercession for the transgressors." That includes us. Our hearts are touched by His great love and sacrifice. He died in our stead. We all had sinned and we should die, but Jesus said, "I will die and let them go free." Such love has never been shown before or since to anyone. The Scriptures say that friend will sometimes die for friend, but never will man without the love of God in his heart, die for his enemies. Jesus died for those who crucified Him.

The picture the prophet presents is so real that it might have been written after the crucifixion, instead of hundreds of years before. Here we have the atonement preached beforehand. Those who looked forward to the sacrifice, the Lamb of God, were saved. We are saved as we look back at the sacrifice and count His blood as the atonement for our sins.

Philip preached Jesus to the Ethiopian, and he was saved after realizing that Isaiah's prophecy was fulfilled. Acts 8:32.

#### THE LORD'S REQUIREMENTS

November 11, 1956

Printed Portion: .....Micah 4:1-5; 6:6-8.

Micah 4:1 But in the last days it shall come to pass, that the mountain of the house of the Lord shall be established in the top of the mountains, and it shall be exalted above the hills; and people shall flow unto it.

2. And many nations shall come, and say, Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, and to the house of God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for the law shall go forth of Zion, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

3. And he shall judge among many people, and rebuke strong nations afar off; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks: nation shall not lift up a sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

4. But they shall sit every man under his vine and under his fig tree; and none shall make them afraid: for the mouth of the Lord of hosts hath spoken it.

5. For all people will walk every one in the name of his god, and we will walk in the name of the Lord our God for ever and ever.

Micah 6:6. Wherewith shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before the high God? shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves of a year old?

7. Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, or with ten thousands of rivers of oil? shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?

8. He hath shewed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?

**Memory Verse:** He hath shewed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God? Micah 6:8.

**Practical Truth:** A regard for human rights is a part of true religion.

#### COMMENTS AND APPLICATIONS

We understand that when the prophets speak of "in the last days," they mean in the gospel day, which is the day after Christ came, and in the Holy Spirit dispensation. Truly we are living in the day when the "house of the Lord" or God's church is established in the top of the mountain. It is high above all other opinions and various divisions of man. Some of all nationalities will see the truth and God's way and will come to be taught of Him and walk in His paths. The whole Bible and truth will be taught and the Word of the Lord will go forth from the "new" Jerusalem. Those who walk in the light and find knowledge and salvation will walk in peace and shall not "learn war any more." God has called all to peace: child with child, adult with adult, nation with nation. We can live at peace with others even if they will not live at peace with us. Discuss the old adage, "It takes two to make a fuss."

God showed Micah what he required of him and all of us; "do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with thy God." He mentioned a number of things that showed his desperation and earnestness in seeking God and His favor, but that is not what God wanted, God wants our hearts and devoted love.



## THE BEATITUDES

November 18, 1956

Printed Portion: .....Matthew 5:1-12.

Matt. 5:1. And seeing the multitudes, he went up into a mountain: and when he was set, his disciples came unto him:

2. And he opened his mouth, and taught them, saying,  
3. Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

4. Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted.

5. Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth.

6. Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.

7. Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy.

8. Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.

9. Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God.

10. Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

11. Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake.

12. Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you.

Memory Verse: Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled. Matthew 5:6.

Practical Truth: The qualities of a Christian proclaimed by Christ may be attained with his help.

## COMMENTS AND APPLICATIONS

The lesson that we have today is called The Beatitudes, and has been called by another, the attitudes that we ought to live in. The word, "Blessed" is from a Greek word that is also defined as "happy." It is used in John 13:17 which says, "If ye know these things happy are ye if ye do them."

There is a sermon in each verse by connecting other Scriptures with the thought, and then giving some examples of those in the Bible who have lived to the teaching. God's blessings rest upon the humble, and the poor in spirit. "Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord and he will lift you up." The blessings from God's comfort is upon all those who mourn. The meek people have a special blessing. As different ones are seen imposing upon them, they yet remain very happy. A blessing rests upon those who hunger and thirst after God. Just as a person may be filled with food until he is satisfied, so our desire for goodness may be satisfied through a work of divine grace in the inner nature.

Christ points that our way to an abundant life is by being merciful, having purity, making peace, and having a heart filled with forgiveness and love.

## THE PRODIGAL SON

November 25, 1956

Printed Portion: .....Luke 15:11-24.

Luke 15:11. And he said, A certain man had two sons:

12. And the younger of them said to his father, Father, give me the portion of goods that falleth to me. And he divided unto them his living.

13. And not many days after the younger son gathered all together, and took his journey into a far country, and there wasted his substance with riotous living.

14. And when he had spent all, there arose a mighty famine in that land; and he began to be in want.

15. And he went and joined himself to a citizen of that country; and he sent him into his fields to feed swine.

16. And he would fain have filled his belly with the husks that the swine did eat: and no man gave unto him.

17. And when he came to himself, he said, How many hired servants of my father's have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger!

18. I will arise and go to my father, and will say unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and before thee,

19. And am no more worthy to be called thy son: make me as one of thy hired servants.

20. And he arose, and came to his father. But when he was yet a great way off, his father saw him, and had compassion, and ran, and fell on his neck, and kissed him.

21. And the son said unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and in thy sight, and am no more worthy to be called thy son.

22. But the father said to his servants, Bring forth the best robe, and put it on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet:

23. And bring hither the fatted calf, and kill it; and let us eat and be merry:

24. For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost and is found. And they began to be merry.

Memory Verse: He hath not dealt with us after our sins; nor rewarded us according to our iniquities. For as the heaven is high above the earth, so great is his mercy toward them that fear him. Psalm 103:10-11.

Practical Truth: God, the loving Father, is ever ready to forgive sinners who truly repent.

## COMMENTS AND APPLICATIONS

Our lesson today is a well known parable. It was given to the people by Jesus and is of the great love of God that was shown to those who are lost in sin and far from God. His sin was inexcusable, yet it was forgiven. God will also forgive the sinners today as they turn toward him with a repenting heart.

The same dissatisfaction attacks young people today with their home and home life. Sometimes parents are to blame for conditions which cause young people to leave home. There is a lack of sympathy and wisdom in controlling them. There are some things parents should let young people decide for themselves, recognizing the fact that they are now responsible to God, teaching them that wicked men and women in the world are waiting for the immature young person to lead astray. We are glad for the love of God that reaches those who go out into sin.

"I will arise" is what people need to do today. May God help them to come to themselves and let their better judgment prevail. The prodigal son did arise and go to his father, realizing that not only had he sinned against him, but also against God. God blessed him and forgave him. Just so, He will forgive the penitent sinner now.

If we do not take the way to eternal life through Jesus Christ, death will find us still feeding on the husks around us. How terrible it would be to miss heaven.

—Mrs. Marie Miles.