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Splinters From the Cross

Little headaches, little heartaches,
 Little woes of every day;
 Little trials and temptations—
 How they throng around our way!
 One great cross, immense and heavy,
 So it seems to our weak will—
 Might be borne with resignation
 But these many small ones kill.
 Yet, all life is formed of small things,
 Little leaves make up the trees;
 Many tiny drops of water
 Blending, form the mighty sea.
 So these many little burdens,
 Pressing on our heart so hard,
 All united, form a life's work,
 Meriting a great reward.
 Let us not then, be impatient,
 Mar the beauty of the whole;
 But, for love of Jesus, bear all
 In the silence of our soul.
 Asking Him for grace sufficient
 To sustain us through each loss,
 And to think of each small suffering
 As a "SPLINTER FROM HIS CROSS."

—Selected

The Harvest Truly is Great

"White is the harvest, calls the Master for you, Reapers are needed that are faithful and true."

With the words of this song comes a heavy burden to my heart. Can we realize the burden that Jesus felt when he spoke those words, "The harvest truly is great, but the labourers are few: pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest that he will send forth labourers into his harvest" Luke 10:2? He had sent forth the twelve and later the seventy before he spoke those words. Think of this many preachers being sent out in a small country about one hundred forty-five miles long and eighty miles or less wide, and yet Jesus saw the need of laborers. Is not the need even greater today?

You may be saying, "But God hasn't called me to preach." That may be true, but if you are saved God has some work for you to do and you are responsible before God to do that work. Jesus gave us the parable of the man who was going on a journey. He called his servants and gave one five talents, to another two talents, and to another only one talent. The servant with five talents was responsible for five, but the man with one talent was responsible for only one. When he failed to use the one talent that had been given him, his Lord was displeased. Are you using the one talent God has given you or have you buried it?

In Matt. 9:37, Jesus said to his disciples, "The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few; Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest." Then in the following verse it tells how he called the twelve disciples unto him and gave them power over all manner of sickness and disease and unclean spirits. He then sent them out. The lesson is this: the Lord wants us to pray that more laborers be sent and then be willing to go. If God has not called you to preach, be faithful in whatever your calling is. Your calling may be to train up a family of little children and this is an important calling. It may be to teach and you can be as faithful to your class and in your calling as if you were called to pastor a congregation. You may be called to be a helper. Remember, whatever your calling is, it is important that you fill it. No one else can fill just the place God has designed for you. No matter how small a place it is, it is necessary. "Nay, much more those members of the body, which seem to be more feeble, are necessary" I Cor. 12:22.

"White is the harvest, calls the Master for you, Reapers are needed that are faithful and true."

Does this song not stir your heart? There is a great need of laborers in God's vineyard. Can you say as Paul said, "What wilt thou have me to do?" It is not for us to choose our calling. We are to give ourselves wholly to Him a living sacrifice and be willing to fill the place He sees is best for us. He may give us a small duty at first. As we are faithful in smaller things then he can entrust greater things to our hands. "He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much" Luke 16:10.

Young people, you who have recently given your hearts to the Lord, God has work for you to do. Do not shrink from a wholehearted surrender. God wants to bless you and make you a blessing in his service. There are the foreign fields. Do any feel God's call to service there?

Jesus said in John 9:4, "I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work." Brothers and sisters, let us work now while it is day. The night will soon come when we cannot work. —Fern Stubblefield.

HOLY ANOINTING

Taken from "The Path of Life," By C. E. Orr

It is our privilege, as Christians, to have the anointing of the Holy Spirit upon our soul. There will be those of our readers who can remember this anointing in the early days of their Christian experience in a sense that they do not have now. There was a certain joy and sweetness, a heavenliness, a consciousness of God's presence then that they are not now so aware of. There were soul tastes of heavenly things; there was a gayness of heart, a surrounding of an heavenly atmosphere, an internal awe and reverence of God that is not now so perceptible. God does not seem to be so real, and heaven so near, as in those earlier days. The soul does not embrace God in sweet communion, the joy, delight and heavenliness experienced in prayer seem to have taken wing and flown away. There seems to be too much formality now. In those days there often would be times, and especially in the early morning hour, of such holy stillness of soul that you did not want to be interrupted by anything of earth. Your heart often longs for those blessed days again, but you wonder if it is possible to regain them.

We would say that we have passed through just such an experience, and can testify to you for your encouragement that the experience of those days can be regained. They need not have been lost. They have been lost because the Holy Spirit has been grieved and quenched. This has been done in a number of different ways, and many of the different things that have grieved Him have appeared such trifles, that you never suspected that they were doing the mischief that they were. There has been a postponement of prayer, less reading of the Scriptures, an idle word, a worldly thought, mind too much on earthly things, slight neglect of duties, a little act of selfishness, these and a number of other things have come in little by little and ere you were aware, the anointing was gone, and that sweet heaven you had, you do not now enjoy. You can enjoy it again. You will have to pay a price. It may put a wider gulf between you and some of your worldly friends; it will take praying; it will require careful attention; it will take time; but you can win if you will. The Holy Spirit will again distill the dews of heaven upon your soul returning to you all the blessed experiences of those earlier days. But you must court Him. He wooed you, now you must woo Him.

Strength in the Lord

Isaiah 4:10: "Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness."

Isaiah 41:13: "For I the Lord thy God will hold thy right hand, saying unto thee, Fear not; I will help thee."

Isaiah 40:28-31: "Hast thou not known? hast thou not heard, that the everlasting God, the Lord, the Creator of the ends of the earth, fainteth not, neither is weary? there is no searching of his understanding. He giveth power to the faint; and to them that have no might he increaseth strength. Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall: But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint."

Psalms 140:7: "O God the Lord, the strength of my salvation, thou hast covered my head in the day of battle."

Psalms 29:11: "The Lord will give strength unto his people; the Lord will bless his people with peace."

Psalms 28:7-8: "The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart trusted in him, and I am helped: therefore my heart greatly rejoiceth, and with my song will I praise him. The Lord is their strength, and he is the saving strength of his anointed."

Psalms 27:1: "The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? the Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?"

Psalms 31:24: "Be of good courage, and he shall strengthen your heart, all ye that hope in the Lord."

—A. B. S.

THE LORD'S PRINT SHOP

The Lord's Print Shop is a heavenly place;
The Lord dwells with us and pours out His grace.
For every hard trial and for every care,
As we labor for Him and offer our prayers.

The Lord's Print Shop is a very busy place,
Each worker in it has a bright happy face;
Sending out messages to poor hungry hearts,
That these messages of truth to the reader imparts.

These little messengers go far and near
To bless and to comfort with truth and good cheer.
They go to foreign lands where darkness prevails
To bring light and happiness where Satan assails.

Dear Saints scattered abroad let us lend helping hands
To send these little messengers to dark foreign lands.
Rich blessings they'll bring to poor hungry souls
And gather them into the one happy fold.

—George Stephenson
Box 713, Guthrie, Okla.

Our Precious Children

"Lo, children are an heritage of the Lord" Psalms 127:3. Our children are jewels from heaven: God's precious gifts to us. God has given them to us freely; or should we say he has loaned them to us for a little while? This seems more appropriate I think, because they are with us but for a few fleeting days, then they follow the pattern of life, and become parents of their own children. However, we still love to think of them as our little children.

Our children are what we, their parents have made them. They are the product of the environment which we have made for them, or permitted them to grow in. "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it" Prov. 22:6. This Scripture is as true today as ever, whether we believe it or not.

Many parents do not realize the responsibility that becomes theirs when these jewels are put into their hands. While they are young and tender they are like the tender shoot that is to become the great oak, and are easy to bend in the direction in which we wish them to grow. Too often we are too busy with other duties—duties that to us seem very important, but in the end we find that they were far inferior in value to the worth of our precious little ones.

The adherents of the Roman Catholic Church far outnumber the adherents of any other so-called Christian church. Their great membership is kept up because they hold their children true to their doctrines. They tell the world, "Give us a child until he is seven years old, and ever after he will be a Catholic." The words of a Roman Catholic priest to a bishop of a Protestant Episcopal Church is an expression of the Catholic attitude toward the training of children: "What a poor foolish people are you Protestants: you leave the children until they are grown up and possessed of the devil, then you go at the work of reclaiming them with horse, foot, and dagoons. We Catholics, on the other hand, know that the children are as pliable as clay in our hands, and we quietly devote ourselves first to them, and when they are well instructed and trained, we have little fear as to their future."

The hearts of our children are a vast fertile field in which something must grow. This vast field lies open to us today and invites us to sow the good seeds of the Kingdom of God and reap a hundred fold. If we do not take advantage of this appointment, Satan will. In order to train anything we must exercise patience and persistent effort. Here is where many have failed because they do not apply themselves as they should. They haven't trained their child until he has mastered the lesson and is able to put it into practice.

The parents should begin on themselves before the child is born, by realizing the responsibility of parenthood and looking diligently to God for wisdom in the training of their children. As soon as the child is born its training should begin. Regular habits should be formed. This can be accomplished by keeping his

feeding time on schedule, and his sleeping time regular. As soon as he is old enough to propel himself about he will be swallowing every thing he gets his hands on. You will want to take these harmful things away from him. Wisdom must be used here for we must obey the Scripture and not provoke our children to wrath, Eph. 6:4. Do not rush to the child and grab things out of his hands. How would you like for someone to snatch things out of your hands before you could put them to your mouth? You would resent this of course. So does your child. Many children build up a spirit of resentment toward their parents early in life all because wisdom was not used in correcting them. When you wish to take something away from the child, do not rush at him, but approach him with a pretty object he can have, then the exchange can be made, and everybody will be happy.

In this day of prosperity there is a temptation to buy too many toys for our children, but we must not follow the worldly fad and do this. In the days gone by children were satisfied with stick horses and rag dolls. One or two toys will be more highly appreciated than many. Too many will spoil the child and cause him to become unappreciative.

As soon as your children are old enough to earn a little money of their own, give them the privilege of buying their own toys; let them make their own selection. They are individuals as well as you are, and their desires and tastes may differ from yours. Take them on outings, camp with them, enjoy life with them, play with them, become one of them as much as possible. Teach that boy how to catch and pitch a ball; be a pal to him. Let your children know that you believe in them with their capabilities, but do not brag on them in their presence. Never compare their capabilities in their presence. This will discourage them. Do not boast about the beauty of your little girls in their presence, if you do not want them to become self conceited.

Never entertain the thought that your children are bad. Let them know how much you appreciate it when they obey promptly. Little Mary was known to be a very naughty girl, but one morning before rising she made a resolution to be good all day. So all day long she was a different girl, obeying very promptly every time she was called. Mother tucked her into bed and gave the good night kiss as usual and turned to go, when Mary burst into tears. "Oh, what is wrong, Mary, are you sick dear?" "No, Mother, but I have been good all day and you didn't even say 'Thank you.' I might as well have been naughty!" Then Mother realized for the first time how good Mary had been all day long. Oh, parents, take time with your most precious property. Let them know that they are appreciated. And make them know that they are an important part of the family. Make them feel that they are needed in the home. Help them to understand that their little duties are just as essential as those of the older members of the family.

—H. P. Huskey.

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Editorials

We are now approaching another New Year; Thanksgiving Day will soon be here and in a short time Christmas Day and then the New Year of 1958 will be registering itself on our minds as something that is passing. How quickly time flies. Truly, our stay here in this world is like a vapor that appears a little while and then vanishes away. According to the signs of the times the end of all things is at hand and the great Judgment Day is fast approaching. Dear brother and sister, are you ready to meet God in peace in that awful day? Do you have God's righteousness within you, or are you like the religious sect people when Jesus was here? They had a self righteousness which deceived most all the people but the blazing spiritual eyes of the Lord Jesus looked deeper than their outside appearance and saw their righteousness as only filthy rags. It was grievous for the Lord to see such unrighteousness, and His loving heart was stirred against the works of such religious professors.

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On page seven of this November paper you will find a special three months subscription rate offer with a number of premiums to select from. If you send ten names and addresses of friends or neighbors, enclosing a one dollar bill, you may select any one of the premiums, which will be sent to you free for your time and effort. All of these three months subscriptions will begin with the January number of Faith and Victory and end with the March paper of 1958. Do a little missionary work for the Lord that may cause His face to shine upon your heart and be the means of the salvation of some precious soul. People read more in the winter months than at any other time in the year. We pray that none of our readers will let an opportunity pass by like this to do good for souls that are perishing without a Saviour. Jesus said, "I do always those things that please the Father." We should seek to do all things that please His dear Son who gave His life on Calvary's cross that men might believe on the blood sacrifice and thereby live with Him and His Father in all eternity.

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In Psalms the 71st chapter and the 16th verse we read what David said, "I will go in the strength of the Lord God: I will make mention of thy righteousness, even of thine only." In the 24th verse he says, "My tongue also shall talk of thy righteousness all the day long: for they are confounded, for they are brought unto shame, that seek my hurt." In the above quoted Scriptures are found deep and precious truths that every Christian would do well to ponder over, and apply to their own lives: for our righteousness will avail nothing at the judgment bar of God and all of us need to let Him or His Spirit live in us and work through us at His will and pleasure.

In Psalms 85:10, we read where David was prophesying of the work of Christ when he came into the world. He said, "Mercy and truth are met together; righteousness and peace have kissed each other."

When in Christ, we have mercy and truth. Jesus is the way, the truth and the life; in Him we learn the truth. Jesus and His mercy accompany the truth we learn and give us grace to perform His will and pleasure in this time world. "Righteousness and peace have kissed each other." They are lovers and you cannot have one without the other. If you have peace you have righteousness, and if you have righteousness you have peace. In the 13th verse we read, "Righteousness shall go before him; and shall set us in the way of his steps." John the Baptist went before the Lord Jesus Christ and preached righteousness to the people and pointed out the way for us to step so we could walk in His steps "Who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth: Who, when he was reviled, reviled not again; when he suffered, he threatened not; but committed himself to him that judgeth righteously: Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed" I Peter 2:22-24. How few professing Christians do we find today living as He did and walking in His steps? Most of them are prone to justify themselves, retaliate, find fault, and criticize the instrument that God may be using to point His steps out to precious souls.

Abraham (in the 4th chapter of Romans and the 3rd verse) believed God and it was counted unto him for righteousness. Believing God from the heart will cause folks to do His works or let God work in them and through them both to will and to do of His good pleasure. In doing this it will be his righteousness and not theirs, and God will look upon their works with pleasure and not as filthy rags to be burned. The faith that we have in Christ that brings his righteousness into our souls was given to Abraham before the law was given. Romans 4:13, 14. The law was a schoolmaster to bring us to Christ, Gal. 3:24, 25. In Romans 10:2, we find that some had a zeal of God but not according to true knowledge, and they went about trying to establish their own righteousness and failed to submit to the righteousness of God. Multitudes who profess Christ are doing that same thing today. In the tenth verse we read, "For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation." It is having his righteousness in our hearts that will cause this body to be changed and fashioned like unto his glorious body in that great Judgment Day. Our righteousness, although it may be polished up ever so much, will not merit any change from mortality to immortality in that crowning day. We must yield to Him and retain His righteousness in our souls by obedience to His Word and Spirit, if we have that hope of glory in our souls and experience the glorious bliss with God in eternity.

Report on Tent Evangelistic Work

Bro. Charles Smith and company held the last tent meeting of the season at Neosho, Mo. They had a good location and a very good meeting, but the attendance was

hindered considerably by very unfavorable weather for a tent meeting, being very rainy and cold. The meeting closed about September 15, and the bus, tent equipment and house trailer were parked on the National Campground at Monark Springs for the winter.

Funds are far from sufficient to purchase a suitable truck with which to pull the house trailer during the next summer season, but we are expecting the Lord to supply the need in His own time and way.

Bro. Smith and family have moved from Shawnee to Tulsa, Oklahoma—2146 N. 77th E Ave. He has been without a personal car for several months, and since he did not feel like taking on high monthly payments for a new or real late model, he has purchased a used car from his wife's parents and is in the process of having it overhauled, according to late word from him. The total amount of \$73.00, which was received here up to this date (October 29) for Bro. Smith's car, has been forwarded to him. This sum will not go very far in paying for and overhauling the car.

Bro. Smith writes that he wants to answer some calls for meetings very soon, but that his wife is very much afflicted with goiter, having hard choking spells and very weak in body. He requests special prayer for complete healing and deliverance from this affliction. Let every saint remember this urgent request until the answer is given.

Offerings for missionary work or for other causes (specify which) may be sent direct to this office, and you will be laying up treasures in heaven. "Freely ye have received, freely give." Everyone who is saved is indebted to the unsaved—to carry the gospel to them. Have you paid your debt of love to the lost?

Yours, for the whole truth to the whole world,

—Lawrence D. Pruitt.

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Meeting Notices

HAMMOND, LOUISIANA REVIVAL MEETING

The saints have decided to have a revival meeting this fall at Hammond, Louisiana beginning November 22 and continuing on through Thanksgiving week or until December 1. We are looking to the Lord to send the needed ministerial help and we invite all saints who feel led of the Lord to come.

Yours in His service,

Ray and Katherine Key

WICHITA, KANSAS ANNUAL FALL MEETING

Our annual fall meeting will begin, the Lord willing, November 22 and end December 1. We pray the Lord to send in such laborers that are needed this time to labor in His vineyard. We are expecting the Lord to give us another good meeting. We know God is still saving, sanctifying, healing. His mercy endureth for ever to them that fear the Lord. A place will be provided for sleeping and eating while in the meeting. If the Lord leads you to come do not fail Him.

The chapel is on 1701 North Ash. For further information you may write us. Our home address is Bro. Lewis Williams, 1536 Piatt, Wichita, Kansas; Phone number HO 48481.

LOS ANGELES, CALIF. ASSEMBLY MEETING

The Los Angeles, Calif. Assembly Meeting will begin, the Lord willing, November 29 and continue through December 8 in the saint's chapel, 1381 E. Walnut St. There

will be services every night with day services Friday through Sunday of both week ends.

We desire your earnest prayers that souls will be saved and the saints receive the needed help in 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 Fair View 42950 or Bro. T. R. Summers, 207 E. 76 Pl., Los Angeles 3, Calif.; Phone PL. 8-8319.

Notices

Okeene Meeting Cancelled

Because of after flood conditions (bridge out) the annual meeting of the Church of God (rural area) south-east of Okeene, Okla. will not convene in November as in former years.

New Chapel in Coffeyville, Kansas

We feel it good to let you know we have started work on the chapel in Coffeyville, Kansas. There are not very many brethren in our congregation. If the Lord impresses any one to help us we would surely be thankful. Pray for us to do all we can for the Lord.

From the saints at Coffeyville, Kans.—Margaret Eck.

Dear Saints,—If any of the saints are coming by St. Louis, Mo. it would be an encouragement to me for them to stop by. I work from 4:30 p. m. to 1:00 a. m. I live at 1429 Bremen Place. Bremen Place leads off of 3900 North Broadway.

Your brother in Christ, W. J. Marler.

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A SUGGESTION

We wish to suggest that you enclose some good gospel tracts with your Christmas cards that you will

be sending out this year. This will be helping others to feel the true meaning of Christmas, and spreading the gospel. It would not cost anymore than the regular two cents for each card by adding three tracts, if you do not seal it and do not send a message inside. For three cents you can put three tracts with your card and letter.

We are making a special Christmas tract printed in red and green called, "The Wise Men's Gifts." We also have two other tracts already in print that are very touching. They are called, "Did God Fail?" and "Christmas Gift in Prison." By sending a small offering to take care of the cost, we will send you the tracts that you need.

NOTICE

Sister Jettie M. Phillips, 2340 Clara Ave., Fresno, California, a worthy saint, is very much in need of the saints' help. She has had to quit her work (which was her only support), to care for her aged mother who is bedfast with a stroke. Any one who feels led to help her, may, and it will be much appreciated. —Sister H. B.

Obituaries

Edward Hartgray, the son of John and Sara Hartgray, was born August 31, 1883 in Lamar County, Texas and departed this life September 29, 1957 at the age of 74 years and 28 days. He was united in marriage to Adlissa Russel who passed away in 1953. In 1954 he was united in marriage to Mrs. Gertrude Lee.

In his early life he heard the truth taught by the pioneer ministers of the Church of God at Tulsa, Okla., and accepted it and was saved. He became a great worker in the Church of God. He was an ordained deacon in the Bakersfield congregation. We all should be as Bro. Hartgray, always busy, doing all we can for the Lord. Then we can say as he said so many times, "I am ready to live and ready to die." We fully believe he practiced what he preached. We believe he could say like Paul, "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness."

He leaves to mourn his passing a devout and faithful wife, Sis. Gertrude Hartgray; one sister, Sis. Ocello Foster, many neices, nephews, cousins and a host of other relatives, saints and friends.

The funeral service was conducted at the saint's chapel by Bro. I. C. Chandler and T. T. Holden. He was laid to rest in the Union Cemetery in Bakersfield.

Nancy Elizabeth Owens was born to Mr. and Mrs. Marcus Owens December 14, 1869 in Nashville, Tennessee and departed this life September 5, 1957 at the age of 87 years, 8 months and 21 days.

She moved to Kansas when she was a child and grew to young womanhood and was united in marriage to James Gordon. They moved to Oklahoma and to this union 14 children were born.

Her husband and three children preceded her in death. She professed a hope in Christ when she was a young woman. In 1914 she took a stand with the Church of God.

We can not say and I will not say that she is dead, she is just away. With a cheery smile and a wave of the hand, she has wandered into an unknown land.

She leaves to mourn her passing five daughters; Mayme Henderson of Wichita, Kansas, Mrs. Faye London, Mrs. Hazel Clark, Mrs. Dorothy Buckner, all of Los Angeles, Calif., Mrs. Ruth Rickman of Newton, Kansas;

five sons: Elmer of Topeka Kansas, David of Willington, Kansas, Marcus of Los Angeles, Vernon of Cincinnati, Ohio, and James of Philadelphia, grandchildren and great grandchildren, a host of other relatives, saints and friends.

Funeral by Bro. Lewis Williams. Text: Jer. 21:8.

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Irvine Daniels was born in Texas in 1888 to the parents of Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Daniels and departed this life June 1, 1957 in Fresno, Calif. He married Anita Dixon December 25, 1935 in Okmulgee, Oklahoma.

He was a devout Christian, always ready and willing to do what his hands found to do for the Lord, to build up God's cause. His conversation was Godly; he was a loving husband, and a congenial neighbor.

Funeral services were conducted by E. J. Trotter, Pastor assisted by Bro. I. C. Chandler. Text: St. John 11:21-28. Interment at the Belmont Cemetery.

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PRAYER REQUESTS

Sis. Boling of Illinois wants prayer for the healing of her body also that the Lord will completely remove a groweth from her daughter's lip.

To the Saints everywhere: I need help from God. Please pray earnestly for my unspoken request. Ask God to end my problem soon and safely. If my will is not God's will, I want God to have His way and help me and guide my soul. Please remember my request in all your prayers.

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The Special Three 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 three months, beginning with the 1958 January issue. Print the names and addresses on the lines, enclose a dollar bill, check, or postal money order, write selection of desired premium in the blank space, then fold the envelope back as it was, stamp and seal. This offer will expire December 10, 1957. Send the names as soon as you can. This liberal offer is made possible by the free-will offerings of the saints and others.

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DOVER, OKLAHOMA MEETING REPORT

The campmeeting at Dover, Oklahoma which convened from August 30 to September 8 has come and gone. The Lord blessed the gathering of his saints and those of the unsaved who were minded to attend. The meeting opened by singing song No. 43 from the "Evening Light Songs" book, "What a Mighty God We Serve." The Lord sent Bro. O. C. Porter to bring us a message from Col. 2:6-9 with other Scriptures. The subject or theme of the discourse was "Access through Christ to the blessings of God." Our faith and trust in our heavenly Father was built up and strengthened when we were permitted to take a little look into the store house of many blessings that have been provided for His trusting children. Sister Jones of Green Pastures brought the message at the 2:30 afternoon service from the 25th chapter of Matthew about "The parable of the Ten Virgins." The first Sunday at the 10:30 morning service Bro. Pruitt preached using the Scripture lesson found in Revelation 1:9 with other passages as: "Trace of the church," "We are in the last days," and "The dragon forces are formulating and working under disguise." Bro. Joe Cramer brought a message which was very touching on "The Crucifixion." Bro. Lewis Williams came forward in the 7:45 night service with a message on "The way of the Lord." Sister A. Davis of Hennessey brought the message in the morning service of September 2 on the "The mighty power of God." We shall not try to mention all but the Lord used others in sending forth His Word through the ten days and nights of services. On the last Sunday of the meeting Bro. Manley Spears delivered a message on "The name of Jesus, the Saviour." He used several texts of Scripture and gave different titles ascribed to the Saviour in prophecy such as the "Branch," "The Morning Star," "The Lamb of God," "The Lion of the tribe of Judah," and so on. Bro. LaFavor occupied the pulpit at the 2:30 afternoon service. He gave a message on salvation or justification and sanctification as two separate and definite experiences. Bro. Crawley brought several messages exhorting the saints to be strong.

We were rejoiced to see how the Lord had blessed Sister Tolla Spears through His healing power and the prayers of the saints. She was able to be on duty as a cook. We rejoiced to have Mother Lee and daughter Sis. E. Miles, also Bro. and Sis. John Williams with us one day. Truly the Lord has done great things for them. We have seen the manifestation of his mighty power. The Lord also manifested His healing power in the meeting from time to time. Sister Holdcraft and Sister Annie Belle also added joy to our hearts by their presence and testimonies for which we thank the Lord. We thank each and every one for their liberality and contribution of provisions and means for the support of the meeting.

We ask for a continuation of your prayers in our behalf.

It will be wonderful when the toils and cares of life are laid down, and we shall all be gathered home in those beautiful mansions. We can not expect to go through on flowery beds of ease. This world is a battle field, and we are called upon to endure hardness as a good soldier of the cross. "God be with you 'till we meet again." Ulysses Phillips and Henry Caldwell.

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SO. CHARLESTON, W. VA. CAMPMEETING REPORT

To all the dear saints we send greetings in the name of Jesus. I feel that the Lord would have me send in a report of our campmeeting, and also to tell of the goodness of God to us since the campmeeting. Truly, the Lord is very precious to me. As I see the love of God being manifested among his dear children, it makes my heart rejoice and makes me desire to be more like Him.

Too, our hearts are made sad and burdened for some we meet who tell us they are not satisfied with their Christian experience but don't seem to want to do anything about it and just drift along. Some we meet have once known this precious truth and are now going with the worldly crowd that profess to know God but in works deny Him. As I talk to some of this kind, they tell me they feel condemned over certain things they do and wear. Yet, because their companions do these things, they do not have the courage to take their stand for the truth. Seeing and hearing these things puts a fear in my heart to be more prayerful and watchful lest Satan take advantage of us.

We are very much encouraged here, in the dear Lord. The campmeeting was precious from the first day until the last. There are not many saints here (just a small congregation), so the dear Lord knew our need. He sent such wonderful help. We are still thanking and praising the Lord for the dear ones He sent here. As I think of it now, my heart is overflowing with praise to our God. No, distance does not make any difference when the Lord calls. Praise His dear name! I can never forget the night we were awakened out of sleep and went downstairs and saw Sisters Marie Miles, Alta Mae Harmon, Sylvia Forbes, and Malinda Penner; and Bros. William Weir and Leslie Busbee. As I write these names, tears come. God bless them is our prayer. They will never know what their presence meant to us. What love to travel all those miles! They were an encouragement here in my home, down at the services, in the kitchen, singing, preaching, and helping with the work. Others came too, from Dayton, Ohio. These precious saints came to help with their means and in so many ways. God bless them all. Jesus said, "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another." John 13:35. Also turn to I John 3:18, "My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth."

Other ministers were here that had been faithful in the past to help us. Also, some saints came we had never met before.

And did we have a good campmeeting! There were several at the altar. Some got back to the Lord. One brother that was wonderfully saved, came out of the Catholic Church. These were not added to our congregation here, but we rejoice as they were added to the Church that Jesus shed His blood for. Did the enemy work? Oh, yes, he tried to slip in, but the saints standing together soon put him to flight, and the meeting closed with victory. Eternity alone will reveal the good that was done. May God bless and encourage all that read this. Pray for us. —Bro. T. L. and Sister Beatrice Spaur.

The Corrupt Tree

On the eighth limb of the corrupt tree, which will be cut down and cast into the fire that burneth forever (Matthew 7:19), let us write "variance" (Galatians 5:19-21).

The dictionary tells us that variance means to quarrel, dispute or to have discord between two who should agree. Then we notice the definition of quarrel is "a verbal strife followed by strained or severed relations; wrangle or squabble; to dispute angrily."

How often we hear a person make a statement and another with anger disagrees with him. This touches off anger in the first person and then a violent quarrel begins. All of this is fruit of the corrupt tree. On the other hand a person filled with the Spirit of God could make a statement and another person who wasn't filled, could disagree with anger, and no quarrel would come from it. Why? because of the oil of the Holy Spirit working within him.

I read where two boys heard of Dr. Franklin's experiment of stilling the waves with oil, and they tried it and found that it worked. They asked why oil would cause such wonderful results. The answer given was that the wind, blowing upon the water that is covered with a coat of oil, slides over the surface of it, and produces no friction. How important then, it is to have the Spirit of God, which is the oil, working within us, so anger, hasty words, unjust statements, slurring remarks, and strong disagreement will just slide right off and we can answer with a heart full of love and understanding.

It takes two to make a quarrel, my mother always told me, and I have found this to be true. If a person will keep still when he realizes another is angry and quarreling, there will not be a quarrel and they will soon stop. I have tried to think of something to say calmly or change the subject, or even tried to think of something I could do nice for them so they would know I was wanting peace. However, you will have to have the oil of the Holy Spirit on hand to carry this out.

Variances and quarrels have resulted in murder. A quarrel between two sisters-in-law resulted in the death of each husband, and the loss of the crown of England to one of the families, history tells us. The death of two brothers resulted from a quarrel over whose dog killed the rabbit. Families have reaped sorrow by quarrels and the death of some member. Oh, how sad these things are. Quarreling, disputing, and variance surely belong on the corrupt tree because it is not of God. —Mrs. Marie Miles.

Think on These Things

Philippians 4:8

Whatsoever things are true, . . . honest, just, pure, lovely, of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.

Those who would attain God's best must conform to His Word in every detail of life. God has not only told us how to act, but also how to THINK. To think

correctly is of greater importance than right conduct, for thoughts govern conduct. If our thoughts are right, our words and deeds are right, and ever above reproach.

"Whatsoever things are true"—if it is not true, discard it at once as an unclean thing.

"Whatsoever things are honest"—if it is not honest, pay it no mind.

"Whatsoever things are pure"—if the thought is not pure, dismiss it quickly—it is defiling.

"Whatsoever things are lovely . . . of good report, virtuous, or praise-worthy, **THINK ON THESE THINGS**"—for the essence of them make fragrant the whole life and conform to Christlikeness.

"He that hath this hope in him is pure, even as He is pure." We are never purer than our thoughts, "For as a man thinketh in his heart, so is he."

We owe it to God, to others, and to ourselves to store Philippians 4:8 away in our hearts, and to make it a practice—a rule to measure thoughts by.

"Think on these things!" Arrest outlaw thoughts and bring them to trial before the "Chief Executive." We have delegated power to do so, for "though Christ we are more than conquerors." —Ethel Meadows.

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The Church in Symbolical Language

"And there came unto me one of the seven angels which had the seven vials full of the seven last plagues, and talked with me, saying, Come hither, I will shew thee the bride, the Lamb's wife. And he carried me away in the spirit to a great and high mountain and shewed me that great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God, having the glory of God: and her light was like unto a stone most precious, even like a jasper stone, clear as crystal" Revelation 21:9-11.

Some commentators on Revelation teach that this revealed truth given to John the Revelator was all up in heaven where God is and we are not supposed to know what it all means. If this be true then the scene given in the 17th chapter of Revelation concerning "Mystery, Babylon the Great, the Mother of Harlots and the Abominations of the Earth," was in heaven also for the same words used to give an account of this apostate church, are used in the account of the true church. The only difference to speak of was that to see the true church, the spirit carried John to a great and high mountain which would represent Mt. Zion, a metaphor of the true church. You can read about this in the 43rd chapter of Ezekiel and the 12th verse; also in Psalms 48:2, and Hebrews 12:22.

In showing him the apostate church the Spirit carried John away into the wilderness. This is a very fitting place to see the apostate church, for wilderness would represent a place of sin and desolation. When John saw the true church he said, "That great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God." It would not still be in heaven when it descended out of heaven from God. In the second verse of the 21st chapter he makes it exceedingly plain for us to comprehend as it reads thus: "And I

John saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, [a scene that has come down out of heaven is no more in heaven] prepared as a bride adorned for her husband." This description could be nothing else but the church of God which is in the world but not of the world, for the spiritual life in the true church is from above, and not of this world. This is why Jesus spoke of his disciples in the 17th chapter of John, as being not of the world even as he was not of the world, for the spirit of truth that was with them came from heaven.

In John 8:23, Jesus said to the self-righteous Jews, "Ye are from beneath; I am from above: Ye are of this world; I am not of this world." We must remember that Jesus was born of a woman, the virgin Mary, and possessed a body as we do, but as he was begotten by the Holy Ghost he did not have that defiled nature that passed on the human race from Adam, which thing causes men to sin, for Jesus did not sin; therefore his blood, being innocent, could atone for our sins and cleanse us from the sin nature that we also can keep from sinning.

Jesus was full of the Holy Ghost or the Holy Spirit, Luke 4:1. He possessed all the gifts of the Spirit and all knowledge and wisdom, and in a major sense was the Son of God or God manifested in the flesh. He could truthfully be called the Son of man and the Son of God. When we, today, receive the Holy Spirit from God we also become the sons of God but in a minor sense, as none of us have all the gifts and are far from having all knowledge and wisdom; but being born of the Spirit from above, in that sense we are not of this world even as Jesus was not of this world. It is especially so with those who present their bodies to Him as a living sacrifice and continue to be truly led by his Spirit. Their life, power, grace, wisdom, and knowledge come from above and in that sense they are in the world but not of the world. They are from above in a minor sense as Jesus was in a major sense. In I John 3:1, we read, "Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: Therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not."

Seeing that by the Holy Spirit from above, coming into an individual makes him not of this world, we can easily see how John, being in the Spirit, could see the Holy Jerusalem, the bride, the Lamb's wife, which is his spiritual life, coming down from heaven on the Day of Pentecost and entering into the one hundred and twenty as they were there crying for the "Promise of the Father," being of one accord, built together as his temple. As the Holy Spirit entered them, they become a habitation of God through the Spirit. The Holy City, the New Jerusalem, the bride, the Lamb's wife, the church of the living God had begun to function in the world! God is expecting the same power and manifestations now as in the early church. Those that refuse to walk in the true light of the gospel hold themselves in such a state that as time goes on, the enemy will have them leaning to their own intellectual knowledge, and they will be taking up more and more with worldly religions and automat-

ically separating themselves from the working body of Christ which is not of this world. Some of such is going on now and not many discern it. It matters not how much light you have, if you fail to walk in the light that is revealed to you, your light will become darkness and Jesus says, "How great is that darkness."

I wish to repeat again that the major portion of Revelation is symbolizing things that have taken place on the earth, are taking place, or will take place; and much of it is concerning the true church and the false church, showing how apostasy came in and darkened the minds and understanding of the people, and how in the Spirit the true ones stood against it and even to the slaying of their literal bodies. Yes, truly, my dear friends, the scene that John saw recorded in 21st chapter of Revelation is, in symbol, no more and no less than the redeemed of earth who are born from above and constitute the spiritual family of God, the church of God which is the pillar and ground of all the truth.

Malachi, who prophesied 400 years before Christ came into the world as a Saviour, foretold of this scene which the Revelator saw: The Holy Jerusalem, the bride, the Lamb's wife coming down from God out of heaven. His prophecy is related in the third chapter of Malachi, the first verse: "Behold, I will send my messenger [John the Baptist], and he shall prepare the way before me: and the Lord [Jesus Christ], Whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple, even the messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight in: behold, he shall come, saith the Lord of hosts." You will notice it says, "Shall suddenly come to his temple." In Acts, the 2nd chapter and the 2nd verse, the same word "suddenly" is used in speaking of the Holy Ghost coming into the one hundred and twenty, for it says, "And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they sitting." This sound came from heaven.

In the first verse it said, "They were all with one accord in one place." The one hundred and twenty were all justified men and women whom the Lord had built together as his family as they were one accord. His temple or church was built and was waiting there to be occupied by the Holy Ghost or Holy Spirit from heaven, which scene John saw and Malachi prophesied of. The Kingdom of God had come with power and the church began to function in the world. It was not of the world but came down from God out of heaven. Truly, God's ways are not man's ways, "For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts" Isaiah 55:9. Bless His holy name forever.

In Zachariah the 6th chapter and the 12th and 13th verses it is prophesied again of Christ building His temple, and how He shall bear the glory, and shall sit and rule upon His throne as a priest, and the counsel of peace shall be between them both—the Father and the Son. Read Hebrews 8:1, 2.

In the beginning of the book of Revelation John

declares that he "was in the Spirit on the Lord's day," and here it says the angel carried him away in the spirit to a great and high mountain. When one is in the spirit he is in a condition to see spiritual things. He showed that great city. Truly, it is a great city and he said it was the holy Jerusalem, which is none other than the born-again ones, the new Jerusalem, the Lamb's wife for she came down from God out of heaven. He said she had the glory of God and was like unto a precious stone, clear as crystal. What a beautiful illustration of the members of the family of God who have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. They are the ones who are married to the Lamb, who have come down from God out of heaven, the holy Jerusalem, made holy by the blood, purchased by his precious blood. Their new life, wisdom, strength, and power came down into their souls from heaven; therefore they have come down from God out of heaven, and they are not of this world even though they are in the world. God keeps them from the evil, and they shine as lights in the world. "She was like unto a precious stone, clear as crystal." This precious stone clear as crystal symbolizes the spiritual building, the saints of God who are purified, tried, and made white. "Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices [praise and honor to God] acceptable to God by Jesus Christ." Thus the saints are symbolized by the term "lively stones," and here we see them as stones refined and polished; and for brightness, clear as crystal; and they in that state are the holy Jerusalem coming down from God out of heaven, as heaven is the place from which they are born. —Fred Pruitt.

Testimonies

Grand Cayman Island—Dear Bro. Pruitt and all,—I want to write my testimony. I am thankful this morning that I am among the number who can still speak a word for my Lord and Master. I thank the Lord for saving my precious soul. I also thank Him for the way He is leading me and keeping me. Truly I have found that the only lasting joy is what we find in serving the Lord. Jesus is the only friend who is absolutely true. When all earthly friends fail us, betray us, Jesus stands by our side.

I have made my decision as Moses of old did. I choose rather to suffer affliction with the people of God than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season. I love this good old way though it is so much despised by the world. It may be rough and thorny, but it is the only way that will lead us home above. Please pray for me that nothing in this world shall separate me from the love of Christ. Please join with us in prayer for the salvation of souls in this part of the vineyard; especially for our young people. Some of them have been deeply convicted and are still lingering in the valley of decision. Please pray that God will save them in the near future before the door of mercy closes and they hear his word, "depart." May God bless you all is my prayer.

Yours in the true way, Sister Cassie Bodden.

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Lindale, Alta.—Dear Saints of God, Greetings.—I promised some time ago I would write my testimony

but kept putting it off. I was very much burdened for a certain person and kept praying. For a long time it seemed my prayers were going unheeded but I prayed any way, for I knew I was praying aright and letting God have his way. I felt that some day God would answer prayer. Then after a certain length of time I was led to a revival meeting with the Church of God. This was God's way. For I did not know about the revival. So while there, I had special prayer. Two ministers laid their hands on me and prayed. I felt right there the workings of the Lord. And in a matter of a few weeks the Lord answered prayer. Then I cried and laughed and prayed and thanked God for all his wondrous ways and for answering my prayers. Praise His name.

Now I have another request. I am troubled with arthritis. The Lord relieves pain when I or my sister pray, but I want a complete healing if it is God's will. Please pray that all the pain and soreness will leave me.

Your sister in Christ, Mrs. Louisa Land.

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Ore.—Greetings to the saints everywhere in Jesus' precious name.—Today finds me saved, sanctified and pressing on for Jesus regardless of what happens. Praise His holy name! I attended the Pacoima, Calif. Campmeeting this year. I couldn't describe or put in words what that campmeeting meant to me. It was my first time there. It was well worth the effort and sacrifice to be there. I went hungering and thirsting after food for my soul and came home filled, praise His name, but there's still plenty of room for more. It was glorious. I met many of God's people and they were so wonderful to us. Sister Beverly Wattenbarger, Sis. Evalene Stice, my younger son Sammy and myself went to the meeting.

This meeting was and is precious to my soul and it made me to realize my need of a deeper walk than ever before. It really encourages me to know we can be more and more like Christ. Each step we take toward Christ makes us that much more like Him. I am contending for the faith once delivered to the apostles.

Dear saints, let us dig deeper in God's Word, as the song says dig until we strike the solid Rock, which is Christ Jesus our Lord. That is what it is going to take to stand. Let us get to where God can really use us. It is going to take something to stand in that great day of Judgment. The Lord has made me to know that we need stronger faith in the mighty God we serve. I truly don't know what I ever did without my Saviour. He is everything to me. I love Him so much I just want to do what ever he tells me to do.

Saints, we can go on into greater heights and deeper depths in God. Let us, by the help of God, get where he can really shine through us in this dark world of sin that the world can see that He is the same yesterday, today, and forever. I am really going on by the grace of God. I have everything to gain and nothing to lose. I pray I will be an encouragement to those I come in contact with. If we can't be an encouragement to others, then there is something wrong. We need to be deeper in the Lord. Pray for me that I will do all his will concerning me. Also pray for my unsaved companion. May God's rich blessing be upon you all is my prayer.

Your sister in Christ, Loretta Miles.

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La.—Dear Sis. Marie, Bro. and Sis. Pruitt, I send greetings of love in Jesus' precious holy name.—I do thank you all and the others there for your agreement in prayer with us for our new born grandbaby and its

mother (my daughter). The baby was at the point of death for two days and nights with a lung condition. The doctors did not give us any hope for the baby's life. They had to keep it in an incubator under oxygen from Monday until Wednesday afternoon. Then the Lord wonderfully came to its rescue, and performed a wonderful miracle and healed the baby of the lung condition. The doctors later told us a portion of its lungs were collapsed. The doctors and nurses were very much surprised when the baby turned for the better, and said it was a miracle. I told the nurse and doctors, "Yes, it was a miracle." The Lord had heard and answered prayer. I told them I had called out of town to different places for prayer and the Lord answered prayer. One nurse said, "I never saw anything like that before. We had expected that baby to die since Monday." Another nurse said, "I believe in prayer." Another one said (when it was so low Tuesday evening), "Mrs. Miller, there is nothing impossible with God. He has more power than all the doctors and medicine." She had been standing over the baby each afternoon weeping and praying. She was so broken up because she could not do anything to relieve the baby. So she prayed and cried and told me there was a prayer room down the hall and I could go there to pray if I felt like leaving my daughter. I went there immediately and it seemed I could feel the presence of the Lord. The baby was better the next day. Of course, I had been praying all the time.

The mother and baby is at home, both doing fine. I give the dear Lord all the praise and do thank all the saints for their prayers when we were in much trouble.

May the Lord wonderfully bless each and every one of you in your work there at the "Lord's Print Shop."

With Christian love, Sis. Lillie Miller

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Calif.—Dear precious Saints in Jesus' name.—I want to thank the Lord for being saved again and more encouraged to live for the Lord. I was once saved but went back on the Lord. I am glad I found the Lord before it was too late. When I went back on the Lord I wasn't happy. It seemed like the Lord just kept talking to my heart trying to get something over to me. Truly today I'm glad I took warning because we don't know when we are going to leave this world. It really pays us to be ready at all times.

It seems like the devil tries to impose on me, but I just pray and ask the Lord to give me victory over the enemy. I do know that the Lord is able to do all things. I really do want to live for the Lord. I want to be all in this world the Lord would have me to be. I want to be ready at all times.

We have a large number of new young saints so I'm asking you all to pray for us that we will stay encouraged for the Lord. We had a wonderful campmeeting. Many souls were saved. It really encouraged me to keep pressing on for the Lord.

I need your earnest prayers that I will be all in this life the Lord will have me to be.

Your sister in Christ, Sis. Bernice Smith.

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La.—Dear Saints,—I surely thank the Lord for His many blessings and what He has done for us just recently. I often think of what He has just done for us and my heart rejoices to think "He never failed." He told me before the baby came He wouldn't fail me and it was so encouraging and now I rejoice to know He never failed. Before my third baby came the doctor told me the baby was not in the right position, and several things were

wrong with the condition of my body. That was pretty discouraging but after praying about it all, I felt so much more encouraged, and looked to the Lord to take care of everything. My heart's desire was to be able to have the baby at home so I could trust the Lord completely. The Lord changed things and worked everything out perfectly, and I was at home. I don't want to fail the Lord so I must make known what He has done for me. I appreciate the prayers of the saints concerning this.

In Christian love,

Patsy Doolittle.

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Mich.—My dear Sis. Marie and all the Saints, Greetings of love in Jesus' precious name.—I received your letter last week and was happy to hear from you, and glad to know you are all well. We are all feeling quite well also, praise God! I will now try to give you the account of my daughter's sickness.

Aneita Corteway and husband bought a bushel of peaches to can. After they had the peaches all canned, Aneita began to feel sick, and Marvin, her oldest son, (who is 14 years old) complained that his head had been hurting him and that when he started to walk one of his legs felt sort of numb, then after that they all seemed to be some sick excepting the baby. They didn't know what was the matter I guess, as no one had smelled gas, but God must have sent the three younger children to the basement and they came up saying they smelled gas, (what they smelled was not the gas you use to cook with, but some gasoline they had in the basement for their lawn mower). Hubert, Aneita's husband went and investigated. Through this Aneita decided to call Consumer's Power Co. for them to come out and check for gas leaks, but when she went to get up to call the gas company she got terribly sick. Her head began to pound and she felt awfully sick in her stomach. She called the Consumer's Co. and told them how sick she was and how it came on so suddenly. They sent a man right out to the house. Before the man got there my daughter and her family went out of doors and sat in the car. By the time the Consumer's Co. man got there she was a terribly sick woman. The man told them to get a doctor right away, but my daughter didn't want one. She trusted God completely through the whole thing. The Consumer's man said to keep her walking and not to let her go to sleep. He said she had a case of carbon-monoxide poisoning. (There is no smell to this kind of gas). The man checked the gas lines and found no leaks but he located what the trouble was.

They had a gas stove with a plate that stood up a bit off from each burner. Somehow these plates had been pushed down close to the flame but you see this day they were using a cold packer that someone had given Aneita that had a big wide, flat bottom. It covered away beyond the burner leaving NO air space which caused carbon-monoxide to pour out from under her cold packer. It was cold and rainy that day and the house was closed up and Aneita stood right up over that canner much of the time; that is why she got the worst of it and was so much sicker than the others. The Consumer's man said that there should be the distance of an inch or two between the burner and the cooking utensil, he advised her to go back to open kettle method and not to use the cold packer any more. He said the baby did not get sick because she was closer to the floor. It really was a blessing from God and also that Aneita's family was home with her that day. She might have laid down and never woke up again in this world.

Our God never slumbers or sleeps but He was watching over them and protecting them and caused them to investigate. Praise God!

Now the Consumer's man stayed there for a while but he didn't persuade her to have a doctor. Later he called the house by phone to find out how she was (that was before the Lord had healed Aneita, and she was real bad at this time) and he told them again that they had better get a doctor. Her trust was in the Lord and she had it settled to trust Him ALL the way. We were in Indiana that day and the dear Lord sent us home soon after it happened and we went right over there. When I first saw her she looked real bad and she said, "Mother, I can't stand this much longer." Then I went into the house and called you, Sis. Marie. But praise the Lord! Sis. Marie, just before I got through talking to you, I heard Aneita praising the Lord. I left the phone and went out there and found out that the dear Lord had already touched her body. Oh! What a mighty God we serve. It says in Isaiah 65:24, "And it shall come to pass, that before they call, I will answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear." Then in about ten minutes after this (if it was that long) every symptom was gone and Aneita made the remark that she never felt better in her life. Oh! How wonderful our Lord is to us all. Aneita said just before she was healed that she felt like she was dying most of the time. She said she could hear people talking but it was sort of in the distance. Every little bit she would hit herself and this would help to arouse her I believe. My husband said that before the Lord healed her, her hands turned blue and he and another woman that was there said she looked like death. Aneita said the Lord spoke to her and said, "All things work together for good to them who love the Lord." Then she vomited and she steadily grew better in answer to prayer. Praise our God forever! What a mighty God we serve!

With much Christian love,

Sis. Eva Wilkins.

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Ohio—Dear Saints, Greetings to all in Jesus' dear name.—I would like to tell of some of God's wonderful blessings to us. About two weeks ago today we went to Detroit, Mich. to visit a very sick aunt in the hospital. We had heard that (Saturday) morning we left that she was in a coma. My sister and I did want to talk to her concerning her soul. We went praying and the saints at home were praying. That night we went out to the hospital to see her. God brought her out of the coma before we got there to see her. Sis. Dorothy and I were able to talk with her about her soul and we had prayer for her. Truly our God is a good God. Sis. Dorothy left her a Testament to read. Sunday morning we were fasting and praying and looking to God. We went back to the hospital that evening. The Lord had really touched her body. Her voice was stronger and she looked better. She said she had even read her Testament. Thank the good Lord forever and ever. We prayed with her again and left her some tracts. When we went to the waiting room her daughter and a sister of mine had to testify that the doctor said something like a miracle had come over her. It had, my Jesus had touched her with His divine power.

While we were up there my aunt's daughter took a very bad nervous headache. She has been under an awful strain and the devil wanted her to think she was losing her mind. We laid hands on her and God came to her rescue immediately. Praise his name. Her appetite was very poor and she could not sleep well. This young

woman isn't saved and hasn't been around the saints. She says she wants what we have. Please pray for her that God will save her. She said her mother has read the Testament through and now she wants a complete Bible.

We didn't tell my aunt anything about medicine when we were there but we wanted God to reveal things to her. She has confidence in God and His saints to such an extent now that she is refusing their medicine. Please hold this precious soul up before our great God, who is good to all. The Lord has done great things for me, whereof I am glad.

Yours in Christ,

Annie Stills.

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Mich.—Dear Saints scattered abroad, Greetings of much love in the Lord.—I feel it is my duty and privilege to report some of the wonderful things that God has done for us. It would take a book to hold it all, but I will try to make this as brief as I can.

Several already know but some don't know about the terrible condition my husband, Clarence, was in this past spring. He had heart trouble very bad. The Lord wonderfully helped him and he was still able to work by faith. In April he scratched his leg somehow and poison set in. He took sick one morning with a very high fever. He had a red swollen pone on his leg. It was very unusual for him to be so sick and have to stay in bed. It became worse and worse until red streaks were going up his leg and he had a spot on the top of his leg. It really looked bad; he was so sick, and had an extremely high fever. We hadn't taken his temperature yet. He decided he wanted to trust the Lord, live or die. He got so bad we decided to call Bro. and Sis. Gibson. They came right away and stayed with us a few days, praying and helping us carry our heavy burden. [May God bless them for their many sacrifices of love.] The dear Lord gave him relief many times and helped us along. One time, while he was so weak, he could hardly lift his hand from the bed, we all agreed in prayer, and within a half hour, he got up in the wheel chair, and feeling much better. The devil was not satisfied. After Bro. and Sis. Gibson left he took down again, and, oh, he was so bad—such suffering you don't often see. Several times it looked like he would leave us in spite of all our prayers. His leg swelled something awful. It broke in several places and drained. One place must have drained at least a quart of corruption. I can't express in words what we went through. We were up night and day for nearly two months. It was surely a testing time. We spent much of our time weeping and really praying. We learned many precious lessons.

Bro. and Sis. Murphy Allen came with their house-trailer and also Bro. and Sis. Olson, Sr. They stayed in our yard and were here several days to help us out with prayer and other helps. The saints here were so good to help us all they could, too. It was surely wonderful to know that there were those that would sacrifice and come all those miles to be with us. There were those three families that came hundreds of miles to be with us. Oh, how wonderful! Also we received many, many letters of comfort; and besides that, financial help, God surely was good to us.

While going through all this we were persecuted very much by some and were reported to the authorities for not having a doctor. We were asked by the visiting nurse if a sheriff or policeman had been here yet. We told her no. She was very nice, and said Clarence's leg

was healing. She said it was his leg and they wouldn't interfere with our belief. She said to keep it soft with olive oil. The Lord knew just when to let her come. It was healing then. She wanted a diabetes test. So we did this ourselves and there was no sugar. Some had reported that he had gangrene. He continued to put in hard nights, and would go out of his head with pain and anguish but we continued by God's help to keep faithful in trusting Him. God finally said—It is enough!—Praise God. Clarence went for a ride Decoration Day and from that day forth continued to improve speedily. It wasn't long until he was up and out. Soon he could go without his crutches and soon wasn't even limping. He went back to work in July. I wish you all could see the scars and see how beautifully they are healed. His foot had so much fever in it that it peeled off just like a glove (real thick skin). His fever at times was 105 degrees. We feel he had pneumonia caused from the drafts from the open windows and doors. We had to open them so he could breathe. I feel if we had trusted in man, he would either be dead or minus a leg. We count it a blessed privilege to trust in God.

His heart is still bothering some but we are trusting the Lord for complete victory. I truly feel all these things are for a purpose. It surely did make us more humble than ever before and it all wrought a good work in us.

I fell a few weeks ago and hurt my spine very bad. The Lord has healed it. It could have crippled me for life. He miraculously healed me of a very bad cold last week, and the Lord has healed the children several times lately of viruses, etc. We love the Lord and He surely has been good to us. If we suffer with Him, we will also reign with Him. After we suffer a lot, it makes the healing more glorious.

We surely do thank the Lord for all your prayers, offerings, etc. It was greatly appreciated. The love and patience of the saints is truly wonderful. If we had depended on the world for comfort and help it would have been small. We find that through all this, and upon examining ourselves, that we haven't always been wise in our conversation with others. We desire to have God bridle our tongues, give us Godly wisdom, and keep us in His love. We dearly love all the saints and we mean to live for the Lord no matter what the cost. Pray for us.

Your sister in Christ,

Sis. Margaret Brant.

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La.—Dear readers of the "Faith and Victory" paper: For some time I have been wanting to write my testimony of how good the Lord has been to me. I surely count it a great privilege to be called one of His children. It means so much to be able to call on the Lord in times of trouble and know the Lord hears our faintest cries. I thank the Lord over and over that I have been taught the truth. It is loving and obeying the truth that sets us free from a world of sin. There are so many that know such a little about the Lord—some know nothing at all. How glad many would be if they knew the real truths of the Bible, and how Jesus will come into our heart and save us from all sin. Then there are many that haven't been taught anything else but the Truth, and they don't appreciate it, but just turn the Lord away. Sometimes things seem discouraging, but the Lord always knows and understands all our needs. The Lord will help us through all trials, both small and great. I have my decision made to never turn aside after the sinful things of this world, but by the help of the Lord make heaven my home.

I want to thank the Lord for wonderfully healing me of a bone felon. Last March I bruised the bone in my left thumb. After being sore a few days, my thumb began to swell and turn blue. In about a week's time my whole hand and arm was swollen very tightly from shoulder down and became badly infected. The saints meant so much to me in this time of suffering. Their prayers and visits meant so much, and encouraged us lots. My Dad called the saints in Pacoima, Calif. and in Guthrie, Okla. It meant so much to know that the saints there were under the burden and in agreement of prayer with the saints here in our congregation and at Hammond.

My suffering was great at times and everyone knew that my condition was serious. I had a high temperature, no appetite at all, and very little sleep. Many times I would be suffering very greatly but we would call on the Lord and He never failed to ease the pain and give rest. I give the Lord all the praise for healing my hand. Not even any of the bone came out. He knew my trust was fully in Him. My hand is perfectly normal only my thumb is more slim and drawn a little.

A couple of months later at prayer meeting, my aunt told of a dream she had a couple of nights before. She dreamed that we were going through with the same thing again, only it was my shoulder instead of my thumb. I had hurt my shoulder that morning and it was sore. When I went home that night, the devil tried to make me think that her dream would come true. I resisted those thoughts and rebuked the devil in the name of the Lord, and told the Lord if it be His will to not let this come to pass. The next morning I got up feeling better than the night before and felt happy in my soul and knew that the Lord had heard and answered prayer. Pray that I will be faithful unto the end.

With Christian love, Randall Flynn (age 16)

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Okla.—To the Saints of God everywhere, greetings,—Today finds me saved, sanctified, and healed, and truly encouraged to press on to receive my reward, that Jesus will give to all who live and do His will. Forty-three years ago I vowed to go all the way—the Bible way—with Him. When I first heard the Bible preached in its entirety I soon found out that there was something missing in my life. I opened up my heart and Jesus came in and showed me the way. So today I am living to live again with Christ.

The Lord really blessed the campmeeting at Hennessey. The love of God flooded our souls from time to time. The Word of God was preached with power and authority. One soul was sanctified. All expenses were met.

Your Sister in Christ, Ada B. Davis.

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Calif.—Dear Bro. Pruitt.—I certainly enjoyed the paper "Faith and Victory." It has so many good testimonies this month and every month. It is encouraging to the saints and ministers everywhere. We should keep the fire of the Holy Ghost burning and the light of God will shine in each testimony, and our lives will reach others so they can shine for Jesus and be blessed in their souls. Praise the Lord for your faithful life for Christ Jesus and the good sermons you and others have written. I praise the Lord for ministers that will stand up for what is right. Praise God for ever and ever.

I've been serving the Lord for a long time. When I was a girl about 13 years old I was saved and I tried to walk in the light. The enemy caused me grief but

I have the victory over the devil. I came to Calif. about 20 years ago and still believe in holiness and the old time way, the Bible way. I'm hungry for the truth. I'm isolated, but saved and sanctified by the Holy Ghost. My husband is a back-slider. Please pray for him. I'm praying all the time for him. We live by a river and my husband fishes. He doesn't hinder me from going to meeting when I get a way to go, but most of the time I can't go and have to stay home. I need the prayers of the saints and ministers. The little paper is so precious to me. I have believed in healing all the time and God has wonderfully healed me several times in life. But in the last few years I have given up more to the Lord in trusting him for my body. I believe in the healing power of God. About ten years ago God healed me of a nervous break down. From then on I had faith in divine healing of the body. I trust every little thing to God and he heals me. He has healed me of tumors, ulcers of the stomach and other different kinds of cases. The enemy does not want me to give my testimony, for it will encourage me and help my soul.

I desire the "Beautiful Way" paper and some tracts. I read them to my granddaughter and give them out. I appreciate the paper. I believe that God is the same yesterday, today, and forever. I believe in the Bible way. I know I'm saved, sanctified, and trying my best to learn all I can and to do the Lord's will. I realize I'm nothing without Christ in my life. I love the saints and ministers with the love of God.

Love in Christ,

Opal Williams

BIBLE STUDY

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November 3, 1957

THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTIAN WORSHIP

Printed Portion: 1 Cor. 11:20-34.

1 Cor. 11:20. When ye come together therefore into one place, this is not to eat the Lord's supper.

21. For in eating every one taketh before other his own supper: and one is hungry, and another is drunken.

22. What? have ye not houses to eat and to drink in? or despise ye the church of God, and shame them that have not? What shall I say to you? shall I praise you in this? I praise you not.

23. For I have received of the Lord that which also I delivered unto you, That the Lord Jesus the same night in which he was betrayed took bread:

24. And when he had given thanks, he brake it, and said, Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me.

25. After the same manner also he took the cup, when he had supped, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me.

26. For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come.

27. Wherefore whosoever shall eat this bread, and drink this cup of the Lord, unworthily, shall be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord.

28. But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread, and drink of that cup.

29. For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, not discerning the Lord's body.

30. For this cause many are weak and sickly among you, and many sleep.

31. For if we would judge ourselves, we should not be judged.

32. But when we are judged, we are chastened of the Lord, that we should not be condemned with the world.

33. Wherefore, my brethren, when ye come together to eat, tarry one for another.

34. And if any man hunger, let him eat at home; that ye come not together unto condemnation. And the rest will I set in order when I come.

Memory Verse: Let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread, and drink of that cup. 1 Cor. 11:28.

Practical Truth: Spiritual preparation for worship services will help to make them more satisfying to our souls.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

In our lesson today we find the Apostle Paul giving a rebuke to the Corinthians for their unseemly conduct in the house of God. The background of the Gentiles was of low heathen customs. They needed teaching on many lines. We know that when Jesus instituted the Lord's Supper it was after the feast of the Passover and it seemed to be the custom that a meal was eaten before or after it. Today the meal has been left off which isn't necessary. No doubt such things as went on then caused the brethren to feel it was not the best thing to observe. Paul tells them that they can eat at home and not get into such predicaments as are recorded.

Our lesson points out that we are to examine ourselves before we eat that we do not eat unworthily. If we do not feel clear before the Lord, we need to get clear before we eat. Just think how awful it would be to eat and drink damnation to ourselves. It's a serious thing. The Bible did not say for you to examine the other person but yourself. The reason some are not prospering as they should is because some do not examine themselves. Some are weak and sickly spiritually. May the Lord help us to be careful on every line.

CONCERNING SPIRITUAL GIFTS

November 10, 1957

Printed Portion:1 Cor. 12:1-13.

1 Cor. 12:1. Now concerning spiritual gifts, brethren, I would not have you ignorant.

2. Ye know that ye were Gentiles, carried away unto these dumb idols, even as ye were led.

3. Wherefore I give you to understand, that no man speaking by the Spirit of God calleth Jesus accursed: and that no man can say that Jesus is the Lord, but by the Holy Ghost.

4. Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit.

5. And there are differences of administrations, but the same Lord.

6. And there are diversities of operations, but it is the same God which worketh all in all.

7. But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal.

8. For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit;

9. To another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit;

10. To another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to another divers kinds of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues:

11. But all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will.

12. For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body: so also is Christ.

13. For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit.

Memory Verse: So we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another. Rom. 12:5.

Practical Truth: The exercise of various gifts is needed in promoting the kingdom of God.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

We must have the Spirit of God in our midst today for God to be glorified. Our meeting together is in vain unless the Spirit has full control. We should not act just because we in our own wisdom feel things should be done but move because the Spirit of God moves upon us. That is the "body of Christ" working in the world today.

When Christ was here in person he healed people, comforted the sad, told people how to live to get to heaven, warned people of the evils in the world and did all the things the Father wanted Him to do. Today Jesus is gone to heaven but He has sent His Spirit to possess the "body of Christ" in the world today and has given to each one gifts as it pleased him, yet all are of one Spirit. All gifts are for profit. God makes use of the natural abilities we have and then bestows upon us the gifts according to His own will. The gift of wisdom is a gift from God. Wisdom is a "broad and full intelligence." Knowledge is truth that has been intelligently apprehended. Faith is not just the doctrines but a divine gift of believing for things that God has for us or others. Prophecy is not confined to predictions but is speaking that edifies the church. All working in their place as the members in our natural body brings glory to God.

THE RESURRECTION AND OUR FAITH

November 17, 1957

Printed Portion:1 Cor. 15:3-8, 42-52.

1 Cor. 15:3. For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures;

4. And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures:

5. And that he was seen of Cephas, then of the twelve:

6. After that, he was seen of above five hundred brethren at once; of whom the greater part remain unto this present, but some are fallen asleep.

7. After that, he was seen of James; then of all the apostles.

8. And last of all he was seen of me also, as of one born out of due time.

1 Cor. 15:42. So also is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown in corruption: it is raised in incorruption:

43. It is sown in dishonour; it is raised in glory: it is sown in weakness; it is raised in power:

44. It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual

body. There is a natural body, there is a spiritual body.

45. And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam was made a quickening spirit.

46. Howbeit that was not first which is spiritual, but that which is natural; and afterward that which is spiritual.

47. The first man is of the earth, earthy: the second man is the Lord from heaven.

48. As is the earthy, such are they also that are earthy: and as is the heavenly, such are they also that are heavenly.

49. And as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly.

50. Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption.

51. Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed,

52. In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

Memory Verse: Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord. 1 Cor. 15:58.

Practical Truth: Through his own victory over death and the grave, Christ brings to those who trust in him an assurance of a like victory.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

It causes our hearts to rejoice because we know we are serving a living Christ. He is sitting on the right hand of God interceding for us. We have plenty of witnesses testifying that they saw Him. But we notice no one saw Him that was not saved after he arose.

I read that in Russia it is written on the tomb of Lenin, "He was the greatest leader of all peoples, of all countries, of all times. He is the lord of the new humanity. He was the savior of the world." Now the people there felt the same way about Stalin and taught the children to thank Stalin before they ate their meals. But now a casket holds their dead, embalmed bodies. But thank God our Savior has arisen. He says, "I am he that liveth, and was dead: and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen: and have the keys of hell and of death." (Rev. 1:18) Jesus is the one to praise, to love, to serve and to obey.

Because Jesus arose we too shall arise if we have that seed of Christ in our hearts, that quickening spirit. We shall lose this old body and be changed in a moment and put on that incorruptible body, and be raised in power and glory. Oh, that hope of the soul that is an anchor beyond the grave!

In the world there are some striking bodily changes in some insects. Think about the worm-like caterpillar which changes into a beautiful butterfly. We also notice that there is a period that it lies as if dead for months. Oh, the wonders of God's power and the wonderful change that will take place in us!

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CHRISTIAN GIVING

November 24, 1957

Printed Portion: 1 Cor. 16:1-14.

1 Cor. 16:1. Now concerning the collection for the

saints, as I have given order to the churches of Galatia, even so do ye.

2. Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come.

3. And when I come, whomsoever ye shall approve by your letters, them will I send to bring your liberality unto Jerusalem.

4. And if it be meet that I go also, they shall go with me.

5. Now I will come unto you, when I shall pass through Macedonia: for I do pass through Macedonia.

6. And it may be that I will abide, yea, and winter with you, that ye may bring me on my journey whithersoever I go.

7. For I will not see you now by the way; but I trust to tarry a while with you, if the Lord permit.

8. But I will tarry at Ephesus until Pentecost.

9. For a great door and effectual is opened unto me, and there are many adversaries.

10. Now if Timotheus come, see that he may be with you without fear: for he worketh the work of the Lord, as I also do.

11. Let no man therefore despise him: but conduct him forth in peace, that he may come unto me: for I look for him with the brethren.

12. As touching our brother Apollos, I greatly desired him to come unto you with the brethren: but his will was not at all to come at this time; but he will come when he shall have convenient time.

13. Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong.

14. Let all your things be done with charity.

Memory Verse: Let all your things be done with charity. 1 Cor. 16:14.

Practical Truth: Generous Christian giving is an important factor in building up the kingdom of God.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

From the beginning to the end of the Bible, giving is taught. Under the old law it was taught rigidly that they were to give the tenth of all their earnings. After Jesus came He told the rich young ruler, "sell all that thou hast, and distribute unto the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven." (Luke 18:22) Jesus meant for him to love Him supremely and have cash on hand, so he could give to the poor and in other ways where there was a need. We are not to think of ourselves but of others. Don't just stop at the tenth but give more if there is a need. If God required the tenth under the old law surely He requires more of us in this gospel dispensation. We are to give all to the Lord and ask Him how much of it we can have. That is putting all on the altar.

Notice in verse 2 it says, "first day of the week." The Corinthians already were meeting on Sunday, the day which commemorated Christ's resurrection. At this time they gave an opportunity for the saints to give their offerings, as the Lord had prospered them through the week. This is a part of the worship of the Lord on the first day of the week. We are to be just as careful to give as we are to keep any other teaching of the Bible.

The exhortation given to the Corinthians to watch, stand fast, be strong is needed today as we live in perilous times. Stronger language could not be used to make us know that the enemy of our souls is working hard against all.

—Mrs. Miles Miles.