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### Death of Three Sisters

(Your Near Relatives)

The funeral bells are ringing,  
And the last farewell is said;  
And a requiem there singing,  
For Miss Modesty is dead.

The girl has long been ailing,  
And fading day by day;  
And as her health was failing  
She cast her clothes away.

With thin transparent dresses  
That scarcely reached her knees,  
And abbreviated tresses,  
She braved the wintry breeze.

With arms all bare and chilling,  
And bosom well exposed,  
The voice of conscience stilling,  
To all restraint opposed.

Where weeds their vigils keeping  
O'er worshipers of style,  
Sweet Modesty lies sleeping  
'Neath fashion's Rubbish pile.

Now Innocence, her sister,  
Is fading fast and sure;  
And soon the world will miss her  
From among the good and pure.

The third one of the trio,  
Miss Virtue will be gone;  
Miss Brazen Face now takes their place  
Amid the reckless throng.

—R. D. B.

### At Ease In Zion

"Woe to them that are at ease in Zion" Amos 6:1.

What is Zion? Part of the definition in the dictionary says: "The chosen people; the Church of God; the New Jerusalem." "At ease" means relaxed; freedom from pain (not bearing the cross), labor (preach-

ing or other spiritual work), burden (unwilling to share others' trials, etc.), responsibility ("let somebody else do it").

So often we hear someone say, "There does not seem to be anything I can do to work for the Lord; I cannot preach or teach, etc." It is true, we are not all called to preach, but we all have a place to fill. 1 Cor. 12; Eph. 4:4-16; and 5:30, all teach us that we (all members) are the body of Christ (the church) and each member has something to do, even the ones "which seem to be more feeble, are necessary" verse 22. In verse 28 it mentions "helps." We can all be helpers in some way, if we do not have the other gifts.

First, we should pray. Pray for one another, and for all men; be "prayer warriors." We should ask God to guide us and direct us by His Spirit, and give us wisdom and understanding how, where, and when to work for Him.

In Jesus' parable of the talents, Matt. 24:14-30, it says He called His own servants and delivered unto them His goods and gave to every man according to his ability. One man buried his talent. He had a talent (or ability), but he was afraid. Oh, how many today are afraid! afraid to tell their neighbor, their friend, their relatives, or a sinner of the wonderful blessings of Salvation, or how blessed it is for their bodies to be healed by God's divine power when they obey His Word. There are so many things the enemy makes one afraid to do. There is a remedy for that kind of fear: "Perfect love casteth out fear" I John 4:18. Let us pray God to give us that perfect love and love will find a way to make us fruit-bearing Christians, St. John 15:8.

Some say, "Oh, I'm too timid," yes, and all too often it is nothing but shame that the enemy has slipped into the heart. Peter had an experience of that kind, but he did something about it—"He went out and wept bitterly." Afterwards, when he was filled with the Holy Ghost, he boldly told the gospel story. Get filled with the Holy Spirit and He will give you boldness too. "We are saved to serve."

There is so much to do; "Lift up your eyes and look" John 4:35. There are so many needs. Give! Give money; "give alms [gifts] of such things as ye have" Luke 11:41. There are so many things one can

It is possible for a person to get into strife by just holding up for a truth clearly taught in the Word of God. God wants us to stand for truth firmly, but do it with gentleness, kindness, and patience. If we strive we will be as bad as the person who is in error, not because we do not stand for truth but because of the way we stand for it. Many times when I am talking with a person about a truth and they seem to want to argue or strive, I tell them that I do not want to argue about the Word of God and I will not talk about it any farther. Unless we can help someone there is no point in talking about it and get our soul in trouble with God, for as the Scripture says, "the servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle unto all men."

May the Lord help those whose hearts are full of strife. Come to Jesus and He will take it all away and cause you to be at peace. There is hope for you, dear one. Let the saints of God watch and pray, lest the enemy try to work in a little strife and cause you to lose your soul.  
—Mrs. Marie Miles.

### God In The Home

The story is told of a Japanese girl who studied at an American College, and spent a Christmas vacation in the home of one of her classmates.

She had seen much else in America, but the thing she longed most of all to see on the inside was a Christian home; and such a home this one was supposed to be.

She had a delightful time, and as she was about to leave at the end of the vacation the mother said, "How do you like the way we Americans live?" "Oh," she said, "I love it. Your home is beautiful, but there is one thing I miss," said the girl with a far-away look in her eyes. "It is this which makes your home seem queer to me: you know I have been with you to meetings, and I have seen you worship your God there, but I have missed the God in your home. You know, in Japan we have a god-shelf in EVERY home with the gods right there in the house. Do not Americans worship their God in their homes?"

Friends, Americans, Professors, take heed. Except God and a daily, or better, a twice daily family altar be established in American homes and that right soon, America shall fall and that without fail.

"Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people" Prov. 14:34.

—R. R. H., Goodview, Va.

### Contentment

**NOT IMPOSSIBLE**—Restlessness is the opposite of contentment. Greater is the number of the restless than the contented; and yet contentment is not impossible in any situation of life. Contentment is the virtue of being satisfied with whatever state or condition in which we find ourselves. It consists not so much in adding fuel to the fire as in taking some away, not in multiplying wealth, but in diminishing desires, in realizing that thirst can better be quenched out of a cup than out of a river. Velvet slippers do not cure gout, and a bed of gold does not ease sickness more readily than a mattress of straw.

**SPIRITUAL ROAD**—There is no psychological road to tranquility of soul, but only the spiritual. Those who lack the spiritual are always discontented. As Esaias the prophet put it; "The wicked are like the troubled sea, when it cannot rest, whose waters cast up mire and dirt. There is no peace, saith my God, to the wicked" (Isa. 57:20, 21). Contentment never comes with the mere having, regardless of its proportion because having is external of our being and peace resides within. Unless we are happy on the inside, nothing on the outside can reach the depths of the soul. It will be found that most discontentment

is over material things, which proves that they are sought more ardently than the goods of the soul.

**GOODNESS OF GOD**—This does not mean that contentment is incompatible with an earnest desire to enlarge our provision of earthly things, in order to give blessings to those around us; nor does contentment mean slothfulness in business or neglect of worldly interests. Contentment is not the opposite of thrift and industry, but of covetousness and unbelieving anxiety. Contentment is a disposition of the mind, arising from absolute TRUST in God, so that the scales (or balance) of our hearts are equally poised in both prosperity and adversity.

We become content as we realize: **FIRST**—That goodness is of God. When we say that God is good, we do not mean that He is good like some grandfathers who care not if their grandchildren tear the house to pieces; rather God is good after the manner of the Father who tempers JUSTICE with MERCY to bring His children to perfection of character. God does not always give us what we want, but He gives us what we need. If He multiplied thousand dollar bills instead of loaves and fishes in the desert, no one would have said that he received enough. But the Gospel tells us that "Each had his fill." When manna was given to the Jews in the wilderness, it was a sufficiency for each day; those who would have stored up in an avaricious fashion found that it could not be used.

**SECOND—GOD'S OMNISCIENCE**—Contentment also comes from a steady recognition of God's knowing of all things, and His ever-presence every where, where ever His children are, and His unlimited Power to provide us with all things needed at the time needed and in the exact amount needed. Having a deep sense of His unsearchable WISDOM is well calculated to allay our fears and compose our spirit. What we know in relation to God is less than the mouse knows in relation to us. We may not understand the trials of life for the moment, but in the Divine Mind they all co-operate unto good to those who love Him.

**THIRD—A REALIZATION OF OUR ILL DESERTS**—A diabolical pride lurks in the heart of any one who complains, saying, "What did I do to deserve this?" as if our lives were so blameless and so innocent as to merit no reproof or correction. If the Father did not spare His Son and the Son did not spare the Mother, then shall we, in the face of what Innocence suffered for the guilty, repine against the absence of those things which the heart covets?

Two things are incompatible: Trust and fear. He who trusts, Loves, and where there is Love there is no undue worry. Much of this contentment is lost by putting ourselves outside the Divine area of Love, as a waif of the street is outside the care and the blessings of a home.

**TRUST HIM** when dark doubts assail thee; **TRUST HIM** when trust is small, **TRUST HIM** when simply to **TRUST HIM** is the hardest thing of ALL.

Selected by H. C. Erdman.

Temptation is Satan's effort to persuade you to sin. Testing or trial is God's effort to strengthen your faith and develope your moral strength. —Selected.

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**Editorials**

We are now traveling in the New Year of 1958. Days and weeks are slipping by and each one of us is drawing closer to our departure from this world. The most important question is, "Are we prepared to meet God?" whom we depend upon for our existence. We live off Him day by day: the air we breathe is given by Him, the water we drink is His, the food we eat is given to us by His hand of love and care as He sends the rain and the sunshine to cause the earth to produce food for man and beast. The glory of God is seen everywhere: the stars, the moon, the sun tell of His goodness to man day by day and night by night. Another question is, "What are we doing to prove to Him that we appreciate His goodness to us?" Oh, that men would fall down before God in repentance and godly sorrow and acknowledge His Son as a Lamb without spot or blemish who gave himself as a blood sacrifice for our sins, and we should receive God, the Father as the supreme ruler of the universe.

The sad thing is that the world in general has rejected Christ the Son of God, as Jerusalem rejected Him, and their souls are left desolate and in a condition for them to believe the devils' lies and be destroyed by the righteous anger of a sin-avenging God. They have hardened their hearts and seared their consciences until it seems that only the flames of torment will waken them to their awful condition. How sad to think of this. Then we think of the vast crowd that professes Christ, yet goes on sinning more or less all the time being deceived by Satan and his preachers. Just think, they also will be awakened some day in torment where there will be weeping and wailing, and gnashing of teeth. May God have pity on poor deluded souls! In I Cor. 15:34 we read, "Awake to righteousness, and sin not; for some have not the knowledge of God: I speak this to your shame." In Eph. 5:14 we read, "Wherefore he saith, Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light." Oh, that men would obey the Word of God!

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The State Assembly meeting at Guthrie was well attended and the interest was good throughout the meeting. Some were saved along through the meeting and some were healed. One remarkable case of healing was performed on Bro. Charles Smith's twelve year old boy, Merrill, who was stricken with rheumatic fever which left him crippled in his legs inso-much that he could not walk and had been that way for seven weeks. He was in a wheel chair and when the prayer of faith was prayed he got out and walked, and has been walking ever since. It was easy to see that God was working in the meeting in a very gracious way. Quite a number were in the meeting who had been separated from the saints in light for many years and they rejoiced in the truth and declared they had found the true saints of God.

I was not able to attend many of the day meetings as duties were pressing me in the office of the print

shop. The printing work is increasing and growing and with this the burdens pile heavier upon us. We need much grace and strength in the work He has laid upon our hearts. The printing work, or getting the clean gospel out to men by the printed page, lies heavily upon us. In reflecting over the recent meeting at Guthrie, I thought of the different ministers that God used in preaching the Word which was good. Then the thought came to me, and I believe that the Lord gave it, that the Lord will preach more sermons through the books, tracts, and papers given out in the meeting that will be taken home than all other ministers' sermons combined. The beauty of it is that they will just keep preaching as they are handed from one to another. I thank God for the printing ministry, and I know that it would please God for all the holy ministers to say, "AMEN".

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A lot of damage is done to the cause of God by those who find fault and speak evil of others. In James 4:11 we read, "Speak not evil one of another, brethren. He that speaketh evil of his brother, and judgeth his brother, speaketh evil of the law, and judgeth the law: but if thou judge the law, thou art not a doer of the law, but a judge." In the next verse he says, "There is one lawgiver, who is able to save and to destroy: who art thou that judgest another?" In I Cor. the 13th chapter, the love chapter, we are told that one who has the real charity or love of God in his heart will think no evil, for it says, "Thinketh no evil." When you speak evil of another you grieve the Holy Spirit if you are a possessor of Him. Therefore the Word says in Eph. 4:31, "Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamor, and EVIL SPEAKING, BE PUT AWAY FROM YOU, WITH ALL MALICE." In I Pet. 2:1 we find Peter writing the same truth to the new born babes. It seems that a lot of folks need to be fed on the milk of the Word and grow thereby. To find fault, retaliate, or think evil of another would be going contrary to new covenant teachings and will in time destroy your soul and others'. Let us take heed unto the precious Word of God and not be guilty of justifying ourselves when doing contrary to His Word.

On the first day of January of this year, the Lord poured special blessings into my soul both in the morning and in the afternoon and I thought of what Bro. James Glasgow said one time when coming into Sunday School and the Lord was blessing him. He said, "I do not know what kind of a hard trial I may soon have to undergo." The thought came to me also that some one must be talking about me and speaking or thinking evil of me and God is blessing my soul for thinking good of others. Remember, this occurred on the first day of January, 1958. Let us remember, brethren, when we have good thoughts we are sowing to the Spirit, but when we are fault finding and have malice, retaliation, envy, or evil thinking we are sowing to the flesh and the reaping will be corruption or destruction. Let us refrain our tongues from speaking evil of any one. Pattern after Christ when hanging

on the cross. He asked God the Father to forgive them for they knew not what they did. The Word says, "Great peace have they that love thy law: and nothing shall offend them" Psalms 119:165.

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In Matt. 22:29 Jesus said to the Sadducees, "Ye do err, not knowing the scriptures." It seems that the world is filled up today with doctrines on the Bible by men who do err, not knowing the scriptures. For this reason Christendom is in a clamorous dying condition and many are wondering at this and perish for want of clear scriptural truth on even some vital subjects. There are so many that mix up law doctrines with the New Covenant teachings of Christ and the apostles. When the woman who was in adultery was brought before Jesus by religious men of the law, they wanted her stoned to death, but Jesus used much wisdom in speaking to them, and these men were so condemned that they slipped away and left the woman standing alone before the Lord. The Lord then said unto the woman, "Hath no man condemned thee?" and she said, "No man, Lord." Jesus said unto her, "Neither do I condemn thee: [He forgave her right there] go, and sin no more." He did not tell her to go to the Priest and offer a blood sacrifice for her sins. He was teaching New Covenant doctrines to her.

In Matt. 5:32 we read, "But I say unto you, That whosoever shall put away his wife, saving for the cause of fornication, causeth her to commit adultery: and whosoever shall marry her that is divorced committeth adultery." The Lord did not have under consideration previous adulterous marriages, but those who had wives that were approved of God. This truth is made clear by what he said in Matt. 19:6, while teaching along the same line. "What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder." Any and all adulterous marriages which God has not joined together should be put asunder.

In John 4:18 Jesus said unto the woman at the well, "For thou hast had five husbands; and he whom thou now hast is not thy husband." She was living in adultery. After this woman believed that He was the Christ, she was so filled with Him and His words that she forgot and left her watering pot and hurried away to the city and began to point people to Christ that they too might believe and be saved. She went right to work for the Master and through her efforts many of them believed on the Lord. In the 39th verse it is recorded that many of the Samaritans of that city believed on Him for the saying of the woman which testified, "He told me all things that ever I did!" It is also written that many more believed because of His own word for they had heard Him themselves and knew indeed that He was the Christ, the Saviour of the world. The evident conclusion is that through this forgiven formerly-adulterous woman a congregation of believers was gathered unto the Lord. The scripture was being fulfilled which was prophesied of Christ in Genesis 49:10 which says, "... and unto him shall the gathering of the people be." I am persuaded that it is not pleasing to God for us to interpret the Word of God in such a way as to condemn

the innocent with the guilty. To hold a rigid law attitude in that way would be classed as extremism and some precious souls would be crushed and bruised if not stoned to death because some do err, not knowing the scriptures.

I wish to inform my beloved brethren that this editorial is written in love and kindness and with a deep burdened heart for the welfare of the Church of God in general. The Lord has called us and placed us in the Body as it has pleased Him and we feel that meek and lowly minded children of God or the holy brethren will respect this calling and the burden He has placed upon us in getting the Gospel to men by the printed page, and will have good thoughts toward us even as God has toward them.

Our advice is strictly against any one going into any and all single or double adulterous marriages; we firmly believe in keeping all adultery and all other sins out of the Church of God. This should be done in harmony with the teachings of the New Covenant wherein, "Mercy and truth are met together; righteousness and peace have kissed each other" Psalms 85:10. When done in righteousness and in a "True Holiness" way, the Lord will be with us and take care of all results. The Lord Jesus Christ still retains the government of His Kingdom or Church on His shoulders, Isaiah 9:6, 7. However, there are some who have gotten into adultery when under the power of Satan and in darkness, sin and ignorance who need the New Covenant teaching, instruction, love, and mercy on the subject, (not stones) that they may find their way out into the liberty and freedom of the Lord Jesus Christ which is the heritage of every "born-again" child of God. The heathen woman no doubt had been under the power of Satan, in gross darkness, sin and ignorance all her life until she met the Lord Jesus Christ at the well and then the light of heaven began to shine into her darkened soul, for she had found and believed the Messiah. God imputes sin to us or withholds it according to our individual light and knowledge. This truth is clearly set forth by the following scriptures. James 4:17 reads, "Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin." If one was in sin and in darkness, God would not impute sin to him in a certain act, but another who had light and knowledge would be for the same act condemned. In this is manifested the righteousness of God. Let us be like Him.

John 9:41 reads, "Jesus said unto them, If ye were blind, ye should have no sin: but now ye say, We see; therefore your sin remaineth."

John 15:22 reads, "If I had not come and spoken unto them, they had not had sin: but now they have no cloak for their sin."

In the 24th chapter of Deut., we find some teaching on adultery when they were under the law and the teaching was thus, "When a man hath taken a wife and married her, and it come to pass that she find no favor in his eyes, because he hath found some uncleanness in her: then let him write her a bill of divorcement, and give it in her hand, and send her out of his house." Now listen to this second verse. "And when

she is departed out of his house, she may go and be another man's wife." Now, let us quote to you the New Covenant instructions on this line. In Romans 7:3, we read, "So then if, while her husband liveth, she be married to another man, she shall be called an adulteress: but if her husband be dead, she is free from that law; so that she is no adulteress, though she be married to another man." It seems to me that we who are spiritually minded could easily see what kind of a mess the church would get into if they followed law doctrines on this subject: if a man put away his wife she would have a right to marry another man while her former husband was living, which New Covenant teachings forbid.

In the 3rd and 4th verses of Deut. 24, we find some more law teaching that is out of harmony with the New Covenant teachings of Christ and the apostles. Before Christ came, men under the law could not be cleansed from sins and uncleanness, but since Christ has come and made the blood sacrifice, we can have our sins forgiven and in the second definite work of grace be cleansed from all uncleanness, from the defilement of sin that passed upon all men through Adam's fall. The blood sacrifice that Christ made for mankind not only cleanses the soul but reaches to our physical bodies and cleanses us from otherwise incurable diseases, for with his stripes we are healed, Isa. 53:5. In I Pet. 2:24 we read that Jesus bore our sins in his own body on the tree, and the verse ends with these words, "By whose stripes we were healed." Both the prophets and the New Covenant teachings agreed on this subject.

Zechariah, the prophet, in prophesying of what Christ would do when he came, said in the 13th chapter and first verse, "In that day [the Gospel Day] there shall be a fountain opened to the house of David and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem [His children] for sin and for uncleanness." Since Jesus cleanses and makes a man or woman clean, it would be a just and proper thing for one to go back to his or her rightful companion and rear their children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, or remain unmarried.

Dear brethren, let us not err by not knowing the Scriptures and be found affiliated with those who are ready to stone some one and think they are doing God's service.

### Gossip

It always is amusing

To hear some people talk,  
And watch how happy they seem to get  
When about others they can "squawk."  
For instead of finding something good  
To say about some one  
They love to "dig" up all the "dirt."  
About some bad they've done.  
But I've come to the conclusion  
That those who like to gab  
About the affairs of others  
Are often just as bad!

—Selected by E. Miller.

## Obituaries

Jake W. Wilson, son of George and Emma Wilson, was born near Wheelerville, Ala. June 30, 1875 and departed this life at Winnsboro, La. at the age of 82 years and 8 days. He was married to Ellen Mitchell in 1900. To this union one son and four daughters were born.

He came to Louisiana as a young man where he lived until his death. He was saved about twelve years ago, and dearly loved the Lord and the service of God. He attended services as long as he was able.

He is survived by three daughters, Mrs. Annie Whiteard, Mrs. Gladys Beech and Sister Velma Mancil, and a host of relatives, saints and friends. His wife, a minister of the Church of God, the son and one daughter preceded him in death.

The funeral services were conducted by Bros. C. C. Carver and Willard Esters. Scripture texts: Num. 23:10, and 1 Cor. 15:49.

Sister Amanda Sullivan was born January 8, 1878 at Ozark, Arkansas. She departed this life at Pasadena, California, November 8, 1957 at the age of 79 years and 10 months.

Many years ago she found the Lord in the pardon of her sins. She lived a consistent pure holy life. Her greatest desire was to please our heavenly Father in all things. She was one of our number and was near and dear to us all. She loved the house of worship and was there whenever circumstances permitted. We greatly miss her sweet presence; but the Lord in His great wisdom doeth all things well. We bow our hearts in submission in His taking her to the glory world.

She leaves to mourn her departure two daughters: Mrs. Dora Riddle and Mrs. Emma Ratliff; one brother, Walter Wesson, and a host of relatives, saints and friends.

Funeral services were conducted by Bro. I. C. Chandler assisted by Sister Emma Holden, and others. Text: Psa. 8:4, Gen. 2:7, and 2 Cor. 4:16. Interment in the Pasadena Cemetery.

Jesse Lee Warder, son of Edward and Alice Warder, was born January 11, 1884, and departed this life December 12, 1957 at the age of 73 years, 11 months, and 1 day. He was the third child and oldest son of thirteen children. He was united in marriage to Mamie Gordon on August 3, 1940.

He became a member of the Church of God in Oklahoma in 1910. Later in 1912 he moved to San Bernardino, Calif. where he lived to the time of his death. Bro. Jesse was faithful to attend church services and was always on time.

He leaves to mourn his passing his wife, Mamie; two brothers: Edward and Tony; a step-daughter, and a host of relatives, saints, and friends.

The funeral service was conducted by Bro. Lenard Gains and Sis. Nellie Poulos. Texts: Numbers 23:10; Psa. 116:15 and others. Interment in the Pioneer Cemetery in San Bernardino.

Annie Shannon, daughter of George and Narcissus Shannon, was born in Natchitoches, Louisiana, August 17, 1879 and passed to the "Great Beyond" January 8, 1958 at the age of 78 years, 5 months, and 13 days. She was married to Henry Wiley in 1898. To this union nine children were born. Five passed away in their infancy.

Sis. Wiley professed a hope in Christ at an early age. In 1915 she accepted the truth as taught by the

Church of God. She remained a faithful, and a consistent saint to the end. Sis. Wiley was a real mother in Israel to the young people as well as to others. She derived her joy in the service of the Lord. Her songs, kind deeds, and words of encouragement will long be remembered.

Surviving loved ones are: one daughter, Vera Wagner, Ponca City, Oklahoma; two step-daughters: Florida Raymond and Jo Manuel of Natchitoches, Louisiana; three sons: Talmage, Spencer, and Lawrence of Los Angeles, California; two step-sons: Wesley of Enid, Oklahoma and Warren of Los Angeles, California; one sister, two brothers, seven grandchildren, and a host of relatives, saints, and friends.

Funeral service by Sis. Ada Davis and Bro. Ulysses Phillips. Text: Job 16:19. Interment in the Enid Cemetery.

### A TRIBUTE TO SISTER WILEY

Her life on earth is ended, yet long there will remain  
Memories of her service to young and old the same.  
She witnessed much for Jesus and sang her sweet refrain:  
"He is everything to me."

She lived and worked for Jesus, Who brought her to the  
Light,  
Who healed her soul and body and made her burdens light,  
Methinks I hear her singing Up There, with great delight,  
"He is everything to me." G. R.

Sarah Eliza Bonnie (Wilson) Wells, daughter of William and Parlee Wilson, was born July 18, 1871 in Tenn. and departed this life Dec. 2, 1957 at Santa Rosa, Calif. at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Winnie George with whom she had made her home for more than two years, age 86 years, 4 months, and 14 days.

On April 8, 1892 she was united in marriage to William E. Wells. To this union six children were born. Her husband and one daughter preceded her in death.

She is survived by three daughters, Mrs. Sadie Tew of Windsor, Calif., Mrs. Winnie George of Santa Rosa, Calif., and Mrs. Birdie Wilson of Denver, Colo.; two sons: Arthur of Salem, Oregon and Jerry of Auburn, Calif.; twenty grandchildren; fifty-six great-grandchildren; five sisters; five brothers; and other relatives.

Aunt Bonnie, as she was known to many, was saved in early youth and loved and served the Lord throughout the remainder of her life. She was one of the few remaining pioneer saints who knew this evening light truth in its first glory when it was sweeping the land like a great tidal wave. Her father and older brother were among the pioneer ministers of the Evening Light Reformation, and she was connected with the work in those early years.

She resided in Pomona, Calif. for a number of years, and worshiped with the saints at that place until, due to failing health, she went to Santa Rosa to live with her daughter, who cared for her mother faithfully the last few years of her life. Her last prayer was, "Take me Home, dear Lord, take me Home."

Funeral services were conducted by Opal B. Wilson and Ira D. Stover. Burial at Windsor, California.

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### MYRTLE, MISSOURI ALL-DAY MEETING

It has been announced that there will be all-day meeting each first Sunday of the month at Myrtle, Mo. They are to continue throughout 1958, the Lord willing. The Lord is blessing in these all-day meetings. You are invited to come.

The saints at Myrtle



## NOTICES

Mo.—Dear Saints, Greetings in the sweet name of Jesus.—We are still saved and doing all we can to help precious souls make heaven their home. We appreciate every gift and offering received to apply toward a trailer for our use in the evangelistic work. We have received about \$525.00 for a trailer. We are looking for a serviceable trailer. Pray for us that we keep faithful in the work of the Lord. —Bro. and Sis. Abbott, Box 223, Thayer, Missouri.

Sister Eliza Holdcraft, 1105 W. College, Guthrie, Okla. desires a Christian woman, middle aged or over, to stay with her. Write her for particulars.

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## NOTICE OF APPRECIATION AND THANKS

I want to express my appreciation to the saints for their kindness at the time of the death of my husband, Joe Fryson. The Lord said He would never leave us, and He proved it.

My thanks to Bro. and Sis. Williams, Sis. Gordon, Bro. Barton, Sis. Annie Wiley, Sis. Ruth Murphy and the saints at Jena for all their kind deeds of love in my sorrow.

Mrs. Gertie Fryson

## PRAYER REQUESTS

Dear Bro. and Sis. Pruitt, please pray for God to heal my head, and hurting in my neck and spine. God has healed me before, and I know He can again. —Becky Barnes.

Va.—Dear Saints everywhere, Greetings in Jesus' precious holy name.—Today finds me encouraged to go on for the Master. The Lord has been helping me in my body and also my eight year old girl, Patty. But we need your prayers that our faith may increase and we can see great things accomplished in the name of Jesus. Often we pray, "Oh, God, bless my family." We must not be selfish but pray earnestly for others.

1. Pray for an aged minister and wife that God will supply their every need. The wife is bedfast at present.

2. Pray for a sister who has been an invalid for about twenty-four years and of late is suffering untold agony.

3. A very special request comes from Washington from a brother grievously tormented with a growth on the forehead and a sore nose. A scalp disease is causing his hair to come out. Please pray for him.

4. Another beloved saint needs special prayer that a large tumor be removed from her body. She is a blessing to others.

5. Please remember the chapel at Goodview, Virginia where Bro. Ralph Halladay and Bro. C. B. Hall are working. If God lays it on your heart to give I am sure you will get a blessing as the chapel is not completed.

A sister in Christ,

Edith Melvin

Okla.—To all the saints everywhere, Greetings in Jesus' name.—I am still saved and mean to go all the way for the Lord. God is my healer. I desire the saints wherever you are to please pray for me when you fast. I have a very urgent unspoken request. I am looking for God to help on this.

—Clara Windle.

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## "BEAUTIFUL WAY" BOOKS

The "Beautiful Way" papers for 1957 in book form are in stock now. These stories are good for children to read. Order your 1957 "Beautiful Way" book today. Price \$1.00 each.

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## Testimonies

Mo.—To the readers of the "Faith and Victory" paper.—Greetings of Christian love to all. I am glad to be saved and sanctified, and I am trusting in God for both soul and body. Praise the Lord! I wish to testify to the goodness of God to me of late. On the 7th day of December, 1957 I was stricken down in my hip and back. It was so severe I had to take my bed at once. Two days my suffering was so severe I could not stand to be moved in any way. I believe I was turned over once, by being turned on a sheet. I was so thankful to God that He heard and answered prayer at the end of two days of severe suffering. I began to amend from that hour. The eighth day I was able to be on my feet and walk. I have had severe attacks in the last few years, but none as severe as this one. God has healed me every time, so I give Him all the praise.

I am glad that I learned to trust God in the days of my youth. About the year of 1910 I was bitten by a poison snake (Copperhead). My suffering and sickness for about fourteen hours was great. My parents did not go to sleep that night, neither was God asleep. They were by my bedside praying for me. I was very sick until the mid-night hour, when God so wonderfully looked down from heaven and touched me. Such perfect relief He gave me! All sickness and pain was completely gone so that I went off to sleep. By morning the swelling was leaving my foot and limb. We could testify that God had done the work for we did not call a doctor or take any medicine or rub any on. To Him we gave all the praise. About the year of 1917 or 1918 the Lord healed me again after taking my bed for 17 days with that terrible flu that was sweeping across the country taking the lives of many.

In 1923 God answered my prayer again in finding me a help mate. After six or seven months of courtship together, and discovering how we both stood in our belief, both agreeing on what the Bible taught and how we ought to live and trust, we thought God would be pleased for us to be man and wife. So on the 25th day of Nov. we were married. We held right on to our experience in the Lord. There were no saints around to encourage us, and we did not know where any were. The Lord kept our hearts encouraged as we kept up our family worship and reading of God's Word. We longed and wondered if there were any old-time saints that we could get in touch with.

In the year of 1929 somehow we heard there was going to be a camp meeting (Church of God). We began to plan to attend a part of this meeting, to see what it was like. So we loaded up the Model T car. We took our three children (the youngest was ten months old) and my father. The first night we stayed with my brother. We left early the next morning, and arrived at the camp ground in time for a part of the 11 o'clock service. As we looked upon the congregation, I told my wife, "We have found some of the saints." The meeting certainly was precious to us.



One night while we were there some man there in the town came rushing in under the tent calling the attention of the congregation right in the time of service. He said their baby was very sick nigh unto death, and wanted prayer for it and rushed away. Right there the saints went on their knees and prayed for the child to be healed. The next day wife and I thought we would get in our car and drive out for awhile. We hadn't gone but a little ways when I noticed a man out in his yard and recognized him as the man who had wanted prayer for his child. I also noticed the child there with him playing around. I stopped my car and asked him if that was the child that was sick the night before. He said, "Yes." We left the camp ground for home much encouraged to keep our trust in God.

When we were ready to leave Bro. Pruitt handed me a copy of the "Faith and Victory" paper of which we have been a reader since that time.

The Lord blessed us with six children to rear without giving them any medicine or rubbing any thing on. There were no operations. Dear reader, if you are not trusting God for the healing of the afflictions of your body, I ask you to get your Bible and turn with me to the book of James the fifth chapter and start reading at the 14th verse. Also Matt. 10:1; Mark 3:14, 15; Luke 9:1, 2; St. John 15: 7; Mark 5:25-29. If you have any medicine in the house, take it out at the back door, shut your eyes, and throw it as far as you can and come back and pray for God to heal the sick, like my wife did. God will see that you mean business about the matter and He will heal. Wife has never mentioned medicine from that day.

God has healed us many times of afflictions. To Him we give all praise and honor. I have given my testimony for no other purpose than to glorify God, and for the good of some soul that might be having a battle to fully trust God for the healing of the body.

Your brother in Christ,

A. J. Sorrell.

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La.—To all the saints scattered abroad: Greetings in Jesus' dear and precious name.—Today finds me saved, sanctified, and satisfied in this glorious way. I love the Lord with all my heart and I am striving to serve Him in the beauty of holiness, and to please Him in every way in all that I do and say. I want to keep myself unspotted from the world. I praise the dear Lord this morning for His great healing power and for the many times He has touched and healed my body. A few weeks ago I had a severe case of tonsillitis. My throat was so sore I could hardly swallow. I promised the Lord if He would heal me I would write my testimony in the "Faith and Victory," as I had not written one for a long time. The Lord came to my rescue and I began to improve right away.

I desire with all of my heart to get closer to the Lord and do more for Him this year and let the sweet life of Christ so shine through my life that it will be as a city set on a hill that cannot be hid, that others might see the one true way. I desire your prayers that I may ever stand firm and true and endure unto the end that I might receive the crown of life.

With Christian love, Audrey Baumgartner.

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La.—Dear Bro. Pruitt and saints everywhere,—It is with a thankful heart before God that I write to you all today. God has brought us through many trials and tests during this life on earth so far. How I do praise Him for His wonderful love extended to us! I am saved and sanctified and very encouraged to press on. I am still going through severe trials as some of you saints

know, but we want the victory through Christ in the end.

How beautiful nature is all about us, with such varieties of wild flowers and fall leaves! Beautiful colors, that only God Himself can make. Just to think of our meeting Him face to face is worth any trial this side of heaven. Oh, I do so want to live the way He would have me live and do the things He would have me do. I feel for our dear shut-ins and sick ones. How I long in my heart to be in each and every home doing and praying for you! Dear Sister Ivy in distant Pennsylvania, I would love to be there; but you look up to God and He will be a friend that will stick closer than a brother. He will help you. I am not able to be with all of you dear ones, but God willing it is my heart's desire one day to be able to do this. I would like to be in sick homes but other duties tie me down.

All of my children are not saved; only two out of nine. I brought them up for God and have them and all the saints' children on my heart continually for the miracle to happen. God has called my second boy, Jerry Lee Quave, into His work, for which I thank and praise Him. Do remember him in your prayers that God will fill him more with His Holy Spirit and lead him. Our home life has not been too happy with my unsaved companion; do pray for him.

God bless all of you dear ones everywhere. Let us pray lots and press on, for the prize awaits us just ahead. Soon our blessed Lord will come for us who love Him; what a glad reunion that will be! I love God today and oh, I am very grateful for His blessings to me. Pray for me that I'll stay in touch with God until He calls me home.

Christian love,

Sister Rubye Quave Signorelli.

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Okla.—Dear readers,—This morning, while in prayer, the Lord impressed very strongly upon my heart the duty of this testimony. I have much love and concern for the souls of mankind, especially those who day by day are nearing their eternal destination, unprepared to meet their God. I want to write my own personal experience, and I trust the seed will find lodging in some heart.

I was reared by godly parents from my birth in this truth. I loved the Lord, but after several attempts to live for the Him I was overcome by the enemy. At the age of twelve the Lord dealt with my soul and conviction was so deep that I could not sleep. I remember well the struggle that went on inside me, whether to choose the reproaches of the cross and participate of the joy of Salvation, or go the way of the world. Many, no doubt, make this decision this early in life. The Lord wanted to spare me from the troubles and heartaches of sin, but also He wanted my life to be His from my youth. The Lord can do so much with young lives, and then as they enter adulthood they are strong enough in the Lord to take on responsibility, and oh, the needs are so great. I did not realize this then, for I said, "No," to the Holy Spirit, and the conviction left me.

I am sure the prayers of my dear parents and the saints kept me from going in deep sin, for often I felt an invisible restraint. I felt some conviction when I attended the Guthrie campmeeting at the age of 14 when the saved girls said they were praying earnestly for me. This really touched me. Some of them were Marilyn (Beisly) Eck, Evodna Marler, Dora Lela Beisly, and her sister, Lillian Eck; also Sister Betty Smith. I went to the altar, but when I got home (Calif.) I knew I had not made the consecration. From then on I felt no more conviction, even though I attended meeting every Sunday and usually the special meetings. I knew all the time that I wanted to be saved some day, but it was not until after graduation

and I was meeting the world on the job that I began to realize that my life was fast speeding by and was just being wasted.

I longed to have salvation as the visiting young people at the campmeeting had, but I had the excuse that I felt no conviction. At this I became really alarmed. Finally, I made my way to the altar. Since I had not prayed for years, I did not know what to say, but in my heart I was telling God that I was going to do everything I knew to obtain His mercy. Only by faith could I accept it. From that time I ceased my worldly ways, but each day as I prayed, I told the Lord I wanted to feel that personal call again as I had felt when I was younger. I told Him that I would then show that I meant business, and would accept Him as my Saviour for life. About a month later, I was attending a meeting in Los Angeles, and the Lord gave me my desire. He called me by His convicting Spirit and I kept my promise to Him. At the altar I sought redemption through Jesus' blood, and from that day to this I have felt my great debt—"Jesus paid it all, All to him I owe; Sin had left a crimson stain: He washed it white as snow." Are you in the same state I was in? If you feel no conviction, you are in a serious condition, and you need to start praying for it. If you have spurned the Holy Spirit, He will no longer knock at your heart's door, but you must go seek for Him, and plead His mercy. Those of you who feel His call time after time should realize it is a blessing to have God, so great, to talk to you personally, and you should weigh it carefully in your mind. Salvation is no play thing. It is not something to pass over lightly.

I have never regretted my choice. This way grows sweeter every day. Of course I went on to a full consecration and an infilling of the Holy Spirit. This was only the natural thing, for since I had given up the world and its pleasures, I wanted everything the Lord had to offer in Salvation. I was baptized too. Praise the Lord, I arose from the dead, and was alive in Christ.

Young people, won't you meet the challenge? You, the saints' children who have been away so long, will you not consider again? I know, that way down deep inside, you want this.

I close with a great burden on my heart.

—A worker in the Lord's Print Shop, Sylvia Forbes.

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Okla.—To the saints scattered abroad, I greet you in Jesus' dear name.—Today finds me in a real battle. I have been sorely afflicted now for eighteen days. It seems like my time here is about to the end. The dear Lord has touched my body many times in the past eighteen days, but I am still very much in need. I have not been able to breathe very well for the whole time. Sometimes I get so tired in body in struggling for breath, then dropsy has set up. I am ready to go or to stay. If I stay I will have to have healing very soon as I am getting so weak, that I can not help myself when the breathless times come on. I have asked my husband to turn me loose, but the saints as well won't turn me loose. I have worked so long for the last day of safety. I do want to thank the saints and everyone for the nice get-well cards I have received. If I do not get well, my new address will be heaven. Sis. Sam Barton

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Ark.—Dear Friends, Greetings in Jesus' name.—I am glad to report victory today in my soul. I have improved in my body sufficiently to be able to work about one half day at a time for which I surely thank the Lord. I still have considerable swelling in my ankle and leg, especially

after working. The wound in my foot, where I stepped on the nail, is about healed.

I would like to thank the saints who so graciously gave at the Guthrie Assembly Meeting and helped us so much in a financial way. It was certainly unexpected. We want you all to know it was a real help to us in our time of need. Words can hardly express our appreciation. We know the Lord will richly bless each and every one of you.

Please continue to pray for me that I may get completely well and that the Lord's will may be done in our lives.

Yours in Him,

Irvin McMurrin

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Illinois—Dear Saints in Jesus' dear name.—We are still encouraged to press on for the dear Lord. We find so many good things that he has done for us, we want to do His will and grow stronger. We do thank the good Lord for all the many blessings He bestows upon us from day to day.

We want to tell some of God's goodness to us, by His help. I promised the Lord if He would heal our little boy, Eddie, I would write a testimony to the glory of God. I thank the dear Lord He did just what we asked. He said he would not leave us nor forsake us. He came to heal all manner of diseases for he is just the same today. Praise His dear name forever. Our little boy was awful sick for about a week or more with fever. It seemed like he could not sleep at night. We had just prayed and prayed and it looked like he was getting worse. I thought of the many promises that the Lord had for them that love Him. I thought of that song, "When you have done your best let Jesus do the rest." We called Leonard Marler and family and they came and did what the Lord said for us to do. We anointed in the name of the Lord for him, and thank the dear Lord, He touched his body. He still has an awful cough but we are still holding on to God for complete victory.

We are so thankful for all he has done for us. Surely there is nothing in this old world to turn back to. We are still trusting in him. We pray that this will be a help to someone.

Yours for the whole truth, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Gentry

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Colo.—Dear Sis. Marie and Bro. Pruitt, Greetings in the Lord this new year. I have been awfully sick with the flu. Then I took a back set and nearly passed on. The good Lord saw fit to spare me a while longer. I thank the Lord for what He is doing for me. I lost about twelve pounds. I am sending an offering to be used in the Lord's work. Pray that the Lord will continue to bless my body.

Your sister in the Lord,

Lillie Baker

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Pa.—Dear Bro. and Sis. Pruitt,—Just a few lines to write and tell you I get your magazine every month. I get so much help and inspiration out of it that I want others to read it too. It has certainly been a comfort in my life. It is not only certain articles but they all are interesting, especially the testimonies. I, too, was healed by the Lord and I know what it is all about. I was healed of a goiter and tumor.

The Lord has been a wonderful Saviour to me. He has helped me out of the rugged trial and tests that I have faced. He put my feet on solid rock and gave me that peace of understanding that goes down deep in my heart. Jesus said, "Lo, I am with you always." He will, too, if we will only trust him. It is just wonderful

how he gave me that love and concern for others. I have a number of loved ones that do not have that peace and are not in that ark of safety. Please pray for them.

I can not thank my Lord enough for the wonderful way he answers my prayers. We must keep pressing onward and never backwards. May God richly bless you all. Please pray for my loved ones. I am sending ten names that I would like the magazine sent to. I know they will be greatly helped and inspired by reading good spiritual literature. I am glad that we have consecrated workers to show people the light. May you prosper in the good work of God.

With Christian love,

Mrs. Betty Felton

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Oklahoma.—Dear Saints everywhere, Holy greetings with much love in Jesus' dear name.—I am still saved and mean by God's help and grace to make heaven my home. I feel led of the Lord to send in my testimony, hoping and praying that the Lord will cause this writing to help others to put all their trust in God for both soul and body. I was taken down with the flu about the third week in November. I had such pains and sufferings but the dear Lord so wonderfully blessed me until I can not give God enough thanks and praises. There were six of us sick at the same time. I was sick with the four small children that needed comfort and care. My husband could get up to cook and do other things. In about two or three days the Lord sent my oldest sister to care for us. She was so faithful, kind and a great encouragement to us. At times when the old devil would bring pain and suffering on me with such a great force the Lord would always comfort my heart. He brought these two songs into my heart and mind; "Pray on until the answer comes," and "Must Jesus bear the Cross alone and all the world go free? No, there's a cross for every one, And there's a cross for me." Jesus made me to know that I, too, must suffer some as Jesus did and bear my cross. If we want to be like Jesus, we must be willing, and humbly suffer as Jesus did. I wonder if many people realize that our present suffering is not to be compared with the joys of heaven? The Lord has wonderfully healed me of the flu, and has given me my strength back. I surely do thank God for His healing power shown to our family.

I would like to tell of the Lord blessing and how my sister-in-law showed her kindness to us during our illness. She let some of her children come over to clean house, wash and iron for us.

I do thank God for everyone's kindness and their prayers. I wish to thank them very much. The Lord has brought this song to me. "It is no secret what God can do, What he's done for others, He'll do for you." Isn't it wonderful to trust in a God who will care for us at all times?

I would like to tell of more healings the Lord has done. It was a great blessing to me. Our little girl had some kind of hurting in her neck which made her carry her head to one side for almost three weeks. When she wanted to look at something she had to turn her whole body around. I was looking earnestly to God to heal her. The saints were praying other places for her. The Lord truly answered prayer in a time of need. He has never failed to answer prayer for things he knows we need most.

I am saved and sanctified and satisfied in God's way. Dear ones, pray much for me. I mean heaven at any cost. Pray for our unsaved loved ones. With much love to everyone.

Clara Barnett

Colorado.—Dear Saints, Greetings in Jesus' dear name.—God has dealt tenderly with me, since the death of my brother, drawing me nearer to Him. My head had been hurting me almost constantly since sitting in a draft by his bedside for seven weeks. On December 26 I got chilled returning from my sister's. I have been confined to my home for almost two weeks with the flu. I had congested lungs and sinus. It made such noises when lying down that I could not sleep, except when God in mercy helped me. The neighbors said, "Take medicine and put on hot packs." I sent to Guthrie, Okla. for prayer and also to the Pacoima Assembly Meeting. I applied my anointed handkerchief and God wonderfully touched my body. Now I can sleep. I still have mucous tinged with blood, but God will finish the healing. I thank God for it. I want to thank all who prayed for me. Jesus is everything to me. I want to do all I can to help spread the truth, realizing that what we do must be done quickly. Pray for me.

Your sister in Christ,

E. Coral Johnson

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Oklahoma.—Dear Saints scattered abroad, Greetings to you in the name of the Lord.—Tonight I am saved and encouraged to live for the Lord who died for me "my Saviour and my God." A few days ago, I was very sick with the flu but the Lord healed me and I certainly thank Him for it. He is a good God and worthy to be praised. Oh, that men would praise the Lord for His goodness, and for His wonderful works to the children of men!

I desire the prayers of all the saints that I be humble and more like Christ. I also ask your prayers that I may have a more heavenly conversation in the future than I have had in the past. The Lord wants us to let our words be few. Too much talk may ruin our heavenly experience.

Your sister in the Lord,

May Bell Williams

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Oklahoma.—Dear Saints, Greetings in Jesus' name.—It has been a great while since I wrote to the saints there. I am saved and trusting the Lord for soul and body. I love the Lord. Since I wrote you last I have been awfully sick with asthma and the flu. I was so sick I was not able to write in a request. I just prayed to the Lord to have His way for I know His ways are best. He healed me. I thank and praise the dear Lord!

Please pray for me to do and be all the Lord wants me to. Please pray for my unsaved children.

Your sister in the one body,

Lizzie Randles

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Missouri.—Dear Saints everywhere, Greetings in Jesus' dear sweet name.—This leaves me saved, sanctified, satisfied and healed by the great power of God. We have ever found him to be a very present help in time of need. I would like to tell how the dear Lord has recently healed my daughter and me of the flu. I was wonderfully healed after much prayer. I do thank the dear Lord for this and thank the dear saints for their prayers which mean so much in this time of so much unbelief. My daughter took real sick in the night and the next morning she was still sick. I called Bro. Gibson's and requested prayer, and the dear Lord did wonderfully undertake. She went back to work on Tuesday only missing one day of work. While at work she took a rash and it got worse until that night she could not sleep or rest. About 12:30 I woke up and heard her crying and praying. We both prayed for quite awhile. She went to sleep about two o'clock. We forgot about this rash when shortly after that she called me. I asked her how it was. She said

it was all gone and did not bother her any more. We are so thankful how the dear Lord healed her. We can give God all the praise. Some tried to get her to take a soda bath. I told her that I knew God could heal without soda or any thing else, and He did. We surely do praise Him and thank Him so much.

We had a cough to follow all this, but the Lord has healed my daughter of her cough. My cough is still hanging on but we are trusting the dear Lord to give complete victory. So dear saints remember me in your prayers that I will soon be healed of this. May God bless each one. Pray for us that we keep faithful until the end.

Your sister in Christ,

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Effie Miller

Ohio—Greetings of love to all of God's children, I desire to testify for the dear Lord who has been so good to us in so many ways. Surely I love the dear Lord and I want to make the year 1958, by the grace of God, the best year yet in the service of God. I desire a closer walk and to gain higher ground with the Lord. I want to witness more for Jesus than ever before.

In the year of 1957 quite a bit of sickness came into our home but God was a match every time. I had two very sore afflictions upon my body. God healed me both times. I was called up before the Personnel Director at the place where I work because I was trusting the Lord. I told them what the Bible tells us to do in case of sickness. (In fact the night before I was called up to the personnel office, I was anointed and prayed for. God undertook for me.) They told me that in the future if a doctor recommended surgery, and I refused, they could have me discharged. I have worked at this place going on seventeen years but by the grace of God I mean to keep my trust in God and leave my job on the altar.

One night after we came home from service and had gone to bed I heard a strange noise coming from the room where the children were sleeping. I hurried in and our baby daughter, Mary, was jerking. It seemed like every muscle was jerking and her eyes were going back in her head. This was something very unusual in our home and we needed God quickly. Bro. Golden was in our home that night and he fell upon his knees and called mightily upon God. We called the other saints for an agreement in prayer. God stopped the jerking soon after we began to pray. She was in an unconscious condition. Some of the saints drove to our home (Some lived about seventeen miles away I believe). They anointed our baby and prayed for her. God broke the fever and brought her out of the unconscious condition. Praise God she has never had another spell since.

God has saved some precious souls and added to the flock in Dayton. Oh, the Lord is so good to His children. Surely we ought to have a praise on our lips at all times for the Lord. I love all the dear saints of God. I pray that God will entwine His love about our hearts and bind us all closer to Him and to each other. I desire your sincere prayers that I may walk humbly before God and the world that Christ may ever be in view.

Your brother in Christ,

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Earl L. Sharp.

Florida—Dear Saints, Greetings to you this happy new year.—This finds me enjoying a reasonable portion of health. I do thank the dear Lord for the wonderful blessings he gives me. I do thank you all for praying for me. It is wonderful how God answers prayer for His dear children. I am sending an offering. May it

be used to the glory of God. Pray for me.

Your sister in Christ,

Mrs. Hattie Davis

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Ky.—Dear Sister Miles,—I am sending an offering to be used in the work there for the Lord. I am thankful that we have people who do love the Lord as you all do. I love the Lord with all of my heart and I have no desire for the evil things of this world. My heart is set on things above and to do my loving Saviour's will and endure to the end. I want to make heaven my home. The Lord has been so good to us. We just can not thank him enough for all his blessings he bestowed on us after the flood. Praise his holy name. Oh, how I do love him. I only feel so little and that I do such a little in his work.

I feel so weak but I ask the saints there to pray that the Lord will strengthen us more each day that we may be soul winners for Him. We know we can not do anything without our loving Saviour to lead and guide us. We have been praying for the Lord to send some one here who will preach the real truth as it is in His holy Word. We are trusting the Lord to undertake somehow. He never fails, we know. We read your good paper and all the wonderful testimonies each month and they are food for our souls.

Your sister in Christ,

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Roberts

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La.—Dear Saints everywhere, Greetings in Jesus' precious name. I feel led to testify how the dear Lord saved me from the broad way of sin. After I was saved once, I went back into sin. For seven long years I longed and sought for peace and found none. It was not because the Lord did not love me, (He loves all His creation) but my iniquities separated His face from me. Isa. 59:2. God looks on the heart and mine was unclean. It was not until I came in repentance to Him, forsaking sin, that peace, wonderful peace came into my soul again. Praise God for the blood of Jesus that atones for sin. Later I presented myself for sanctification, even though I did not understand it. The dear Lord taught me and sanctified me wholly.

Before I was saved I started having terrible pains in my head from which I suffered greatly. I took medicine which did not heal me completely. Even after I was saved I still suffered much from this trouble and asked for prayer many times. Later I promised the Lord I would testify if He would heal me completely. He did. Praise His holy name.

My desire is to be in the order and will of God and to be led by His Spirit. I want to do what I can to care for the sick and suffering. I thank the saints everywhere for their prayers.

Your sister in Christ,

Joy Mannon

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La.—To the readers of the "Faith and Victory," I send greetings of love.—I want to glorify God's name by testifying of His goodness and mercy to me in coming to my rescue when I was so sick recently. I left the Guthrie Assembly meeting Christmas morning and went to Neosho, Mo. to visit my folks. The next night I became sick and left Friday night on the train to come home. When I arrived Saturday I went to bed and by Monday I was very sick. I felt confident that I was taking pneumonia in one lung but God undertook and rebuked it. Praise His name. I began to amend, but was very weak several days. The Lord also brought me thru two attacks of flu this winter.

I desire prayer that I may be stronger in my body

and have more resistance against colds.

In His service,

Ruth Murphy.

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Mo.—Dear Bro. and Sis. Pruitt,—By the Lord's help I am sending in a testimony for Brother Allen. Last Friday, January 3, he took very sick at his stomach and vomited terribly and ached and hurt all over. It seemed like he was taking the flu. That night he was not much better than on Saturday. The next morning he took worse. In the afternoon he believed he would feel better if he would lie down. I went out to the ice house, knelt down and prayed. I said, "Lord, you will have to come to Daddy's rescue and heal his body." Then I said, "Lord, I do not want to see Daddy get sick." After praying I went back in the house and said, "Do you feel better?" He answered and said, "Yes I do." That night before we went to bed we had our worship together. Both of us prayed for the Lord to heal. We woke about 12 o'clock. He said, "Mama, the Lord has healed me." We really did thank the Lord for it.

Please continue to pray for Bro. Will and for both of us. We need each others' prayers so much. May the Lord bless you all is our prayer.

In Christian love,

Bro. and Sis. Will Allen

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S. C.—Dear Saints, Greetings in Jesus' name.—I am writing to let you know that God has heard and answered prayer for the healing of my body of a carbuncle. It gave me a lot of trouble. Thank God, the Lord healed me in answer to prayer. Praise the Lord. I am glad to know it pays to trust God. He will never leave nor forsake us in time of trouble. I believe that there is only one true way. I have been reading your books, tracts, and the "Faith and Victory" paper for almost a year now. I have not found one flaw nor one thing wrong with the teaching. Praise God for it.

I have been giving out tracts and papers trusting that God will touch some heart through them. I had been a worker for the Gospel Trumpet Co. a good many years. God led me out and I obeyed the call. Praise His name forever. Since I have been out, I have felt nearer to God. They have lowered the standard of holiness by taking part with the world. They seemed to be another sect church. The preachers have TV in their homes. I know that God is not pleased with it. I can not see how they can teach the truth and believe in looking at a TV. May God help such preachers out today. They are the blind leading the blind.

Somehow I got one of your tracts. I found so much truth in it that I sat down and wrote you a letter and received the paper. I have been reading them ever since. The fire is burning in my soul. Praise the Lord for it. I thank God that I am settled on the Rock to not move. In Heb. 6:19 we read, "Which hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and which entereth into that within the veil." Praise God for His Word! Please keep praying for me that I will not fail but stand true to God.

Your saved brother,

Eddie Driggins

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Ky.—Dear Saints abroad,—I am so happy in my heart today, that I feel like sharing it with you. God is so wonderful and his love is so big that I want to share the Lord with all people. Even in sharing him with everyone there is plenty of God's love for me. God has been so merciful to me in every way. He saved me, and sanctified me. I received the second work of God's love in my soul. It seemed like all my burdens, trials, worries, and

all, vanished and the weight of them was completely lifted. I felt like all I had to do was to raise my arms and I would float away. I retained that wonderful light feeling for a night and day. I can say here that I was never so wonderfully blessed before. I am glad to say I am saved, sanctified, and living for God.

Before the birth of my second son, I was deeply worried about the type of birth which the doctor told me I would have to undergo. I got my trust and faith completely in God. I prayed, cried, and prayed some more, day and night until God sent me four precious words right up out of the blessed Bible I was reading. They were, "Fear not, believe only." I took those words to my heart and trusted in God. I felt in my heart I would suffer greatly, but God never fails and he brought us both through, although the doctor thought he was going to lose both me and the baby. They put the baby in oxygen and he got all right. I am feeling pretty good. I know God was on the scene all the time.

Some people in this day and time do not believe in divine healing. Praise his dear name, no one can convince me that God is not able to heal today as he did when he was here on earth. I have felt his healing touch so many times on my body. He has healed my oldest son of pneumonia, bad colds and other sicknesses. How could anyone deny such a wonderful God?

I have a wonderful saved mother and father. God has been good to them to bring them through many sicknesses and afflictions.

I am now suffering from blood clots in the deep veins on my leg. I am praying to the wonderful healer for the healing of my legs, for I know when God touches our bodies with His wonderful balm of healing, there is no after effects or scars. When God does a work, it is perfect. I am requesting your prayers for my healing.

I promised the Lord a long time ago I would write a testimony to the "Faith and Victory" paper if He would heal my older son. God came on the scene and healed him. I know there are thousands of saved ones reading these wonderful papers and that my testimony will reach more souls this way than any other way. I am willing to testify of God's love anywhere I go.

I love the songs, "I don't know what I would do without my Lord," and "I Won't Have to Cross Jordan Alone."

A sister in Christ,

Wilma Horsley

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Ore.—Dear saints,—I have not had my testimony in the paper for a long while, but I feel I must testify how wonderfully the Lord healed me recently. I had suffered for three months from a serious stomach ailment and could not get victory over it. I sent for prayer to many of the saints, also for an anointed handkerchief from the saints at Guthrie; but I grew worse. I had always been healed almost immediately of all my illnesses so I could not understand why I was not getting relief. I, being isolated, became very discouraged and my husband kept insisting that I go for an examination. I was losing weight and could hardly eat anything. One Sunday while I was in earnest prayer, the Lord said to me, "You are healed and you must step out on faith and say so." I felt no different; but I arose, went in and prepared a meal, and sat down with my husband. I told him the Lord had healed me. He was very happy, for I had not been sitting down to the table. I told all my friends that I was healed. The next two days I was worse than I had ever been. I told no one, only wrote to some of the saints. It seemed I would smother from the gas that enveloped my body, but

I held on. I knew I could not have my husband say, "I thought you were healed." The third day I felt much better, and in a short time I was well. In all my suffering I kept telling the devil I was healed, for I knew it was just an imposition from him. I was privileged to attend the Pacoima assembly where I was anointed for a few remaining symptoms of gas and indigestion, and was completely free from it all. Someone asked me if I had felt the touch after I was anointed, and I said, "I am not going by feeling." I had felt God would remove all of it or I would not have been anointed. I have been healed here alone many times when there were no saints to pray. I would write for prayer and apply my anointed handkerchief and expect the Lord to do it, and he did. I am writing this to say we can not go by feeling. When we ask the Lord to do something, we must expect and accept it as done, or we may go on suffering indefinitely.

Thanking the saints for all their prayers, I remain  
your sister in Christ, Grace Jones

Ariz.—To the Saints scattered abroad, I send greetings.—I am yet saved, and fully determined to go all the way with Jesus. I know that my Jesus is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother. Altho the tests and trials are many, I mean by his help and grace to go all the way. There isn't anything in this world to turn back to, but sin and suffering.

My body has been sorely afflicted but the dear Lord has wonderfully healed me for which I give Him all the glory and praise. Please pray for my unsaved family and for me. Yours in Him, Sister Bertha Slaughter.

Ark.—To the Saints of the "Faith and Victory." I want to send my testimony about how God has answered prayer and healed my body. I am the mother of six children and all have lived to be grown with families. I surely do thank God for His goodness and mercy to me and my family. He has healed me and saved my soul. Please pray for my unsaved husband and two sons.

I surely get lots of encouragement from the testimonies of the saints in the paper. Pray for me that I will live a faithful life for God and do His will in everything. A sister in Christ, Daisy Van Brunt.

### The 26th Psalm (Continued)

In a former issue of this paper I made request that we, as professors of the "Christian" faith, read and study the 26th Psalm together. How are we getting along? Is some one discouraged already? Did the first two words, "Judge me," put a check on some dear reader? Or did you struggle along fairly well until you came to the words, "Examine me, O Lord, and prove me." And are you sighing still and saying, "What's the use, I thought this paper told people about faith and victory—why, all this about being judged, examined, and approved? What has all that to do with me professing to be a Christian? Is not it enough to confess Christ and go on out to witness and work for Him?" Well, let us look at our Psalm again. Reading a little further we hear the Psalmist saying, "Try my reins and my heart. For thy lovingkindness is before mine eyes: and I have walked in thy truth." Surely, it took more than a profession for David to behold the lovingkindness of the Lord and to add those solemn words, "I have walked in thy truth."

It takes a consciousness of "sins-under-the-blood" to give one a dependable knowledge of God and His truth; anything else could turn out in deception. David was being guarded along this line as he submitted himself to the Lord and said, "Try my reins and my heart." Is not it wonderful to be on the safe side?

In the 16th Psalm he expressed himself in this manner: "Preserve me O God: for in thee do I put my trust." We see he prayed to be preserved—protected from injury or decay; yea, kept for future use. Further down in the same chapter in verse seven we find these words: "I will bless the Lord, who hath given me counsel." By this statement we are made to know that he did not lean to his own understanding, but sought counsel of the Lord. And do you ask what was the value of all this? Great was the profit. It put him where he could say to the Lord out of a pure heart, "Try my reins and my heart," and with deep and full assurance could not only think, but say, "I have walked in thy truth." —Ethel K. Miles.

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## BIBLE STUDY

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PRIVILEGES IN GOD'S CHURCH

February 2, 1958

Printed Portion: 1 Peter 2:9, 10; 2 Cor. 9:6-8; Gal. 6:1-5;  
Heb. 4:14-16; 10:23-25.

1 Pet. 2:9. But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light:

10. Which in time past were not a people, but are now the people of God: which had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy.

2 Cor. 9:6. But this I say, He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully.

7. Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver.

8. And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work.

Gal. 6:1. Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself lest thou also be tempted.

2. Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.

3. For if a man think himself to be something, when he is nothing, he deceiveth himself.

4. But let every man prove his own work, and then shall he have rejoicing in himself alone, and not in another.

5. For every man shall bear his own burden.

Heb. 4:14. Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession.

15. For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin.

16. Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

Heb. 10:23. Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised;)

24. And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works:

25. Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.

**Memory Verse:** Ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light. 1 Pet 2:9.

**Practical Truth:** Christians should avail themselves of the privileges we have in God.

### COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

Our lesson brings out some wonderful privileges that we have by being a child of God. We are high royalty. There is no other greater than the God who created the universe and all that is in it. We are God's children through the blood of Jesus Christ. We should praise and honor God for our great heritage and count it a privilege to be a "peculiar people" in the world today.

We have the privilege of giving cheerfully to God's cause wherever there is a need and by so doing the promise is ours of having "all sufficiency in all things."

We have the privilege of being with those who are spiritual and are able to help us if we falter or fail. They will with great love and meekness help us to be restored to God. They will help us bear those burdens that are more than we can bear.

We individually have the privilege of coming to God's throne with boldness in every time of need, whether it be an affliction on our body or troubles of any kind. He is ABLE.

Some of us have the privilege of meeting with others who love God and raise our voices together in praises and prayers. God does not want us to forsake our assembling together but be there as often as we can and are able. If we are not able to meet with God's children, God will bless us in our homes just the same. We can hold steady the profession of our faith without wavering because we have Jesus to help us.

### THE TEACHING MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH

February 9, 1958

Printed Portion: ..... 1 Tim. 4:6-16; 2 Tim. 2:1, 2

1 Tim. 4:6. If thou put the brethren in remembrance of these things, thou shalt be a good minister of Jesus Christ, nourished up in the words of faith and of good doctrine, whereunto thou hast attained.

7. But refuse profane and old wives' fables, and exercise thyself rather unto godliness.

8. For bodily exercise profiteth little: but godliness is profitable unto all things, having promise of the life that now is, and of that which is to come.

9. This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance.

10. For therefore we both labour and suffer reproach, because we trust in the living God, who is the Saviour of all men, especially of those that believe.

11. These things command and teach.

12. Let no man despise thy youth: but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity.

13. Till I come, give attendance to reading, to exhorta-

tion, to doctrine.

14. Neglect not the gift that is in thee, which was given thee by prophecy, with the laying on of the hands of the presbytery.

15. Meditate upon these things; give thyself wholly to them; that thy profiting may appear to all.

16. Take heed unto thyself and unto the doctrine; continue in them: for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee.

2 Tim. 2:1. Thou therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus.

2. And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also.

**Memory Verse:** Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them: for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee. 1 Timothy 4:16.

**Practical Truth:** Through various channels the church should teach the truths which are essential to salvation and to a consistent Christian life.

### COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

Teaching God's Word is commanded in both Old and the New Testament. We know that the parents have the primary responsibility of teaching the young, yet they need the cooperation of Spirit-filled teachers in the church. God's people need teaching on doctrinal points so they can go forth and teach others. Philip was able to teach the eunuch about Jesus because he had the understanding of the passage given to him through a personal contact with Jesus. We can do that also.

Timothy, to whom our lesson was written, was a young man, possibly in his thirties, yet was a pastor of the large church of Ephesus. 1 Tim. consists mostly of instructions concerning the oversight of the church. Of course he would preach the gospel, but his teaching ministry is stressed. Much of the ministers' teaching is done in the homes through visiting and example. By committing this precious truth to others through teaching and they in turn give it out to others, we are able to reach many souls with the gospel. This is God's way of spreading the truth through human instrumentality. God wants us to give out that which is given to us whether it comes through others or by the Spirit of God illuminating the Word of God to us.

The word profane means secular or irreverent. Secular means worldly or temporal. We are to leave profane and old wives fables out of our teaching and give the precious Word of Life.

### THE PREACHING MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH

February 16, 1958

Printed Portion: ..... Rom. 10:14-17; Eph. 3:7-19

Rom. 10:14. How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher?

15. And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!

16. But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Esaias saith, Lord, who hath believed our report?

17. So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.



Eph. 3:7. Whereof I was made a minister, according to the gift of the grace of God given unto me by the effectual working of his power.

8. Unto me, who am less than the least of all saints, is this grace given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ;

9. And to make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ:

10. To the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places might be known by the church the manifold wisdom of God,

11. According to the eternal purpose which he purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord:

12. In whom we have boldness and access with confidence by the faith of him.

13. Wherefore I desire that ye faint not at my tribulations for you, which is your glory.

14. For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,

15. Of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named,

16. That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man;

17. That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love,

18. May be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height;

19. And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God.

Memory Verse: So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God. Rom. 10:17.

Practical Truth: The most effective preaching will be by men who are filled with the Spirit.

#### COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

The preaching ministry is needed in the world today to take this precious gospel or good news to souls so they can know the way from earth to heaven. There is not much difference in the teaching ministry and the preaching ministry. In the preaching ministry stress is made in trying to get others to act upon the truth that they perceive. This is a special calling, as our lesson brings out how a person can not preach unless he is sent. God gives a special anointing to those whom he calls. It is a gift, as the Apostle Paul brings out, and the preacher must have a burden on his (or her) own heart first before he can reach others, which Paul calls "the effectual working of His power."

Blessed are the preachers who can pray. Paul not only preached but also prayed. The prayer that he prayed while on bended knees recorded in verses 14 to 21 moves any heart to a greater love for God and faith. With all humility he bows before God "of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named" which is the church of God. Oh, that our vision may be enlarged to such an extent that we may truly know that God's love is without limit, and end; that His love does not have a bottom to it nor a top. Truly, truly it is without comprehension to those who are not filled with the Spirit. Paul ends his prayer and the chapter with the thought that God is able to do more than we are able to ask or think according to the power that works in us, which is the Holy Spirit.

#### CHURCH WORSHIP

February 23, 1958

Printed Portion: Matt. 18:19, 20; John 4:23, 24; Acts 1:12-14; Col. 3:16, 17.

Matt. 18:19. Again I say unto you, That if two of you shall agree on earth as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven.

20. For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.

John 4:23. But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him.

John 4:24. God is a spirit; and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.

Acts 1:12. Then returned they unto Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is from Jerusalem a sabbath day's journey.

13. And when they were come in, they went up into an upper room, where abode both Peter, and James, and John, and Andrew, Philip, and Thomas, Bartholomew, and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus, and Simon Zelotes, and Judas the brother of James.

14. These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication, with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brethren.

Col. 3:16. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.

17. And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him.

Memory Verse: It is written, My house shall be called the house of prayer. Matt. 21:13.

Practical Truth: Worshiping together with other Christians is a means of grace which we should not neglect.

#### COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

Worship means paying divine honors to God, especially through religious reverence and homage. Genuine worship does not consist in going through some form at some designated place. Rather, it consists in coming into vital touch with God through His Holy Spirit. With the touch of God upon our souls there is an inner joy, a welling up of emotions that sometimes bursts forth with praises, even tears or laughter. All Spirit filled children of God know what I am writing about. We sing songs of Zion from our hearts. We do not have our mind on something else and just sing words but we sing them and mean it. When we listen to the Spirit filled message our hearts say, "Amen." If it is to sinners we listen with a burden that God will cause those words to enter their hearts. When we kneel to pray, we know that Jesus is there with His presence interceding with us to the Father that our petitions be granted. We agree with the earnest prayer that is being offered by saying amen or pleading that God grant our needs. Truly prayer is precious when there is one accord and earnest supplication which our lessons tells us about in the upper room in Jerusalem. Let us pray God to make our coming together in worship more effective. This will be where there is freedom felt by each one to move and speak in the spirit. Be sure you do not "quench the spirit." Do you see any place where you can measure up on these lines? —Mrs. Marie Miles.