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Salvation Is Free

Saviour more than life to me,
All I need I have in thee;
Living by Thy Word I find
Virtue, joy, and peace are mine.

All who come by faith to Thee,
Truth will make them fully free:
In Thy love they shall abide,
On Thy bosom—satisfied.

Never more in sin to roam,
In Thee, Lord, is home, sweet home;
Saved by Thy abounding grace,
Freely Thou didst sin erase.

Rolled away my guilt and shame;
Entered in Thy book—my name,
Eternally to Thee I'll cling,
While my heart doth ever sing.
—Ulysses Phillips.

There's Power In The Blood

In Leviticus the 17th chapter and the tenth verse we find that the Israelites were forbidden to eat blood and in the 11th verse we are given the reason, for in this verse we read that the life of the flesh is in the blood. While this was speaking of the animal blood which was offered upon the altar for an atonement for their souls, it is true also that the blood is the life of all flesh whether it be animal or human. Let us consider our own bodies and how the blood, circulating through the body, keeps it alive. Just think of the power the blood has over the fleshly body: as long as it circulates through the body it has power to keep the body alive, but when it ceases to circulate, the absence of the power of the blood will cause death. There is life and death in the blood.

When the sons of Jacob brought his son Joseph's coat of many colors to their father all covered with blood, that blood on the coat spoke to the dear old man's heart; and he said, "It is my son's coat; an evil beast hath devoured him; Joseph is without doubt rent in pieces." It is recorded that Jacob wept for him

many days and refused to be comforted, and said, "For I will go down into the grave unto my son for mourning." Just think of the grief and sorrow that Jacob underwent because of the blood on his son's coat! If there had been no blood on the coat he would have no doubt made search for his son even into Egypt if the brothers had told him the truth of the matter. God had planned things so that Joseph became a preserver of life.

Then we think of the deed that Cain did in killing his brother, Abel. There was so much power in Abel's blood that it cried unto God out of the ground and Cain was caught and punished for his crime.

We also read about the night before the Israelites were leaving Egypt. There were over a million of them. God's order was for them to kill a lamb and sprinkle the blood of this lamb on the lintels and on the side posts for the death angel was to pass through the country that night and unless he saw the blood on the doors the first born of that family would be slain. That lamb's blood on the door posts spoke so much to the angel when he saw it that he passed over and left that family unharmed, but where there was no blood the first born of that family was slain. Just think of the grief and sorrow there was among the Egyptians when they awoke and found their first born of the family slain. There was power in that lamb's blood to preserve life, but where there was no blood it meant death.

Just think of the many years that the Israelites offered up that blood of animals to atone for their sins, but the animal blood which they offered did not have power to cleanse them from sin. It pointed forward to the blood of Jesus Christ which was so powerful that it cleansed his people from the Adamic sin. We read in Hebrews 9:14, "How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?" In Heb. 10:19 we are exhorted to have boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus. We are made holy in a justified state; but in a sanctified state, when the Adamic sin is cleared away, we are in the holiest state, and have on the best robe obtainable in this life. Praise God from whom all blessings flow! The blood of Christ will preserve eternal life in the soul, but to

reject his cleansing blood will bring eternal damnation on the soul.

When Pilate told the Jews that he was innocent of the blood of Christ, this Just person, the Jews said, "His blood be on us, and on our children." Just think what the rejection of Christ and finally his crucifixion meant to these poor Jews. Their city of Jerusalem was surrounded by the Roman armies and it is recorded that eleven hundred thousand of them died and starved to death. The rest of them were scattered among all nations and have been persecuted and slain down through the ages. The blood of Christ is powerful to save or to bring death.

When doubting Thomas saw the nail prints in Jesus' hands and the pierced side it spoke to him no doubt of the blood he had seen come out of these wounds and he cried out, "My Lord and my God." When Jesus was in the garden praying and was suffering so much and his sweat was as great drops of blood falling to the ground, it brought the angel from heaven to strengthen him. When he was bleeding and dying on the cross of a broken heart and the blood was draining from his body, which was innocent and without blame, His blood was almighty powerful. Even though it was shed over 19 centuries ago, it is still as effectual and powerful as then, and He is able to save to the uttermost all who come unto God by Him. Heb. 7:25.

If Jesus had committed sin His blood would have availed nothing so far as cleansing us from sin, for he would have had to die for His own sins. But his living without sin and being as a Lamb without spot or blemish His blood could cleanse us from sin and make us as kings and priests unto God the Father. He was innocent before God for God has accepted the blood sacrifice which His Son, Jesus Christ, shed on Calvary's cross and when we accept this innocent blood sacrifice it puts God and man together and we become innocent before God. Glorious thought and a true reality to all the redeemed of earth!

If Christ had died without the shedding of any blood it would have placed the prophets of the old Testament in a false state and all the animal blood sacrifices would have had no meaning to us today and we would yet be in our sins. We could not have been cleansed from that Adamic sin. When John saw Jesus coming he said, "Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world." That Adamic sin in the souls of men is what causes them to sin, but the blood of Christ cleanseth that stain away. Paul tells us of his condition when he lived in sin in the 7th chapter of Romans. In this condition he says, "I am carnal, sold under sin." He goes on and tells of his miserable state when in sin and in the 17th verse he declares, "Now then it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me." In the 24th verse he cries out, "O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death?" Thank God, he found deliverance in Christ! No saved man has an experience of being carnal sold under sin, and no saved man is miserable and wretched, but they have peace with God through the Lord Jesus Christ. Rom. 5:1.

In John 7:37 to the 40th verse Jesus makes it plain that we could not receive the Holy Ghost until he was slain and His blood shed, and was glorified in resurrection.

In I John 1:4 he says in writing to young converts, "And these things write we unto you, that your joy may be full." They had joy in a justified state but John saw their need of something more to be done that their joy might be full. In the 7th verse he tells them if they will "walk in the light, as he is in the light [or as God gives them light], we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin [referring to the Adamic sin]." In the next verse we read, "If we say that we have no sin [to be cleansed from], we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us." Some are teaching today that we have no Adamic sin to be cleansed from but the Scriptures do not bear them out in such a teaching. David, in the 51st Psalm makes this very plain indeed of this sin in conception. Let us read some of the things he says, "Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me." In the 7th verse he must have gotten a glimpse of the cleansing in Christ for he says, "Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean: wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow." In Romans the 5th chapter and the 12th verse we read, "Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men [this Adamic sin was passed upon all men so all have it, and it can only be cleansed away by the blood of Christ], for that ALL have sinned." The blood of Christ removes the cause and keeps one preserved in Christ Jesus, free from sin.

That Adamic sin is an unrighteous thing in the soul and in the 9th verse of the first chapter of first John we read, "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins [then we are justified, have peace with God], and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." In the Spirit baptism or sanctification all of that Adamic unrighteousness is cleansed away by our faith in his innocent blood. Yes, thank God, right in this life we can have peace with God and also be cleansed from that unrighteous element which causes one to sin. By his grace we can, right here in this life, possess that MORE ABUNDANT LIFE which issues from the throne of God. John 7:38, 39. Oh, taste, dear friend, and see that the Lord is good. By faith in His blood enter into the Holiest of all. Heb. 9:3.

—Fred Pruitt.

THE CORRUPT TREE

On the fifteenth limb of the Corrupt Tree we shall write murders. (Gal. 5:19-21) Since the beginning of time when the devil, whom Jesus said was a "murderer from the beginning" (John 8:44), worked through Cain, who yielded to him, and killed his brother, we find many bearing the fruit of murder. This fruit is on the increase in the world today. We find it working in children and young people. This seems to be an age of teen-agers, taking a gun and killing

their parents if they do not get their way. We feel a lot of it is caused by boys and girls being allowed to look at television day after day seeing people being murdered. It soon becomes just a common place thing to them. It doesn't seem so terrible. Parents who allow their children to look at this type of program in their homes cannot obey the Bible which says, "And thou shalt teach them [commandments including, 'thou shalt not kill'] diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up." Deut. 6:7. Parents will reap what they sow and be held accountable in the day of judgment. Boys and girls who do not listen to the voice of God, which makes them know that they should live differently, will also be bearing corrupt fruit, and will be cast into torment with their parents. These are sad facts, but it need not be. God has help for every soul who will turn to God.

Murder is homicide with malice aforethought. (Web. Dic.) There is killing which is accidental. This is not held against a person. When someone steps out in front of a car and is killed, it would be accidental. There are many other ways this can happen. Actual murder is a deliberate, intentional, volitional act of destroying the life of another. Every murderer will end up in hell fire unless he confesses his sin and asks God to forgive him. There is redemption for the murderer through the blood of Jesus.

A man condemned to be hung for murder, and awaiting execution in prison, drew upon the walls of his cell the sketch of a man upon the gallows with five steps leading to the platform on which it stood. On the first step he wrote, "Disobedience to parents;" on the second step he wrote, "Sabbath breaking;" on the third step, "Gambling and drunkenness;" on the fourth step, "Murder;" and the fifth, "The fatal platform." It was doubtless a true sketch of his own progress in sin to disgrace and the murderer's doom.

The Bible says, "But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death." Rev. 21:8.

We have many murderers in the world today who have not committed the act. If a person hates another, he is a murderer already. In I John 3:15 it says, "Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer; and ye know that no murderer hath eternal life abiding in him." May the Lord bless each one to ask God to forgive him if any fruit from the corrupt tree is in his life or it will bar him out of heaven.

—Sister Marie Miles.

Know How To Confess And To Whom

What is the promise to those who confess their sin? Ans. I John 1:9; Psalms 51:7.

To whom should sinners confess their sin? All sins should be confessed to God through Jesus Christ

because the very smallest is a grievance to him. Only those sins that have directly injured our fellow man should we confess to them, and no man has a claim to a confession in such cases where the sins were only against God. If a person tries to cover up a sin and will not properly confess, what effect will such a course of action have on the sinful person? Ans. Psalms 32:1-5; Prov. 28:13; I John 1:8-10; James 5:16; Acts 19:17, 18.

The sinner may outwardly appear to prosper, but spiritually that person can not prosper. Can we hide sin from God by refusing to confess it or let it be known? Ans. Psalms 139:3; Heb. 4:13; Prov. 15:11.

What was David's feelings before he confessed his sin? Ans. Psalms 32:3-5.

Who is the advocate of sinners? Ans. I John 2:1.

How did Israel confess to Samuel when they wanted him to pray before God in their behalf? Ans. I Sam. 12:19.

When will the time come when every one will have to confess to God? Ans. Rom. 14:11-12.

What is necessary for conversion?

Ans. Matt. 18:3.

What is changed by conversion, the physical or the moral nature? Ans. Rom. 8:6-15.

What two steps are necessary in making this change? Ans. Acts 2:38.

Of what do we have to repent? Ans. Acts 3:19.

What is sin? Ans. I John 3:4.

What law does man break when he sins?

Ans. James 2:9-11.

What part does the law play in repentance?

Ans. Rom. 3:20.

What first brought conviction before Paul's conversion? Ans. Rom. 7:7.

What else beside conviction is necessary for true repentance? Ans. II Cor. 7:10.

What must a man do in preparation for repentance? Ans. Ezek. 18:30-31.

What else does repentance require? Ans. Isa. 55:6-7.

How can true repentance be identified and known to others? Ans. Acts 20:21; Matt. 3:8; Mark 1:3-4.

Why should man believe in Jesus Christ? Ans. John 3:16.

I hope this will help someone to repent the right way. —Ionia Moland.

TOUCH NOT THE CUP

Safety experts' statistics show that the use of alcoholic beverages is at least partly to blame in the case of 40% of all highway accidents in the U. S. Family court records show that liquor plays a part in over 60% of all divorces. For every person killed by mad dogs, 10,000 are killed by liquor, yet laws shoot the mad dog and license the liquor.

"Who hath woe? ... sorrow? ... contentions? ... babbling? ... wounds without cause? ... redness of eyes? They that tarry long at the wine; ... go to seek mixed wine. Look not thou upon the wine when it is red, when it giveth his color in the cup, ... moveth itself aright. At the last it biteth like a serpent, and stingeth like an adder. Thine eyes shall behold strange women, and thine heart shall utter perverse things." Proverbs 23:29-33.

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The work at the Faith Publishing House, the Lord's print shop, is running along nicely and the gospel by the printed page is going forth in a steady stream to all the world. From reports coming from the field we know that God is working with the printed page and getting good wholesome truth to a host of precious souls. Every soul is precious in the sight of God and our burden is to get the truth to every one possible. We have given our whole life over to God and the work he has called us to do. The devil hates any one who will give the people a positive gospel and he works in many ways and uses many instruments to hinder and, if possible, to kill the work or its influence. Sometimes he uses well-meaning men to do this because of their lack of knowledge or the working of envy and jealousy, covered under a pious attitude. If this were my work it would be easy for the devil to destroy it, but it belongs to ONE who is Almighty and has power over all the power of the enemy, hence He keeps it going on in spite of men and devils.

At present the Lord is having a store room built on to the main building of his print shop. Bro. George Stephenson, who is eighty years old, has done the laying of the concrete blocks. The Lord certainly has preserved him and given him strength and health in his old age. He is bearing fruit in old age which is in harmony with the Scriptures.

Just recently we have made another shipment of 22,000 tracts to South Africa. These tracts we printed in the African language. The people in that country are crying for the gospel. All these tracts were sent without cost to these dear people.

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Recently or in the past month we have had some good preaching here at Guthrie, as Bro. and Sister Abbott were here for a while and also Bro. and Sister Stover of California. These ministers are giving their full time to evangelistic work and are worthy of your prayers and support. Bro. Murphy Allen and Bro. Darius Gibson are also full time evangelists. God has some real consecrated ministers that teach the gospel in all of its purity with a clean life to back it. One dear brother told me lately that he was in much prayer some time back concerning conditions and so many luke warm professors and the Lord showed him that he has some that would stand true in an acid test. Let us not get to thinking as Elijah did that we are the only ones left. God plainly told Elijah that he had seven thousand that had not bowed their knee to Baal. Yes, thank God, we have confidence in our dear brethren that they will be steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing our labor is not in vain in the Lord.

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This morning the Scriptures came to us in the second chapter of II Timothy. In the third verse it says for us to endure hardness as a good soldier of Jesus Christ and then tells us that we should not entangle ourselves with the affairs of this life so we

can please him who has chosen us to be his soldier. A soldier is called away from practically all home occupation and he puts on the government uniform, denoting that he belongs completely to the government. He is practically not his own any more until discharged. So it should be with all whom God calls into his vineyard. We are taught in the Word to forsake all and follow the Lord. We are no more our own but are bought with a price, by His precious blood. Therefore we should put on the breastplate of righteousness. In the fifth verse we are taught to strive lawfully for masteries. We will not be crowned unless we strive lawfully. To strive lawfully surely means to strive in harmony with the Spirit of Christ and His Word. In the 6th verse we read that the husbandman or minister must first be a partaker of the fruits. In other words he must be a doer of the Word himself, bearing the fruits of the Spirit so his teachings will be effectual and no reproach will be brought upon the cause of God or on his little ones.

A minister we heard of was teaching his congregation on home life and table manners and among the many things he said was for them, when at the table, not to pick around over the bread to get the best piece and then said, "I always take the heel of the bread as I like that piece better than any other part." Paul exhorts the ministers to be an example to the flock and thereby make full proof of our ministry. Finding fault with others to injure their good influence is not the work of God. We write our Editorials and articles under the influence of the Holy Spirit and He sometimes gives us words to expose wrong so saints can be enlightened in the true way. Instructive criticism ought to be acceptable to Christian men. The best of us are subject to mistakes and all are affected with human weakness so we ought to be very slow in flaring around the faults of a brother or sister as it could be possible that we would have greater faults in the eyes of God than they.

A brother one time asked me about a certain editorial I had written and wanted to know if I meant that for him. My answer was, "If you are guilty it is for you, if not it is not for you." Sometimes the Lord has us to write some things that seem personal, but precious brethren ought to bear with us when they consider that we are getting light and truth to thousands of readers through these editorials and it is not to injure any one but for the great good that the thousands of our readers get out of the printed truth. We ask our readers not to take our writings as personal to them if they are absolutely sure that they are not guilty. But if guilty, please take it as from one that loves your soul and look to God to grow in His graces and the doing of His Word.

In the 11th verse we read, "For if we be dead with him, we shall also live with him." One who is not dead will retaliate and be easily offended, especially if it comes from someone he has a tinge of envy or jealousy toward and perhaps has some natural dislike for. Any one that is easily offended will also love the praise and honor of men for both of these traits originate from a lower source than God. In the

twelfth verse we have some good encouragement if we are suffering for His name's sake and also the results if we deny Him when the pressure is on us. Listen to what Peter says in 1 Peter 2:19, "For this is thankworthy, if a man for conscience toward God endure grief, suffering wrongfully." In the next verse he lets us know that God gets no glory when we are buffeted for our faults, even if we do take it patiently. But if we do well and suffer for it with patience, this would be acceptable with God. We are called unto suffering and by so doing, with patience, we follow in His steps. It seems hard for us human beings to see our own faults and so easy for us to see faults in others. Let us all look to God for needed grace and wisdom which will make us able to bear and forbear in the love and Spirit of God. My daily prayer is, "Lord, make me more like thee, and give me more of thy love, faith, and soundness of mind." Oh, how my soul does desire to be more like Christ and to have him on exhibition that others may be drawn to God! Brethren, let us love one another and endeavor to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

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What A Mighty God We Serve

For some time I have thought of writing my testimony of God's wonderful goodness to me, especially the many times He has healed my body. I will mention some of the most outstanding ones.

For about two months I have had some affliction on my body that has given me much distress. I do not know just what it was, but the nature was similar to hemorrhoids. One day I fasted and prayed for healing. It seemed I was healed for I had no trouble for a while. When it came back I was anointed and prayed for the Sunday before Easter in Los Angeles. I felt then I was healed, but the following weeks were of much distress and anxiety. Last night I went to bed late and hardly had slept when at two a. m. I became miserable. I called mightily upon God and wrestled for my complete healing. I laid my life, burdens, and all at Jesus' feet, and put them in His hands (remembering so many times of hearing sermons on that line). Praise God! He took them—the distress left. I was so happy then, praising God, I couldn't sleep. I lay there hesitating to wake my husband, waiting to tell him. Finally he awakened. I told him and we praised our dear Saviour for His wonderful goodness to us. The song, "Jesus Took My Burden And Left Me With A Song" was ringing in my ears. We tried to sing it. Then other songs came to my mind as, "What A Mighty God We Serve" and "Tis The Sweetest Name." Seemed I wanted to get up and write, but we needed rest, especially my husband who has been working on the cabins at the campgrounds daily. So I lay there singing in my mind the chorus, "Jesus, Jesus, 'tis the sweetest name" etc., until finally I got a little sleep. This morning first thing I wanted to get this written, after thanking and thanking our dear Jesus in prayer. Oh, how I thank Him for His healing power!

A few months ago I was not feeling well. I had been under quite a strain for some time taking care of my aged father in my home, the responsibilities of the home, a teen-age boy, and other burdens, until my nerves were quite weak. One night a strange sinking feeling came over me. We prayed and it seemed to just go and come. My son, Gerald, and his wife, were here with us at that time, so my husband called them. A severe sinking spell came on me until it seemed my very life was sinking out. That is about all I knew. When they prayed God almost immediately healed me. I was weak, but the sinking left. The next day I was still weak but able to be up and about the duties, and from then on I gained strength. Praise God it has never come back!

About three years ago I fell and broke my knee. I suffered quite a lot from it but God brought me out. The enemy kept trying to tell me I would be a cripple, but I held on to God—His unchanging hand. Praise God it is all right today. (When I kept praying and holding on to God I would just praise Him that it was no worse, because it could have been my back or some other injury so much worse.)

In 1950 my mother passed away. I had been taking care of her mostly myself day and night for about two weeks. When others helped to relieve me I could not relax and get her off my mind enough for sufficient rest. Before she took her bed I had looked after her and my father for several months. At the funeral my nerves collapsed. I could hardly walk and was so weak. When we got home I lay down and my husband and nephew, Delbert Miles (who had gotten saved a short time before) prayed for me. I felt the power of God go through my body like electricity. From then on I continued to be up and do the duties, gaining strength as I went. I had my father to look after and take care of, and at that time he had infection in his knee and could hardly walk. Praise the Lord, from that time until recently my nerves have been quite strong. I looked after my father at that time besides my family for about four years.

Many years ago, perhaps 15 or 20, I had a severe hurting in my side. (From all indications it was inflammation in the ovaries.) My sister-in-law had had an operation for the same thing and she said the symptoms were the same as hers. The Lord completely healed it, praise His name!

In Answer To Prayer

When our boy, Gerald, was in the Navy during the war, our anxiety was great, but right after he left to go over-seas, I went into my closet (and shut the door) and prayed for his safety. The witness came to me in a form of an angel with his arms around him, assuring me he would take care of him. He was in five severe invasions, right in the midst, and came out safely. The ship he was on was called, "The Lucky Ship" as they never lost a man in war on that ship. We had another name, "The Power of God" was over that ship protecting our boy. (When we knew he was in invasions we could not help being anxious, but always I could see that angel hovering

over him.) We can never thank him enough for His precious goodness to us.

I am thanking and praising God today for our lives and for salvation. All these things help us to draw closer to Him. Pray for me that I may ever keep true to Him.

—Beulah Harmon.

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Obituaries

Stella Mertie Jones Wilson was born March 12, 1895, and departed this life April 20, 1958 at the age of 63 years, one month and eight days. She was united in marriage to Finis Phillips in August, 1915. To this union was born one daughter Chestna. Her husband departed this life in January, 1919. Later she was united in marriage to W. D. Wilson in 1923. To this union were born two children Loren and Geneva.

She was born into the Church of God about 1929. She was a devout Christian, a loving wife and mother.

She leaves to mourn her passing her husband W. D. Wilson of San Fernando, Calif.; one son, Loren of Texico, New Mexico; two daughters: Mrs. D. F. Walton, of Clovis, New Mexico, and Mrs. H. R. Wall of Carlsbad, New Mexico; four sisters: Mrs. Harvey Bolinger, and Mrs. O. B. Dotson both of Huntsville, Arkansas, Mrs. H. S. Dotson of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, and Mrs. Steve Girdner of Tahlequah, Oklahoma; eleven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren, and other relatives, saints and friends. Her parents and four brothers preceded her in death.

The funeral service was conducted by Darius Gibson. Text: Acts 17:31, Mark 13:35, and others.

William James Allen was born March 13, 1874, and departed this life April 26, 1958 at the age of 84 years, 1 month, and 13 days. He was united in marriage to Louisa Elizabeth Brewer in April, 1895. To this union four children were born. His wife and two children preceded him in death.

Bro. Allen was united in marriage to Sis. Grace Morris in 1951. Bro. and Sis. Allen have been the caretakers on the Monark Springs campground and will be greatly missed. They labored so faithfully there. He was such a kind, humble, quiet and co-operative brother.

Bro. Allen was born into the church of God in his early thirties and was a faithful follower to the end. While seriously ill he gave many testimonies about being ready and wanting to go. His last words were, "I'm ready." We feel that heaven has received a gain.

He leaves to mourn his passing, his wife, Grace Allen; two sons: John of Neosho, Mo. and Fred of Phoenix, Ariz; Three grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; one brother, Fred Allen of Calif.; one sister, Belle Moore of Maybank, Texas, and a host of other relatives, saints, and friends.

Funeral services were conducted by Charles R. Smith assisted by Bros. Sam Barton and John Wilson.

James Thomas Hinshaw was born in Alabama, June 8, 1881 and departed this life at Los Angeles, California May 8, 1958 at the age of 76 years and 11 months.

In 1899 he was united in marriage to Sidney Frances Marks. To this union two children were born, one son and one daughter. His wife preceded him in death in Sept., 1955.

Bro. Hinshaw has lived in Los Angeles for the past 19 years since 1939 and has worshipped with the congregation of saints which now worships on the saints' camp ground in Pacoima, Calif. most of that time. He was a very regular attendant at all the services of the church

and has been much missed in our midst since sickness rendered him unable to attend about a month ago.

He is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Dorothy Simpson of San Fernando, Calif.; one son, Paul of Dallas, Texas; one sister, Virgie Moore of Dallas, Texas; three grandchildren, and other relatives.

Funeral services were conducted by Opal Wilson in the chapel on the saints' camp ground in Pacoima, Calif. The Scripture text was Eccl. 7:1-8. The body was then taken to Dallas, Texas for burial.

Camp Meeting Suggestions

As the time is drawing near for our camp meetings to begin I feel a burden to offer some suggestions concerning them. Let us remember that as the saints gather in, Satan will be there also, and let us give him no place to hinder us or God's work among precious souls. Remember the words of the prophet, "For as soon as Zion travailed, she brought forth." We understand by this that in order for souls to be born into the kingdom there must be some travelling in Zion. This should not include the ministry only, but also everyone who is saved, both young and old. We do not say that there should be no visiting on the campgrounds. This would bring grievous bondage. But we do believe that more souls would be saved and the work of God would prosper more if there were more praying and less visiting.

It is blessed to be able to get alone to seek God in earnest prayer, but if this isn't possible, you can seek God and travail for souls while lying on your bed or with many going to and fro all around you. We want to encourage you who are young saints to feel your responsibility in the camp meetings. You can do much by prevailing with God in prayer for precious souls and for the services.

Dear ones, should we take our "fancy work" such as embroidery work and crocheting, etc. to meeting to occupy our time between services? Wouldn't it be far better to use that time to be seeking God to bless the services, choose the messages, and anoint the ministers and also for precious never dying souls? Oh, that God would lay the burden of His work upon each saint, both young and old. Satan will hinder every one he can from having a real burden for the work and for souls. He knows what prayer will do against his kingdom. "Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit."

There is another matter burdening my heart. Several years I heard the statement made that the saints' dormitories (at the camp meetings) had the reputation of being a place where a person couldn't get much rest. We realize that when there are so many sleeping in one room and such a great range in ages, too, that we must bear one with another. We believe God wants it that way. But let us consider some things about it. Since there are so many sleeping together, wouldn't it be according to the Spirit of Christ to consider one another and maybe deny ourselves some for the good of others? Wouldn't the Lord be more pleased for those who enjoy staying out late, long after the night services close to deny

themselves and come in earlier? Wouldn't it also be a better example of Christian discipleship? Why not turn in earlier and then rise in time to join the early morning prayer service and pray for your unsaved loved ones? I am sure if you will do this with all your heart you will be richly repaid. We would suggest also that each one refrain from all unnecessary talking after the lights are turned off, for your talking will doubtless hinder many others from resting. If it is necessary for you to come in late, please do so with as little disturbance as possible.

There are those who are habitually very early risers. Let us consider others even in this, if any desire to rise very early before the time needed to prepare for the early morning prayer service.

We have not spoken of these things with a desire to criticize, but only to help God's children that we may better glorify God in all things at our campmeetings. There will doubtless be new ones attending the meetings and we want them to see the Spirit of God manifested among us in our having a care one for another and having a real burden for souls and the work of God. —Sister Fern Stubblefield.

More Souls

Not long ago while sorting out trash for the burning the following sentence came under observation. "The church should be a hospital for sinners; not a museum for saints." Good food for thought! I believe this worth consideration, so I am passing it on, hoping it may stir the Lord's precious people for the coming camp-meeting season. We need greater activity and diligence in soul-saving.

Every saint blessed with the privilege to attend the meetings can help; by visiting less, talking less, sleeping less, and eating less. Better still, by listening more, praying more, fasting more, sacrificing more, giving more, and working more. Those at home can give and pray. Let every one have for his goal: "More souls!" Mother in Israel, Ethel K. Miles.

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CAMPMEETING DATES

Jefferson, Oregon	—June 20 — June 29
Hammond, La.,	—June 27 — July 6
Akron, Ohio	—June 27 — July 6
Green Pastures, Okla.	—July 11 — July 20
Kalamazoo, Mich.,	—July 11 — July 20
National Campmeeting,	
Monark Springs, Mo.	—July 18 — July 27
Guthrie, Okla.	—Aug. 1 — Aug. 10
Bakersfield, Calif.,	—Aug. 1 — Aug. 10
Myrtle, Mo.,	—Aug. 15 — Aug. 24
Pacoima, Calif. (State)	—Aug. 22 — Aug. 31
Dover, Okla.,	—Aug. 29 — Sept. 7

NATIONAL CAMPMEETING NOTICE

The National Campmeeting of the church of God will be held, the Lord willing, July 18 to July 27, 1958, on the camp grounds at Monark Springs, Mo. which is five miles east of Neosho, Mo. on Highway 86. We extend a hearty welcome to all who can attend this meeting to come and and enjoy this wonderful gathering of God's children

where we will be able to feast upon the precious Word of God and lift our voices in thanksgiving and praise unto Him.

This will be a meeting where you can receive salvation from sin, sanctification for complete cleansing, and healing for sick and broken bodies. Come expecting to receive a real blessing to your soul and to be a blessing to those about you. We are expecting God to send His Spirit-filled and Holy Ghost-led ministers to preach the truth of His precious Word. Then if we walk in the light as He is in the light we will have fellowship one with another.

Those coming by bus or train will find it necessary after arriving in Neosho to either take a taxi cab to the camp grounds or call the Monark Springs grocery store asking for some of the saints to come get you.

Meals will be served in the dining hall, financed by free will offerings and donations of fruit and vegetables as the Lord directs to be given.

The tents will rent for \$5.00 each, steel cot including mattress, \$1.00, and space in dormitories, \$2.50, which includes steel cot with mattress. Those who can, should bring bedding, for the nights will be cool, especially if we have rain. Those desiring tents or spaces in dormitories should send their orders SOON to Bro. Sam Barton, 2262 N. Columbia Place, Tulsa, Okla., or Bro. L. D. Pruitt, 1116 W. Washington, Guthrie, Okla., or to the undersigned. Just a reminder to the saints that there is a debt still unpaid on the women's dormitory and rest rooms.

Remember the Lord is still providing now as in the days of Abraham and Isaac, so please come to this camp meeting. It may be our last chance to attend.

For further information, please write to: Ralph M. Beisly, R. R. 5, Coffeyville, Kans.

The HAMMOND, LA. 51st Annual Southern Campmeeting will be held the Lord willing, June 27 to July 6 inclusive. The campground is located in the southwest part of Hammond, off White St. and several blocks west to the dead end from the Red Top Filling Station off the New Orleans Highway, No. 51.

We are looking to the Lord to send Holy Ghost ministers to preach the Word. Let us make this meeting a spiritual success.

Write or send provisions to Max Williamson, White St., Hammond, La.—Phone 3007, or to Ray Key, Rt. 1, Loranger, La.—Phone Independence 5264.

The MICHIGAN STATE CAMPMEETING, the Lord willing, will begin July 11 and continue through July 20.

Those arriving in Kalamazoo go out East Main St. to 2700 Blk., turn on Gayle Ave. to Eastwood Community Hall, 1114 Gayle Ave. All coming should bring their bedding as much as possible. If anyone has campmeeting equipment such as cots, tents, etc., please bring them. If possible, would like to hear from all those planning to come, in advance. Send offerings to this campmeeting as the Lord directs you to Sister Marion Collum, Treas., 314 DeHaan Dr., phone FReside 4-3525. For further information write to Bro. and Sister Leo Wilkins, Sec., 5919 Utah Ave., Kalamazoo, Mich., phone FReside 5-6412.

HOFFMAN, OKLA. MEETING

The Lord willing there will be a ten night meeting at Hoffman, Okla. from June 13 to 22 or as long as the Lord leads. We are looking for the Lord to send some Holy Ghost workers and ministers. All-day meetings are to be held on the two Sundays. We send a cordial welcome to all.

For further details write Bro. W. W. Crawley, Okemah, Okla. or Bro. Felix Taylor, Rt. 2, Box 239A, Morris, Okla. or Sis. Earnestine Miles, P. O. Box 63, Hoffman, Okla. Sis. Lorene Payne, Sec.

MIDWAY, LA. MEETING

The Midway camp meeting will be omitted this summer, but, Lord willing, there will be a meeting from June 11th to the 21st. We are looking to the Lord to burden the minister or ministers whom He would send our way. We invite all to come and be with us.

For further information contact Bro. Ernest Mitchell, Rt. 1, Box 39, Trout, La.

YAKIMA, WASH. ALL-DAY SERVICES

The church of God will have all-day services every first Sunday each month this summer, the Lord willing. Sunday School, 9:45; Worship, 11:00; afternoon preaching, 2:30; evening service, 7:30. Located at 814 E. Mead.

Phone Gene Land, 22953 for further information.

We are trusting the Lord to send the man for the hour.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Continue to remember Sis. Francisco in prayer.

Please remember a sister's son who is in the mental hospital.

S. C.—Dear Bro. Pruitt,—I have a special request I want the saints to pray for. I suffer a lot with my head, and also have a fellen. Please pray that the Lord will heal my head and make it well. I want my life to be in the center of God's will.

Yours in Christ Jesus,

Mrs. James Stafford

Okla.—Dear Saints of God, I greet you all in the the precious name of Jesus.—I am still saved trusting the Lord to all I know and understand. The son I sent in request for has gone back to work. Thank the Lord he is healed. The little boy that stopped talking from the operation is talking again.

Please pray much for me and thank you for your prayers.

Your sister in Christ,

Lizzie Randles.

Please pray for my sister Ozener Zachary. She really needs God's help.

W. Va.—Dear Sister Marie,—May God bless you all in all you do for our Lord. I have a sickness I want and need prayer for. Also my husband and children are still unsaved and lost. I surely have had trials this past year and am so depressed at this time. It would be a blessed release to go home. I feel you all pray a lot and I surely need it. May our Lord keep us until we are all safely home.

—Sister Betty Robbins.

Dear saints, Again I am requesting prayer for my husband, Kay Gregg, Sr. He has been in poor health for several years, suffering with what we thought was sciatica rheumatism. On April 22 we took him to a hospital for examination and X-ray. The doctor told us he has cancer of the pelvis bone and a growth on it. He also has rock dust in his lungs. He suffers so much pain and doesn't get much rest at night. He reads the Word and prays, for we know God's grace is sufficient for all that we ask of Him if we ask in faith believing, and we are going to receive. Please pray earnestly for his healing.

My heart is so heavy it is hard for me to write. I know you will understand and pray for him.

—Mrs. Grace Gregg.

REPORT FROM THE FIELD

Dear saints everywhere, greetings of much Christian love in that sweetest name that angels sing. We are thankful to yet be saved and on the battlefield for God. Brethren, the time is short, and perilous times are upon us. Sin is abounding on every side. False religions are gaining momentum, and souls are being swallowed up in deception in wholesale numbers. May God help us to glean out a few honest souls who are starving for the Living Bread is our prayer.

We have not been at home much for several months. The "Macadonian Call" keeps ringing in our ears, and prompts us to be about our Father's business. Since last fall we have been a few times with the saints at Dayton, Ohio. God is richly blessing and dealing with souls there, saving and adding to the church in that place. Praise the Lord! We were last there at their all-day meeting in April and had a few nights' meeting, then came home on Monday. We went to Guthrie Wednesday and bought the house trailer we had been praying about for nearly a year. Also had several nights' meeting while there. God richly blessed and the fellowship of the dear saints was precious indeed. We went home with the trailer and the third day we started to West Monroe, La. We were detained two days and nights at the State line because of recent rains and high waters, but were able to arrive late and begin meeting there Tuesday night. We were there nearly two weeks, visiting some sick folks, isolated saints, and also visiting saints at Midway. God blessed in the preaching of His Word, and we believe some lasting good was done, as some were coming from other movements, and testified to receiving light, understanding, and encouragement and cleared up in their souls. We feel this meeting was a "growing time" for the saints. Two sought help at the altar and we all rejoiced together.

We are now having meeting with the saints in Shreveport, La. We believe God is going to bless in this place also. We truly are thankful for our "little house on wheels" and are praying God to bless each one who helped make it possible. Several other meetings are on the waiting list, so continue to pray for us that God will order our steps and establish our goings.

Yours for the gleaning of precious souls. Christian love, Bro. and Sister S. E. Abbott, Box 223, Thayer, Mo.

FAIRVIEW, OKLA. MEETING REPORT

The meeting in Fairview has been to the glory of God. The Word of God was preached the Bible way. The saints rejoiced in the truth and others have expressed that it was good. One soul was at the altar.

We thank every one for their labor of love. "For God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labor of love, which ye have shewed toward his name, in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister." Heb. 6:10. Pray for us.

—The saints at Fairview, Okla.

MANSFIELD, MO. MEETING REPORT

Our Annual all-day meeting, north of Mansfield, was well attended. Several saints from different places attended and we had a wonderful day in the Lord. Three souls were at the altar in the morning service, and our souls were blessed again in the afternoon in partaking of the ordinance services. There were eighteen brethren and thirty-five sisters that partook. The Lord blessed the nightly services the previous week. The attendance was small, but our souls were encouraged and we trust lasting good was done. Pray for us as we labor for the Lord.

—The saints at Mansfield, Mo.

PLANS AND PROGRESS OF HOME
MISSIONARY EFFORTS

As of this date, May 15th, the fund for the purchase of a suitable truck for the tent evangelistic work has been increased as a result of the faithful sacrifice of a few saints. However, a substantial sum is yet needed in order to make the purchase, and time is running short. Tentative plans are for meetings to be held soon in Oklahoma and Missouri, and elsewhere as the Lord directs, so let us pray that every hindering cause will be removed.

Last week-end we went to the National Campground at Neosho, Mo., and attached new auto license tags on the bus and trailer house, and replaced a tail light glass which had been shot out.

Bro. Ralph Beisly, the business manager of the camp-meeting, passed away recently, and his wife is still residing there temporarily. The local saints are assisting in the care of the grounds and keeping the grass mowed.

The caretaker, Bro. W. J. Allen, who lived on the grounds, passed away recently, and his wife is still residing there temporarily. The local saints are assisting in the care of the grounds and keeping the grass mowed.

Several missionary ministers are traveling and will be traveling with house trailers in the gospel work as soon as their children are out of school for the summer. Some of them are: Bro. and Sister S. E. Abbott, who are already on the field; Bro. and Sister Ira Stover; Bro. and Sister Darius Gibson; and Bro. and Sister Murphy Allen. Pray much for these workers that God will bless their labors in the salvation and encouragement of many precious souls. Missionary funds sent here to the office will be used to aid these ministers and other missionary efforts. Let us truly be "workers together" in fulfilling the obligation of the church to carry the gospel to every creature and paying "the debt that we owe" to every unsaved soul.

—Lawrence D. Pruitt.

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Testimonies

Mo.—Dear saints at Print Shop and abroad, Greetings of love to all, in Jesus' precious name!—We are so thankful we have found the way of the Lord. We have found Him to be precious to our soul. He is a friend at all times, and never faileth. Praise His dear name!

It has been some time since we have sent in our testimony, so we have felt the Lord would be pleased, and has been urging us to do so, that we may be an overcomer again, by the word of our testimony. We can truthfully say that the Lord is our helper and he has the same power He has always had, and He never changes. We are glad to be able to report He is still giving victory over sin and the devil, giving us a deeper desire in our hearts to do all we can for the Lord while there is yet time.

The Lord wonderfully came to my rescue and healed my body a few weeks back. I had been having the heartburn when I went to bed that night. I woke up in the night fighting for breath. When I got well awake, I was strangling. It seemed there was some kind of gas fumes coming up into my throat, causing the strangling. It was coming up constantly, so that I could hardly get my breath. Finally I caught enough breath to call my husband to come pray for me. He prayed some time for me, and the dear Lord heard and answered and gave me relief so that I could get my breath well again. We went back to bed and the Lord gave a good night's rest all the rest of the night and I haven't had anything like it since. I don't know what was causing it, but I do thank and praise the dear Lord for touching me. It seemed I could not have stood it too much longer. As it was, I was left very weak and trembly from fighting for breath so long.

The Lord is our all. We are not at all discouraged to commit all into the hands of our dear Lord. He sees us through many tests and trials, and will see us through to the end, if we be true and faithful. We appreciate the interest and concern of all the dear saints, and their prayers in our behalf during the past months of our lonely hours. Truly we have felt their many prayers at different times when grief would take hold of us. We feel lonely many times, and miss our dear daughter, but we still feel God had His way in it all and cannot question Him.

Dear ones, please pray for us, as we labor in the work of the Lord. Surely we desire to be used of Him to His glory and for the good of dear precious lost souls.

Yours for the Master's service,

—Bro. and Sister Murphy Allen and family.

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Mo.—Dear Sister Marie and all,—I'll write you in Jesus' name. The Lord is so good to us all. He knows His own and He will never turn us away. My faith and confidence is in the Lord. We are all very well and I hope you are all well and still working for the dear Lord. I think of you all and pray for you all, and for the work there. Sister Marie, I thank you and Bro. Pruitt and all the saints there who prayed for me when I was so sick. The good Lord healed me. Praise His dear name! The Lord is so merciful to His people. May the Lord bless you all. Pray for me.

Yours in Jesus,

—Lily Mae Glass.

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Mo.—Dear Bro. Pruitt and saints, Greetings in Jesus' dear name.—I feel the Lord would have me to send in my testimony and request this morning. This finds me saved and sanctified in the Lord and more determined to walk in the light as it is shed upon my pathway.

The Lord is blessing me as He humbles me to do His

will and helping me make my wrongs right in His sight. It is not for us to do the things he shows us in our way but in His way and when we have done them the way He wants them done then He blesses our souls for it.

I feel God dealing with me to do personal work here in this community and with people I meet up with, but it has always been hard for me to talk with people, so I need grace from the Lord to be bold for Him and I desire the prayers of the saints that the Lord will give me this boldness for Him and heal my body so I will be able to get out and work for Him.

I thank the Lord for the good meeting at Mansfield, Mo. and how He gave us such precious services Sunday. There were three at the altar.

We are so glad that we have that which satisfies our souls for nothing in this world will satisfy but Jesus. Praise the Lord!

Dear ones I have not yet been saved quite a year, but on the 27th day of June I will celebrate my birth in Christ. It has not been an easy road, but has been filled with many trials and afflictions. But going through these has strengthened us and gives us encouragement to keep pressing on for our Lord and Saviour. He surely makes us rejoice and to shout His praises!

I have had an affliction in my left foot for some time now, but praises to God He has touched it in answer to prayer and our faith in Him and this morning it has more life in it than it has had for some time. Praise the Lord!

As I was waiting on the bus last week the Lord blessed me in talking to a young woman in the station. When we talked, she asked me to explain what one would have to do to commit the unpardonable sin. I did so the best I knew how with the help of the Lord. Then she told me she had felt like she had committed it and it had her worried. She told me what she had said and done. I told her I did not believe she had and that I believed there was a tract on this subject. I would like one to give to her. Please pray that I might be able to get some truth to her.

One who loves the truth, —Sister Norma Allen.

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Calif.—Dear Saints scattered abroad, Greetings in the name of Jesus.—Today I am saved and healed of a very nervous condition of which I have been led to write for some time. I was sick all of November. At times my nerves were so bad that it looked like I would go. I could not eat or sleep very much. I had kept a secret from my husband. It was nothing ungodly. God showed me I had to tell my husband. The very night the Lord allowed me to go to sleep as soon as the confession was made. I only had one more spell of tension from that night until now. May this help someone else that needs healing to search their life and see if there is a little confession somewhere.

Pray for me that I will press on, your saved sister.

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La.—Dear Ones,—I am thankful today for God's goodness to us. Especially we appreciate the miracle that was performed in our home. We want to thank the saints everywhere for their prayers and interest in our trouble.

On March 24 our youngest son Bobbie Glen, 10 years old, came home from school very sick. At first we thought it was tonsillitis, which he has every few weeks. The next day, Tuesday, he became delirious. He had a bad headache which was unusual for him, and hurt in his throat.

On Wednesday he was not any better so I called Sis. Ruth Murphey. She and my sister, Cassie Price came. He was still unconscious Thursday. We thought the Lord

might take him. We decided to call a doctor to examine him because of getting a death certificate. The doctor came and said, "He has meningitis. Get him to the hospital right away! Which one do you want to take him to?" Oh, those dreadful words! Sister Ruth once more called the saints and relatives at Guthrie, Jena, La. and Shreveport, La. for prayer and had called an ambulance. He was unconscious until put onto the stretcher. He then looked up and told the ambulance driver he looked like Robert (Benson). This was the first sign of improvement. He talked on the way to the hospital and after getting there. In the emergency room where he was carried to run tests the doctor saw he was conscious. (When the doctor examined him at home it hurt him very badly to have his leg and head moved at all or to be turned.) The doctor once again moved him in the same ways and it did not hurt at all. He could even raise his own feet high. While drawing fluid from his spine the doctor said, "He's never had any medicine, has he?" I had been waiting for a chance to tell him how we trusted the Lord. I told him, "No, he hasn't, we trust the Lord and we still want to." He then asked if he had had any other illnesses. I told him, he surely had and named whooping cough, measles, and colitis. We told him we made some long distance calls for prayer, after he had examined him at home. A few minutes after he walked by Cassie and said it was amazing. Bobbie Glen was put in isolation for the remainder of the night to wait for more tests next morning. But when the doctor came he said, "He's all right, take him home." How we did praise the dear Lord for touching him before the doctor had a chance. The Lord knew our hearts and knew we were determined to trust God.

He was well of that dreadful disease, only weak and needed rest. Thank the Lord, for this great miracle! The days of miracles are not past. We are still determined to trust God with soul and body. We appreciated the doctor's kindness to us, knowing it was the Lord working. It was less than four days, he was sick with meningitis.

The Lord also healed my husband when over a year ago he had gotten hurt on the job and suffered with his shoulder. "What a mighty God we serve!"

We need your prayers, that we will be what God wants us to be. Myrtle Savoie

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Mo.—Dear Saints of God, Greetings through Jesus' dear name.—I still feel encouraged to serve the Lord daily. We are now on a tour for the Lord. We see so much a need for a close walk with God. Surely it grieves our hearts to see some who once knew God, and have taken up with so many ways of the world, and have quit crying out against things they should cry out against.

Our hearts' desire is to be of his service and to have the mind of Christ to do the Father's will at all times. We never get to the place where we do not need to be humble and lowly. We desire the Lord to work through us.

Pray the Lord will bless us and give us grace to be able to teach the Word and live the life in its fullness as we go from one place to another.

Yours in Christ, Bro. and Sis. Gaines

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Tenn.—Dear Saints and readers of the "Faith and Victory" paper,—I feel I should send my testimony for the Lord. I am glad I am still redeemed through the precious blood of Jesus and have no desire to turn back. He is so precious to me and has sustained me through

many heartaches and trials in life. The Lord healed me many times. Praise his holy name! A few years ago the Lord healed me of fallen arches in my feet. A few weeks ago I had a reoccurrence of it. It was very painful. I told the Lord He had healed me and I still claim the victory over it. I got the victory and still have it. I praise and thank Him every day.

I am grateful for the "Faith and Victory" paper and its truths. I enjoy hearing from the saints. I always remember all the requests. The Word of God says, "bear ye one another's burdens." A soul might fall under a burden if we as the children of God do not hold them up in prayer.

I desire prayer from all the saints that I will be true to God and that I have more faith for my weak body. Please pray that my unsaved family will accept God's mercy to their souls.

Christian love,

Mrs. E. A. Smelcer

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Ohio—Dear Sis. Marie, I send greetings of love to you and all the dear saints in the name of our risen Saviour, Jesus Christ.—I promised the Lord last night in prayer meeting while on my knees that if He would heal me I would write to the "Faith and Victory" paper and tell about it.

I had been suffering with severe pains in my chest and below my ribs. I told our pastor, Sis. Jones, about it and she laid her hands on me and prayed a short prayer and God healed me. How I thanked and praised the Lord for His great love and mercy.

When, I went to bed the devil jumped on me. I started hurting in the top of my shoulder. I held on to his promises because I knew I was healed by faith in God alone. I went to sleep. This morning when I got up, the devil jumped on me again. Without even coughing I started spitting up blood. Of course you know I had to resist the devil steadfastly in Jesus' name and God stopped it. I praise God for all His great love unto me.

Pray for me that I will be all in this life the Lord is calling for.

Yours in Christ,

Ann Stills.

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Mo.—Dear Saints, Greetings of love.—"I will bless the Lord at all times: his praise shall continually be in my mouth. O magnify the Lord with me and let us exalt his name together." Psalm 34:1, 3. Surely God wants us to have a praise in our hearts at all times. It has been quite some time since I have sent in a testimony to the "Faith and Victory" paper. I felt it would be good for me to send in a testimony of God's goodness to me this morning. Time or space would not permit me to tell of His many blessings to me. He has protected me from many accidents, touched my body when sick, supplied my needs, worked out problems and given me grace to press on for Jesus. Most of all God had mercy upon me when I was out in sin; spared my life and saved my soul.

I want to say we appreciate the prayers of the saints in our behalf in our trials and afflictions. Surely God has answered prayer in our behalf many times. I thank God for the victory he has given me. I am learning in whatsoever state I am therewith to be content. Surely we can rejoice and have the victory in our souls no matter what the circumstance might be.

We also want to thank the saints for their prayers for Clayton. God has been merciful and let Clayton be here that we might care for my family. We still do not

know what the outcome will be but we have it committed in the hands of God.

I am able to do the house work by myself now and help some with the eggs and garden.

Pray for me that I might ever press on to the end.

Christian love, Eve Lou (Sorrell) Gaines

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La.—Dear Bro. Pruitt:—I am glad that I can greet you this morning in Jesus' dear name. He is so wonderful. I can not praise God enough for what he means to me. He is my all and in all. I was sick in January. Sis. Lottie Joiner and Bro. Max Williamson came over from Hammond and prayed for me. The Lord healed me and raised me up.

I have been told that there was quite a lot of speculation about me. My neighbors would come in to see me, and to see if I was taking medicine. It seems like they thought that if I got real sick I would yield. They were disappointed. The Lord is true to His promises. Praise His dear name! It is my determination to please the dear Lord in everything, and to live in a way that I can call on him in time of need and feel assured of his help.

I need your prayers and the prayers of all the saints. May the Lord continue to bless you and the workers as in the past is my prayer.

Yours in Christian love,

H. S. Jackson

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Wisc.—Dear Bro. Pruitt and Saints,—I am sending in my testimony as the Lord heard and answered prayer for me. At the time I sent you the donation I requested prayer for my eyes, and also for a hard lump I had in my back. My eyes are real good now and that lump I had in my back turned to a boil. It never at any time pained me, and it is all gone now. I know God healed me again. I thank and praise God for all He has done for us. The wife has been completely healed of ulcers she had on her leg for about fifteen years. Yes, we both praise God for all He has done for us. We love the Lord with all our hearts. It is our desire to serve Him until the end.

Pray for us as we are laboring for the isolated saints of God who have no leader. Pray that God will give us our health as we will do much traveling. May God's richest blessings be upon you all.

In Christian love,

Bro. and Sis. Klatt.

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Tex.—Dear Bro. Pruitt,—I promised the Lord, that I would send in a testimony if He would heal me. I had the flu and it ran into pneumonia. I tried medicine but none helped me. Then I trusted the Lord. He healed me completely. Praise his blessed name.

A Bro. in the Lord.

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La.—To the dear Saints and readers of the "Faith and Victory."—Greetings of love in the precious name of Jesus. I am so thankful for salvation, for what the Lord is to me. It is my determination to live for the Lord. I look forward to the "Faith and Victory" paper very much. It is a great blessing to me. I am not privileged to meet with God's people as I would like to. The good Lord is able to keep me saved anyway if I let Him have His way. Sometimes the devil gets mighty bold but the Lord has said in His Word that He would not suffer us to be tempted above that we are able. This Scripture has been a help to me. I know that God will make a way for us to escape as He has said He would do. It seems that I am out of

place and make many mistakes in this life but the good Lord knows my heart and knows that I intend to do good. Pray that the Lord will guide me every day so I can be true and live a life that will take me to heaven when I leave this world. It does not make any difference what the cost is I still want to go to heaven. Pray that the good Lord will make me to know His will each day and lead me in the path of the righteous. Pray for my family.

—A Bro. in Christ.

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Okla.—Dear saints and young people, Greetings of love to you in Jesus' dear name.—I'm encouraged this evening to keep pressing on for the crown that is awaiting over there. I felt impressed to write a testimony to the glory of God and trust it will be a help to someone today. I feel so unworthy of the Lord's sweet blessings to me. He has brought me through some very severe trials and great afflictions, but all for the benefit of my soul's growth.

Six years ago in the summer I got my foot cut severely across the top. It was cut into the large bone, laying open a wound about an inch or so. Although I wasn't serving the Lord, my parents were and I never had any medicine or any bone set. I was in bed nearly two months with it and barely was able to attend some of the Monark campmeeting. The Lord just completely healed my foot and now one can't tell anything was ever wrong with it except for the scar.

The next summer I came very close to death with a severe attack of poison oak. My body was a complete sore and blister. My feet were so swollen I couldn't wear shoes. I lay in torment and pain until I went unconscious. My parents would come upstairs to see and take care of me through all this. I remember one night when I was so low, Daddy came upstairs to feed me. I tried to eat but was too weak and sore to put forth an effort. When I got so bad I called upon the Lord in my distress. I wasn't saved but He heard and answered my prayer. It was quite a while before I was completely well though. I realized my need of a Saviour and I turned to God that following winter at the Guthrie Assembly Meeting. Since then I have been baptized and sanctified. I have had a case of poison oak nearly every year since then and sometimes twice, but God has always helped.

Last summer I had trouble with an ingrowing toe nail. But it is now healed completely and I can wear my shoe without it hurting.

Since the Guthrie Assembly Meeting this year I have been through another deep affliction of poison oak. I missed so much school because of it but certainly feel God in my soul. One night when I was so bad, everything seemed dark as I was lying there on the bed. Daddy came in the house from doing the milking and looked over at me and when he saw my condition he walked over to the rocking chair and sat down. He was sitting still, thinking, when all at once he started to sing, "Jesus Will Carry You Through." That song just seemed to lift me up. It certainly was precious to me and from that time on I felt so much better. Many other complications set in which would take too long to tell. One evening Uncle Audney and Aunt Etta Davis came up to see me. They certainly were appreciated and it helped more than they will ever know. Sister Marie Miles and Malinda Penner came up on Thursday morning. They read some of the Word of God and anointed and prayed for me. I felt touched of the Lord then and blessed in my soul. Before they left I was able to sit up and I hadn't done that in almost two weeks. That afternoon I slept peacefully,

Mother said. I hadn't been able to sleep any at night time and only for 15 or 20 minutes at a time in the day for nearly two weeks. It certainly seemed wonderful to be able to sleep again. That Sunday I was able to attend our 4th Sunday all-day service at Enid. It was a month or so before the sores finally healed but the poison is still in my blood. I'm earnestly asking the Lord to take care of it and completely heal me of it. I know He can!

I received so many get-well cards and letters. I certainly did appreciate every one of them and pray God will bless each and every one who remembered me at that time, also the ones who sent cards and letters when I had the mumps in March. Truly I found out that the saints are wonderful to stand by you when trouble comes.

I have missed over six weeks of school this year, but the Lord has helped me get my lessons caught up and my grades too. Surely we are serving a mighty God, one who can help us in every time of need. "I am learning how to trust him With my life and for all things; And my spirit, filled with glory, In exceeding gladness sings."

I desire the prayers of the saints that I may ever be found doing His will and helping others see the light.

May God bless you all, Berniece Eck.

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Ohio.—To the saints scattered abroad, Greetings in the precious name of Jesus.—I am still saved and on my way to heaven. I felt led to give my testimony that I might be some encouragement to those who are still sick and afflicted. The Word says, "For unto you it is given in the behalf of Christ, not only to believe on him, but also to suffer for his sake." Phil. 1:29. The suffering comes in different ways we know, but being saved our suffering will be to His glory, which is the joy of a saint.

As I read the "Faith and Victory" paper I see where different ones are going through some things that I went through and I found that the stronger my faith was, the quicker the blessings came. St. Mark makes it clear in the 9th chapter and the 23rd and 24th verses. It is possible that our faith may not be up to what the Lord requires. Then, we can obtain more faith. Through my sickness and other troubles I learned to rejoice. Some have heard my testimony but to those who have not I trust it will be a blessing. After we have gone through whatever the Lord permits to come upon us our joy is that we have kept the victory. Job 14:1 tells us about trouble.

I praise God for being saved for had not salvation been my portion I would have been unable to bear my cross. Praise His great name for His mercy to His children. I pray the Lord will bless every one that is seeking relief from whatever trouble they have.

Remember me in your prayers.

Your saved brother,

W. T. Tomlin.

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S. C.—Dear Bro. Pruitt. Greetings to you and all of the saints at Guthrie.—I am glad to say at this writing that I am still saved and standing on the clean Word of God. I thank God today I am anchored on Jesus Christ which is the Rock, and Jesus is the chief corner stone in whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord.

Praise God for His Spirit that dwells in my heart daily. I think of that good old song, "The Kingdom of Peace:" "There's a theme that is sweet to my mem'ry. There's a joy that I cannot declare, There's a treasure that gladdens my being, 'Tis the kingdom of righteousness here." Chorus: " 'Tis a kingdom of peace, it is reigning within, It shall ever increase in my soul; We possess it

right here when he saves from all sin, And 'twill last while the ages shall roll." My heart is flaring with joy at this writing. Praise God forever!

Brother Pruitt, I have read one of your books, "Selected Articles And Editorials," and my heart did flow with joy when I read it. I wish that every Christian had this book in their home. If they did, they would not have time to look at a T. V. Brother Pruitt, I am sure that God was guiding that hand that wrote. I could keep on writing but will leave space for someone else. I am sending a little offering to help in the work because it is of God and not false. Brother Pruitt, pray much for me.

Your saved Brother, standing for the whole truth of God's Word, Eddie Driggers.

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Mo.—Dear Saints everywhere, Greetings of much love to you all.—We are still pressing on in this battle and are much encouraged in our Saviour. We have met with many trials and hardships along the way. Truly we can say, our God never leaves nor forsakes us and His ear is ever open to the cry of His children. It is so good to trust and serve Him in everything and to know God cares.

We wish to thank every one of you dear saints who have helped us in our time of need. Truly God has been wonderful. We just pray God to ever bless you all and supply your needs as you look to Him. Surely He is a "great God." We tried to answer each letter individually but some did not have complete addresses and some we may have missed, but not intentionally. We want the saints to know how much we appreciate everything each one has done in helping and sending the many encouraging letters. They have helped so much. We do thank God for your help and all your prayers.

Christian love, Loyd and Zella Dollins and children.

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Okl.—Dear Saints, Greetings in Jesus' precious name.—This leaves me still saved and more encouraged than ever to live for the Lord. I do thank the Lord for how he heals our bodies. Last fall three children and I had the flu. We certainly were sick. I would be so weak until it looked like some times I could not make it, but the Lord would always come to my rescue. The children would ask for prayer. I did not feel like praying but the Lord would give me strength and I would pray. I also thank the saints for their prayers. I realize then how much the saints depend upon one another's prayers, because I did.

Truly my desire is to please the Lord in every way. Please pray for me that the Lord will heal my body of some afflictions I have. My trust is in the Lord because I know He can heal. Pray for my unsaved companion that he will get saved.

Yours in Christ,

Gustova Anderson

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Mo.—Dear Young People,—I am so thankful today to be saved and living for the Lord. He is so good to me that I desire to please Him in all I say or do. I thank the Lord for His healing power this morning.

About three weeks ago a breaking out appeared on my body. None of us knew what it was. It did not itch very much but festered up some. The breaking out kept spreading and none of the bumps went away. We called upon the Lord and He came to our rescue. It started going away last Tuesday and they can hardly be seen now. Praise the Lord. Pray for me that I will always be an example for the Lord.

With Christian love,

Cynthia Miller

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A NEW LEADER COMMISSIONED

June 1, 1958

Printed Portion: Num. 27:18-20; Jos. 1:1-9

Num. 27:18. And the Lord said unto Moses, Take thee Joshua the son of Nun, a man in whom is the spirit, and lay thine hand upon him;

19. And set him before Eleazar the priest, and before all the congregation; and give him a charge in their sight.

20. And thou shalt put some of thine honor upon him, that all the congregation of the children of Israel may be obedient.

Jos. 1:1. Now after the death of Moses the servant of the Lord it came to pass, that the Lord spake unto Joshua the son of Nun, Moses' minister, saying,

2. Moses my servant is dead; now therefore arise, go over this Jordan, thou, and all this people, unto the land which I do give to them, even to the children of Israel.

3. Every place that the sole of your foot shall tread upon, that have I given unto you, as I said unto Moses.

4. From the wilderness and this Lebanon even unto the great river, the river Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites, and unto the great sea toward the going down of the sun, shall be your coast.

5. There shall not any man be able to stand before thee all the days of thy life: as I was with Moses, so I will be with thee: I will not fail thee, nor forsake thee.

6. Be strong and of a good courage: for unto this people shalt thou divide for an inheritance the land, which I swear unto their fathers to give them.

7. Only be thou strong and very courageous, that thou mayest observe to do according to all the law, which Moses my servant commanded thee: turn not from it to the right hand or to the left, that thou mayest prosper whithersoever thou goest.

8. This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.

9. Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest.

Memory Verse: Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest. Jos. 1:9.

Practical Truth: We need a vision of what God can do.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

Our lesson today concludes the study about Moses and begins the study of the book of Joshua. Moses, the meekest man who had ever lived, died and was buried by God. Deut. 34:6. Before he died God told him to lay his hand upon Joshua and to give him charge over the people in their sight. God had already chosen Joshua and we find he had the spirit of God with him. Num. 11:25; Deut. 34:9. Joshua had been with Moses upon the mountain for forty days while he talked with God. Exo. 24:13; 32:17. He was qualified to be a leader.

God spoke to Joshua and told him to "arise, go over this Jordan, thou, and all this people." (v. 2.) How could this be done? The Jordan river at that time was at flood stage. It could be done because God had told them to do it. Oh, that faith and courage to step out on God's Word is needed today just as much as it was in Joshua's time. The people broke up camp and began to march. The priests led the way with the ark. Not until the feet that bare the ark were dipped in the brim of the water, did the water rise up in a heap and the people passed over. Josh. 3:15-17.

God-given courage is the inseparable companion of faith. Obedience to the Word of God gives courage. Three times he is exhorted to "be strong and of good courage." Best of all, God assured him that He would be with him as He had been with Moses.

IN THE LAND OF PROMISE

June 8, 1958

Printed Portion: Josh. 11:16-20, 23; 24:14-18

Jos. 11:16 So Joshua took all that land, the hills, and all the south country, and all the land of Goshen, and the valley, the plain, and the mountain of Israel, and the valley of the same;

17 Even from the mount Halak, that goeth up to Seir, even unto Baal-gad in the valley of Lebanon under mount Hermon: and all their kings he took, and smote them, and slew them.

18 Joshua made war a long time with all those kings.

19 There was not a city that made peace with the children of Israel, save the Hivites, the inhabitants of Gibeon: all other they took in battle.

20 For it was of the Lord to harden their hearts, that they should come against Israel in battle, that he might destroy them utterly, and that they might have no favour, but that he might destroy them, as the Lord commanded Moses.

23 So Joshua took the whole land, according to all that the Lord said unto Moses; and Joshua gave it for an inheritance unto Israel, according to their divisions by their tribes. And the land rested from war.

Jos. 24:14 Now therefore fear the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in truth: and put away the gods which your fathers served on the other side of the flood, and in Egypt; and serve ye the Lord.

15. And if it seem evil unto you to serve the Lord, choose ye this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.

16 And the people answered and said, God forbid that we should forsake the Lord, to serve other gods;

17 For the Lord our God, he it is that brought us up and our fathers out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage, and which did those great signs in our sight, and preserved us in all the way wherein we went, and among all the people through whom we passed:

18 And the Lord drave out from before us all the people, even the Amorites which dwell in the land: therefore will we also serve the Lord; for he is our God.

Memory Verse: Put away ... the strange gods which are among you, and incline your heart unto the Lord God of Israel. Josh. 24:23.

Practical Truth: Whole hearted choosing the Lord is the most important choice anyone can make.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

Going over into the land of Canaan is a type of the second work of grace in our souls. Egypt is a type of sin and bondage. The children of Israel suffered under the hand of hard taskmasters there. People today who are in sin suffer under the bondage of sin and the devil. When a person is delivered they can sing the song of deliverance just as the Israelites sang on the banks of the Red Sea. But they were not yet in the promised land or the place where they could rest or build their home. But when they crossed over Jordan they were in their home and could begin to build. When we come to God to cleanse our natures of that inherited sin, for which we are not responsible, then we are at home and we can begin to build our lives on a firm foundation. The Holy Spirit will work within us to be our Comforter and guide through life. What a wonderful experience it is when the Holy Spirit sanctifies us! Rom. 15:16.

We find that the Israelites still had some battles to fight even though they were in the Canaan land. We find that there are still trials and tests along life's way even after we are sanctified but we have "power after the Holy Ghost is come upon" us. The walls of Jericho fell down and God gave the Israelites the whole land, because they chose Him.

We are told that they obeyed the law of God and chose God as long as any elders lived who had known God's mighty works in delivering them.

THE TIMES OF THE JUDGES

June 15, 1958

Printed Portion:Judges 2:16-19; 4:4-9; 5:6-9

Jud. 2:16 Nevertheless the Lord raised up judges, which delivered them out of the hand of those that spoiled them.

17 And yet they would not hearken unto their judges, but they went a whoring after other gods, and bowed themselves unto them: they turned quickly out of the way which their fathers walked in, obeying the commandments of the Lord; but they did not so.

18 And when the Lord raised them up judges, then the Lord was with the judge, and delivered them out of the hand of their enemies all the days of the judge: for it repented the Lord because of their groanings by reason of them that oppressed them and vexed them.

19 And it came to pass, when the judge was dead, that they returned, and corrupted themselves more than their fathers, in following other gods to serve them, and to bow down unto them; they ceased not from their own doings, nor from their stubborn way.

Jud. 4:4 And Deborah, a prophetess, the wife of Lappidoth, she judged Israel at that time.

5 And she dwelt under the palm tree of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in mount Ephraim: and the children of Israel came up to her for judgment.

6 And she sent and called Barak the son of Abinoam out of Kedesh-naphtali, and said unto him, Hath not the Lord God of Israel commanded, saying, Go and draw toward mount Tabor, and take with thee ten thousand men of the children of Naphtali and of the children of Zebulun?

7 And I will draw unto thee to the river Kishon Sisera, the captain of Jabin's army, with his chariots and his multitude; and I will deliver him into thine hand.

8 And Barak said unto her, If thou wilt go with me, then I will go: but if thou wilt not go with me, then I will not go.

9 And she said, I will surely go with thee: notwithstanding the journey that thou takest shall not be for thine honour; for the Lord shall sell Sisera into the hand of a woman. And Deborah arose, and went with Barak to Kedesh.

Jud. 5:6 In the days of Shamgar the son of Anath, in the days of Jael, the highways were unoccupied, and the travelers walked through byways.

7 The inhabitants of the villages ceased, they ceased in Israel, until that I Deborah arose, that I arose a mother in Israel.

8 They chose new gods; then was war in the gates: was there a shield or spear seen among forty thousand in Israel?

9 My heart is toward the governors of Israel, that offered themselves willingly among the people. Bless ye the Lord.

Memory Verse: Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. Isaiah 55:7.

Practical Truth: Even in dark days God can give victory to His people.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

In our lesson we find a new generation had risen in Israel who knew not the Lord, nor the works which He had done. Judges 2:10. They forsook the Lord and served Baal and other gods. Twice it is spoken that "every man did that which was right in his own eyes." We see that some knowledge of the Mosaic law existed also. But it was a terrible day for the people whom God had chosen for His people. God permitted them to be punished severely but they cried unto Him in their trouble and God raised up a woman called Deborah, to judge them. She was more than a judge. She was a prophetess through whom God spoke. She was called a "mother in Israel." When Barak was asked to go out in battle against their enemies he said to Deborah, "If thou wilt go with me, then will I go." This showed he esteemed her greatly and there was not any jealousy of her leadership, since she was a woman. In the kingdom of God it does not matter with God if the vessel He works through is male or female. Heb. 3:28.

When God speaks we can with faith go forth. We note the results of obedience. Consider the battle which followed, the rain storm, and why the chariots were abandoned; also the death of Sisera and then the wonderful song of Deborah's deliverance and victory. We are serving the same God today.

WHO ARE THE STRONG?

June 22, 1958

Printed Portion:Jud. 15:11-15; 16:15-21

Jud. 15:11 Then three thousand men of Judah went to the top of the rock Etam, and said to Samson, Knowest thou not that the Philistines are rulers over us? what is this that hast done unto us? And he said unto them, As they did unto me, so have I done unto them.

12 And they said unto him, We are come down to bind thee, that we may deliver thee into the hand of the Philistines. And Samson said unto them, Swear unto me, that ye will not fall upon me yourselves.

13 And they spake unto him, saying, No; but we will bind thee fast, and deliver thee into their hand: but surely we will not kill thee. And they bound him with two new cords, and brought him up from the rock.

14 And when he came unto Lehi, the Philistines shouted against him: and the Spirit of the Lord came mightily upon him, and the cords that were upon his arms became as flax that was burnt with fire, and his bands loosed from off his hands.

15 And he found a new jawbone of an ass, and put forth his hand, and took it, and slew a thousand men therewith.

Jud. 16:15 And she said unto him, How canst thou say, I love thee, when thine heart is not with me? thou hast mocked me these three times, and has not told me wherein thy great strength lieth.

16 And it came to pass, when she pressed him daily with her word, and urged him, so that his soul was vexed unto death;

17 That he told her all his heart, and said unto her, There hath not come a razor upon mine head; for I have been a Nazarite unto God from my mother's womb: if I be shaven, then my strength will go from me, and I shall become weak, and be like any other man.

18 And when Delilah saw that he had told her all his heart, she sent and called for the lords of the Philistines, saying, Come up this once, for he hath shewed me all his heart. Then the lords of the Philistines came up unto her, and brought money in their hand.

19 And she made him sleep upon her knees; and she called for a man and she caused him to shave off the seven locks of his head; and she began to afflict him, and his strength went from him.

20 And she said, The Philistines be upon thee, Samson. And he awoke out of his sleep, and said, I will go out as at other times before, and shake myself. And he wist not that the Lord was departed from him.

21 But the Philistines took him and put out his eyes, and brought him down to Gaza, and bound him with fetters of brass; and he did grind in the prison house.

Memory Verse: If ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live. Rom. 8:13.

Practical Truth: We should not waste our strength in the sins of this world.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

Samson's strength was given to him by God but we cannot judge his use of it according to the requirements of the gospel today. He was living under the old law which said, "eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot." (Exo. 21:24). The Philistines were enemies of the Israelites. Samson's strength and his revenge caused the Philistines to fear to arouse his fury. The angel had informed Samson's mother that "he shall begin to deliver Israel." In his efforts to do so he found many satisfied with bondage. Their complaint to him was, "Knowest thou not that the Philistines are rulers over us?" Today when some Bible truths are presented that will make souls free we are surprised to know how they are rejected and souls are seemingly satisfied with spiritual bondage. In the end of Samson's life, he too, made friends with his enemies. This friendship caused his downfall and eventually his death. He failed, by assuming that his strength to resist would always be available. "Let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall." The enemy today is setting traps for each of us. Let us take warning from Samson's experience and beware. Strong men have become weaklings, unable to resist appetites which they have formed. Day by day we should seek God for help and friends whose influence is uplifting.

A SPOKESMAN FOR GOD

June 29, 1958

Printed Portion:1 Samuel 3:10-20

1 Sam. 3:10 And the Lord came, and stood, and called as at other times, Samuel, Samuel. Then Samuel answered, Speak; for thy servant heareth.

11 And the Lord said to Samuel, Behold, I will do a thing in Israel, at which both the ears of every one that heareth it shall tingle.

12 In that day I will perform against Eli all things which I have spoken concerning his house: when I begin, I will also make an end.

13 For I have told him that I will judge his house for ever for the iniquity which he knoweth; because his sons made themselves vile, and he restrained them not.

14 And therefore I have sworn unto the house of Eli, that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be purged with sacrifice nor offering for ever.

15 And Samuel lay until the morning, and opened the doors of the house of the Lord. And Samuel feared to shew Eli the vision.

16 Then Eli called Samuel, and said, Samuel, my son. And he answered, Here am I.

17 And he said, What is the thing that the Lord hath said unto thee? I pray thee hide it not from me: God do so to thee, and more also, if thou hide any thing from me of all the things that he said unto thee.

18 And Samuel told him every whit, and hid nothing from him. And he said, It is the Lord: let him do what seemeth him good.

19 And Samuel grew, and the Lord was with him, and did let none of his words fall to the ground.

20 And all Israel from Dan even to Beer-sheba knew that Samuel was established to be a prophet of the Lord.

Memory Verse: Samuel grew, and the Lord was with him, and did let none of his words fall to the ground. 1 Samuel 3:19.

Practical Truth: We should be quick to obey any call of God.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

God speaks to the young as well as to the old. Those who will listen and give Him their soul, body, and strength; He will use and work through them in helping others to come to Him. Samuel loved the Lord and God gave him a message to deliver for Him. No doubt, Samuel loved Eli and felt sad because of the punishment that was to come upon Eli, but this did not keep Samuel from telling him every word that God had spoken. Oh, for more who will dare to tell others the Truth! Many are going down the Broadway to destruction, seemingly unconcerned. Someone needs to tell them their eternal doom, unless they repent. Sometimes God uses children to tell them. We need those who are deeply moved by an inner conviction to tell what God has done for them and that will be a help to others. Sometimes a message from the minister may be taken lightly but if followed by one of the laity who will back it up with a good testimony and exhortation, much good can be accomplished. Do not hide your light under the bushel baskets of delay, tact, and timidity, but let it shine out to others.

Parents will be held responsible because their children make themselves vile and they restrained them not. (v. 13). This is a sad situation in the world today. We need to pray for parents and children. Mrs. Marie Miles.