

# FAITH<sup>AND</sup>VICTORY

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### Holy Bible

Ask for the Guide Book, the Bible from heaven,  
For our salvation its pages were given.  
If of a truth you are seeking the way,  
Ask for the Guide Book, believe and obey.

Heed not the voices that bid you remain,  
Heed not the false guides who seek only gain;  
Ask for the Guide Book, its teachings are true,  
Reading it daily will carry you through.

Thousands are traveling in death's downward way,  
Few walk the path that is narrow today.  
One ends in darkness and one ends in light,  
One is the wrong way, one is the right.

Though you may teach that the Saviour has died,  
Claim to be just and appear sanctified,  
Still if the law of the Lord you deny,  
"Vain is your profession," the Lord will reply.

### Entire Sanctification

Sanctification is a work wrought by Jesus in the heart of the truly converted person through the baptism with the Holy Ghost.

It is subsequent to conversion, and as separate and distinct from it as Calvary from Pentecost.

It is bestowed upon believers as at Pentecost in the meeting of the conditions of self-crucifixion (Rom. 6:6), earnest prayer (Acts 1:14), and present, appropriating faith (Acts 15:9).

It is "not for the world," but for those who have been "called out of the world." (John 17:9, 16).

It is given in response to our Saviour's prayer (John 17:17), His promise in Acts 1:8, His command (Matt. 5:48), and His atonement (Heb. 13:12).

Like conversion, it is an instantaneous work (Acts 2:2, 4).

It is for all believers. (Acts 2:39; I Thess. 4:3; 5:23).

It is a divine work wrought by the "God of peace" (I Thess. 5:23) through the blood of Jesus (I John 1:7, 9) by the instrumentality of the Word (John 17:17), applied by the Holy Spirit (I Peter 1:2) to ob-

dient believers. (Heb. 4:3; I Peter 1:22.)

It is a work to be confessed. (Phil. 3:15; I Thess. 2:10.)

Sanctification is not conversion; for only converted persons are exhorted to receive it. See Pauline Epistles.

It is not the birth of the Spirit, but the baptism with the Spirit, as distinct from regeneration as a birth from a baptism.

It is not a growth in grace, but a work of grace, which facilitates growth. There is not a single text in Scripture which teaches it is either growth or gotten by growth.

It is not consecration, but embraces it and furnishes the cleansing steam and fire which make consecration effective.

It is not maturity, but swiftly matures every soul-garden which it possesses. Like a clean, well-watered field, its fruits grow swiftly, and mature well.

It does not eliminate humanity, but carnality.

It does not exempt from temptation, but gives victory over it.

It does not destroy free agency, making man a machine, but causes him to gladly choose the whole will of God.

It does not stop growth in grace but accelerates it.

It does not exempt from mistakes, "sins of ignorance," but from inbred sin and sinning against light.

It does not give a perfect head, but a pure heart full of perfect love.

It does not enable its possessor to walk above human criticism, misunderstanding, and persecution, but to give no just occasion for these things.

It does not exempt from slander, but gives victory over it.

It does not make oblivious to insults, but fully saves amid them.

It does not insure from the possibility of falling into sin, but makes this far less probable.

It does not give "freedom" to disregard the Word of God, the Spirit of God, or the Son of God, but makes their triple leadership a delight.

It does not make one perfect in human eyes, but in God's sight.

Sanctification does cleanse from "all sin."

It does impart perfect love, which casteth out all slavish fear of man, of foes, of death, of hell, and of the Judgment.

It does make "dead indeed unto sin and alive unto God."

It does "fill with the Holy Ghost."

It does make "more than conquerors."

It does eliminate all irritability, evil tempers, murmuring, fretting and repining.

It does so destroy the "old man" of sin, and "cast him out" of the heart that his motions are no more felt.

It does eliminate the "bear" and the snapping "turtle," and the "peacock," and replace with the lamb, the lily, and the lion.

It does eliminate stinginess, and crown liberality.

The birth of the Spirit brings pardon; the baptism with the Spirit, purity.

The birth of the Spirit justifies freely; the baptism with the Spirit sanctifies wholly.

The first removes the guilt of sin, the second the pollution of sin.

The first represses inbred sin, the second removes it.

The first sows the heart with the Christian graces; the second roots up the weeds that would choke them.

The first gives spiritual life, the second spiritual purity and power.

The birth of the Spirit gives peace with God, the baptism the peace of God.

The first gives joy, the second "fulness of joy."

The first takes out of the world; the second cleanses the world all out of us.

The first introduces us into the kingdom of heaven; the second establishes the kingdom of heaven in us, and eliminates all there that oppose it.

The birth of the Spirit brings submission to Christ; the second crowns Him in our hearts without a revival.

The first begins the work of cleansing; the second "sanctifies wholly."

The first delivers from the Egypt of sin; the second puts in possession of the Canaan of perfect love.

The first cures the outward eruptions of actual sin; the second effects the double cure of its inward leprosy.

The first is the solid foundation, of which the second is the Divine superstructure. Hence, the first must always precede the second. —Selected.

EDITOR'S NOTE: It seems to me if those who have fallen into the error of anti-cleansing doctrine in the second work of God on the soul would read the foregoing article with an unbiased mind and an open heart for the truth, it would forever settle them in the Biblical truth of God's plan for the full redemption of the soul of man as one's salvation is never complete until they are sanctified wholly through the operation and become crucified unto the world and the world crucified unto them.

Perfect love in a purified cleansed soul casteth out all slavish fear of easily being offended and will cause

one to be longsuffering, full of mercy and compassion, without fault-finding, considering that they are likely to have greater faults in the eyes of God than they see in others. Sanctification does not assure anyone against making mistakes but it surely does lesson them if it is genuine. As we grow in grace and understanding the Spirit will guide us into all truth and so settle and establish us in God and his truth that all theimps out of hell cannot move us into any of the erroneous doctrines of sectism or keep us from moving on in the light of God's sacred Word.

It seems to me that the great need in the Church today is for all to be truly sanctified wholly and to continue in the true holiness way.

## Good Information

### for Meek and Lowly Saints

A Baptist Minister makes the statement that their church is not a Denomination and a religious minister replies to that statement in the following manner.

The claim of orthodoxy through apostolic succession is made by numbers of denominations. The Roman Catholics claim the same thing; and their claims actually have a great deal more weight than that of the Protestants, because they are the oldest organized Christian sect. But there is no authentic history, sacred or profane, that supports the argument of succession.

There is great confusion concerning the term "denomination," as well as other terms related to SECTARIANISM. If religion were not such a serious thing, the arguments used to vindicate the sectarians' SECTISM would be ludicrous. Numerous groups of intelligent people deny being a DENOMINATION because they fear being called a SECT. To show how absurdly blind an educated ministry can be, we are referring you to a copy of the introductory page to the 1956 "Year-Book" of the Anderson, Indiana "Church of God" SECTARIAN DENOMINATION.

Notice particularly the statement in the first paragraph which declares that they are "NOT an ecclesiastical organization." They further state that they are "not an organization but an ORGANISM." The word "organism" is the joker, for this "Year-Book" is a complete catalogue of the SECT'S offices and officers. It sets forth all the mechanics of SECTARIAN DOMINION. It is pure mockery to call their creed-bound ecclesiastical machinery an "organism" or "a family of believers."

It is completely childish to deny plain facts by playing on the word "organism." But this is evident proof of the religious stupor and darkness that possesses those who rule the SECT.

Religious delusion is a strange and inexplicable phenomenon. It is spoken of in the Word as "The mystery of iniquity." Most deceptions have a logical and reasonable explanation, but forces that dispence religious error stupify reason to such a degree that they defy scientific explanation.

Read again the second paragraph under this caption, "Seventy-Five Years of Progress." Note that in the

year 1880 "hearts were quickened" and "their vision was cleared" and "recognizing the essential wrongness of divisions and ecclesiastical hierarchies which robbed the church of its pristine glory, they set themselves boldly to recapture the original order and nature of the church under God, and to that end renounced ALL divisions and denominational cleavages to take their stand, simply as the family of God—the 'body of Christ.' "

It surely looks as though the pioneers of this particular modern SECT had the right motives in mind, but a lot of things can happen in seventy-five years.

The fifth paragraph of the "Year-Book" under consideration is astounding in its simple naivete: "While the people of the Church of God Reformation Movement never have believed in ecclesiastical organization, they, nevertheless, believed in NECESSARY ORGANIZATION for service, and to that end carried forward by the creation of a MISSIONARY BOARD, a BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION --- A BOARD of Christian education --- a BOARD of pensions ---," etc.

How blind can religious folk get? In one breath they deplore ORGANIZATION, and in the next breath they define their own sanctified brand of sectism as though by their own holiness they have transformed an organization into a hallowed thing for God!

The apostolic church had no BOARD; not even a missionary BOARD. No invention of ecclesiastical skulduggery is so anti-Christian as the institution of BOARDS. By setting aside the authority of the Word of God, the DIVINE ORDER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT is circumvented, overthrown, and defeated, and HUMANISTIC substitutes are the replacements. There is nothing in Holy Writ to show that God ever honored or ordained a church BOARD; no apostolic disciple of Christ's ever served on a CHURCH BOARD: in fact HUMANISTIC CHURCH GOVERNMENT INVENTED THE OFFICE OF THE CHURCH-BOARD-MEMBER. The idea of "boardism" is a most successful Satanic device in thwarting the ACTS OF THE HOLY GHOST in the midst of Christ's church.

Once more we refer to the glaring discrepancies recorded in this preamble to the "Year-Book" of this group who call themselves "Church of God:" "With the conviction that God always guides His people as a body, the movement is DEMOCRATIC in structure." That one word, alone, condemns the above mentioned movement: DEMOCRACY is not the form of heaven's government. It is the best form of government for the political parties of this world; and for world governments, it is the best in evidence today. But for God's people there is no such thing as a DEMOCRACY. Jesus Christ IS NOW KING; and we, as His subjects, are under His ABSOLUTE SOVEREIGNTY: heaven's form of government is ABSOLUTE MONARCHY.

My good brother, you have asked me concerning the claims of the Baptists, and I have answered you in around-about way by explaining the ridiculous position of one of the many who call themselves the Church of God. The fact is that all SECTARIANS have built

their houses on the same kind of "sand." But one thing is absolutely certain: "THE WIND" is soon to blow them all away. "THE STORM" will bring such "floods" that nothing will be left of the many impostors who have defiled the work of Christ by their hypocrisies.

Editor's Note: Biblically speaking, there is only one true church of God. In Eph. the 4th chapter Paul is writing of this one church and says in part, to "walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called, with all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love; endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling." In the 11th verse he speaks of the different gifts for the perfecting of the saints, and these gifts are to have freedom to work until we all come to the unity of the faith and the measure and stature of the fulness of Christ.

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Ohio—Dear Bro. Pruitt, Greetings in Jesus' dear name,—I received your book of the New Testament Church and will truthfully say it surely convinced me about these sect churches. Bro. Pruitt, your book is the best that I ever read. Any man ought to see, as plain as you have explained the truth. They elected me as one of the board to serve the so-called Christian Baptist Church of God, but I cannot find such church in God's Word. So the next board meeting I will refuse to serve longer.

Your Brother,

—P. O.

Editor's Note: The above testimony was received at the office here in Guthrie on Aug. 14, 1958 and is one among many which we have been receiving regarding the contents of the book entitled, "The New Testament Church and Its Symbols." This book is doing a great work for God in giving souls light and understanding of what the true Church of God is, and what it is not. The contents of this book shows by the symbols, metaphors, and analogies and other plain statements in the Bible that the true church of God is a divine institution and is Holy Spirit formed and governed, separate from all the human organizations called churches, and is free from all the sects and creeds of men. It makes the truth on this subject so simple and plain that none need remain in darkness. Inserted are two folded charts of the church.

Man rule has been the ruin and destruction of many a body of saved people, for as time went on they gradually molded themselves into a sect which was no longer governed by the Holy Spirit Officer of the church, but human heads got together and decided things as they thought best. Consequently, they gradually fell into sectish ways by Satan's underground work. Satan, in order to mold God's sheep and lambs into sects keeps his evil designs in the dark and hid from every saint whom he can, and when they do wake up he has such a strangling hold on things that he just pulls the big majority along with his plea for unity as he calls it which, in fact, is not Bible unity, but a human head unity.

It would be good for the ministers who are in evangelistic work to use this book freely in their work of gathering souls unto the Lord. Its contents will be an eye-opener to honest souls who are caught in sects because of a lack of knowledge as to what constitutes the true holiness church of God which is functioning in the world by the divine government of God. This book contains 159 pages and will be postpaid to any address in the U. S. at the rate of fifty cents each book or five books for \$2.00.

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**Editorials**

We are not able to command words sufficient to express our gratitude and thanksgiving to God for His continued goodness and mercy bestowed upon us and the work of printing and sending out the gospel by the printed page to all the world. His big hand is cleverly working with sure strokes and a telling effect upon the hearts of a multitude of people to gather them unto himself. I am so thankful the work He is having us do is not building up a sect to corral and bring into bondage the Lord's free sheep or children. I like the verse of scripture spoken by the Lord Himself which reads thus, "And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." John 8:32. And in the 36th verse He says, "If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed." In Gal. 5:1, we read, "Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ has made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage." The soul that is made free in Christ has peace in soul and mind with comfort in the Spirit.

The saints of God who abide in this present truth are God's blessed people in the world. Peter speaks of them in the following terms, "But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous light." This is an inheritance of the saints in this present evening time.

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Bro. William Weir, one of the workers in the "Lord's Print Shop" for the last few years is slowly recovering from a five weeks' sickness. We took him up to the last part of the Monark Springs, Mo. Campmeeting, and now he is at his brother's place, Edwin Weir, near Stark City, Mo. He has done a lot of faithful work for the Lord while in the Print Shop and I know that God does not overlook or forget labors rendered; for our labors in Him are not in vain in the the Lord. May the Lord continue to bless William and put strength and health in his body and above all else saturate his soul with divine love from above and make him a shining light in this dark, sin-cursed world.

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The Lord gave us the privilege to attend the last few days of the Hammond, La. Campmeeting, and we surely did enjoy the association and fellowship of the saints there. The Lord was there working in the meeting, for His presence was felt and the evidence seen. Wife and I also attended the National Campmeeting at Monark Springs, Mo. and truly enjoyed being there. We met many saints there that we had not seen who had been taking the "Faith and Victory" paper and were coming out into the fellowship of the saints. It was surely a pleasure to meet these dear ones and also to meet brethren who have been standing true for years. The messages given in the meeting were refreshing and edifying to the soul. It seemed that the gathering in was greater than ever before; perhaps 500 on the grounds some days. Our hearts

were made to rejoice when souls would get saved.

We also enjoyed the campmeeting here at Guthrie. I neglected my work in the print shop in order to attend some of the day services. The preaching was good and some souls were saved. We also enjoyed the fellowship of the saints. The last message of the meeting was given out by the Lord's servant, Bro. D. A. Gibson. It was a truthful and interesting message well supplied with the oil of the Spirit. One important truth he brought out was the need of always having two women with us which in Scripture are termed Wisdom and Understanding, Prov. 7:4. Godly wisdom and understanding comes down into the redeemed soul from above whence he is born, and should be his constant companions. In meditation upon these things, my heart was made to rejoice because of this wisdom and understanding that God has given us in keeping the Faith Publishing work together and going for God. Satan has hated this work from the beginning and has in many clever and cunning ways tried to hinder it, blackmail it, or destroy it, but these two women from above has given the needed help to head off his evil designs and flusterate his plans. He would like to get a hold on this work in some way so as to make it a servant of a sect and bring us into bondage to human wisdom, but we mean by the grace of God and the wisdom and understanding from above to be steadfast and unmoveable in keeping the printing work in God's hands so these two companions can have freedom to work and put into practice the heavenly wisdom and understanding of God.

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The true church of God in the world is a spiritual, divine institution and the government is on the Lord's shoulder (Isa. 9:6; Matt. 28:18) and the headquarters are in heaven consisting of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit, and all three of them work harmoniously together. The Faith Publishing House at Guthrie, Okla. is incorporated under the laws of Oklahoma as a non-profit religious institution and as an auxiliary to the church of God which means an aid or help; a servant, just as a called minister would be a servant of the church of God, only the publishing work has a capacity of reaching and serving a multitude where a minister would only come in touch with a few. To elect or appoint people on a board to control any part of the spiritual work of the church of God would be the beginning of the forming of a sect and in time would bring the Lord's lambs and sheep under bondage to man rule. Generally, when humans select or choose people, they are likely to choose the most prominent ones and such would have more power and influence to bring about and form a sect. Paul undoubtedly realized this when he made the statement in the first part of the 6th chapter of I Cor., for he says, "If then ye have judgments of things pertaining to this life, set them to judge who are least esteemed in the church." (Clark's Commentary defines it as lower ones.)

The church of God is not run by political machinery. It is not a democratic institution that belongs to

this world, but the church of God is ruled and governed from above by the Holy Spirit. Christ is now our King and heaven's form of government is a monarchy, and is absolutely free from all man rule.

Let us as the members of the body of Christ be careful and stay clear, using the wisdom of God, as Satan often works underground in many clever ways to form sects. He has several church of God sects already in the form of bodies who have broken off from the backslidden, worldly conformed church of God in Indiana. A pulpit committee and other worldly things that they do and endorse are the forming of a sect as they hinder the free working of the Spirit of God in many ways. The Faith Publishing House with its gospel tracts, papers, and books is feeding thousands of precious souls who have no saints' meetings to attend or no place in which they can have freedom to worship God, for all other places are more or less under sect control and full liberty is not allowed. By the published tracts and papers these dear souls are directed to the true church of God.

A humanly elected board or committee in spiritual things would hinder the church as a whole in receiving from God more understanding of Scripture, as this board would want all others to walk in their preconceived ideas until it would in time have a tendency to deaden and stagnate many others. The devil has and is inventing many things today that did not exist forty or fifty years ago, and the saints need better and clearer understanding of many Scriptures to combat his wily ways and to uncover his hiding places.

Those who want to walk in past understanding of Scripture might reason that as Bro. D. S. Warner did not mention the T. V. and condemn it that they could feel clear to have one in their home. You say that that would be foolish reasoning, and so it would be, but it would be as logical as some that justify themselves in using tobacco because it is not mentioned in the Bible. It is true the word "tobacco" is not mentioned or condemned but the fact is that tobacco was not discovered and used for 1400 years after Christ was born into the world. There is plenty of Scripture, if properly understood, that condemns the use of tobacco without using the word. This also holds good with the T. V. and many other things which this closing-up-age is producing.

I feel sure that no one can get offended in reading the above writing for we speak with love divine for the good of the church of God, which is His body. Brethren, let us not make the mistake of others who have, and are forming a sect and calling it the church of God.

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"True Christian doctrine is not STATIC; truth cannot be contained within the bounds of a creed, for it is progressive: always subject to growth and development. Sectism has attempted to align truth with certain fixed standards in order to prevent corruption of doctrine: but truth is like the manna of old: when it is confined to a set creed it will breed worms."

## Obituaries

**Bro. N. L. Chrisman** was 74 years, nine months, and twelve days old at the time of his passing July 20, 1958. A native of Missouri he came to Oklahoma in 1900 and settled in Ellis County. He later moved to Beaver County where in 1906 he met the saints and accepted the teachings of the church of God under the labors of Bro. and Sister O. B. Wilson, Sr. In 1923 he moved to Enid where he lived until the time of his death.

He and his wife would have celebrated their 51st wedding anniversary the 23rd of July. They reared a large family and had many hardships and struggles, but Bro. Chrisman always was happy in the Lord. Even times at the last when he did not recognize his own children, if you mentioned something to him about the Lord, he would say, "I know Him, thank God for Jesus."

He leaves to mourn his wife of the home, Sister Ethel Chrisman; six daughters: Mrs. Albert Bell, Mrs. Sylvester Arnold, Mrs. Alfred Pellow, Mrs. John Sisk, Ernestine Chrisman all of Enid, and Mrs. Harold Colder of Baker, Ore.; six sons: Delbert, Dee, L. D. and Paul of Enid, Sam of Boise, Idaho, and Bill of Kansas City, Mo.; 32 grandchildren, 25 great grandchildren, beside a host of other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were conducted in Enid by Bro. Charles R. Smith.

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**Brother Floyd Knapp**, age 54 years, five months, and 15 days was found unconscious on his tractor June 4th, 1958. He passed away in his home two hours later.

His family has suffered a great loss by his passing but they know their loss is heaven's gain and he is safe with the Lord. Brother Knapp lived the life he professed and attended the church of God services regularly with his dear family. He always had a living testimony for the Lord and at times would speak about telling others about the Lord and helping them see the way of salvation.

He leaves his wife, Mrs. Goldia Knapp; five sons living: (Richard, preceded him in death), Jim, of Mo., Donald, of Kans., Edwin, of Nebr., Ronald and Marvin of the home; three daughters: Barbara, at home, Norma Roberts, and Gladys Knapp of Kansas City, Mo., and many relatives, friends and saints.

Funeral was in Mound City, Mo. conducted by Bro. Roy Harmon of Overland Park, Kans. Interment was in the Benton Cemetery.

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**Claude R. Wallace** was born in Denison, Texas, Oct. 28, 1889. He was the eldest of eleven children born to Matthew and Susie Lovett Wallace. He moved to Tulsa, Okla. in 1930 and lived there until his death. In 1932 he was married to Bibrie Mixon of Boley, Okla. He leaves one sister, one brother, a step-daughter, and a host of nephews and nieces.

**Bibrie**, the daughter of Daniel and Lula Mixon was born in Lyons County, Miss. Feb. 14, 1903 and departed this life June 15, 1958 at the age of 55 years, four months, and one day. In the year of 1932 she was united in marriage to Mr. Claude R. Wallace. In 1955 she was saved in the church of God and attended meetings with the saints.

She leaves to mourn her passing a mother, Mrs. Lula Mixon of Boley, Okla.; one daughter, Mrs. Izona Furch of the home; three sisters: Mrs. Augusta Crawford and Mrs. Idell Doyle of Oklahoma City, Okla., and Mrs. Ethel Brown of Boley, Okla.; four brothers: Dudley, Frank, and Grady of Boley, Okla., and Hulin of Tulsa, Okla.; five grandchildren, and a host of relatives and friends.

Double funeral services were held at the chapel in Tulsa, Okla. Sermon was by Bro. Ulysses Phillips, and remarks by Bro. Sam Barton. Burial in Crown Hill Cemetery, Tulsa, Okla.

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**Sister Maggie Moore**, the daughter of Charlie and Hagger Johnson was born March 31, 1879 at Kingston, N. Car. and departed this life May 28, 1958 at Phoenix, Ariz. at the age of 79 years, one month, and 28 days.

In 1911 she went to Okla. and in 1923 was united in holy matrimony to Mr. Monroe Moore, who passed away in 1948.

In 1931 she first heard the gospel preached by the ministers of the church of God at Tulsa, Okla. and accepted it and was saved. She lived a victorious life for sometime, but through many tests and trials she lost her hold on the Lord. She still loved the Lord and the saints and later renewed her covenant with the Lord and before her passing she testified that she was ready, waiting for the Lord and wanted the Lord to hurry up and come because she was wanting to go and be with Him.

She leaves to mourn her passing a brother, Bro. Johnny T. Johnson of Bakersfield, Calif.; three sisters: Nina and Janie Pierce of Phoenix, Ariz., and Elizabeth Fellows, of Tulsa, Okla.; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were conducted by Brother Isaac Chandler at Phoenix, Ariz.

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**Melie Warren**, the daughter of Terrell and Rhodia Jeffries, was born Oct. 20, 1893 at Waterford, Miss., and departed this life July 5, 1958 at the age of 64 years, 8 months, and 15 days. In 1914 she was united in holy matrimony with Lucas Warren. To this union eight children were born, three sons and five daughters. Her husband and one daughter preceded her in death. She moved with her family to Oklahoma in 1917.

In 1921 she was saved in the church of God with the saints and here remained until departing this life. She was faithful and true to her Lord until the end. Through her illness and great suffering, she always said, "I want the Lord's will done in me, because I am ready to go or stay. I have my work all finished."

She leaves a mother; four daughters: Mrs. Ora Lee Johnson of Okmulgee, Okla., Mrs. Trulye Peters and Miss Etta Warren, Columbus, O., and Mrs. Anna Mae Simmons, Tulsa, Okla.; three sons: Woodrow, Beggs, Okla., Abel, of Phoenix, Ariz., and Elijah, of Tulsa, Okla.; one stepson, Clarence, San Francisco, Calif.; a foster son, Vent Jeffries, Tulsa, Okla.; one sister, Mrs. Harriett Carter, Okla. City; two brothers: William Jackson, Tenn and Brodie, Memphis, Tenn.; 31 grandchildren, five great grandchildren, nephews, nieces, and a host of other relatives, saints and friends.

Services by Bros. Sam Barton and Ulysses Phillips. Scriptures: Psa. 90 and Rev. 14:13. Burial in the new Bethel Cemetery, Mounds, Okla.

**Bro. Thomas Davis**, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Davis was born March 4, 1886 at Oxford, Miss. and departed this life July 18, 1958 at the age of 72 years, three months, and 18 days. He was united in marriage to Miss Ada B. Shields in 1908. To this union eight children were born, seven boys and one girl. One boy preceded him in death. In the year of 1909 Bro. Davis with his wife and one son moved to Hennessey, Okla., where they reared their family.

He heard the pure gospel of the church of God and was saved in that faith in 1911. Bro. Davis was a devout and faithful Christian, a loving husband and father,

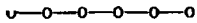
always kind and understanding. He believed in his Saviour and trusted Him for soul and body.

He was stricken on Saturday with an illness. While a number of friends were with him he asked his wife to read the 4th chapter of Philippians. Then after a season of prayer, Bro. Davis said, "Lord, Thy will be done." It was God's will to take him home. He lived ready and was ready to go when his name was called. He was a tireless worker for the Master and His cause. He was a dear good brother and was greatly loved by us all. We will miss his cheerful smile, but God does all things well.

He leaves to mourn a wife, Sister Ada B. Davis; one daughter, Mrs. Laura Campbell of Wichita, Kans.; six sons: L. V. of Flint, Mich., Preston of Fresno, Calif., Thomas Edward of Denver, Colo., Delmer of Tulsa, Okla., Willard Ira of Topeka, Kans., and Vernon of Los Angeles, Calif.; four grandchildren; one great granddaughter, other relatives, saints, and friends.

Eulogy and sermon by Bros. Lewis Williams and Ulysses Phillips. Scripture: 1 Thess. 4:3-18 and Matt. 25:14-21. Interment in Burn's Cemetery near Dover, Okla.

I am sure it will be a most wonderful sight  
To look on the face of my Lord,  
Where never shall come the dark shadows of night,  
And the glories of heaven are stored.  
One glimpse of His face I am sure will repay  
My heart for the griefs I have borne,  
And thankful I'll be, when His glory I see,  
That I shared with Him here the world's scorn.



Minnie Katherine (McGinnis) Ropp passed away in Visalia, Calif. on June 25, 1958 at the age of 83 years, nine months, and nine days. She was saved with the church of God and was called to the gospel work when she was 21 years of age. She met and married Peter F. Ropp, a minister, and did evangelistic work in her younger days in the West. She was a real true Christian in word, thought, and deed. She was buried beside her husband who preceded her to glory 17 years ago.

She leaves one son, Grover Ropp; two grandchildren; one sister, Mrs. Sadie Connelly, and one brother, Ivan McGinnis, both of Visalia, Calif.

#### ARTICLES IN STOCK

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The Pilgrim's Progress .....	2.50
Birthday, Get-well, All Occasion, and Sympathy cards, each box .....	1.00

#### PRAYER REQUESTS

We have a special request. My daughter, Sally Mullens is an alcoholic and a cigarette fiend. Pray for her.  
A sister, Mrs. Betty Robbins.

Sister Mary Jones of S. C. desires prayer that she be healed of piles and that the Lord guide her in some problems.

Ohio—Dear saints,—Greetings of love to you in the precious name of Jesus. I am sending you a little offering to help wherever it is needed. Please remember me in prayer. I got my arm hurt pretty bad. There is nothing impossible with the Lord. My trust is in the Lord for soul and body. I have found Him a present help in every time of need. I do love the Lord more than anything, and I want the Lord to have His way in my life. I hope all are prospering in the things of God. I am sending my love and prayers to all.  
Sister Lucy Lizar.

#### FIELD REPORT

We felt the Lord had His way from the time we left home until we returned. We could see His hand working and felt His presence from day to day. The Lord blessed our souls in services with saints at Webb City, Mo., Coffeyville, Kans., Tulsa, Okla., Guthrie, Okla., Jena, La., and Hammond, La. It was precious to see the faces of the dear saints in all these places and enjoy their sweet fellowship.

From Hammond, La. we went to South Carolina and held a week and a half meeting there. We were so thankful to have Bro. and Sister Abbott there with us. The Lord blessed our souls together and poured out His Spirit upon the services. Several souls were at the altar for help. We learned to love these dear people and they have a place in our hearts. We trust to meet them again some day.

From there Bro. and Sister Abbott went to Hammond, La. Campmeeting. We came by Athens, Tenn. for a few services with the saints there. We found the saints there still pressing on and standing true to the Lord. We came from there to Myrtle, Mo. and then home.

Pray for us as we do what we can in the service of the Lord and to help precious souls.

Your fellow laborers, Bro. and Sister Murphy Allen.

#### Notices

The small congregation of saints at Powell, Ohio have purchased a lot in this vicinity and are trying, by the help of the Lord and prayers of the saints to erect a building for worship by early fall if possible. Bro. and Sister Gibson and Bro. and Sister Abbott paid us a visit and really encouraged our hearts. Bro. Abbott said if it was the Lord's will and if we had our building up by around Sept. he would come hold us a revival. We are in need financially to continue erecting this house for worship. If anyone feels led to help us out, please send all offerings to this address: Bro. Charles Neely, Route 1, Powell, Ohio.

Sister Ruth Murphey, a minister of the gospel, felt led of the Lord to buy a much needed car, by faith. Those who feel led of the Lord to help her in this may send their free-will offerings to this office direct or by sending it in an addressed letter to her and we will forward it.

#### OKLAHOMA STATE CAMPGROUND CARETAKER NEEDED

The Oklahoma campground at Guthrie has been without a caretaker since the passing of Bro. Charles Weir last year. A cabin is furnished on the ground. Any sainted brother who might be interested in filling this need should contact M. A. Davis, Rt. 2, Guthrie, Okla., giving references and complete information.



## NATIONAL CAMPGROUND CARETAKERS NEEDED

Caretakers are needed for the National Campground at Neosho (Monark Springs), Mo., preferably a man and his wife who would be able to care for the grounds and buildings and represent the church of God in the community in a commendable manner. A three-room cottage, water, and electricity are provided on the grounds.

Applications, giving references and full information, should be mailed to Ralph Beisly, 407 Eldridge St., Coffeyville, Kans. Here is an opportunity for semi-retired saints to render valuable Christian service.

—Lawrence Pruitt, Sec.—Treas.

## EVANGELISTIC TENT WORK

Bro. Charles Smith held a tent meeting, Aug. 1-10, at Springfield, Mo., and he reports that the interest and attendance was good, and new people were contacted. On the last Sunday six were baptized. As soon as possible, Bro. Smith plans to hold a tent meeting at Kingston, Ark. Pray that the gospel seed sown will yield a bountiful harvest.

So far, sufficient funds are not available to purchase a suitable bus or truck for the tent work. A large contributor to the fund has specified that only dependable, trouble-free equipment be purchased. The Lord will not forget your "work of faith and labor of love" in the great cause for which He gave His life.

For many years past, as a service to our readers, the office here has received and administered missionary and trust funds from estates for the extension of foreign and home missionary work. This service will be continued under the account title of "Faith Pub. House Missionary Fund." However, we propose that the current evangelistic tent project be separated from the above fund and transferred to the National Campmeeting trustees under an account titled, "Church of God National Missionary Fund." The amount of transfer will be subject to the decision of the individual contributors. Therefore, we request all contributors during the past year to the bus or truck fund to write us by Oct. 1st, stating through which fund you want your donation administered. If no reply is received by that date, the purposes of the donors will be carried out through the present fund.

In a special meeting of the National Campmeeting trustees in the near future, the arrangements for transfer and administration of the evangelistic tent project will be completed.

—L. D. Pruitt, 1116 W. Wash., Guthrie, Okla.

Greetings to all the saints,—As most of you know, I was privileged to visit two days in Sister Dundas' home in Northern Ireland. She is very poor financially but has a great love toward the people of God. She is very friendly and showed much hospitality to me. I took many pictures of the young people and other saints with me which she enjoyed very much, expressing her desire to see and also to be in our meetings.

I have been impressed with the desire that somehow, somehow she could hear the preaching of our ministers, hear the young people sing, and thereby receive instruction, blessings, and encouragement. It would be very nice if we could send enough money to purchase a tape recorder for her. The price is cheaper there than here and our money goes further over there. Now then, this tape recorder would not be limited to her hearing only, for a lot of people visit her, including her 19 year old grandson and girl friend, who are very dear young people. Sister

Dundas said several ministers of different faiths visit her asking for copies of the "Faith and Victory" paper.

If several congregations feel led of the Lord to give a small contribution toward a tape recorder for Sister Dundas it would not create a large burden on any congregation. She has started a weekly prayer meeting in her apartment and could use the tape recorder very nicely that night. It would be lovely to have those congregations which donate to tape a letter to her so she could listen to the voices of the saints. She would be more than overjoyed with the prospect of listening to a saints' meeting.

Since it is difficult to make her understand mechanical devices, please send all donations directly to me, and I will have her grandson purchase the recorder.

May the will and mind of God be revealed to each of you is my prayer.

Yours in Christ, Vesta Nadine Severs, Rt. 2, Box 4, Neosho, Missouri.

## CORRESPONDENCE

Calif.—Dear saints of God everywhere,—I truly thank the dear Lord for being saved and encouraged to press on for Him. Some time ago I was in bed with the flu and our baby was sick also. He was coughing badly and could hardly sleep. I prayed and asked God to please stop him from coughing and let him go to sleep, and I would testify to it in the "Faith and Victory". Praise His name, He touched him instantly and he went to sleep.

A Sister in Christ, Corene Foster.

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La.—Dear saints,—This finds me still encouraged in the Lord to be faithful to the end. The Lord has been very near and dear to comfort and help us since the death of my dear companion.

The Lord has healed the children recently of serious afflictions. I surely thank Him. It is very encouraging and strengthens my faith for the Lord to hear and answer prayer. Pray for us that we will be faithful in everything.

Patsy Doolittle.

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Tenn.—Dear readers of the "Faith and Victory",—In Jesus' dear name I greet each one of you this another Lord's day. I want to send in my testimony as I do not get to be in meetings very much to get to witness for my dear Saviour. I know if we live the life Jesus would have us to we will live and witness for Him by our everyday life at home or wherever we might go.

There is so much the dear Lord has done for me until I hardly know how to start telling of His goodness unto me. The Lord wonderfully blessed me in a very bad nervous spell I had. I got so weak I had to stop work a few days until I wrote to Guthrie for prayer. Then God wonderfully strengthened me. I felt like I had victory, praise His dear name! The devil has tried hard to bring it back on me. I would awake at night feeling like death was on me. My heart would beat fast and I'd get weak and have chills. One night my boy, who is 18, asked me, "Mother, reckon you'll be all right?" I was having a chill but I told him I was trusting the Lord. The dear Lord helped me and I went to sleep and got a good night's rest. I have thought of it much and have taken special notice that the one who trusts in Jesus always gets better so much sooner and does not have to suffer as much either.

I am thankful that Jesus is the same today, yesterday, and forever. "Oh Lord, increase my faith," is my prayer. I will ever be a witness for divine healing without medicine as long as I live.



The dear Lord has blessed me to start Sunday School in my home. I had a desire to do something for Jesus as He had done so much for me. There are a lot of little children close around here that do not have anywhere to go. My sister, Mrs. Edith Gregg, ordered some "Beautiful Way" papers and the first Sunday there were seven children and seven grown-ups, thank the Lord. Today there were just eight children and six grown-ups. I'm so very pleased and so thankful to my Saviour for each one of them, and to have the opportunity to do a little something for Him who suffered, bled, and died for me.

We need each one's prayers as we cannot do anything without the help of the Lord, because our efforts would all be in vain. I do desire wisdom from the Lord and that I may become more patient. I feel like that is my weakest point. The Bible tells us in James 5:16, "Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another."

May the dear Lord help all of His children to be willing workers in His vineyard that we all may be workers together in Christ Jesus. There is no time to be idle.

I thank the dear Lord for my mother who helped to get the Sunday School started. I have my burdens that I desire the saints to help me pray for.

A sister in Christ, Mrs. Charles Clayton.

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S. C.—Dear saints of God,—Just a few lines at this time. I love the good Lord with all my heart and I appreciate all of His blessings each day. He has blessed me in sickness when the doctor at the hospital turned me down. I am so glad that the good Lord healed me through prayer of the saints and I do appreciate His love and care at all times.

I do really enjoy reading my good book, the Bible. The more I read it the more I want to read it.

I have been out of a job since February 22nd, and the good Lord has blessed me to find little jobs but they do not last long and do not pay much. But I appreciate all of them. I am asking all of you dear ones to pray for me and my home that the Lord will help me get a job so I can take care of it. We are really having it hard and we need your prayers. They will be appreciated so much.

From one who loves the Lord with all his heart,

L. Y. Jefferts.

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Oreg.—Dear Sister Miles and saints everywhere,—Greetings to all in Jesus' name. He is my all in all, my Saviour, Sanctifier, and Healer. I have felt for some time to write of the great healing I received two years ago last May. While Bro. and Sister Stover, Bro. O. B. Wilson, and Bro. Chandler were in Oregon I asked them to anoint a handkerchief. About two weeks later I felt lead to apply it on my face as I had for months been troubled with an itching, stinging spot near the temple in the edge of my hair. A few days after applying the handkerchief while drying my face I struck the tender itching place and felt a sting. On looking down on my towel there lay the ugly thing. Surely, without doubt, it was a cancer. Today even the pimple it left is gone. Sister C. H. Olsen saw it also.

I also, at the same time, prayed for healing of a painful trouble I had at the base of my spine, causing trouble and severe pain when I lowered or turned my head and would seem like one crushing dried leaves and twigs. Praise God, that is now seldom felt and the crushing sound is never heard.

Also, one year ago this May Bros. Stover and Trotter anointed and prayed for the healing of a hip I had been troubled with slipping out of joint. I was healed then

and there, praise God! My hip, however, is yet very weak and sore most of the time if I walk very much. I do need the prayers of God's children for healing of this weakness and soreness, so please remember me in prayer. Oh, how I praise my God and Saviour for His goodness unto me!

Saints of God, let us be more watchful unto prayer than ever, as Satan is surely working to destroy the saints of God more than ever before.

I have an unspoken request for prayer that is very important so please remember me while in prayer.

Thanks one and all,

Sister King.

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Ohio—Greetings of love to all in the wonderful name of Jesus,—I would like to first say that I thank God for salvation, and for His wonderful love to me. The Lord performed a miracle on my nephew. He had a cold and a high fever and went into convulsions. His parents, who are not saved, put him in a tub and ran cold water over him, thinking this would bring him out of it. This did not help, so they rushed him to one of the hospitals where he was given oxygen. The parents thought he was dead. They did not keep him at this hospital because it was not for children, so they rushed him to the Children's Hospital. They could not find what was wrong with the child. Parts of his body were drawing up. Sister Dorothy got the word to go right away. Bro. Jones was around at the time also, and someone called me. We were at three separate places, but we were agreed, and God honored our prayers. I told the Lord how he was able to put life back into that child. I went to the hospital and Sister Dorothy and I prayed some more. In about an hour or more he said a few words. His fever began to drop, and before we came home his very countenance had changed, and also his breathing, and he went off to sleep. Praise our great loving God! They took a spinal test, but could not find anything.

The next day we went to the hospital and he was laughing and playing. They had to pay a hospital bill, but God Himself did the work. I told the child what Jesus did for him, and now he tells it that Jesus healed him.

Pray for his parents, that in remembering what God did for this child, they will give up and be saved. Pray for me too, that I may be a light for Jesus.

Yours in Christ,

Annie Stills.

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Okla.—Dear saints,—Holy greetings in Jesus' dear name. I am still saved and have a very deep desire to live to please the dear Lord who has been and is always so very dear to us. I promised the dear Lord if he would give me some rest before the birth of our baby (in June) I would send my testimony to be published so it may be of some help to others who are suffering as I was. For a few weeks before the birth of the baby, I could not rest lying down, sitting, or standing. I prayed earnestly to God for relief, and truly God answered prayer.

I have been reading Bro. C. E. Orr's book "How to Live a Holy Life." Truly God has enlightened my heart on many things. In this book he says God will let the heavens fall before He will fail to answer a righteous man's prayer. I surely agree with him. I have learned very much by reading his books and the Bible, also the books and testimonies written by other saved ones, also the good reading of the "Faith and Victory" and "Beautiful Way."

The Lord has never failed to answer my prayers since I have been seeking daily to do his will and measuring up to all I read and understand with deep desire to please God only. By reading, I found many things I had not been measuring to. I have been seeking God daily for all my

needs. It is a great blessing from God that we can read for ourselves, and if we do not understand we can pray to our Great God who can do all things and He will surely give us understanding. God has done that for me, and many other things.

Shortly after the birth of our baby, one of my breasts became very sore, which caused me to have fever and suffer quite a lot. I also had a light chill. But I called mightily upon the dear Lord and he answered my prayer, removing the pains and fever that night. I surely thank Him for His goodness to His trusting children.

On July 12th there was a bad storm. The wind was very strong. Suddenly I thought of praying for the Lord to take care of us. In just a very short time my husband looked out the window and saw a tree had blown down, and limbs had blown out of trees around our house. I could see the blessing of answered prayer.

I also would like to tell of how the dear Lord blessed our oldest girl. The pains were so severe with earache until she cried almost all day with it. She and I would pray and she would get relief for a short time, but the suffering would return. I went to God in tears and prayed earnestly and He answered prayer. Pray for us.

Your sister in Christ, Clara Barnett

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Mo.—Dear saints of God,—Greetings in Jesus' dear name. I wish to tell what the Lord has done for me.

For some time I have been praying that the Lord would give me a job at the shoe factory here if it could be His will. We just live across the street from it. The Lord answered my prayer. I went to work Friday, June 27 at noon.

I want the saints to pray for me and my family that we will live true to the Lord and do his will always. We do need your prayers.

Another time the Lord helped us when my sister got poison ivy on her face. Her face was so swollen her eyes were almost closed. Neighbors told her she had better see a doctor and get something to put on it, but we did not put anything on it nor see a doctor. We prayed and the Lord healed her. Praise His dear name! He is always a present help in time of trouble. Pray for me.

Yours in Him,

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W. Va.—Dear saints everywhere,—Greetings in Jesus' dear name. I am led of the Lord this a. m. to write this. I want to thank all who agreed in prayer for me in my oppressed condition and trials. God is so good to His children! The verse of song came to my mind: "Who will suffer with the Saviour, Take the little that remains, Of the cup of tribulation, Jesus drank in dying pains." It brings tears and a sad heart when we see professed Christians so lukewarm with no soul passion. God help us to search our hearts that nothing will hinder us from soul passion. I am glad there are some who will dare to hold up the standard in this sinful and adulterous time. I pray these few remarks may help some who may be discouraged.

God help us to be modestly dressed and to lay off all the frivolous things. God bless all you sick and shut-in ones. I would write if I knew your address. I love each one. Pray much for the church in Sister E. Melvin's home. They are persecuted for their stand. Until we all meet on the banks of sweet deliverance, Sister Betty Robbins

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Kans.—Dear Bro. and Sister Pruitt,—I want to thank you for your prayers. The Lord has wonderfully touched my body. If we just trust in him and live close to him, he will heal us and supply our needs. I cannot thank Him

enough for what he has done for me. Pray for me that I will always be true to him and stand firm against evil temptations. Your sister in Christ, Alvera Richardson

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Mich.—Dear saints of God,—It is my happy privilege to send my testimony of how God healed my body. Different doctors said I was suffering from gall stones. My good pastor and another brother came and prayed for me and God healed me. My daughter and husband took me to the St. Joseph Hospital and the doctor told me I surely did not have any gall bladder trouble now. I did not doubt God, but I wanted the doctor's word so people would not doubt it. Praise his dear name! He has been very good to us. Now I can eat anything I want and it doesn't hurt me. May this help someone to believe in healing more. Pray much for me that I will stay in the center of His will at all times. Carrie Southard.

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Va.—Dear Sister Marie and saints everywhere,—Again across the miles we send greetings to you in Jesus' holy name. It is so good to know we are as one, even though we are miles apart. God has really helped us in supplying needs, healing, and many other ways. Our greatest desire is to see souls born into the kingdom, so pray for people here that they may see the need of our Saviour.

We are glad we are with the dear saints scattered all over the universe walking out in this Evening Light. Last September we came out of a sect church.

We have been very well in body and we do thank you saints for the earnest prayers you have prayed and the nice letters and things we have received. We know God never fails. But at present I have been very weak and nervous with a nervous stomach. God knows my trouble. It is very uncomfortable as I have five young children to care for and the garden and other work to do, so I do request prayers from you dear ones for my healing. Sickness causes me to have a greater compassion for lost and suffering humanity. Pray also that God will have His way in my life. We are praying for you.

Edith M. Melvin.

N. Y.—Dear Bro. and Sister Pruitt,—What a thrilling and inspiring experience to meet and have fellowship with so many of the dear people of God. After reading about these dear ones in the "Faith and Victory" and Bible tracts, it was truly a wonderful blessing to meet face to face.

I might as well take this opportunity to give a small word of testimony to my Lord Jesus, my Keeper, my Healer and my King. His judgments are in the earth, by which we know that His coming is nigh. I want to keep myself unspotted from the world so I will be ready to meet the Lord when He comes. The glorious camp-meeting renewed my determination to go on in the Lord. Praise His matchless name forever!

Yours in Christ,

Sister Ella Hemphill.

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Ill.—To my dearly beloved ones in Jesus, greetings of love to one and all,—I thank God for all your faithfulness to Him and your labors of ministry and prayers to God for us in Jesus. I am so glad we serve a living Saviour. I know that He is living, no matter what men say! "I see his hand of mercy! I hear his words of cheer; And every time I need Him, He is always near!"

I thank God for giving me a will to do the will of God. Phil. 2:13.

If my loving Father had not sent his Holy Spirit to draw me to Jesus and to the truth, I know I would still

be lost and traveling the broad way to hell. John 6:44; John 14:6. I am so glad that God put a hunger and thirst in my soul to become a child of God; and to respond to the call of the Holy Spirit as He called me to come and follow Jesus.

I am so glad that Jesus told us the Father would give these gifts to those who would be willing to forsake sin, and would come to Jesus; and that every soul who would come, humble and repenting, believing and obeying the Word, would not be cast out. Praise God.

I am so glad it is not only the plan of God but it is also the desire and pleasure of our Father and Jesus and the Holy Ghost to dwell in us, to walk in us, and to make us in their image (2 Cor. 6:14-18; John 14:23) and to fill us with all the fulness of God our Father (Eph. 3:19) so we might be made complete in Jesus. (Col. 1:19; 2:9, 10.)

Oh! I do want to be found righteous before God when Jesus calls me out of this world. God was not yet ready to call me out, as I will relate to you one of His great miracles.

I have a coal furnace which is old and has given me lots of trouble and distress of mind the past four years. I laid much of the trouble on the coal delivered me, which was full of tar and terribly sooty, but was so expensive.

I felt led to give a furnace company the cleaning job and resealing. After removing the case, they did not tell me what they found, but they could not proceed until a head man could come to inspect it. As it was very cold, they closed the furnace again until the next day. I made a fire again that p. m. and night. The next day one of the young men said to my neighbor: "I prayed all night long that the Almighty God would protect them from a fire."

I tried to heat the kitchen and Father's room by the electric oven and burners the next day. I knew they would want to sell me a new furnace, but I had told my father, "I can never buy one, you will have to go to a rest home." When I looked at the inside of the furnace, I saw the back end was eaten and rusted out in ten-inch holes and around the chimney all around the bottom of the pipes. I surely was shocked. My mind flew to the miracle of God's power to keep in spite of such a condition. I became weak in my knees and they said I turned very white. The head man said, "Mrs. Scanlan, you people must be praying people and DO a lot of praying here, for there is no power other than the Almighty God could have kept you from death by carbon monoxide poisoning, a very deadly gas, or from a terrible fire."

I was so glad to tell them all of the great and wonderful and mighty God I serve and of the years of prayer and trusting and of His care through storms, hail, and lightning, and how conscious I was of danger, and of my prayer day and night. That carbon monoxide had been making me ill for several winters, and this winter I was going about in a stupor and dead in mind, not sleeping, so weak and so tired and sleepy I longed to lie down and not ever have to get up. But I did not know what it was.

It was a terrible problem. While my heart was full of gratitude to God for all His wonders, the shock and distress of mind and not knowing what or how to do just about put me down. The Lord made a way for another furnace. I began to feel better at once. Now I feel like a different person in many ways. God has spared me a while longer and I am trusting Him to give me strength and health.

Daily I have to fight discouragement, one of Satan's choice tools, which God constantly strives to abolish from the Old through the New Testament for the saints. "Be strong and of a good courage; fear not, nor be afraid of them: for the Lord thy God, He it is that doth go with thee; He will not fail thee, nor forsake thee." Deut. 31:6-8.

Praise God! Fear not! Only believe, and let not your hearts be troubled. "I will never leave thee nor forsake thee." "Lo, I am with thee always, even unto the end of the world." Praise God for His holy Word! What a comfort to our hearts. The battles and problems are many.

My water heater was burned out by an electrical storm a few weeks ago. It struck our water tower back of us one-half block, also the control box on the street in front of us. My father said he never in all his life heard such a crash and fire—and he is very deaf. I watched for fire, as I thought our house was struck. God spared us.

God bless you one and all.

Yours in his love,

Ada Scanlan

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Ohio—Dear brothers and sisters,—Greetings in the blessed name of Jesus. I am trying to write you. I have been blind eight years and have not seen a soul. But, praise God, I am not spiritually blind. There are many false prophets. I stand on God's Word and all His promises for children. He said that neither principalities nor powers nor things present nor things to come are able to separate us from the love of God. But the enemy works hard to get the saints to join in with him. When God saved me I told Him, "Oh, Lord, let me open my Bible to the scripture that is for me." It opened to Jeremiah, which said, "Join yourself to the Lord in a perpetual covenant." So I did not join any church made by man. There are only two ways and we must choose one. I love the narrow way. Pray for us.

God told us to be wise as serpents and harmless as doves. I am so glad for the one strait way, and I can read my title clear to my mansion in the sky.

Two men and a woman came to our home selling books. They were quoting Bible to my husband. They said that when people die they are just like dogs. They said that we have no soul. My husband did not know Bible. I told them that the Word said if any bring another doctrine to receive him not into our home, neither to bid him god-speed or we would be partakers of his evil deeds. I know when God saved my soul, and the Word tells us, "What is a man profited if he should gain the whole world and lose his own soul."

Amanda Basye

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Dear saints,—I send greetings in Jesus' name. I thank and praise the Lord for salvation, all His goodness and mercy to me. I thank Him for His precious healing power.

I cut my leg a few days before the Hammond Campmeeting. Every one that saw it thought I needed to go to a doctor and have stitches taken. I said, "No, the Lord will take care of it." I called for prayer and the Lord wonderfully blessed. My children thought I would suffer and not be able to rest or sleep, but the Lord kept me from suffering and I did not lose any sleep, praise the Lord! I stayed in bed several days. When I thought I was able to be upon it, I went to Hammond Campmeeting, and there I really had a test. It became inflamed and swollen and I could not be upon it very much. I was the subject of prayer at the meeting. The Lord wonderfully came to my rescue and took all inflammation and swelling away.

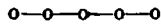
I thank all the saints that so earnestly held me up before the Lord in prayer. The Lord has wonderfully healed me of many different afflictions. I am thankful I am not afraid to trust Him.

I do thank the Lord for the "Faith and Victory" paper. I enjoy reading the good testimonies and articles. I get a blessing to my soul by reading it.

I take this privilege of letting the saints know my new address. I would be glad to hear from anyone who

cares to write, as I am isolated. May God richly bless every one of His precious children and give them the desire of their hearts.

A sister in the Lord, Mrs. Lillie Mae Miller, % Clovis Landrum, Rt. 1, Box 133, Varnado, La., (five miles from Bogalusa, La.).



Mo.—Greetings to the saints scattered abroad,—May the love of God shine brightly within your hearts. Surely our God is great and more than able to give us the victory in our times of deepest need. Peter admonishes us in I Pet. 5:8, 9 to “Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: Whom resist stedfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world.” Sometimes we forget that the people of the world are going through the same afflictions as we, and how precious it is to us that the Lord is near to those that love and serve Him.

As many of you already know I flew to Northern Ireland and England in May, and was privileged to visit a few days with Sister Dundas who also writes to the “Faith and Victory.” I met her grandson, Thomas, and his girl friend, Vickie, who are very lovely young people and only wish that each and every one of you could have been with me visiting with them. Also, Florrie Charlton was a very precious woman and helped me immensely with my luggage the last night I was in Ireland going to the ship. I was also privileged to walk through the small glen across the street from Sister Dundas’ apartment where she often goes to gather wood for her coal fireplace.

I have found that the Lord which showers His love over us here is also there, blessing the people and showing His tender mercy unto them. We have often heard that the Lord God is over all, and that He sends the rain on the just and unjust, but this trip made that fact more of a reality to me. As we were getting ready to leave the airport in Montreal, Canada, we were delayed in take-off about 15 minutes due to some type of engine trouble. Again, after we boarded the plane and the pilot started warming the engines we were delayed 30 minutes more, as the engine still was not working properly. All of this was only a slight delay and did not worry me at all. The plane was scheduled to land in Glasgow, Scotland, but due to hydraulic trouble the pilot decided to fly on to London as we had more passengers for London than Scotland. I do not know what was going through the minds of the other passengers. There have been several passenger plane crashes and one’s imagination can easily run wild in a situation such as this, especially when one has very little mechanical knowledge. The pilot announced the change in routine over the intercom system and I immediately thought that the Lord had brought me that far, and He would take me safely home. I had no fears, praise the Lord! When we landed, the engines had to be cut immediately to prevent fire and the plane was towed in from the end of the runway.

Though the Irish and English speak the same language we do, everything is different to what we are accustomed. The food, its preparation, the mode of travel and many other differences, even the clergymen in their long black robes ride bicycles. The gospel, as we know it, is not preached there, the population is tied down to the tradition of men.

I have felt the Lord’s protecting hand over me during my entire trip and my heart does rejoice over the blessings which He has bestowed upon me.

Yours in Christ,

Vesta Nadine Severs.

## The Corrupt Tree

On the seventh limb of the Corrupt Tree let us write revellings. (Gal. 5:19-21). “Revel is a noisy or riotous feast; or to feast with joyous or clamorous merriment; revelry: boisterous festivity.” (Web. Dic.)

The opposite or antonym of boisterous is sedate, calm, quiet and composed, (Web. Dic.). This brings to our mind the verse in I Pet. 3:4 which part of it reads, “even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price.” If we are adorned with a meek and quiet spirit which is given of God when we receive the Holy Spirit, we would not fit in with a group who is feasting in a boisterous, noisy and clamorous manner, would we? The Spirit of God and the spirit of the world will not mix. Jesus said in praying for His disciples, “They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.” John 17:16. In I John 2:15 we read, “Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him.” These words are so plain and are so easily understood by the “born again” child of God. Those of the world do not understand why we do not care to attend their banquets. The Bible says, “they think it strange that ye run not with them to the same excess of riot, speaking evil of you.” I Pet. 4:4. They cannot understand that we have something that satisfies our souls and we do not need anything the world has to offer. We do not need strong drinks of any kind to make us feel light and free, as often is served at banquets, because the Holy Spirit dwelling within us has filled us with joy unspeakable and full of glory.

“For the time past of our life . . . we walked in lasciviousness, lusts, excess of wine, revellings, banquetings, and abominable idolatries.” I Pet. 4:3. God’s Word plainly names out banquetings, yet we know that professed Christianity continues to have their banquets. How sad it will be for those who disregard God’s Word in that Judgment Day. “Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, . . . And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.” Matt. 7:21-23. How careful we should be to obey all the Word of God. The fruit on a tree lets us know what kind of a tree it is. “A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit. Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire. Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them.” Matt. 7:18-20. The fruit in the life of those who attend and partake of a noisy and riotous feast, makes us know they are a corrupt tree. We do pray they will see this before too late and repent, letting the Spirit of God come into their hearts which will take all the desire for revellings out of their lives. There is a satisfying portion to every soul. Seek God until He rains righteousness down into your soul. Take courage, there is help for you. “And the work of righteousness shall be

peace; and the effect of righteousness quietness and assurance for ever. And my people shall dwell in a peaceable habitation, and in sure dwellings, and in quiet resting places." Isa. 32:17-18. Praise the Lord for that secret hiding place with the Lord where the soul of God's child rests in quietness with all the world shut out.

"There's no thirsting for life's pleasures,  
Nor adorning rich and gay;  
For I've found a richer treasure,  
One that fadeth not away."

—Sister Marie Miles.

## YOUR LIFE

You need not tell others how you live every day,  
Your life's being watched if at work or at play.  
If your soul is on fire or the flame burning low,  
There's someone who'll notice wherever you go.

Somewhere in a corner on a dusty old shelf,  
A book is lying unread. Could this be your shelf?  
"Dust on the Bible" we've often heard it said;  
There's a feast just awaiting you with Life-giving Bread.

Your soul-fire must be built and kindled from within,  
So that you may keep pure and free from all sin.  
Are you working continually to obtain that high goal?  
Your life has an influence and it might save a soul.

Is your soul filled with peace, kindness, and love,  
And humility that is given from our Father above?  
Or does Satan control with envy, malice, and strife?  
What you have in your heart will show in your life.  
—Mrs. Troy D. Meek.

## Suppression In the Economy of Grace

We know that the devil, that archfiend, that enemy of God and man, hates every part of the life-giving Gospel; but his hellish hate and all the maliciousness of his diabolical nature is poured out upon that portion of the plan of salvation that deals with the eradication or crucifixion of the "old man," the Adamic nature, the root of sin, the carnal nature, the body of death; in other words, inbred sin, the devil's firstborn. He knows very well that if his life is spared, no matter how well saved a soul may be, so long as the "old man" remains in the heart, just so long the soul cannot make any real progress, and will finally drift into a lukewarm, carnal security which is fatal, and will lead to hell unless the believer goes on unto holiness.

Satan invents all sorts of theories which spare the life of the "old man" of sin in the heart. The old theory of "suppression" has been handed down for hundreds of years; but it gives no hope of release or deliverance in this life. It holds that the only way to heaven is to "hold down" this sin in the heart until death comes to the rescue.

Then, there is the theory that "we get it all when converted"—but none of those who advocate this can testify to a life of victory over sin. They admit that they sin every day, and must repent every day.

Then, we have all heard of the familiar "growth" theory. These folk use Scripture to back them, only they apply it in the wrong place. There is a growth in grace, but very little so long as carnality is in the heart.

Then, the worst theory of all, is that the "old man" died on the Cross in Jesus when He died, and that all we have to do is to reckon him dead; and if he should come to life (which he is likely to do, many times a day), just ask God to forgive us, and go on "reckoning" again. But our "old man" did not die in Jesus; and he will die in us only as we meet Bible conditions; then he is "crucified with Christ," (Rom. 6:6; Gal. 2:20).

The "old man" is willing to go to the foreign field as a missionary; to do all kinds of church work; to adhere strictly to church ordinances and usages, if only his life is spared. But he refuses to suffer patiently; he cannot show a Christlike spirit; he sows discord; he manifests pride, jealousy, hatred, selfishness, and he will keep a church in a dead; lifeless condition.

But, thank God, when Jesus said in His last breath on the Cross, "It is finished!" He gloriously and victoriously brought complete deliverance to His people, the Church (see Matt. 1:21; Eph. 5:25; Rom. 8:3 and 7:24,25). A sinner is a rebel against God, and must be made a citizen of the Kingdom of God before he can apply for his inheritance in Christ, which is, namely: holiness, or sanctification—deliverance from the hellish tyrant, which is like a millstone around his neck until destroyed. (See Acts 26:18; I John 3:8).

However, the trouble is, that people get the Scriptures mixed up on the matter of the carnal nature and the human nature. The carnal nature came from the devil, when man fell in the Garden of Eden, and this nature has been handed down to every child born into this world; but the human nature came from God. Our bodies, with their appetites, senses, and feelings came from the hand of God, but these were greatly marred and broken by the Fall—and here is where the tug of war begins. Because we are free moral agents (God can always have plenty of created things, such as trees, animals, which obey His natural laws to the letter, whatever He decrees), it has pleased Him to place us on probation, thus to prove His saving and sanctifying grace, our love for Him, and His power to keep.

Now when I was sanctified, I presented my body to God a living sacrifice (Rom. 12:1). A sinner cannot do this, for he is dead in trespasses and sins, and must first be converted. Our bodies, presented to God as a living sacrifice, are for Him to use or do with as seemeth good in His sight. So God proceeds to take us in hand, and so long as we walk in the light as He sheds it on our pathway day by day, we will be growing in grace and in the knowledge of His divine will. But this is where *our will* comes into play, for it is the

backbone of our human nature. Here is where the "suppression" comes in.

It is prayer meeting night. It is not too bad to be out, yet the warm fire and the easy chair look inviting, and the devil suggests (the devil did when our "old man" did) that the folk at church can get along very well without us; that we had better look out for our health, etc., and *now* it depends on our *will* which course we shall take, and which choice we shall make. If the will suppresses the love of ease, and love of self, which are sinful only when we allow them to get between us and God, and chooses to go to the prayer meeting because it is one's duty, because the Holy Spirit leads that way, and because the Christian loves God and wants to be obedient to Him, *then* he has gained a victory and has become an overcomer through the grace of God.

So, when we are sanctified, we desire the will of God more than anything else in the world; but, because of the fall, we do not know how weak and warped the human will is. So God begins to straighten, temper and strengthen it, and it depends upon our evaluation of eternal things, how we will submit to all His dealings. I promised Him when He sanctified me, that I would go all the way with Him. I knew it meant persecution, trials and temptations, but never dreamed He would require what He is now taking me through. But the Comforter, who is the Holy Ghost who came into my heart to abide so long as I keep step with Him, gives me glorious victory and overcoming power as I go along.

But it takes many a crucible experience, and many humiliations, to bring about in the soul God's idea of our perfection. Listen to this in II Cor. 11:23-28. After Paul winds up his long list of perils, he says, "In stripes above measure; in prisons oft; in deaths oft; in weariness, hunger, and thirst, cold and nakedness." Do you think these things happened to Paul by accident? No indeed! Nothing "happens" to the true child of God, without God's ordering or His permission, and it is always for our good and His glory. Had I known this in the early part of my fortyfive years of the sanctified life, it would have been a great help to me, but I had to learn, like Paul, "in whatever state . . . to be content." (See Phil. 4:11). That means no complaining, no faultfinding, but taking everything as from the hand of God (believing He is too wise to err and too good to be unkind) as a token of His concern for our highest spiritual welfare in this world and in the next.

The great secret of a victorious life in Christ is to keep *self* on the altar (or the cross) and keep Jesus on the throne of the heart. Never allow self-interest, self-importance, self-reliance, or self-pity to get between us and God. He will help us to kiss the hand that holds the rod; to trust Him in the dark as well as in the light; to hold still in the fire; and, finally, to rejoice that He deigns to turn His hand upon us and fit us for that great eternity beyond. "But the God of all grace, who hath called

us unto eternal glory, after that ye have *suffered* a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you." (I Pet. 5:10).

Do you ever think of this: Paul, in Romans 8:35 does not say, "Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall lying, or stealing," or any other sin; for Paul knew better than to ask such questions, knowing that such would separate us from God—but tribulation, distress, peril, and persecution are all things which are the lot of human nature, and these must be endured and suffered in this body. The carnal nature, with its propensity to sin, is gone. Praise the Lord! But the human nature must be subdued, conquered, and disciplined until it can say with Paul: "Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us." Praise His precious name forever!

—Mrs. Fannie Erb

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"Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the Word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear." Heb. 11:1, 3. What is faith? In the simplest manner in which I am able to express it, I answer: Faith is the assurance that the thing which God has said in His Word, is true, and that God will act according to what He has said in His Word. This assurance, this reliance on God's Word, this confidence is faith. —George Mueller.

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## BIBLE STUDY

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### JUSTICE IN DAILY WORK

September 7, 1958

Printed Portion: Exo. 20:9-10; Eccl. 9:10; Eph. 4:28; Col. 3:22 to 4:1.

Exo. 20:9. Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work:

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

Eccl. 9:10. Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might; for there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom, in the grave, whither thou goest.

Eph. 4:28. Let him that stole steal no more: but rather let him labour, working with his hands the thing which is good, that he may have to give to him that needeth.

Col. 3:22. Servants, obey in all things your masters according to the flesh; not with eyeservice, as menpleasers; but in singleness of heart, fearing God:

23. And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men;

24. Knowing that of the Lord ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance: for ye serve the Lord Christ.

25. But he that doeth wrong shall receive for the wrong which he hath done: and there is no respect of persons.

4:1 Masters, give unto your servants that which is just

and equal; knowing that ye also have a Master in heaven.

Memory Verse: Whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men. Col. 3:23.

Practical Truth: There should be justice and fair treatment on the part of both employers and employees in all their relations together.

### COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

We are living in a world of much confusion in the field of labor. It seems there are those who are in power through labor unions that are demanding more and more; not only from the employer but also causing it to be harder for anyone to get a job unless they come under the union demands. We feel it is not only just that a fair wage be given to each worker, but also that fair wages would depend upon the cost of living, what the employer can afford to pay, and many factors. It takes careful planning to create and successfully operate a company. We feel that God's children cannot have any part in the confusion between the union and employers. We are called to peace, and should stand for the right.

From the beginning God has meant for man to work. "Working with his hands, . . . that he may have to give." God's Word teaches us to work, not as men pleasers, but as servants of God. We are to fear God and give the person we are working for our best, according to our talent and ability. Our best would not mean to overdo our strength, but to keep busy, since we are paid for our time. If we employ someone we should be "just and equal" in our dealings with them, knowing that we have a Master in heaven to give an account to. If we can keep this always in mind, our work would be pleasanter because we take God into it.

Children should be taught to work, but should not be overworked. "An idle brain is the devil's workshop." The child that is weak should not be expected to do as much as the stronger or older one.

### JUSTICE IN ECONOMIC LIFE.

September 14, 1958

Printed Portion: Exo. 20:15; Amos 8:4-7; James 5:1-5; I Peter 4:10-11.

Exo. 20:15 Thou shalt not steal.

Amos 8:4 Hear this, O ye that swallow up the needy, even to make the poor of the land to fail,

5 Saying, when will the new moon be gone, that we may sell corn? and the sabbath, that we may set forth wheat, making the ephah small, and the shekel great, and falsifying the balances by deceit?

6 That we may buy the poor for silver, and the needy for a pair of shoes; yea, and sell the refuse of the wheat?

7 The Lord hath sworn by the excellency of Jacob, Surely I will never forget any of their works.

James 5:1 Go to now, ye rich men, weep and howl for your miseries that shall come upon you.

2. Your riches are corrupted, and your garments are moth-eaten.

3. Your gold and silver is cankered; and the rust of them shall be a witness against you, and shall eat your flesh as it were fire. Ye have heaped treasure together for the last days.

4. Behold, the hire of the labourers who have reaped down your fields, which is kept back by fraud, crieth: and the cries of them which have reaped are entered into the ears of the Lord of sabaoth.

5. Ye have lived in pleasure on the earth, and been

wanton; ye have nourished your hearts, as in a day of slaughter.

1 Peter 4:10 As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.

11 If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God; if any man minister, let him do it as of the ability which God giveth: that God in all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom be praise and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

Memory Verse: He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much: and he that is unjust in the least is unjust also in much. Luke 16:10.

Practical Truth: Justice should characterize all our dealings with others.

### COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

Our lesson topic, "Justice in Economic Life." brings to our minds the question of Cain, "Am I my brother's keeper?" We should not feel that God will bless anyone who thinks only of himself. We are to lay up treasures in heaven and not on this earth. Helping others is the way to put our treasures in heaven. There is great joy in lifting someone's load.

God's commandment to not steal is broken in many ways. Amos speaks of the falsifying of weights and measurements. Of course, we know we have laws in our land that govern weights and measures, yet some get by with dishonest practices. Another practice is to put shoddy materials in a building that has been contracted, or a job where they can be covered up. Another form of stealing would be to move into a house, then refuse to pay the rent after a time. Falsifying or omitting items on income tax returns is another form of stealing. There is no economic need for whiskey and tobacco, yet they are advertised in attractive style, which brings human degradation.

We are to be stewards over all that God permits to come into our hands. Do as God would do if he were in our place. We want God to be glorified in all we do or say. If we take something that does not belong to us, we must make it right and confess it or it will meet us at the Judgment Day. Zacchaeus returned four-fold for all he might have taken.

### JUSTICE FOR THE NEEDY AND NEGLECTED

September 21, 1958

Printed Portion: Isa. 58:6-8; Luke 4:16-22; Heb. 13:1-3.

Isa. 58:6. Is not this the fast that I have chosen? to loose the bands of wickedness, to undo the heavy burdens and to let the oppressed go free, and that ye break every yoke?

7. Is it not to deal thy bread to the hungry, and that thou bring the poor that are cast out to thy house? when thou seest the naked, that thou hide not thyself from thine own flesh?

8. Then shall thy light break forth as the morning, and thine health shall spring forth speedily: and thy righteousness shall go before thee; the glory of the Lord shall be thy reward.

Luke 4:16. And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up: and, as his custom was, he went into the synagogue on the sabbath day, and stood up for to read.

17. And there was delivered unto him the book of the prophet Esaias. And when he had opened the book, he found the place where it was written,



18. The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised,

19. To preach the acceptable year of the Lord.

20. And he closed the book, and he gave it again to the minister, and sat down. And the eyes of all them in the synagogue were fastened on him.

21. And he began to say unto them, This day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears.

22. And all bare him witness, and wondered at the gracious words which proceeded out of his mouth. And they said, Is not this Joseph's son?

Heb. 13:1. Let brotherly love continue.

2. Be not forgetful to entertain strangers: for thereby some have entertained angels unawares.

3. Remember them that are in bonds, as bound with them; and them which suffer adversity, as being yourselves also in the body.

Memory Verse: Whoso hath this world's good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him? 1 John 3:17.

Practical Truth: The example of Christ, who ministered to people in need, should be followed by all men.

#### COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

Jesus said, "The poor you shall have with you always." Since this is true today, we all have a duty toward them. If we have the love of God in our hearts, we will be filled with compassion toward the needy. Jesus is our example and He went about doing good. He preached the gospel to the poor and helped them. He healed the broken-hearted as well as all others.

In our printed portion from Isaiah, we have instruction as to what to do along with our fasting. If we do not have a life to back up our fasting, it will not accomplish much. But if we obey God's commands, help the poor and needy, then the Lord will hear us when we cry and we will "be like a watered garden, and like a spring of water, whose waters fail not." (58:11). Not only can we give of our temporal things, but also of the spiritual because God will fill our souls.

We are to be filled with sympathy and kindness toward all regardless of color or race. If we will put ourselves in the place of the needy, then we can help them. Let us not forget the last verse of our lesson. Put it in practice in our thinking and actions. Suffer with those in adversity and be bound with those in bonds. Then and only then can we understand how to help.

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#### JUSTICE AND JUDGMENT

September 28, 1958

Printed Portion: ..... Matt. 25:31-46.

Matt. 25:31. When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory:

32. And before him shall be gathered all nations; and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats:

33. And he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left.

34. Then shall the King say unto them on his right

hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world:

35. For I was an hungred, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in:

36. Naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me.

37. Then shall the righteous answer him, saying Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, and fed thee? or thirsty, and gave thee drink?

38. When saw we thee a stranger, and took thee in? or naked, and clothed thee?

39. Or when saw we thee sick, or in prison, and came unto thee?

40. And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.

41. Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels:

42. For I was an hungred, and ye gave me no meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me no drink:

43. I was a stranger, and ye took me not in: naked, and ye clothed me not: sick, and in prison, and ye visited me not.

44. Then shall they also answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, or athirst, or a stranger, or naked, or in prison, and did not minister unto thee?

45. Then shall he answer them, saying, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye did it not to one of the least of these, ye did it not to me.

46. And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal.

Memory Verse: The Lord knoweth the way of the righteous: but the way of the ungodly shall perish. Psa. 1:6.

Practical Truth: God metes out justice according to one's deeds often in this life, but always in the life to come.

#### COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

Jesus said, "But in vain they do worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men." Matt. 23:9. There is much vain religion today. They "draw nigh unto me with their mouth and honoreth me with their lips; but their heart is far from me." (15:8). This was the condition of the Israelites in Isaiah's time. They had a formal religion, yet lived wicked lives. Isaiah addressed the rulers of Jerusalem as rulers of Sodom and Gomorrah. He told them to cleanse themselves of those wicked doings and come to the Lord to be made white as snow. If people refuse the mercy of God, judgment will be meted out to them.

In Amos the judgment of God upon Israel is pictured through the vision of the Lord standing beside a wall with a plumb line in his hand. This wall represented the kingdom of Israel. After testing the wall, which is the searching eye of the Lord seeing if all is according to His Word, he finds it is out of line. He sends judgment to Israel. The nation is destroyed and the sanctuaries are laid waste and the termination of the house of Jeroboam comes. History bears out that this did come to pass. God is testing our lives with the plumb line, which is His Word. Are we found wanting? If so, we will be cast into the lake of fire unless we confess and clean up before death. This is the Word of God and not mine. Sister Marie Miles.