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### Forgiven

In the little town of Bethany,  
In the days of olden time,  
A Pharisee bade Jesus  
And His disciples, come and dine.

Behold, a woman of the city,  
Although she was a sinner,  
And with no invitation  
Came where they served the dinner.

She went right to the table  
Where Jesus sat at meat,  
And poured the ointment on His head,  
And began to wash His feet.

The house was filled with odor  
Of the precious ointment rare;  
While the eyes of all about  
On her began to stare.

Poor Simon was bewildered  
When he saw what was done—  
That a vile and wicked sinner  
Should touch the holy One.

But Mary's tears were many,  
And the sacrifice complete;  
She had anointed Jesus,  
And washed, and dried his feet.

Too, Simon was a sinner,  
Though few his sins had been.  
He needed a Redeemer  
To deliver him from sin.

Just as penitent Mary  
Who far in sin was driven;  
But Mary heard the Savior say,  
"Thy sins are all forgiven."

So sinner friends today,  
Wherever you may be,  
If you will come to Jesus,  
He will freely pardon thee.

—Ulysses Phillips

### "I Must Work"

"I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh when no man can work." John 9:4. These words were spoken by Jesus himself. First let us consider that he said, "I must work." He had a work to do that no one else could do. He had a place to fill in the Father's will that no one else could fill. If he failed, what then? Thank God he didn't! You and I also have a work to do and a place to fill if we are born of God. I must work. No one else can fill my place. I am responsible for the place God has called me to. If I fail to pray, fail to testify, fail to give the exhortation, fail in anything God gives me to do, then I am responsible. My brother and sister may fail to do their work but I am responsible for mine.

"I **MUST** work"—a strong word, "I must work." I do not believe he was forced to against his will for it was prophesied of him, "I delight to do thy will, O my God: yea, thy law is within my heart." Psalms 40:8. He felt the great need, the responsibility of filling the place and doing the work God had called him to do. "My meat is to do the will of him that sent me and to finish his work." John 4:34. "I must work!" Can we feel the weight of these words concerning our work for God as Jesus felt it concerning his? "My Father worketh, hitherto, and I work." John 5:17.

"I must work the works of him that sent me **WHILE IT IS DAY.**" Jesus knew his time was limited—just three and one half years of active ministry on the earth. He felt the responsibility of using his time to the glory of the Father and doing his work faithfully. He knew the night was coming and he must work while it was day. We, too, must work while it is day. The night is coming and coming soon. How soon we do not know, but let us stir ourselves and work for the Master while it is day.

"The night cometh when no man can work." The night is coming to be sure. It may be here much sooner than we think. Are you a child of God? Have you been born again? Are you filled with his spirit? If you are not, God wants you to be. Then he has work for you to do.

Young people, there is work for you to do. Are you taking this thought as seriously as you should? I read the words of a man who recently visited Russia. He said, "Every Russian child is brought up to aim at accomplishment. Young people in Russia are not concerned about having a good time—but they are concerned about what they are accomplishing in life." The Russians are aiming to conquer the world. Can we, as saints of God, whether young or old, sit back at ease and live in pleasure while the forces of communism grow stronger and stronger and are a definite threat to our Christian liberty? The night is coming, both the night of our lives and the night of communism is coming over our land except it repent and cry mightily to God.

Saints, let us stir ourselves! The time may be very short in which to work.

"Wherefore he saith, Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light." Eph. 5:14. Sister Fern Stubblefield.

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### *Be Thankful*

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"O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is good; for his mercy endureth forever." (Psalms 136:1).

It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord. Thank him for the blessings he daily bestows upon us. We are thankful for strength, and a sound mind and body. We thank the Lord for seeing the sunlight of another beautiful day, and for the good rest he gave us through the night, and for watching over and keeping us safe from all harm while we slept. We are thankful most of all for the gift of His only begotten Son to bring redemption to our souls, and prepare us to live with Him when this short life is ended.

Oh, how the Lord was displeased with the children of Israel for complaining and murmuring. He sent them manna from heaven, yet they complained because they did not have meat. He gave them meat (quail), and also sent leanness to their souls because they complained. Let us not murmur about what we do not have. Just be thankful for what we have, and remember that "man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God."

Thank the Lord for these meditations he has given to me, and I hope they will encourage some one else.

—Vera M. Hawkins.

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### **Laws of Church on Division Makers**

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This morning we wish to write on a subject that has much to do with our spiritual welfare; namely, how to promote peace and unity and the safety of our Christian homes and experience.

Our first thought is to know how to rightly divide the truth dealing with each particular phase in its true meaning. (2 Tim. 2:15.) For an illustration, if a man was accused of being a counterfeiter, he would not be tried in a Justice Court, but in a court where the Federal Court rules. If a man was accused

of committing a crime that involves more nations than our government, he would be tried in an international court. The thought is, a personal trespass is a grievance between two persons, and can be settled by the parties involved; that is man versus man.

Consider Matt. 18:15. This is a personal trespass between two brothers—the offender to go to the one offended, humble his heart and beg forgiveness, which, if granted, cleans the trespass. If grievance still remains, take one or two more, so that two witnesses confront the offender. If he neglects to hear them, tell it unto the church. If he fails to hear the church, let him be as a heathen man and a publican.

Next, "If there come any unto you and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into your house, neither bid him God speed: for he that biddeth him God speed is partaker of his evil deeds." 2 John 10-11. This can not mean any other thing than what it says. The question was asked, does it mean exactly what it says? If it does not mean what it says, then what are we to be governed by?

I will quote from Numbers 22:18, "And Balaam answered and said unto the servants of Balak, If Balak would give me his house full of silver and gold, I cannot go beyond the word of the Lord my God, to do less or more." This means strict obedience to the commands of God. A desire to have the Word of God to mean something less or more is a very dangerous one to harbor.

2 Thess. 3:11, 12: "For we hear there are some which walk among you disorderly, working not at all, but are busybodies." The command was that if any would not work neither should he eat. "Now them that are such we command and exhort by our Lord Jesus Christ, that with quietness they work, and eat their own bread." These are positive commands and need no comment. "And if any man obey not our word by this epistle, note that man, and have no company with him, that he may be ashamed." Verse 14. Verse 15: "Yet count him not as an enemy, but admonish him as a brother." This man was not an enemy, so was not a trespasser against an individual; hence, was accused only of being a busybody, walking disorderly, and lazy.

Our next admonition is concerning a heretic. Titus 3:10, 11: "A man that is an heretick after the first and second admonition reject; knowing that he that is such is subverted, and sinneth, being condemned of himself." (Subverted: turned upside down; ruined; overthrown; corrupted. —Webster.) Any one of these definitions surely would be grounds for rejection as a trouble-maker.

Now we come to a condition which is an exceedingly dangerous thing found in Gal. 1:6-8: "I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel: which is not another; but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ." (Pervert: to turn from the true end or proper purpose, missapply: one especially perverted from the truth, to error; an apostate. —Webster.) "But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel

unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed." "If any man love not the Lord Jesus Christ, let him be Anathema, Maranatha [accursed]." 1 Cor. 16:22. When our Lord Jesus pronounces a curse on man, that man is responsible to God and is surely in danger of hell-fire. The true meaning of Anathema (Greek): put under a ban devoted to God for destruction; unable to be redeemed. Maranatha: "Our Lord cometh."

Surely we need to cry out against all these troublesome things I have mentioned. These different texts are truly direct from God and nearly all have direct reference to those who have been dealt with and exposed by the proper authority. God's Word says: "Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offenses contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them." Rom. 16:17.

There is a vast difference in a personal trespass and sinning against God or sinning against the laws or Word of God. Take, for instance, the case of Ananias and his wife. They lied to the Holy Ghost; hence, dropped dead. Perverting God's Word is sinning against the laws of God and has a punishment or a curse put on it. The sin of division caused by changing the Word of God from its true meaning, that is, trying to make it mean something that is not its true meaning, carries with it a severe penalty as is recorded in Rev. 22:18, 19: "For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book. And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book." James 4:17 says: "Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin."

We are commanded to love our personal enemies and this we do. We can love him and be true to his soul and tell him at the same time what God's Word says about an enemy of God and his divine plan. God's enemies come under God's divine plan in regard to what to teach them. God's enemy such as quoted in Acts 8:18, was Simon the sorcerer. This man desired the Holy Ghost to use for his personal gains, thus sinning against God's plan and laws and it was not a personal trespass. "But Peter said unto him, Thy money perish with thee, because thou hast thought that the gift of God may be purchased with money. Thou hast neither part nor lot in this matter: for thy heart is not right in the sight of God. Repent therefore of this thy wickedness, and pray God, if perhaps the thought of thine heart may be forgiven thee. For I perceive that thou art in the gall of bitterness, and in the bond of iniquity." Acts 8:20-23. But there is no record that he ever found God. When one sins against God or his plan and twists God's Word, or sins against the Spirit of God, he surely is in trouble.

A compromise move is sometimes mistakenly used in the form of love, while much stress is placed

on using much love on folks that are out of joint with the saints on doctrinal lines. It is all right to be friendly, but when our friendliness manifests fellowship, then we are carrying out the wrong appearance and surely we are advised to shun the appearance of evil. In former days, when folks left us and went off on a divisional line, they were told what to do, and that was to repent and come out of the thing. Folks never get out as long as you are bidding them God speed. Even if you greet them, folks see this, and are made to think they are recognized and they get under the wrong spirit, because of what they see you do.

—E. M. Zinn.

## The Holy Spirit in A Mother's Life

I well remember a quiet, practical and Christlike woman who a few years ago let the Holy Spirit enter her heart and life. The change that followed was not one marked by any great public demonstration nor active ministry, but she did become a better wife and mother and she had a sweeter influence in her large family circle. There came to her a series of earthly trials and finally bereavement. Even with her heart broken she was not overcome with sorrow. Instead, she met such experiences with a beaming and triumphant face as she would say, "My heart is so full of the joy of the Lord as he carries me above the waves of sorrow."

So, the Spirit gives us power to be, power to face an evil world and maintain the victory, power to face tragedies and keep calm and to do the things we ought to do. The Spirit also helps us to represent Christ in such a way as to make hearts hungry for salvation. The Spirit can give us power with God and power with man. The Spirit can kindle our hearts with love, inspire our souls with faith, clothe our words with holy unction, so that the world might see Christ in us. To be filled with the Spirit is the greatest thing in this world; also it is the guarantee of far, far greater things in heaven.

—M. F. Boyd

"Be not thou therefore ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me his prisoner: but be thou partaker of the afflictions of the gospel according to the power of God." II Tim. 1:8.

## PRAYER REQUEST

Ore.—I desire the earnest prayers of the saints for an affliction in my body, especially between now and the last of May. The Lord has wonderfully helped me, for which I am thankful. With love, —Lois Hightower.

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**EDITORIALS**

It is quite noticeable how God works to bring things together to get the gospel to men who have a desire for the truth. In the history of the Jews we find a record concerning Jesus, and in part it says, "He was a doer of wonderful works, a teacher of such men as received the truth with pleasure." It seems that America, or at least the United States, has in a general sense hardened their hearts against the humble, self-denying gospel of Christ, and have turned their ears away from the truth unto fables and an adulterated teaching that will allow them to fulfill the lusts of the flesh and go hand in hand with the world, which is the enemy of Christ. You do not find very many in these days that really have pleasure in the crucified way with Christ, but have pleasure in a system that gives them license to fulfill fleshly lusts and cater to worldly ways. They do not take any pleasure in crucifying "Barabbas" (self) and letting Christ live in their soul.

As stated above, the Lord works in many ways to get the gospel to men who are honest at heart and have pleasure in the truth. We have record in the Bible of how God directed Philip to go down into a desert country, and at the right time he had the Ethiopian coming along in his chariot reading his Bible. He wanted to know the truth, and the Lord had Philip there and told him to join himself to the chariot. Philip obeyed the voice of the Spirit, climbed into the chariot and sat beside the interested man. He taught him the gospel of Christ, and he believed and was saved in just a little while.

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In the last issue of *Faith and Victory* paper we told you about the thousands of tracts we are sending to Africa in their own language. Tracts and Testaments have been mailed to Africa for several years. Also, in the last few years we have been receiving letters asking for gospel tracts in the Spanish language and our burden has been growing to get the gospel to Old Mexico and the other Spanish-speaking countries, our neighbors to the south, in their own language. As the Lord is supplying more funds for the "free literature" to go forth, and at the same time has caused our burden to become heavier, therefore we have ordered Spanish matrices for the linotype machine so we can set type in the Spanish language and get the truth to those readers. Some of the saints are now working with these people in Old Mexico and we want to supply them with gospel tracts in the Spanish language to assist them in winning souls to Christ and establishing them in the Church of the living God. Good, sound gospel literature is a great help in bringing souls to the cross and teaching them in the ways of God. We surely do want to move in the will of God and go forward with this printing work as HE leads the way. The

Lord is not only burdening our hearts concerning the printing of gospel literature in the Spanish language but also at the same time is raising up workers to use the literature in Old Mexico and the Spanish-speaking countries. At the same time He is supplying more funds to carry on this good work for Him. He has the power and knows how to keep every phase of the work in proper working order to accomplish the salvation of precious souls. Let us remember that we are all "workers together with Him" and each consecrated soul should freely allow the Lord to work in him "both to will and to do of his good pleasure," and doing all that we do to the glory of God.

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In Hebrews the seventh chapter and the 25th verse we find these words, "Wherefore he is able to save them to the uttermost all that come unto God by him [Christ]." According to this statement there is none that need to be short of being the possessors of an uttermost salvation.

There is wonder-working power in the blood of the Lamb. The song says there is power in the blood to "work a perfect cure, to cleanse the heart and keep it pure." Before the Israelites left Egypt, the Lord through Moses commanded them to slay a lamb without blemish and the blood was to be sprinkled on the door posts of their houses. The death angel was going through the land that night and every dwelling that did not have the blood on the door posts would have their first-born to die. There was power in that animal blood to preserve life, and the absence of the blood brought death to that home. Dear reader, I want you to know that the power in the blood of Christ is a thousand times stronger and more powerful to give life or cause death. In other words, if you repent and cover your soul by faith in the blood of Christ it will protect and save your soul, but if you neglect the cleansing stream in this life it will cause damnation and death to be your ruin forever.

In the 27th chapter of Matthew we read the accusations the Jews placed against Jesus, and they cried for him to be crucified even when Pilate, the governor, knew he was innocent and wanted to release him. They cried the more for him to be crucified, and finally Pilate took water and washed his hands before the multitude, saying, "I am innocent of the blood of this just person: see ye to it." Listen to what the Jews answered, for they said, "His blood be on us and our children." They received what they asked for, and about forty years later, according to the history of the Jews, their large city Jerusalem was surrounded by the Roman armies and kept in on every side, history tells us, until eleven hundred thousand Jews, consisting of men, women and children, literally starved to death. The famine became so great that mothers ate their own children. The walls of the city were broken down and the buildings were leveled to the ground. The Jews were scattered into all nations, and have been persecuted, hated, murdered and driven from place to place unto this day. Just think what power of evil came upon them because they rejected Christ and clamored for him to

be crucified and his innocent blood to be drained from his body. It is an awful thing for any country, any city or any individual person in this life to reject Christ or to carelessly neglect him. In Romans the 5th chapter, 8th and 9th verses we read: "But God commended his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him." In First Peter, first chapter, we read that we were "not redeemed by corruptible things such as gold and silver, but by the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot." John says, "The blood of Christ cleanseth us from all sin." In Revelation 1:5 we read that Christ "loved us and washed us from our sins in his own blood." The promise does not save, but when we get under the blood we are cleansed through and through. We might say that Jesus Christ is the loving arm of God that has reached down from heaven and, by our faith, gets under us and pulls us out of the quagmires of sin, washes us in his own blood and makes us fit subjects for heaven. All praise and honor and glory be to the Lamb of God forever!

Judas, who betrayed the innocent blood of Christ, was driven to hang himself and Peter says in Acts 1:18 that he "fell headlong and burst asunder in the midst, and all his bowels gushed out." I wonder if you, dear reader, had ever thought of the fact that when you reject Christ and the blood sacrifice that you place yourself with the crowd that crucified Christ, the Son of God, and bring the wrath of God upon your soul? Truths of this kind will become exceedingly real to you in that great Judgment day unless you, in godly sorrow and repentance, accept the blood as an atonement for your sins. It is a very sad step for any soul to trifle with God and to become indifferent to His will for them.

## ASK GOD

It surely means much to say we will fully trust the Lord. Jesus has said He would be with us always, so why be afraid? I'm truly thankful we always trusted the Lord, even though we lost our dear girl. I never thought of feeling resentful against God, and I've never been disappointed in God's dealings with us and our children. God wants us to have it settled to trust Him, regardless, and He can't work in our midst if we don't.

There is entirely too much running to the doctor to see what is the matter or how to eat. Why not ask the Lord? I've done it many many times and He definitely answered my prayers and helped me to know. When Leota had scarlet fever, I didn't have any idea what it was and said, "Lord, what is it?" and the Lord flashed right into my mind, "She has scarlet fever." When she had lock-jaw I had never seen one with lock-jaw and didn't know one thing about it. Again I said, "Lord, what is it?" and the answer came, "It's lock-jaw." When Glenn was in a dying condition from double pneumonia, I said, "Lord, if you heal him, please let him ask for what he can eat"

(for he had eaten no food or drunk nothing—except a very little water and about two spoons of butter-milk for a whole week). So when he asked for corn-flakes, I fully believed God had answered my prayer, and he ate corn-flakes. Praise God! He does help His children and answers prayer if we have simple child-like faith and confidence in Him.

Sister Vera Forbes.

(Taken from a letter written to her daughter.)

## Obituaries

Bro. Ellis Andrews, Sr., the son of Charlie and Mary Andrews, was born May 10, 1887 at Dotha, Alabama, and departed this life Saturday evening, Feb. 14, 1959 at the age of 71 years, 9 months, and 4 days. It was at Dotha, Alabama he met and was united in holy matrimony to Irene Wimble. To this union 13 children were born, five of whom preceded him in death. Later he and his family moved to Boley, Okla. It was there on April 4, 1935 his wife passed away. In 1936 he was married again to Mrs. Lula Mae Weldon and to this union five children were born. In 1942, he, with his family moved to Bakersfield, and there remained until the Lord called for him.

In 1924 Bro. Andrews heard the gospel preached by the pioneer ministers of the church of God, and accepted it and was saved. Through many difficulties he lost his hold on the Lord, but he always loved the saints and enjoyed being with them. In 1954 he again renewed his covenant with the Lord. Through much sickness and affliction he was unable to attend services regularly, but would rejoice greatly when the saints would go into his home and sing and pray with him. Before his passing he testified to his wife that he was ready to go.

He leaves to mourn his passing his wife, Mrs. Lula Mae Andrews; six sons: William, Brownie, and Luvell of Los Angeles, Calif., and Alvin, Windell, and Ellis Jr. of Bakersfield, Calif.; two step-sons: Mack Henry Weldon and Cornelius Weldon of Los Angeles, Calif.; five daughters: Mildred Sherman, Barbara Sims, and Velma Gaines of Los Angeles, Calif., and Gladys Williams and Juanita Johnson of Wichita, Kansas; two brothers, one sister; 42 grandchildren, four great grandchildren, and many neices, nephews, and other relatives.

Funeral services were conducted by Bro. I. C. Chandler, L. E. Gaines, and others at the saints' chapel in Bakersfield, Calif.

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Carrie Louella Owens was born April 6, 1881 in Batesville, Ark., and departed this life in Sapulpa, Okla., Feb. 9, 1959.

Sister Owens had many hardships and disappointments in her life but the greatest blessing was that she left a comforting testimony that all was clear between her and God. She met the truth several years ago and embraced it.

She leaves to mourn her departing two daughters: Mrs. M. H. Cook of Tulsa, Okla., and Mrs. A. D. Cannamore of Mathis, Texas; four sons: Earnest Perkins of Tulsa, Okla., Tonnie Perkins of Mattamore, Ill., James Perkins of Chillicothe, Ill., and J. L. Moreland of Waco, Texas; five sisters, three brothers, 20 grandchildren, 39 great grandchildren, and one great great grandchild, besides a host of saints and friends.

The funeral hour was a blessed time. God was present to give assurance of her resting to comfort the hearts of the dear family. Services were conducted in Beggs, Okla., by Bros. Richard Madden and Charles R. Smith. Interment was in the Beggs Cemetery.

Pearlie Mae Evans Stevens, 73, was born near Plato, Pulaski County, Ky., Jan. 9, 1886, and died Mar. 26, 1959 at her home, Eubank, Ky. She was united in marriage to Silvanus Stevens Feb. 11, 1903 and to this union seven children were born, four girls and three boys: Mrs. Samuel E. Abbott, Thayer, Mo., Mrs. Amos Blankenship and Mrs. Wm. H. Abbott of Dayton, Ohio, Mrs. Denver Brown of Cincinnati, Ohio, Delmer Stevens of Eubank, Ky., and Wm. Clyde Stevens of Dayton, Ohio. Paul preceded his mother in death in the service of his country, Dec. 17, 1944.

Mrs. Stevens was converted soon after her marriage and lived a devoted Christian life. She was faithful to read her Bible and attend services, often walked several miles as long as her health permitted. About four years ago she suffered a stroke and never fully recovered. In all her illness, she was patient, kind, and easy to please, and never complained about her affliction. She was a devoted companion and mother, good neighbor, and a friend to all who knew her.

Survivors besides her companion and children are: 18 grandchildren; 14 great grandchildren; three sisters: Mrs. G. B. Whitis, Science Hill, Mrs. Bud Rigney, Plato, and Mrs. Chris Vaught, Pulaski, Ky.; and also many relatives and friends. She will be missed by all who knew her, but we feel our loss is heaven's gain, for she often testified she was ready to go.

Funeral services by Bro. Linville Coldiron. Interment Popular Grove Cemetery, Ky.

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Bro. Thomas L. Spaur, son of Jacob and Elizabeth Spaur, was born in Van Dalia, W. Va. July 12, 1889 and departed this life March 11, 1959 at his home in South Charleston, W. Va., at the age of 70 years, 7 months, and 27 days. On Nov. 21, 1917 he was united in marriage with Beatrice Smith, and together they walked life's way for over 41 years. His passing was a very severe shock to his companion who was also in very frail health. She surely needs the prayers of God's people.

Bro. Spaur sought and found God when a young man, but later in 1919 he heard the truth preached on the true church of God and was born into the family of God and lived a true, devoted life for 40 years. His faithful life and deeds of kindness will long be remembered. He was very zealous for the cause of God and was always ready to make great sacrifice for its advancement and in behalf of souls. He supplied the money and did a major portion of the labor in building two meeting houses for the truth to be preached in, and was always ready for any duty or service to the saints and to God.

Bro. and Sister Spaur had no children, but helped to rear several nieces and nephews, and so had a number of children in whom they claimed an interest. Children loved him for he had a kind word for all he met.

He is survived by his devoted wife, and two brothers: Frank Spaur, Duffy, W. Va., and O. P. Spaur of Weston, W. Va.; and a number of nieces and nephews, also a host of friends and saints who will miss his kind deeds and faithful life, but our loss is his eternal gain. "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them." Rev. 14:13.

Funeral services were conducted in the saints' chapel which he built in South Charleston, on Friday afternoon, March 13th by Bros. I. D. Stover and O. B. Wilson.

## CARD OF APPRECIATION

I wish to take this opportunity to thank all the dear saints for their love and kindness shown to me during

the illness and passing of my precious companion.

The many encouraging letters, cards, and phone calls were very comforting and will never be forgotten. It seems I am surrounded by love. It is too wonderful for words.

I want to especially thank Bro. O. B. Wilson and Bro. and Sister Stover who came so far from their homes for their labors of love and care shown to husband and me during his long illness, and also Bro. Troy Meek, who helped during the last week. They have won the love and confidence of our families. May God bless and reward them is my earnest prayer.

Pray for me. My loss seems so great and only by God's help and grace can I go on alone. I want to be faithful and true at any cost.

Your sister in Christ,

—Beatrice Spaur.

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## MEETING REPORTS

The LOS ANGELES, CALIF. Meeting started March 27 and ended April 5, 1959. God so wonderfully heard and answered prayer as we were blessed in a marvelous way. Our Father knows our hearts. How we did so much desire a good meeting, and we surely did receive one. Our souls were fed. We heard the Word explained in such a way a child could understand it. Oh, glory!

God sent Bros. O. B. Wilson, Isaac Chandler, Clarence Hatley, Johnny Johnson, and Sister La Vern Manuel. We surely did appreciate those Godly ministers and may God richly bless them is our prayers.

We all felt greatly repaid for our effort, also, prayers were answered in many ways. Several were at the altar for justification and several for sanctification. What a mighty God we serve, praise his holy name!

The saints at Los Angeles, Calif.

By D. H. L.

The dear Lord blessed us here in PHOENIX, ARIZ., to have a ten-day meeting for the first time in this city. It was held March 6 to 15. Several received help from the Lord and were blessed and encouraged in many ways. The meeting was precious, indeed.

We were thankful for the dear saints and ministers who came and sacrificed their time to be with us, as we always enjoy the sweet fellowship of God's dear saints. The Lord blessed ministers Bros. Leonard Gaines, and E. V. Gaines from Bakersfield, Calif.; Sisters Betty Churchman and M. McGreer, of Los Angeles, Calif.; and Bro. Olsen and another minister from Missouri to be with us.

We are few in number, but are desiring your prayers that the Lord will bless us with a regular place to have meeting.

—Bro. Johnny T. Johnson, and Sister J. L. Pierce.

## CAMPMEETING DATES FOR 1959

(Watch for particulars of these meetings in each issue)

Hennessey, Oklahoma	May 29 — June 7
Jefferson, Oregon	June 19 — June 28
Hoffman, Oklahoma	June 26 — July 5
Hammond, Louisiana	June 26 — July 5
Green Pasture, Oklahoma	July 10 — July 19
Monark Springs (Neosho), Missouri (National Campmeeting)	July 24 — Aug. 2
Guthrie, Oklahoma (State)	Aug. 7 — Aug. 16

Bakersfield, California	Aug. 7 — Aug. 16
Myrtle, Missouri	Aug. 21 — Aug. 30
Pacoima, California (State)	Aug. 28 — Sept. 6
Dover, Oklahoma	Sept. 4 — Sept. 13

## MEETING NOTICES

### CHURCH OF GOD NATIONAL CAMPMEETING

The National Campmeeting of the Church of God will be held, the Lord willing, July 24 to Aug. 2, 1959, on the camp grounds at Monark Springs, Mo. which is five miles east of Neosho, Mo. on Highway 86. We extend a hearty welcome to all who can attend this meeting to come and enjoy this wonderful gathering of God's children where we will be able to feast upon the precious Word of God and lift our voices in thanksgiving and praise unto Him.

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

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

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

The tents will rent for \$5.00 each, steel cot including mattress, \$1.00, and space in dormitories, \$2.50, which includes steel cot with mattress. Those who can, should bring bedding, for the nights will be cool, especially if we have rain. Those desiring tents or spaces in dormitories should send their orders direct to the undersigned.

For further information, please write to: Ralph M. Beisly, 407 Eldridge, Coffeyville, Kans.

The HENNESSEY, OKLA. Campmeeting will begin May 29 and continue through June 7, Lord willing. Go east three blocks from Hennessey water tower. Bring your bedding if possible. The meeting will be run on the free-will offerings of money, canned goods and etc. Please contact the undersigned for further information.

Address: Sister Ada Davis or Sister Willa J. Williams, Hennessey, Okla.

The JEFFERSON, OREGON Campmeeting will begin June 19 and end June 28, if the Lord permits, on the saints' campground on Hazel St. in Jefferson. Anyone coming by train to Albany may call either Sister Hilda Nielsen, phone FA 7-2564, or Bro. Noah White, FA 7-2400. Sleeping quarters will be furnished to all who come. We are trusting God to send Spirit-filled ministers of His choice to preach the whole gospel and are looking to Him also to bless people physically and spiritually. Everyone is invited. The meeting will be run on the free-will offering plan. For further information contact Sister Emma Busch, Rt. 2 Box 206, Scio, Ore., or Bro. Albert Nielsen, Pastor, Box 34, Jefferson, Oregon.

### ALL-DAY MEETING, WEST MONROE, LA.

On the 5th Sunday in May, if it is the Lord's will, we will have all-day services at the saints' chapel just off



the Chinnie Dam Road on the Anant Road. Everyone is invited to come. N. P. Futch, Rt. 2, Box 228.

#### ALL-DAY MEETING, MANSFIELD, MO.

The annual all-day meeting at Mansfield, Mo., will be May 10. There will be an ordinance service in the afternoon. We extend a hearty welcome to all to come. The services will be at the saints' chapel, 13 miles north of Mansfield on Bro. Edd Tombleson's place.

—Murphy Allen and D. A. Gibson.

#### SAN BERNARDINO, CALIF. MEETING NOTICE

The annual revival meeting at San Bernardino, Calif. will be held, Lord willing, from May 2 to May 10. We are praying for the Lord to send Holy Ghost filled workers and ministers to help in this meeting. All are welcome to attend these services.

Also due to general campmeeting season and vacation time, we will not have all day services on 2nd Sunday for the months of June, July, and August. We will have regular morning and night services, but the afternoon service will be omitted. They will be resumed in September.

For further information contact Sister Nellie Poulos, Pastor: 7691 Central, Highland, Calif., GLenview 8-3540.

—Alta L. Hobbs.

#### REPORT OF NATIONAL MISSIONARY FUND

Dear Bro. Pruitt and all the saints, Greetings of love in Jesus' precious and holy name. This is another day that the dear Lord has given us to live for Him. I am very thankful that I can report victory in my soul this morning, and I am finding peace, joy, and gladness in the Master's service. Praise be to our God!

Bro. Pruitt, I feel that the saints are interested in knowing how we are progressing with the Church of God National Missionary Fund which was started last October, 1958. From that date to the present, (April 13, 1959), we have received \$188.30, of which \$70.00 has been specified to be used on the purchase of a good, dependable used vehicle (school bus or truck) or a new truck for the purpose of hauling the evangelistic tent and equipment and pulling the house trailer. The amount now on hand in the Faith Pub. House missionary fund for the bus or truck is \$1,370.00, which makes a total of \$1,440.00 available for the purchase of this vehicle.

I have gone to look at different buses and have found them in various conditions, and from low to high in price, but so far I have not found one that I feel the saints would be pleased to buy. I have also gone to the Ford and Chevrolet agencies, asking for their lowest price on new trucks, and they quoted prices as follows:

1959 Ford, 6 cylinder, one-ton truck with dual rear wheels, tires (6) size 8.00X17.5, 6 ply, heavy duty springs, heavy duty clutch, four speed transmission, cab and chassis—no bed, heater, or turn signal lights.

Price .....	\$1980.00
Less exemption of Fed. Excise tax .....	158.00

\$1822.00

1959 Chevrolet, 6 cylinder,  $\frac{3}{4}$  ton truck, cab and chassis—no bed, heater or signal lights. Has tires (6) size 7.00X19.5, dual rear wheels, heavy duty rear springs, heavy duty clutch, three speed transmission,

Price .....	\$2075.00
Four-speed transmission .....	75.00

\$2150.00

Expressing my own opinion, I feel that if we can see our way clear to buy a new truck (cab and chassis) and build the bed ourselves to meet our requirements, we will also have a vehicle to pull the house trailer and our overall length will be within the limits set by law. Then, too, the truck can be used by the evangelist as means of transportation at the places of meeting. Would you suggest that each congregation take an offering to raise the balance of money needed to buy a new truck and the cost of material for the truck bed, signal lights and trailer hitch?

I will continue to check further into better prices on new trucks. We will need to get started on this work very soon.

Pray for me that my conscience will remain tender, and that my heart will be open to God's blessed will at all times. I remain your brother in the Lord,

—Ralph M. Beisly, National Missionary Treasurer,  
407 Eldridge Street, Coffeyville, Kansas.

(Editor's note: —From the foregoing report by Bro. Beisly of the fund available to purchase the much-needed truck for the evangelistic work, it appears that there is an urgent need for an additional \$600.00 to meet the price of the truck and the cost of the material for the van-type, all-weather bed. We feel it would please the Lord for every congregation to make a special effort to send a liberal offering to Bro. Beisly, the treasurer, as soon as possible for this purpose. The evangelistic equipment should be ready for use by June 1st at the latest. Ask the Lord what he would have you do.)

#### Testimonies

Texas—Greetings of Christian love to all the saints who prayed for me so earnestly during my recent illness. I'm thankful for God's dealings with me and the lessons I've learned through suffering. I'm thankful to be in the family of God where such love is manifested. I was so thankful for Bro. and Sister Abbott who loved me enough to drive 200 miles through rain to pray for me. I'm thankful God loved me enough to relieve me of some of the soreness through obedience to His Word in answer to prayer.

For ten weeks I was sore from the crown of my head to the sole of my feet. We supposed it was caused from poison from my teeth. For three weeks I was almost helpless. Some suggested warm weather would help, but I can truthfully say, every time I received help in my body it was cold or wet weather. So God gets all the praise. My daughter took me to her home to care for me, and I went lying in the back seat of my car. But thank the Lord I came home driving alone. I had been in bed most of the time for two months. Several ministers came through. I was anointed again and God answered prayer in such a wonderful way I started home the next day driving alone over 220 miles, completing the trip in two days of about 565 miles. I've improved each day, doing all my work and seem to be almost normal again. The praise and honor all goes to my God whom I serve. It surely pays to trust Him. —Edith Wall.

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Va.—Dear saints of God,—Just a few lines to let you all know that I am feeling better than I have felt in many many years. I thank the good Lord. I promised the Lord when I got my ankle sprained (I believe broken, and some bones, too, in my foot) if he would heal it I would write a testimony in regards to my healing. I suffered untold agony, but when it got so bad that I could not suffer any more I called upon the Lord and He removed the pain. My foot and leg got as large as a mill post and



turned yellow. I thought I was going to lose it. Then my temperature began to rise.

My mind wandered back to the book of Job and the trials he had in his day, so I did not become discouraged. However, one of my worldly friends told me to try this and that, so to please them I did, but said all the time that I would not be healed until the dear Lord healed me, and that is the way it was. The Lord had a reason for these things to happen the way they did in this matter, to convince those people that the Lord has more power than the devil. Your Christian friend, —Henry Carr.

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Va.—Dear saints of God,—Greetings in the precious name of Jesus. I have a special request for prayer in regards to a physical conflict. It has taken hold of my body and is causing me great trouble. I have been praying much about it and the Lord has given me temporary relief, but that is not solving the matter completely. I don't know whether it could be a tumor that is causing my trouble or not. Well, the Lord knows all about it.

I am a great believer in divine healing and I know He is the fairest of ten thousand to my soul, praise the dear Lord. In the year of 1922 I had an affliction and the doctor said I could never give birth to children unless I had an operation. I was praying and the saints were all praying too, but I was taken to the hospital and the doctors and nurses were getting me ready to be operated on. At the time a woman minister was praying for me and I also had a letter containing an anointed handkerchief from a minister. The doctors told me that the Lord helps people who help themselves, but I told them that the Lord didn't need any help, and that I was going home. In the same room a patient just heard me talking about the Lord and got up also and went home.

On my way home we went by a neighbor's home and they said that they thought we were angels from heaven, as we were all rejoicing so in the Lord. My husband and I promised the Lord if we could have an increase of a boy baby in our family that we would dedicate him to the Lord, and that the Lord could use him. The dear Lord heard our prayers and that was thirty-five years ago. —Sister Alice Carr.

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Ind.—Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,—I have read the "Faith and Victory" for several years. I enjoy it very much. Reading it blesses and helps me spiritually. I never like to lay it down till I have read it through. Then, many times I go back and read some articles that especially blessed me and read them over and over again. It is food to my soul. It never takes the place of my Bible, but it is a real help next to my Bible. I don't want to miss a single copy.

I have two special requests for prayer. One is spiritual need, and the other for healing. Please pray. I do thank you for your many prayers for me and for my loved ones. God is so precious and so good to me. God bless and reward you. Yours in Him, —Mrs. George Swafford.

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Ore.—Dear saints at the print shop,—Greetings in Jesus' dear name. He is my all in all, a present help in every time of need. He is my Saviour—saved me from my sins, and gives me grace and power to live a life free from sin. He is my Comforter. His Holy Spirit guides me into all truth and comforts me in trials and sorrows of which I had many this last year. Two of my brothers and two of my sisters-in-law passed on. Then about Thanksgiving time I got down with my back so at first I could not move. I called upon my Saviour who is also my healer. I have trusted God for my body as well as my soul

ever since I got saved in 1905. This time, however, I had quite a test. He has healed my back and all the pains are gone, and I am up and around, but not able to work. Because of this I could not be left alone in my home. I did not find a Christian woman willing to stay with me so I had to give up my home. But I thank the dear Lord that Sister Hilda Nielsen was willing to take me in her home. She takes me to Sunday school and service when I am able to go.

I would like to put in a request for one or two German song books: "Lieder fur Kinder Gottes zur Erbauung und Ermahnung und Einladung" or the same as the "Evening" song books published by Gospel Trumpet. If any of the saints have one or two of these, write and let me know the condition and price.

Your sister in the Lord, —Emma Luehring, Box 34, Jefferson Oregon.

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Ore.—Dear saints at Guthrie and all over,—I greet you all in Jesus' dear name. He is very good to me. I do thank Him tonight for saving and sanctifying my soul and for victory over the enemy of my soul.

The last few months the Lord has healed me of many different afflictions. This last one is a choking feeling in my throat and down into my lungs and at times riding in the car seems to hurt it. Now I don't know what it is, but I told the Lord if He would heal it I would write my testimony to the "Faith and Victory." So it seemed the Lord said that now is the time to write. It isn't completely gone but is much better and my faith takes in a complete healing.

Oh, the Lord is so precious to me. He gives me a song lots of times right while I am praying and I will just start singing without even a thought of singing. Last night in the night I woke up and this scripture just spoke out to me, "The Lord is my helper, . . . I will not fear." This precious song came to me in the night also: "Oh, this blessed holy rest, On my Jesus' loving breast! Oh, the sweetness and completeness Of perfected holiness!" The Lord often lifts a burden from my heart by a song. The other morning after prayer I started singing, "Oh, I am his child, He cares for me so tenderly, For I am his child." I surely did thank him for that precious song.

He gave me number 268, "Be Strong and True," and that is my prayer, that I will be strong and true to the end. The enemy tries in many ways to discourage me, but the Lord being my helper, I mean to go right on until the crown is won. Pray much for me.

Your sister in Christ, —Emma Busch.

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Ohio,—To the saints scattered abroad,—Greetings. I thank the Lord for still being saved and sanctified. I find it a wonderful thing to live in the divine presence of God for it brings so much joy to the soul. The Lord has not failed me this far and I know he will never fail me if I trust Him on to the end which I am determined to do.

He has been wonderfully blessing me in my soul in the times of trouble and distress and through this my faith has been increased and my hope brightened. I had a difficult case of sugar diabetes that caused a hole to come in one leg and in my back. Tonight, both are healed and I am growing better each day. Truly God is good to Israel, even to such as are of a clean heart. I thank him for the comfort of a clean heart. It was He who made me clean after I humbled myself. No honor to me but all honor to Jesus. Pray for me.

Your brother in Christ, —W. T. Tomlin.

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Ark.—To the dear saints in Jesus' sweet name,—I feel led to write my testimony tonight. I am thanking and

praising God for blessings to both soul and body. I can't speak words big enough to tell what He means to me. He is my all in all. He has been wonderful to me in the years since I learned to trust in Him. When we humbly ask his blessings and truly trust Him He never fails to answer. I surely do thank Him for His good care and safe keeping.

God bless each and everyone, —Sister Richards.

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Ore.—Dear Bro. Pruitt and all the office workers,—I am so happy this a. m. The dear Lord heard and answered our prayers. I'm healed, glory to God. I never can praise Him enough for His goodness and mercy to me. I have had some tests but the Lord is helping me to stand true. Praise our God, He is giving me strength to stand true to His promises. I am sending another request for healing of sinus that is chronic. I know God can heal this. So be agreed in prayer for me.

Oh, Bro. Pruitt, I have known you so long and your precious daughter. Haven't known Bro. and Sister Stover so long but how I thank the dear Lord for them. I have all confidence in them. Oh, how I love God's children. I could write on and on about the dear old saints of God. I believe Bro. Warner was alive yet when I heard the truth. My husband was the second minister that preached the truth in our neighborhood. I had started to join the Methodist church but was just on probation. Thank God I heard the truth before I got to be a member. The first time I heard old Bro. Jones preach, I believe he preached on sectism. A man asked me as I was leaving the meeting house what I thought of it and I said, "If he is right, we are wrong." It was just a short time I heard this minister preach the Bible, and I accepted it and out of Babylon I came. Oh, I know the truth and am determined to obey it. I have been searching my heart earnestly. I want to be sure there isn't one thing there that keeps the Holy Spirit from dwelling there. Oh, how precious to know Jesus purchased our full salvation, even removing that old carnal nature that we were not accountable for. But Jesus purchased our complete salvation when he gave his life blood and was nailed to the old rugged cross. By his stripes we are healed.

Oh, I am so happy this a. m. My heart is running over with thanks. I have repeated the 23rd Psalm over and over on my bed. I had my daughter read the 5th chapter of James. They are all trying to get me to take heart medicine and dope to make me rest, but Praise God, I am standing on the Word. I never expect to take another drop of medicine and the doctor will never shoot another bit of old dope into my arm as long as I have my right mind.

God bless you all in that little printing office. I am praying for all the workers and sending my little offerings to help.

—Sister O. K. Myers.

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Ill.—Dear Sister Marie, Bro. Pruitt and dear ones in the Lord,—I would like to send in my testimony for the "Faith and Victory." I am still saved and thanking you all and the dear saints for praying for me in the time of need. This winter I was sick and needed prayer, needed Jesus to have mercy and help me in my Spirit in this time of affliction. I had an awful cold and other ills. Jesus healed me, for I am healed. I am well and so thankful for His blessings.

Jesus is the same yesterday and to day and for ever. Praise the Lord. I let all my wants and wishes be known. Jesus knows, yes he knows, he has been tried and been crucified, and he knows, yes, he knows. My heart's de-

sire is to live faithfully and true. He is a God of love. I want to live this salvation by His grace and go all the way. I pray and read the Bible. When I was saved I began with the determination to make heaven my home.

Sincerely in the truth, —Sister Martha Knox.

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Calif.—Dear ones in the print shop,—Greetings in Jesus' dear name. We are thankful to report victory in His name, and trust that He is blessing you all together, there.

The Lord is blessing in a wonderful way in Santa Catarina. Last week-end we had an appointment in El Alamo. We were blessed to see how many came out. There were around fifty and still more were coming after the service was over. They begged for regular services, as they are just seventeen miles from Santa Catarina. Lord willing, we will have services there with Sunday school in the afternoons and in Santa Catarina in the mornings. This week Sisters Opal Wilson and Edith Cole are there with them.

There is also a new colony settling between Santa Catarina and El Alamo. There are 150 families due to move in. There is also a new colony in Valle Trinidad and another below Rancho Viejo. These colonies are settlers moving in from Southern Mexico, clearing virgin land, and beginning just as our colonists did here in this country so long ago.

Dear ones, there is so much work to be done down there. In all of these groups I mentioned, there are no religious services. It is truly an open door. Workers are needed. Pray the Lord of the harvest that he send forth more workers and exhort our dear young people to be ready, should the Lord call them to this work. There are souls in some places here, reached only by horse back or burro. Besides the groups and pueblos, there are scattered families in very remote places which should surely be a challenge to some of our vigorous young people.

We thank the dear Lord for how he has worked out for us to have a good building down there. We appreciate so much the sacrifice and labor of love manifested in this. Bro. Harland Smith has made great personal sacrifice and labored long and lovingly, bearing much of the expense of our building. We thank all of the dear saints who have had a part in this, and I would like to say that all who feel led of the Lord are welcome, and we would feel very happy for any young people or any age who would feel led to come and work together with us until such time they would feel led of the Lord to move out in this work.

Pray for us all down here and pray that some problems will be worked out. We would like for the Mexican government to co-operate with us in performing marriages in Santa Catarina, as this is expensive. Many have expressed a desire to be clear in this, so pray that God will work it all out.

Sister Edith Cole feels led to teach a sewing class for the Indian girls. We need discarded dress, shirt, and children's patterns. Also treadle sewing machines can surely be used in Santa Catarina.

Christian Love,

—Virginia Wittenborne.

(I would like to add that it would be good to send some sewing articles to work with such as: material, thread, pins, tape measures, printed sack materials, and etc. Most of all, pray God to continue to bless in this effort.

Send any help for this work to Bro. Ostis B. Wilson, 12312 Osborne Pl., Pacoima, Calif.

—Ed.)

Mo.—Dear saints,—Greetings in Jesus' precious name, the only name under heaven whereby one can be saved. Jesus is our dearest and best friend, the one that will never leave us nor forsake us and will do more for us than we can think or ask. I am so happy this morning to be saved, sanctified, and satisfied in Jesus. God's way is best for me, praise His sweet name.

The Lord gave us a wonderful meeting the 1st Sunday in this month at Myrtle, and my soul was surely blessed and I am encouraged to press the battle on. I am very thankful how the dear Lord has been healing His children. The good testimonies in this month's paper really did my heart good. It just makes us to rejoice to see and know how good Jesus is to His trusting children. I feel very unworthy, yet the dear Lord is so good to me.

I want to thank all the dear saints for their prayers in behalf of our daughter whom I stayed with in Louisiana. I am very thankful how the Lord gave them a sweet baby girl and they are doing fine, now. After the baby came, our daughter suffered much with an affliction that came on her. We called the Guthrie saints for prayer and others were praying. The pain would be rebuked and she would get some much needed rest, and we thanked the Lord for that, but, we felt the need of complete victory. I did so much desire that the Lord would send some of His ministers to anoint her, but never realized the Lord would answer so soon, for that night Bro. and Sister Abbott from Missouri came. Surely our hearts did rejoice to see them and thanks went up to our heavenly Father for giving us the desire of our heart. The battle didn't seem so hard any longer and victory was soon won and I got to come home several days sooner than I had expected. Praise the dear Lord for ever!

May He richly bless all His dear saints and help us all to stand true and be faithful until the end, is my prayer. We surely desire the prayers of the dear saints as we are living in such perilous times we need to earnestly watch and pray.

Your sister in the Lord,

—Effie Miller.

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Mich.—Dear saints at the Lord's print shop, and all the saints scattered abroad everywhere,—Greetings of love in Jesus' dear precious name. I promised the dear Lord if He would heal me of this recent affliction I have been having, that I would write my testimony for the next issue of the Faith and Victory paper, so with the Lord's help I will now endeavor to tell of God's mercy to me.

A year ago last fall I had the flu real bad and the dear Lord healed me of that in answer to prayer, and then later on that same fall I was in an automobile accident. It was surely the mercy of God that my husband and I were not killed. I was shaken up quite badly and it just seemed like it just shook the very casings of my heart, for I had a lot of trouble with my heart after this. My shoulder was also quite badly hurt. I was afraid it was broken at first and I prayed, "Dear Lord, please don't let me have any more broken bones," and, praise God, it wasn't broken. (This was the opposite shoulder from the arm that had been broken.) I didn't have any broken bones, thank the Lord, but my shoulder was quite badly hurt. I didn't go to a doctor to see what was wrong with it, so I don't know exactly. But I don't need to know, for Jesus the Great Physician knew just what was wrong. He healed me completely in answer to prayer. Praise His dear name! It seemed like this shoulder might have been out of the socket somewhat, or had pulled ligaments, but anyway God wonderfully healed me. I have had a few heart symptoms since then but nothing like it was,

and this is probably caused from other causes. I am looking for the dear Lord to completely deliver me from this soon and I know He will. "Jesus never fails."

Then just about all winter long a year ago last winter I had one cold right after another and it was real bad on my lungs a lot of the time. Each time the dear Lord would come to my rescue and heal me, but I kept taking more colds. I was so very sick at times. One time last spring it was hard for me to breathe about all day. I believe it started in the a. m. early and I asked the saints here to pray and I was anointed and prayed for, and we called Sister Marie at the Lord's print shop for prayer, too. God heard our cries for help, and I think it was around seven or eight o'clock that night He healed me. Praise His Blessed Name! I think this was probably in March or April of last year.

Not long before our camp meeting last year in July I asked the saints here to pray for me and also wrote to Sister Marie to pray earnestly as I again needed help in my body and wasn't strong. Praise God, He just touched and healed my body and gave me wonderful strength, helping me to do a large amount of work at the camp-meeting. When God healed me I was delivered from having those awful colds. I never had another cold until the last of January. This is a miracle, as during camp-meeting I was around those who had just terrible colds. This cold in January started with a bad sore throat, but I was anointed and prayed for and in answer to prayer it did not last very long. Then three weeks ago I contacted quite a bad cold, and this time it was in my bronchial tubes. But I am thanking the Lord for so wonderfully protecting me all that year. At this time the Lord would loosen the cold in answer to prayer. I coughed quite hard, and one day it brought a hurting in the lower part of my stomach. I looked earnestly to the dear Lord, and He took all the hurting away, praise God!

Now before this, around a year and one half ago perhaps, I was at a Sister's house helping do her dishes. I reached over for the dish towel and it felt like I did something to my side, but the dear Lord undertook for me. But after that there were times when that side would bother me just enough so I felt there might be something not just right in that side. Then last fall I went to Battle Creek to take care of a sister with cancer. I was with her most of the time for three weeks and I over did myself. The day I left there I was carrying the sweeper upstairs and I hurt a place in my stomach again, but the dear Lord stopped the hurt right away. There might have been a few times after this that it bothered me just a little, but after I contacted this cold and coughed quite hard, I feel a worse trouble was brought on with my stomach.

Now one day we went calling and before I got home I felt so worn out. When I was getting supper that night it seemed to bother me to lift my left limb so my husband finished getting the supper. Then in answer to prayer the dear Lord undertook for me again. I don't remember that it bothered me the next day, but the second day it started to bother me worse than ever. Something was seriously wrong inside and even bothered me when lying down. The last two or three nights before I was healed I even took a sofa pillow to place under my side when lying down. One sister who had had a rupture said she believed this was the same. But whatever it was, our precious Lord healed me in answer to prayer. I feel I was in bad shape. On Wednesday night before Easter Sunday, we had the ordinance services, (feet washing and the Lord's supper) and they were wonderful services. I was anointed and prayed for and the dear Lord wonderfully healed me. On the way home I mentioned that

I felt better in my chest but then when going to bed the devil tried to get me to protect myself as I had, with a pillow, but praise God, He helped me not to obey the devil. It wasn't long until I realized that the dear precious Saviour had healed me. Oh, dear ones, how happy I was and still am that I was delivered of this bad affliction.

Pray for me that I always prove faithful.

—Sister Eva Wilkins.

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Ind.—Dear Bro. Pruitt and saints everywhere,—Greetings in Jesus' dear name. I can never thank and praise the Lord enough for all he has done for me. I have been saved 11 years and doing my best to live for God. I had been attending the "Anderson" Church of God and never knew there was a real church of God until recently. A sister in our town was visiting in a home 50 miles away and came in contact with a "Faith and Victory" paper. We read it over and wrote the publishers who sent us good gospel literature which fed our souls. We truly enjoy the paper. It brings us in touch with the dear saints of God.

About a month ago Bro. and Sister Abbott came and held a few nights' meeting which truly fed our souls. I had been suffering from diabetes for over three years and had to use insulin every day. I thought that I would have to use it as long as I lived. But God healed me instantly and I threw all my medicine and remedies away. Now I eat sweets and anything else I want to, and am feeling wonderful. I am truly praising God today, for I have found the greatest Physician of all times. I am 85 years old and will be 86 if God spares my life until June. Saints, pray for me for I am determined to see inside of heaven.

—Charles Slinkard.

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Calif.—Greetings to everyone who reads the paper,—I'm writing this as I promised I would if I got released from the duty of being a juror in court. I know it is everyone's duty, but I was sick with several ailments.

We are all Christ's, even the sinner; but he doesn't see that, does he? or wants to. We can do all things through Christ which strengthen us. Love is the fulfilling of the law. Patience has its perfect work; what work? Why, Christ's, of course. Holiness is attained, then, and gained, not only head but heart work, and fixing our eyes like a flint. Jesus is real when we know every step we take is for him. Is your all on the altar, does the Spirit control?

Please pray for me that I keep this way clear, and that my loved ones will be saved too.

—Thelma Adams.

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Kans.—Dear readers of the "Faith and Victory"—I am thankful this morning for the Lord's many blessings. Many times he has healed me and my family in answer to prayer. Sometimes the children have been very sick and had high temperatures, but after prayer with faith their temperatures dropped very rapidly and on occasions they would be so well in a short time one couldn't tell they had been ill. Also in many other things the Lord has blessed us and watched over us with loving care.

The little paper does much good. I surely enjoy it. It is very enlightening and so full of truth and praise for our dear Saviour.

I desire the prayers of all for our unsaved loved ones. Also that we have faith and wisdom to bring up our children in the way they should go.

God bless each of his faithful workers.

Christian love,

—A reader.

Calif.—Dear saints everywhere,—I feel like writing some of the things God has done for me. First I want to say I am saved, sanctified, and happy in my Lord this morning. I told the Lord if He would take a wart off my chin I would tell it. It came on so suddenly and stuck out so far it looked awful and it bothered me. When the saints in Orland began praying and I really called on God, He did something about it. It is almost all gone. He can and will take it off. Praise the Lord.

He healed me of a goiter on my neck and healed my legs and heart. I could never thank Him enough.

We are having some wonderful meetings here. The Lord is so grand to us. We were a long time without a minister but we had meeting right on. So the good Lord sent us one, praise the Lord. So if any of the saints don't have a pastor, don't get discouraged. God knows all about it.

I mean to go on until He is through with me here. I love this way and all of God's people. I want to be in that number when the saints go marching in. Pray for me and also my unsaved family.

Your sister,

—Ada Leach.

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Okla.—Dear saints,—I would like to add my testimony today of how good the dear Lord has been to me. I promised the Lord if He would heal my sinus, which has caused me to suffer for many months, that I would send my testimony to the little paper and I would be found praying for others who suffer with it. I am praising Him for helping me. The dear Lord has done so many good things for us.

I am so glad that I found this wonderful way. It is like a song which says, "If it wasn't for the Lord, tell me what would I do." I am doing all I know to do here at Okeene for the dear Lord to help keep the Lord's work going on in the sweet way. I desire your prayers that I will be faithful.

Your sister in the Lord,

—Alberta Droke.

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Calif.—Dear Sister Marie,—Greetings in Jesus' sweet name. We are well and pressing on. Our ten-day meeting closed in Los Angeles last Sunday. Oh, Sister Miles it was a wonderful meeting. Good truths went forth and heart-searching messages. If people went away without the help they needed it was their own fault. We do thank the dear Lord for this meeting. It put us all to digging and begging. But, Sister Marie, it seems like sinners' hearts are so hard. I don't see how they can just sit and act so unconcerned. I just look at them and think, "Oh, if only I could go to the altar and pray through for them. How glad I would be to do it!"

The Lord is surely blessing in the cottage prayer meetings here in Los Angeles. The dear Lord was in our midst last night. I hardly know how to start in to tell about it. We have a sister here in the Los Angeles congregation to whom God has given the gift of healing. The Lord is surely working through her. During prayer last night she said she felt the Lord was going to heal somebody. The dear Lord just blessed all through the meeting. It was in a home where the woman was one hundred five years old. She was in a wheel chair, but her mind was very clear. She just shouted and praised the Lord. It was a glorious time. I don't know if you knew I had a goiter or not. It had been bothering me for some time, choking and making me nervous. I had been prayed for a number of times and the dear Lord gave me relief, but I was prayed for last night and, oh, the power of God was there and went through my body. Sister Marie, I am expecting it to go. Praise his name!

There was a sister there whose hearing was bad. She was prayed for and the dear Lord touched her ears. She said she could even hear the voice of the ones talking low. Oh, I just can't tell it like it was. You folks pray for these meetings. The dear Lord is opening doors. What a mighty God we serve! There is nothing too hard for him. He is just the same today, as when he walked the shores of Galilee. Praise his dear name!

We are just five blocks from the ocean. I never tire of watching it. It just fascinates me. I often think how the Lord calmed the waves and how Peter began to sink when he took his eyes off the Lord. I thought how we need to keep our eyes on the Lord or we will find ourselves sinking too.

Your sister in Christ,

Vena Sell.

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Mo.—Dear gospel workers and saints everywhere,—Greetings once more in Jesus' dear name. I am very thankful to be saved today and enjoying the rich blessings and benefits of SALVATION. Praise the Lord! It means more to me than the wealth of this old world—to be saved and living and working for God.

Recently we were in a good meeting in Louisiana. Someone said a dozen were seeking help at the altar and a few were sweetly and definitely saved. Thank the Lord. While there we received word that my mother had suffered a heart attack or a light stroke and needed me, so we went. We were glad to find she had rallied and was up and around. We were with her five days, during which time she seemed to improve, in that she ate heartily and rested well at night. On March 26 she said she had no aches or pains, but was just weak in body. She chatted with visitors and talked of "those we would visit in a few days." Then she went to bed as usual and went to sleep. As far as we know she never again awakened in this world. The shock and strain of it all has been tiring on my body, but I am glad for the dear ones who have prayed for us at this sad time.

We wish to take this means to acknowledge, and to express our sincere appreciation to all those who sent nice cards, words of comfort, tokens of love, and to the many friends and loved ones for all their lovely floral offerings and kindness shown us in every way. May our dear heavenly Father richly reward each one is our prayer. Continue to hold us up in prayer as we endeavor to carry the gospel to lost souls.

In the Master's sweet service, —Mrs. S. E. Abbott.

#### OUR DEAR YOUNG PEOPLE

Oklahoma.—Greetings to you in Jesus' dear name.—Today I am still saved and encouraged to follow the Lord. The Lord has impressed me to send in my testimony. I would like to tell how He blessed me while on the job, Friday.

Friday usually calls for extra work for me. This day was no exception and especially toward closing time. I just prayed a little prayer and He immediately came to my rescue. By closing time everything was all finished. Thank the Lord for answering prayer.

Pray for me. Christian love, —Lillie Adams.

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Mo.—Dear Sister Marie,—Greetings in the name of our dear Saviour. I am very encouraged to press on for the Lord and do everything that is pleasing in his sight.

Yesterday evening I felt like I was under a heavy crush, and it seemed like everything was going wrong. Along toward night my tooth started hurting and by the time I went to bed the pain was almost unbearable. It seemed like it was the worst I had ever felt. I prayed, but it seemed like my prayers were not heard. But I

didn't give up. The more I prayed, the more it hurt. Finally I prayed that I could just go to sleep, and after I prayed that I did go to sleep almost at once. I woke up this morning and I could feel but very little pain and I am very thankful for it. But the greatest encouragement was that I felt very near to God, as if I had never been under a crush. I want to thank God for it. If we resist the devil, he will flee.

Everyone here is well again and we are all back in school and at work. The Lord surely touched all of us.

I told the Lord that I would testify of the wonderful help I received, and I felt like writing to you, and I couldn't help telling you.

My prayer is that God will richly bless and keep you for the work you are doing. We all love you.

With love,

—Naomi Faye Cole.

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"I am still encouraged to live for the Lord. I surely do want to draw closer to Him. Seems like the enemy of all righteousness is busy, busy, busy! I am learning what "Watch and pray" means. Sometimes the trials and temptations come upon us so suddenly that we hardly know how they come about, but I want to do more watching and praying. I don't mean to throw up my hands and let the devil take over but I will fight on."

—Minnie Penner.

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#### Mercy For The Guilty

Some years ago the writer had occasion to attend one of the courts in the city of London, and whilst waiting for the case to come on, witnessed several others which were taken first.

Amongst them was that of a cutter to a well-known firm of City tailors. The charge was read. It was to the effect that the accused had stolen a roll of cloth valued at between three pounds and four pounds.

"Have you anything to say?" said the magistrate in a stern voice. There was no answer, as the man stood in the dock, his head bowed. "I see," said the magistrate, "you have been with your employers for fifteen years; have they always paid you fair wages?"

"Yes," murmured the man.

"Don't you consider that stealing their property is a mean, despicable way of rewarding your employers after what, on your own admission, has been good treatment? You will be fined five pounds, or fourteen day's in default," said the magistrate.

"I haven't a penny in the world," cried the man.

"Then you will go to prison for fourteen days," replied the magistrate.

At that moment there was a cry from the back of the court, and all eyes turned quickly, to see a woman with her head buried in her hands sobbing pitifully. It was obviously the man's wife, waiting to hear the verdict.

Almost simultaneously, a tall, gaunt form—that of a man of about sixty-five years of age—stood up in the front of the court and addressed the Bench thus:

"Your Worship, I wish with your permission, to say a few words. I am this man's employer; I am desirous of paying myself the fine which the Bench has imposed, if you will allow me to do so, and I will reinstate him in his former position. Once before in my life I did the same thing, and the man in question

has never again let me down." "Your request is granted," said the magistrate.

Never shall I forget the tenseness of that moment. The accused burst into tears; whilst almost every head was bowed in emotion, as, stepping toward the dock, that gaunt form took the arm of his employee and led him away.

The demands of justice were met, yet mercy was supreme.

You say: "That man would be won for life!" I reply: "He ought to have been, anyway."

Dear reader, I want to ask you whether you have ever considered the claims that the goodness of God and the love of the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ, make upon you? Have you ever responded to them?

The position of men and women to-day is not far removed from the man in the incident I have related, and unless the just penalty which our sins deserve is met righteously by a substitute, we must inevitably appear at a far higher court—the great white throne. If we stand at that throne before God in our sins, stern justice must of necessity find us guilty and condemned—of that there can be no doubt.

The wonderful story of God's boundless grace is this, that God's beloved Son has borne the judgment of sin—the unsparing wrath of God—so that the penalty having been fully paid, God can now be just and yet justify the sinner who believes in Jesus. Romans 3:26.

God's holy claims are fully satisfied—the witness being that God has raised the Lord Jesus from the dead and glorified Him—so that God can now draw near to sinners in free, full, and yet righteous forgiveness—and not only this, but give us a part and place in the coming realm of glory of which Christ will be the center and where will be found that which "eye hath not seen nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man the things which God hath prepared for them that love him." 1 Cor. 2:9.

Own, then, your true position before God and in repentance thankfully accept the Lord Jesus as your Lord and Saviour.

H. P. Wells

## A Medical Research Worker Speaks

As I went to work this morning, I passed a pretty young girl of high school age smoking a cigarette. I work in medical research and so my mind naturally jumped to the thought of how many women are smoking and of what it is doing to them. Outwardly, I suppose, that they think they appear sophisticated; they believe that they have attained to maturity and look like adult women of the world. I've talked to a lot of fellows about this question and almost invariably they say, "Oh, yeah, she's cute and I don't mind if she smokes, but I wouldn't want to marry a smoker." "Why not?" "Well, just because most of us want to have every chance possible for healthy offspring."

I realize that doctors have not come out and published all their findings on the results of smoking,

but if they did it would shock some of these young people—and maybe some of the older ones too.

Small laboratory animals breathing air which carries amounts of tobacco smoke cannot bear young. I am pretty well convinced that young children who die at from one to three or four years of age with cancer of the throat, of the brain, of the eye, of the medulla, of the heart, etc., are children whose mothers smoked like chimneys before the child was born and while they were carrying it.

Research has isolated a nicotine tar, found in all tobacco, which when injected into a laboratory animal causes almost instantly a cancerous growth which rapidly multiplies.

Nicotine is a narcotic. One drop of it on the bare skin of a rabbit throws the poor animal into a state of shock. The mouth-piece of a pipe, rubbed on the skin of a frog will cause it to die in convulsions.

—C. L. Fox.

## THE BIBLE—THERE IT STANDS

Century follows century—there it stands.  
Empires rise and fall and are forgotten—there it stands.  
Dynasty succeeds dynasty—there it stands.  
Kings are crowned and uncrowned—there it stands.  
Storms of hate swirl about it—there it stands.  
Atheists rail against it—there it stands.  
Agnostics smile cynically—there it stands.  
Profane, prayerless punsters caricature it—there it stands.  
An anvil that has broken a million hammers—there it stands.  
The flames are kindled about it—there it stands.  
The arrows of hate are discharged against it—there it stands.  
Radicalism rants and raves against it—there it stands.  
Fogs of sophistry conceal it temporarily—there it stands.  
The tooth of time gnaws upon it, but makes no dent in it—there it stands.

—A. Z. Conrad

## BIBLE STUDY

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NATHAN AND DAVID

Printed Portion ..... 2 Sam. 12:1-7, 9-10, 13-14

1. And the Lord sent Nathan unto David. And he came unto him, and said unto him, There were two men in one city; the one rich, and the other poor.

2. The rich man had exceeding many flocks and herds:

3. But the poor man had nothing, save one little ewe lamb, which he had bought and nourished up: and it grew up together with him, and with his children; it did eat of his own meat, and drank of his own cup, and lay in his bosom, and was unto him as a daughter.

4. And there came a traveller unto the rich man, and he spared to take of his own flock and of his own herd, to dress for the wayfaring man that was come unto him; but took the poor man's lamb, and dressed it for the man that was come to him.

5. And David's anger was greatly kindled against the man; and he said to Nathan, As the Lord liveth, the man that hath done this thing shall surely die:

6. And he shall restore the lamb fourfold, because he did this thing, and because he had no pity.



7. And Nathan said to David, Thou art the man. Thus saith the Lord God of Israel, I anointed thee king over Israel, and I delivered thee out of the hand of Saul.

9. Wherefore hast thou despised the commandment of the Lord, to do evil in his sight? thou hast killed Uriah the Hittite with the sword, and has taken his wife to be thy wife, and hast slain him with the sword of the children of Ammon.

10. Now therefore the sword shall never depart from thine house; because thou hast despised me, and hast taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be thy wife.

13. And David said unto Nathan, I have sinned against the Lord. And Nathan said unto David, The Lord also hath put away thy sin; thou shalt not die.

14. Howbeit, because by this deed thou hast given great occasion to the enemies of the Lord to blaspheme, the child also that is born unto thee shall surely die.

**Memory Verse:** He that hath my word, let him speak my word faithfully. Jer. 23:28.

**Practical Truth:** The earthly consequences of sins often continue, even after they have been forgiven.

### COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

Nathan was a great prophet. He loved God more than his own life. It took courage to rebuke kings and sometimes it was very dangerous. He very cleverly, through the help of the Lord used a parable to bring home the truth of the terrible sin David had committed. In the parable David represented the rich man who had many wives. Uriah was the poor man who had but one wife, Bath-sheba, whom David took, and sent Uriah out to the front of the battle to be killed. (2 Sam. 11th chapter.)

After hearing the parable David was quick to meet out judgment to the rich man by referring to Moses' law. (Exo. 22:1) How easy it is to see the faults and short-comings of others.

"Thou art the man." Oh, the force of those words. They struck into the very heart of David. We hear him confessing in the 51st Psalm by saying, "I acknowledge my transgressions. . . Have mercy upon me, O God, . . Purge me. . . Wash me . . . Create in me a clean heart . . . Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation."

God did forgive David but he punished him and his house. Their baby died in spite of David's fasting and praying. Later three of his sons died a violent death.

One great lesson in all this is that we should constantly guard against the wiles of the devil. Let no person think that he can commit adultery or any other crime without facing the judgments of God.

May 17, 1959

### SOLOMON BUILDS GOD A HOUSE

Printed Portion ..... 1 Kings 9:1-9

1. And it came to pass, when Solomon had finished the building of the house of the Lord and the king's house, and all Solomon's desire which he was pleased to do,

2. That the Lord appeared to Solomon the second time as he had appeared unto him at Gibeon.

3. And the Lord said unto him, I have heard thy prayer and thy supplication, that thou hast made before me: I have hallowed this house, which thou hast built, to put my name there for ever; and mine eyes and mine heart shall be there perpetually.

4. And if thou wilt walk before me, as David thy father walked, in integrity of heart, and in uprightness, to do according to all that I have commanded thee, and wilt

keep my statutes and my judgments:

5. Then I will establish the throne of thy kingdom upon Israel for ever, as I promised to David thy father, saying, There shall not fail thee a man upon the throne of Israel.

6. But if ye shall at all turn from following me, ye or your children, and will not keep my commandments and my statutes which I have set before you, but go and serve other gods, and worship them:

7. Then will I cut off Israel out of the land which I have given them; and this house, which I have hallowed for my name, will I cast out of my sight; and Israel shall be a proverb and a byword among all people:

8. And at this house, which is high, every one that passeth by it shall be astonished, and shall hiss; and they shall say, Why hath the Lord done thus unto this land, and to this house?

9. And they shall answer, Because they forsook the Lord their God, who brought forth their fathers out of the land of Egypt, and have taken hold upon other gods, and have worshipped them, and served them therefore hath the Lord brought upon them all this evil.

**Memory Verse:** Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths. Proverbs 3:5-6.

**Practical Truth:** Men in positions of power and affluence should beware lest their hearts should be turned away from God.

### COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

David desired to build a house for the Lord but because he was a man of war God would not permit him to build it. (1 Chron. 28:3) David was given the divine promise of, "Thine house and thy kingdom shall be established for ever." (2 Sam. 7:16) In our lesson God again promises, "There shall not fail thee a man upon the throne of Israel." Through Jesus Christ David's kingdom was established. (Acts 2:29-36) Today Jesus is sitting on the right hand of God. He will reign until he has put all enemies under his foot, the last enemy is death. (1 Cor. 15:24-26) If we are saved we are in the spiritual house of David. Praise the Lord.

God promised Solomon that he would bless him and the people if they would walk in righteous ways. There is always a condition with promises. "If ye shall ask anything in my name, I will do it." The condition is asking in His name. "If ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses." The word "if" is small but means much.

We find that the people turned away from God and did not do righteously and their house was destroyed. Even the pillars of brass were broken in pieces and carried away. (2 Kings 25:9, 13-15) Our body is the temple of God. If we sin we will be cut off from God. Unless we repent we will be cast into eternal torment.

May 24, 1959

### THE KINGDOM DIVIDED

Printed Portion ..... 1 Kings 12:12-20

12. So Jeroboam and all the people came to Rehoboam the third day, as the king had appointed, saying, Come to me again the third day.

13. And the king answered the people roughly, and forsook the old men's counsel that they gave him;

14. And spake to them after the counsel of the young men, saying My father made your yoke heavy, and I will



add to your yoke: my father also chastised you with whips, but I will chastise you with scorpions.

15. Wherefore the king hearkened not unto the people; for the cause was from the Lord, that he might perform his saying, which the Lord spake by Ahijah the Shilonite unto Jeroboam the son of Nebat.

16. So when all Israel saw that the king hearkened not unto them, the people answered the king, saying, What portion have we in David? neither have we inheritance in the son of Jesse: to your tents, O Israel: now see to thine own house, David. So Israel departed unto their tents.

17. But as for the children of Israel which dwelt in the cities of Judah, Rehoboam reigned over them.

18. Then king Rehoboam sent Adoram, who was over the tribute; and all Israel stoned him with stones, that he died. Therefore king Rehoboam made speed to get him up to his chariot, to flee to Jerusalem.

19. So Israel rebelled against the house of David unto this day.

20. And it came to pass, when all Israel heard that Jeroboam was come again, that they sent and called him unto the congregation, and made him king over all Israel: there was none that followed the house of David, but the tribe of Judah only.

**Memory Verse:** If a kingdom be divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. And if a house be divided against itself, that house cannot stand. Mark 3:24-25.

**Practical Truth:** Pride and personal arrogance and a disregard of the rights of others have often resulted in a fall.

#### COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

Rehoboam was Solomon's son and successor to the throne. Jeroboam and others with him from the northern tribes asked for a lightening of their burdens. Rehoboam asked the old men in his kingdom for advice and they told him to ease the people's burdens. But we find he forsook their advice and took the advice of the younger men around and made the burdens harder. How careful we need to be of the source of our advice. Older saints have gone through much and have learned lessons not only through experience but from observation. We should value the advice of those with grey hairs who have served the Lord many years. We should consider it. We should not take advice from sinners. David said, "Walk not in the counsel of the ungodly." Most of all we need to seek God for counsel, with an open heart.

Because Solomon had in his later days gone after other gods, the kingdom was torn out of the hand of his son. Only one tribe was left, which was the tribe of Judah. Sometimes the tribe of Benjamin is mentioned also, but it was very small and often disregarded. Through the tribe of Judah Jesus came to the world, thus the promise of God to David was fulfilled.

We do not want to be spineless in our convictions but neither do we want to be strong-willed without wisdom. We want to be sure we are standing on the Word of God and then with authority stand for God. Then God will back us in every move.

May 31, 1959

#### ELIJAH, GOD'S WARRIOR

Printed Portion ..... 1 Kings 19:9-18

9. And he came thither unto a cave, and lodged there; and, behold, the word of the Lord came to him, and he said unto him, What doest thou here, Elijah?

10. And he said, I have been very jealous for the Lord God of hosts: for the children of Israel have forsaken thy covenant, thrown down thine altars, and slain thy prophets with the sword; and I, even I only, am left; and they seek my life, to take it away.

11. And he said, Go forth, and stand upon the mount before the Lord. And, behold, the Lord passed by, and a great and strong wind rent the mountains, and brake in pieces the rocks before the Lord; but the Lord was not in the wind: and after the wind an earthquake but the Lord was not in the earthquake:

12. And after the earthquake a fire; but the Lord was not in the fire: and after the fire a still small voice.

13. And it was so, when Elijah heard it, that he wrapped his face in his mantle, and went out, and stood in the entering in of the cave. And, behold, there came a voice unto him, and said, What doest thou here, Elijah?

14. And he said, I have been very jealous for the Lord God of hosts: because the children of Israel have forsaken thy covenant, thrown down thy altars, and slain thy prophets with the sword; and I, even I only, am left; and they seek my life, to take it away.

15. And the Lord said unto him, Go, return on thy way to the wilderness of Damascus: and when thou comest, anoint Hazael to be king over Syria:

16. And Jehu the son of Nimshi shalt thou anoint to be king over Israel: and Elisha the son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah shalt thou anoint to be prophet in thy room.

17. And it shall come to pass, that him that escapeth the sword of Hazael shall Jehu slay: and him that escapeth from the sword of Jehu shall Elisha slay.

18. Yet I have left me seven thousand in Israel, all the knees which have not bowed unto Baal, and every mouth which hath not kissed him.

**Memory Verse:** The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? the Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? Psalm 27:1.

**Practical Truth:** In times of discouragement we should look to God for needed help.

#### COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

Elijah had been a brave prophet for God. But now he is discouraged. He had run away from the battle. God had used him to cause many people to turn from worshipping Baal to God. He had prayed and God sent rain upon the earth when there had been a famine. But because a woman, the wicked Queen Jezebel, had said she would have him killed, he ran away. God did not forget him. His great eye of love followed him. He sent his angel to prepare food for him twice. How wonderful; the angel food, God's Word, is to our weary souls in times of need!

Elijah felt all alone. He had no one to talk to or sympathize with him. It is a great relief to have a trusted friend to whom you can talk the things of your heart to. Today, we have a friend that "sticketh closer than a brother." We can pour out our hearts to Him and He is able to help us. Even though the enemy may try to get us to feel alone, we can boldly say, "He will never leave me nor forsake me."

At the end of the tempest there came a great calm and God spoke in a "still small voice." "In quietness and confidence shall be thy strength." When we turn our whole being toward God and be quiet and listen he will tell us some precious truths. He told Elijah he was not through with him. He wanted him to anoint two to be kings and one to be a prophet. He also comforted him by saying there was 7000 in Israel who loved God. We are never alone. Sister Marie Miles.